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Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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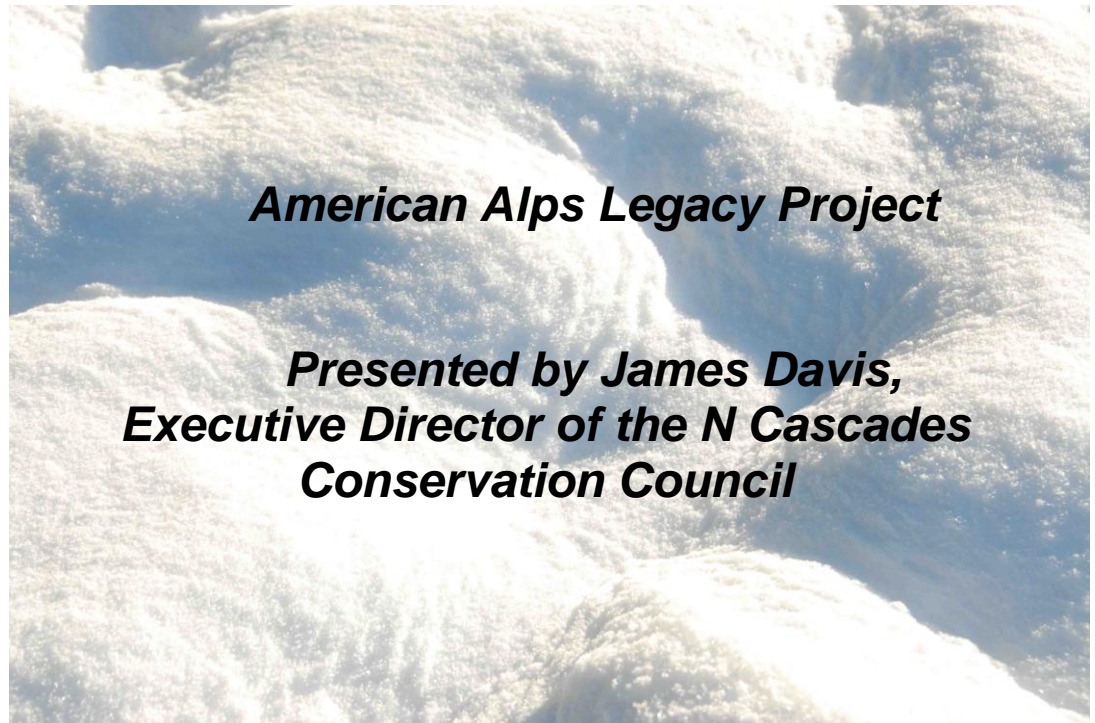
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## *American Alps Legacy Project*

*Presented by James Davis,  
Executive Director of the N Cascades  
Conservation Council*

### **Club Meeting**

**When** – Thursday, January 6

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.

*Think Snow !*



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## AMERICAN ALPS LEGACY PROJECT

## NEW THIS YEAR!

At our January 6 meeting we will have a great opportunity to hear about the American Alps Legacy Project. Jim Davis, Executive Director of the North Cascades Conservation Council, will be giving a presentation on this proposed expansion of North Cascades National Park.

For many of us, North Cascades National Park is one of our favorite recreational areas, for many different kinds of wilderness use. This presentation will be your chance to hear the specific plans for expansion of the park, including how it might affect the wilderness areas and our recreational uses. This will also be an opportunity for us as a ski club to give our input on what we think should be done.



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are the first Thursdays, 7-9 PM

January 6, 2011  
February 3, 2011

### LAST MINUTE DAY TRIPS, CARPOOLING & EMAIL LIST SERVER

Don Hicks, Day-Trip Coordinator, has configured an NNSC Email List Server hosted by [GoogleGroups.com](http://GoogleGroups.com)

### EMAIL LIST SERVER IS UP AND RUNNING

All members should have received an email inviting them to join our new "Last Minute Day Trip and Carpooling" email list (see article above). In your in-box the invitation email would have looked like: "From: noreply@googlegroups.com Subject: Google Groups: You've been invited to Nooksack Nordic Ski Club". The email would have contained a message from Don Hicks describing the nature and intent of this email ListServ, and a link to click-on that would add you to the list if you desired to join. As of December 17, 35 members have done so.

