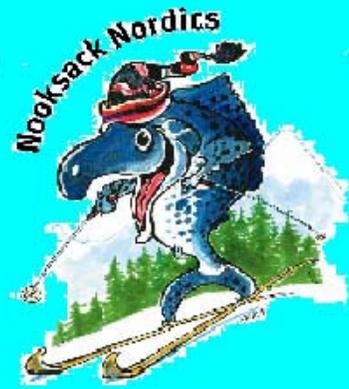


Snow News IS Good News



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December 2009



NNSC Club Meeting December 3, 2009



"Ski Waxing and Equipment Demo"

by Erich Pfitzer,
Fairhaven Bike & Ski



Club Meeting

When – Thursday, December 3.
New member orientation is at 6:30;
meeting starts at 7:00.

Who - Anyone is welcome!

Where – ReStore Sustainable Living
Center classroom, 2309 Meridian,
Bellingham, WA. Enter from the alley
behind the building, then up the stairs to
the second floor.

*Since the Christmas season is upon us, a close up look of a native and common tree, the Douglas Fir, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, would be appropriate. It makes for great ski scenery as well as yuletide decoration in the house!*



Visit Our Website for the Latest Information: www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org

Olympic Cross-Country Tickets for Sale



Here is your chance to take advantage of a once in a lifetime opportunity. The Olympics are coming to Whistler and you have a chance to be there.

If you have tried to find available tickets, you have undoubtedly have found that they are all sold out for the cross-country skiing.

However, I won the lottery last May and have two tickets which are still available. These tickets are for the Women's Cross-Country relay, 4 X 5K. This event will be held on Thursday, February 25, at the new cross-country venue at Whistler Olympic Park.

The tickets are the "A" tickets, for reserved grandstand seating, which should be the best way to watch the relay. I will be selling them for face value, \$97 each, which I think also includes the bus transportation from Vancouver.

Please call me if you are interested at 380-4426.
John Sarich

Trip Report Artist Point

By Ron Sawyer



It was a beautiful day yesterday (Friday Nov 28) ascending to Artist's Point. I got suntanned and was blessed with spectacular lighting throughout the mountains.

Multi-Day Trips Currently Scheduled

Highland House at Logan Lake

<http://www.highlandhouse.ca/>
Coordinated by Kurt Dewey.
Feb 12 – 14, 2010, which is Presidents' Day Weekend.

To reserve space, make check payable to NNSC for \$230.87 per person and mail to Kurt at 2601 N. Park Dr. Bellingham, WA 98225 .

Accommodations are the luxurious Highland House B&B. Meals are included the two full days and last morning. There are 3 x-country ski courses to choose from. Ultra- groomed Stake Lake, semi- groomed Logan Lake and seldom groomed Kane Valley offer a variety of ski opportunities.

Contact Kurt at 360-820-4174

Manning Park

<http://www.manningpark.com/resort.html>

Coordinated by Elizabeth Martindale.

Jan 15 – 18, 2010, which is Martin Luther King Weekend.

4 days/3 nights to ski on groomed trails, snowshoe on trails, and/or use the hot tub, sauna, steam room, and swimming pool.

Each chalet plans the meals for their group and we share the cost of the food

The cost per person is \$162 payable to NNSC. Mail to Elizabeth at 103 Morey Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Contact Elizabeth at 360-734-8991

The Friday Ski Club

New Up-Date on The Friday Ski Club



At the November 5 meeting we introduced the idea of establishing what we are calling the Friday Ski Club. The purpose of the Friday Ski Club, in addition to encouraging members to ski our Salmon Ridge trails, is that they also observe and report trail grooming and snow conditions that will then be posted on the Club website. This will be a great opportunity for getting together with other skiers, carpooling and involvement with NNSC while having fun skiing. Because machine grooming is scheduled for Fridays, making observations will be most useful if taken on Friday or Saturday, hence "The Friday Ski Club".

Eighteen people signed the preliminary sign-up sheet at the February meeting. It's great to know that there is good interest. We will make a report on the program at the upcoming December 3 meeting and will be available for a short meeting with interested skiers after the regular program. We will also take further sign-ups. Friday Ski Club outings can involve from 1 to lots of people. Unlike our overnight outings there is no upper limit. We are also interested in hearing your ideas.

For more information contact Marj Leone at 360-671-6620.



Volunteers



Joan Dudley has agreed to be the program coordinator, bringing you new and exciting topics for the meetings. You'll surely want to attend the Jan 7 meeting to see what's happening..

The club is run and maintained by volunteers. You and your closest friends are needed to fill several positions. If you are interested in volunteering (or know someone that should volunteer), please contact Ed Halasz at 647-3560.

