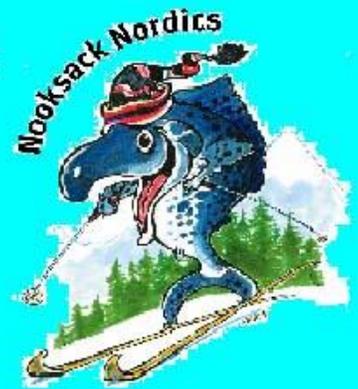


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December 2011



Club Meeting

When – Thursday, December 1

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.

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



PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

LESS GROOMING AT SALMON RIDGE

Over the last decade, the NRTP Grant funding has provided nearly \$72,000 for maintenance and grooming of the Salmon Ridge trails. This grant is funded by the federal gasoline tax, through Federal Highway Transportation Agency (FHTA) legislation. This year, due to Congressional wrangling, the recreational trails programs have only received half of their usual funding. As a result, the NNSC as well as several other trail programs around the state, did not receive NRTP grants. Instead the Salmon Ridge Ski Trails project has been placed on an "alternate" list. As such, we are still eligible to receive a grant. So if the House and Senate can reconcile their separate FHTA bills to release the other half of the transportation funds, it is likely that we could be funded later this winter.

Fortunately, thanks to Marj Leone, NNSC did secure a SnoPark grant to the tune of \$4522 for grooming, \$2178 for DOT to plow the SnoParks, and

\$3000 for sanicans (total \$9700). So we at least we have some funds to continue operation Salmon Ridge. What this all means for skiers is more limited grooming than we have enjoyed in the past. Though we had hoped to groom Razor Hone twice a week this winter, without NRTP funds, that will not be possible. We will still be able to groom Razor Hone and Anderson Creek road weekly (as snow allows). However, the length of the season we are able to groom will likely be shorter since grooming funds are expected to run out before well before spring. Typically, these funds allow for 8 grooming of these trails. Unfortunately, there will be no grooming of either the Hannegan or White Salmon Roads since these trails are not covered by the Sno~Park grant.

Currently the ski trails are in great shape and ready for snow. Since we recently completed several maintenance projects (drainage work, mowing and limbing up trees), the trails should hold up well over the next few years. And it's possible that Congress will pass the other half of the Federal Hwy Transportation bill and we will be receive additional funds soon. If not, we will try again and seek NRTP grant funding next spring.

Gail Garmen

CORRECTION TO LAST MONTHS KUDOS CORNER

Jeff Rhodes and Robin Brown also deserve a big thank you for helping with the brushing party led by Jim Rhodes.

KUDOS CORNER

Many thanks to our volunteers. These members helped out with our publicity table at the Bellingham Farmer's Market. Greg Aanes, Jackie and Richard Cochinos, Sharon Holmes, Elizabeth Martindale, Norm Miller, Allan Richardson, and Amber and Jeff Rhodes.

DAY TRIP TO HOLLYBURN, SUNDAY DECEMBER 11

Lets kickoff the ski season with a day-trip to the "Hollyburn" XC-Ski area at Cypress Mountain just north of Vancouver, B.C., on Sunday, December 11, 2011. A favorite day trip for club members, it is only a 1-1/2 hour drive from Bellingham mostly on freeways.

Hollyburn is our closest premier XC-Ski area. 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 warm 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. Many people however bring their own lunch and we eat at the lodge or the upper warming hut. Trail fees are \$20 (\$13 for 65+) for a full day, and credit cards are accepted. Go to www.cypressmountain.com for more up-to-date information.

We will meet at Sunset Square parking lot, Southeast corner at

the rock wall near Cost Cutter at 8am for carpooling. We usually try to return to B'ham by early evening (6-ish). Remember to bring your PASSPORTS or other acceptable identification for re-entering the USA.



Skiing at Rendezvous

DAY TRIP SCHEDULE

Don Hicks is our day trip Coordinator. When these events occur, please meet at the SE corner of Sunset Square parking lot near Cost Cutter and the rock wall.

Contact Don Hicks at
360-733-4815

LAST MINUTE DAY – TRIPS/CARPOOLING EMAIL LIST SERVER

Don Hicks, Day-Trip Coordinator, has configured an NNSC Email List Server hosted by GoogleGroups.com.

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. Also the list may be used to ask questions and for other discussions between all members of the list on the general subject of XC skiing.