If you did not receive or recognize the invitation email or declined to join, you may at anytime email or call the list manager, Don Hicks, at [hicks46@netzero.net](mailto:hicks46@netzero.net), 360-733-4815 and he will add you to the list.

NOTE: YAHOO MAIL will put all email from Google Groups in your SPAM folder! You may find your invitation there and you must hit the NOT SPAM button to receive any further emails from the list in your in-box folder.

The primary purpose of this Email List Server is to facilitate the organization of last minute day trips and carpooling to our home trails near Mt. Baker and other local destinations such as Cypress Mountain, Stevens Pass, Manning Park, etc.. With the highly variable weather and snow conditions in the Pacific Northwest, it is often a last minute decision to go skiing in a few days. So, if you are going out and wish to invite others to join you for company and companionship or just carpooling if you have room to share or a need for a ride, you will be able to just send an email to

[NooksackNordics@GoogleGroups.com](mailto:NooksackNordics@GoogleGroups.com)

Membership in this Email service is voluntary and restricted to NNSC members. Only members of the list can send emails to the list so you will receive no SPAM. You may easily unsubscribe from the list at any time. All email addresses are kept private when you send out a message.

So, watch for an invitation to join the list in your email if you are a current member of NNSC. You may then accept membership in the list or decline.

You may join this list at any time later by sending an email to the list moderator, Don Hicks, [hicks46@netzero.net](mailto:hicks46@netzero.net).



## DAY TRIP TO HOLLYBURN PLANNED

A day trip to the "Hollyburn" XC-ski area at Cypress Mountain just north of Vancouver, B.C. is scheduled for Sunday January 23, 2011.

The "Hollyburn" XC-ski area at Cypress Mountain is north of Vancouver, B.C. Only a 1-1/2 hour drive from Bellingham, Hollyburn is our closest premier XC-Ski Park. It has an elevation of 3,500 ft. and 26 km of highly groomed trails for classic and skate skiing that wind past snow-covered lakes, through meadows, and snowy mountain forests. There are fantastic views of the Salish Sea, islands, Burrard Inlet, and the city far below. There are two huts where food can be purchased, one at the entrance and the other (on the trails) is the historic Hollyburn Ski Lodge dating from the 1920's. There is also a large warming hut up the mountain. Trail fees are \$18 (\$12 for 65+) for a full day. We will meet at Sunset Square parking lot, on the Southeast corner at the rock wall, near Cost Cutter at 8am for carpooling.

For confirmation and more details...

Contact Don Hicks at 360-733-4815 or [hicks46@netzero.net](mailto:hicks46@netzero.net)

## TWO TRIPS PLANNED TO LOGAN LAKE

**Dec. 30 - Jan 2, 2011  
New Year's Weekend and  
Feb. 18 - 21, 2011  
Presidents' Day Weekend**

Both trips are full with a waiting lists in case anyone needs to drop out.

This high altitude ski destination has three different settings to ski in: ultra-groomed Stake Lake, semi-groomed Logan Lake, and seldom groomed Kane Valley offering a variety of ski opportunities.

We will be staying again at the luxurious Highland House B&B in Logan Lake, BC. The cost of \$235 per person, includes meals and taxes. There is a maximum of 10 or 11 people.

For more details go to our web site, <http://www.nooksacknordicski.club.org/>, and select Calendar of Activities or contact Don at 360-733-4815 or [hicks46@netzero.net](mailto:hicks46@netzero.net).

To hold a space send a check for the full amount made out to NNSC to the trip coordinator, Don Hicks, 1546 Hillsdale Rd., Bellingham, WA, 98226.