- Board Members
2 year term starting Jan 1
- Newsletter Editor
Writes a portion of the articles, formats, and mails the monthly newsletter that you're reading now.

Free Lodging



Hey skiers, have you heard about the **FREE** lodging at your favorite X-C resort? Coordinate a ski trip for the NNSC! It is simple and fun... First make reservations at your favorite X-C resort or the dream one for enough of us that want to go usually about 5 to 10 people. Fill out your perspective trip using the online form at the NNSC website and submit it. Make sure the price you submit covers your stay for **FREE**. Your wonderful and cheerful trip scheduler will either approve it or not. Once the trip is full let us

know. You get to stay for **FREE!** WOW....

Need more information? Call Kurt Duey at 820-4174. He's the trip coordinator and he'll help you not only with ideas for destinations, but how go about the whole process.

P.S. There is some work involved, collecting money and making sure the trip breaks even, talking with your lodge host and potential trip participants – that sort of thing

Speaking of ideas on where to go, the many previous trip coordinators below are willing resource people. All you need to do is call or email.

Methow Valley (Winthrop)

Dick Garcia 671-0439

Mt Washington (Vancouver Is)

Gail Garman 371-3554
Sheila Hardy 671-3074
Minda Garcia 671-0439

Nickel Plate (Penticton, BC),

China Ridge (Princeton, BC),

Glacier Park Montana,

Yellowstone Nat'l Park

Keats Garman 371-3554

Silver Star (Vernon, BC)

Elizabeth Martindale 734-8991

Is Your NNSC Membership Current?



Dues are seasonal, with the 2009-2010 season starting in September.

Memberships are available at meetings or by mail. A complete application includes payment plus a fully filled out and signed membership form. Household memberships must be signed by

all persons covered under the membership. Find a form [on the NNSC web site](#), on the back of club brochure, or at club meetings. Memberships are \$30 for individuals or \$45 per households.

If you haven't done so this season, why not fill out a form right now while you're thinking about it and mail it in?

SnoPark Permits



Seasonal and One-day Sno-Park permits are increased by \$10 per vehicle for the 2009-2010 winter season. The Seasonal permit is \$40 and the One-Day permit is \$20.

There are more than 40 SnoParks in Washington. Print a map at: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/winter/parks/nonmotorparks.asp>

Permits may be purchased with your membership, at club meetings, or at any of the following locations. These businesses provide SnoPark passes as a customer service.

Backcountry Essentials
(360) 543-5678
214 W. Holly - Bellingham

Crossroads Grocery & Video
(360) 599-9657
7802 Silver Lake Road - Maple Falls

Fairhaven Bike & Ski
(360) 733-4433
1108 - 11th St - Bellingham

REI - Bellingham
(360) 647-8955
400 36TH St. - Bellingham

Sportsman Chalet
(360) 671-1044
114 W. Holly - Bellingham

You can order a 1 day permit online:
<https://fortress.wa.gov/parks/ecom/sno/dsnostp0.asp>

Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Membership Application and SnoPark Order Form

Use this form to purchase SnoPark permits, or to join the club or to renew your membership.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street/PO Box City State Zip

PHONE 1: _____ (Home, Cell, Work) PHONE 2: _____ (H, C, W)

EMAIL 1: _____ EMAIL 2: _____

(Please check the appropriate items)

NNSC DUES: Membership \$30 per individual _____ \$45 per household _____

SnoPark permit: \$40 _____ Total amount: _____

Please read this agreement carefully before signing and dating:

In signing and submitting this form, I recognize that cross-country skiing involves strenuous activities, is potentially hazardous, and involves inherent risk. I knowingly and voluntarily assume all responsibility and risk for my actions and my family's actions while cross-country skiing, during travel related to Nooksack Nordic Ski Club (NNSC) activities, and during use of facilities and equipment. This includes, but is not limited to falls, collisions, effects of weather, conditions of equipment and trails and other areas while skiing or participating in NNSC activities. I hereby for myself, my heirs, administrators, or anyone else who may bring claims on my or my family members' behalf, covenant not to sue, release and discharge the NNSC, its Board and Committee members, and all related organizations or individuals, from any and all claims of liability for death, personal injury, or property damage arising from my or my family members' participation in NNSC activities.

Name (Print please): _____

Signature: _____

Other family member(s): _____

Other signatures: _____

Date: _____

Please distribute my contact information to the membership. We omit street address from the distribution list, showing only city, phone and email address(es), (Please note, if you decline to be listed, then you won't get the list, either)

Yes _____ No _____

Please check preferred alternative for receipt of Snow News is Good News newsletter:

Email: _____ U.S. mail: _____ or NNSC website: _____

Please make checks out to: Nooksack Nordic Ski Club and mail with this form to:
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