Membership in this Email service is voluntary and restricted to NNSC members. This list is independent of and does not affect official communications from the club leaders to the entire club membership. 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 (see the links at the bottom of every email you receive). All email addresses are kept private. Also all replies to messages are only sent to the person who sent the original message and not to the entire group (unless you "Reply All").

If you are not already a member of the list, 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 by simply ignoring the invitation. You may join this list at any time later by sending an email to the list moderator, Don Hicks, hicks46@netzero.net.

STAKE & LOGAN LAKES & KANE VALLEY

TWO TRIPS !!

Dec. 29 - Jan. 1, 2012
(New Year's Weekend)
Coordinated by Kurt Duey

Feb. 17 - 20, 2012
(Presidents' Day Weekend)
Coordinated by Don Hicks

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 \$248 per person includes meals with special dietary needs accommodated. There is a maximum of 10 or 11 people.

For more details go to our web site, <http://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/>, and select Calendar of Activities or contact Don at 360-733-4815 or hicks46@netzero.net or Kurt at 360-820 - 4174 (after Nov. 22) or Kurt.Duey@comcast.net (before and after Nov. 22).

These trip have been very popular in past years and fill very quickly. 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 or Kurt Duey, 2601 N. Park Dr., Bellingham, WA 98225.

MANNING PARK SKI TRIP

Jan. 13 – 16th, 2012
(Martin Luther King Birthday)
Coordinated by Elizabeth
Martindale

Cross Country Ski Trip to Manning Park in British Columbia. Ski four days (stay three nights). Groomed trails, snowshoe trails, hot tub, sauna, steam room and swimming pool. This is always a great trip. Chalet members plan the meals for their group and we share the cost of the food. We will have three dinners and three breakfasts. Bring your own food for lunch. Alcohol is not included in the food costs.

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

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 the dishes is our responsibility.

More information will be added about this trip as it becomes available. Coordinator is Elizabeth Martindale at 393-4732. emartindale@comcast.net

LAKE WENATCHEE AREA IN WASHINGTON

This area offers seven different skiing locations within 16 miles of where we are staying. Accommodations are in Plain WA at Beaver Valley Lodge. Stay is for 3 nights and 4 days of skiing. Lodging is \$230 per person. The lodge may be seen at www.beavervalleylodge.com.

The Wenatchee River bisects Lake Wenatchee State Park, thus creating the South Park and North park. The South Park has 18.6 miles and the North Park has 3.1 miles of groomed trails. Skate skiing is available in the North Park. South Park also offers tubing and a snow play area. There are 4.9 miles of snow shoeing trails. Another location is Nason Ridge that offers tracks and a skate lane. Additionally the trail leads to back country skiing for the more adventuresome. Total trail length is 17.9 miles of which 12 miles are groomed. . Nearby is Chiwawa with the See and Ski trail groomed for track and skate skiing for 4 miles. Flying loop and Squirrel Run are 2.9 and 2.5 miles, respectively.

A Sno Park Permit is required and also a Special Groomed Trails Permit sticker. Drivers are responsible for the Sno Park Permit. Riders will share the cost of the Special Permit. Special permit stays with the driver after the trip is completed.

Meals will be planned and members will share the cost of the food. There will be three dinners and three breakfasts. Bring your own food for lunch. Alcohol is not included in the food costs. Carpooling is encouraged and will be arranged prior to the trip.

Make checks payable to NNSC for \$230. Mail to 259 W Bakerview Road # 104, Bellingham, WA 98226

Coordinator is Lynn Alderson at 223-5859 or lalder3122@hotmail.com

RENDEZVOUS IN METHOW VALLEY

Feb. 13– 16th
Coordinated by Mary Dubrow

Rustic ski-in huts on world class trail system outside of Winthrop, WA with outhouse, propane lights cook stove and oven, and a wood stove for heat. Platform beds provided. You bring your own bedding and food. Trails groomed frequently for track or skate skiing. Two-way freight haul included in cost, so we can ski in and out light. The ski trail is about 6 miles with about a 1400 foot elevation gain. The cabins are located in the pass, so each day starts with a downhill leg and ends with an uphill leg back to the cabin. We'll plan on 4 to 6 people per cabin. We have Gardner and Rendezvous huts reserved.

More information will be added about this trip as it becomes available. Stay is 3 nights with 4 days of skiing.

msdubrow@msn.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are the first Thursdays, 7-9 PM

December 1
January 5
February 2



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: _____

*Vehicle License _____

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: _____

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