## HOLLYBURN DAY TRIP REPORT

On Saturday, December 18, 5 members attended the day trip to Hollyburn XC-ski area at Cypress Mountain. We had a great day. Beautiful nice fresh snow that was well groomed made for excellent easy skiing on the first day out for all of us. The weather however was less than perfect, but OK, with a heavy low overcast (no views), temperature at 32 F, and some minor sleet and snow in the late afternoon. There is lots of snow on the ground, about 4 -5 feet.

Don Hicks



Susan Mc Clung at Logan Lake

## MANNING PARK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA SKI TRIP SCHEDULED

This trip is full, however you may add your name to a waiting list in the event anyone has to cancel.

Martin Luther King Weekend

**January 14, Friday, 2011 thru  
January 17, Monday, 2011**

Website:  
[www.manningpark.com](http://www.manningpark.com)

Spaces are assigned based on payment date. Elizabeth will be at the November and December meetings to accept deposits or they can be mailed to her (made out to NNSC) at 103 Morey Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Contact Elizabeth Martindale [emartindale@comcast.net](mailto:emartindale@comcast.net)  
Or call 360-393-4732 with any questions you may have.

Carpooling is preferable. We can work together setting up carpools.

Stay in 1 chalet. The chalet has 2 double beds, 8 bunks, 3 baths, full central kitchen and dining/social area. Bedding and linens supplied with BASIC dishes and cutlery, a small microwave, a coffee pot and some cooking utensils.



Washing dishes is our responsibility.

For the chalet, the cost for each person will be:

10 people per chalet \$157  
9 people per chalet \$170  
8 people per chalet \$187

This rate assumes the US \$ and CDN \$ are at par.



## NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO NNSC BOARD

At the December 2 NNSC general meeting, an election was held. Richard Cochinos, Elizabeth Martindale and Dick Etter were elected to the NNSC board. Joan Dudley graciously agreed to serve a second term. Board members can only serve two terms. Don Hicks and Barbara Davison have served two terms and will be leaving the board. Don and Barbara's participation and work have been greatly appreciated by both the NNSC Board and ski club members.

Ed Halasz & Lynn Alderson

## KIDS SKI CLINIC

The Kids Ski Clinic to be held January 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> of 2011 is taking shape. The instructors Todd Eastman and Jeff Rhodes have generously volunteered their time to teach some local youth the basics. There are eleven eager youths that are signed up and ready to hit the trails. (That does mean there is room for one more student).

The classes will run in the mornings from 10AM to Noon and will take place near the parking area at the Salmon Ridge Sno-park. If you are up enjoying the trails, you may see the crowd of kids in action. Thanks to Ed Halasz, Todd Eastman, Jeff Rhodes and the groomers for making this project become reality. I hope many future skiers are created in January 2011.

Deanne Kanenaga

## LOGAN LAKE, A NNSC TRIP TO REMEMBER

You could label this NNSC club outing the "Triple Treat" or something like that, since you are within easy driving distance of three very different ski areas. There are Logan Lake, Kane Valley, and Stake Lake. All three areas are operated by clubs in association with the provincial government. The first two are "donation requested" with collection boxes on site, with someone to collect your money at Stake Lake. All three are well signed. Skiing is fun at all three, with their different settings and terrain.

For Jerry and me our trip with the club to Highland House, Logan Lake, and Stake Lake was memorable for more than one reason. There were the great accommodations and food, the fun we had at the lodge with fellow club members, the geo-caching, the hot tubing, and of course the skiing.

On this particular trip, Jerry and I did the most skiing at Logan Lake, with a few hours at Stake Lake. This time we did not ski at Kane Valley, though we could have. Each club member who went on this outing has at least one story to tell. Jerry and I have more than one.



One day, we combined skiing with another activity we enjoy, geo-caching. After a wonderful breakfast with the group at Highland House, and with sack lunches we assembled with provided components at the lodge, Jerry and I drove a very short distance before putting on skis to look for a geo-cache. Some other members saw us park. A combination of a short ski and a tiny bit of walking brought us to the cache location. Then it was onward to the Logan Lake Ski Trails. Very near the parking area was another cache, with a great view

of the town and valley. We set off skiing on the trails, and made a delightful trek to the top of a hill, with expansive views of forest and valley. It was there we had lunch, with me sitting on a stump we know other NNSC club members had used also. Fairly near the lunch stop we skied as close as we could to the cache location. Jerry took off his skis at one point to make the actual find, and then brought the container to me. (Geo-caching uses a GPS in combination with coordinates and other information to locate something other people have hidden. Caches might be in urban settings or in the countryside. I would be happy to tell you all about it! ☺)

For anyone who loves trees and snags both, fun trails, and scenery, all three-ski areas have a lot to offer. There are a whole lot of lovely living trees and some wonderful snags, which add to the scenic value of each area.

Logan Lake offers night skiing. This is a good thing, for more than one reason, as you will see. Jerry and I agreed on a tour of the trails at Logan Lake. We thought it was feasible in terms of time and distance and light. As we trekked up one very steep hill though, we agreed that if it were dark, we definitely would not want to ski back down the hill. We enjoyed the scenery and the terrain very much. We also liked the signage. Some of the names of the trails, such as "Hellfire Road", tickled our fancies. We thorough enjoyed our ski. It did turn out to be longer than we thought. The light began to dim, but we were still able to ski down some delightful hills. We got back to an intersection we recognized when it was dark. It

was at the top of that steep hill. We carefully walked down the steep hill as we had agreed, and then once more put on our skis for going across the giant flat meadow. We were mostly on the trail, we think. After quite some time, we saw the lights of the night loop. YAY! We still had a ways to go, after deciding which direction was best to ski to return to the trailhead.

Highland House was such a welcoming sight. It meant comfort, warmth, excellent food, excellent accommodations, and that valuable feature, a hot tub. At the lodge, the others were just finishing the scrumptious dinner prepared by special arrangement.

Susan Mc Clung

### **I LOVE THE SNOW !**

I love the snow. It changes the world, making it more quiet and still. Here, in Bellingham, snow is a temporary guest and doesn't wear out its welcome by hanging around all winter. If I like, it is a short drive to our nearby mountains to visit this winter wonderland.

Last week the members of our ski club's trail committee brought in the base for toilets and set up the large bulletin board at the Razorhone Road snow park. We were busy little beavers, doing the work of getting the cross-country trails ready for a new season. I was so busy doing, that I did not have much time to enjoy the forest.

The next week we were back to check to see if the toilets were installed and put up signs at the trail junctions. This time there was snow falling onto a one-foot

base, soft and easy. After putting up a new bulletin board at Anderson Road Trailhead, we proceeded up Razorhone Road, checking to see if everything was ready for the new season. It had not been groomed yet and ski tracks led the way into the forest. We soon came to a large fir down across the trail. It was two and one-half feet in diameter and we had to climb over it to continue. No doubt, our groomer will make it go away when he prepares Razorhone Road, next Friday.

It was a Monday and there were five other parties of people using the road as well. Four of the parties were skiers and the fifth party was on snowshoes with a dog. I pointed out our snowshoe trails to them and explained why skiers don't want dogs and other non-skiers on the ski trails. The snowshoe party was receptive to my invitation and proceeded to the snowshoe trail. Perhaps additional signage is necessary at our snowshoe trailhead, as not all snowshoe parties are using it.

Skiing out to the end of Razorhone Road, we admired the views of the North Fork Nooksack River and the peaks across the valley, which were visible through the falling snow. I admired how easy the new snow was to ski, without any ice or rocks to trip us up. If you want to get in some time on your Nordic skis, go to the Cross-country trails below the Mt. Baker Ski Area. There, you too can experience the severe beauty of winter in the Cascade Mountains, while getting a good workout. I hope to see you there. Keep gliding.

Kurt Duey

## Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Membership Application and Sno~Park Order Form

Use this form to purchase Sno~Park 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 MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$30 per individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 per household \_\_\_\_\_

Student \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Sno~Park 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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