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Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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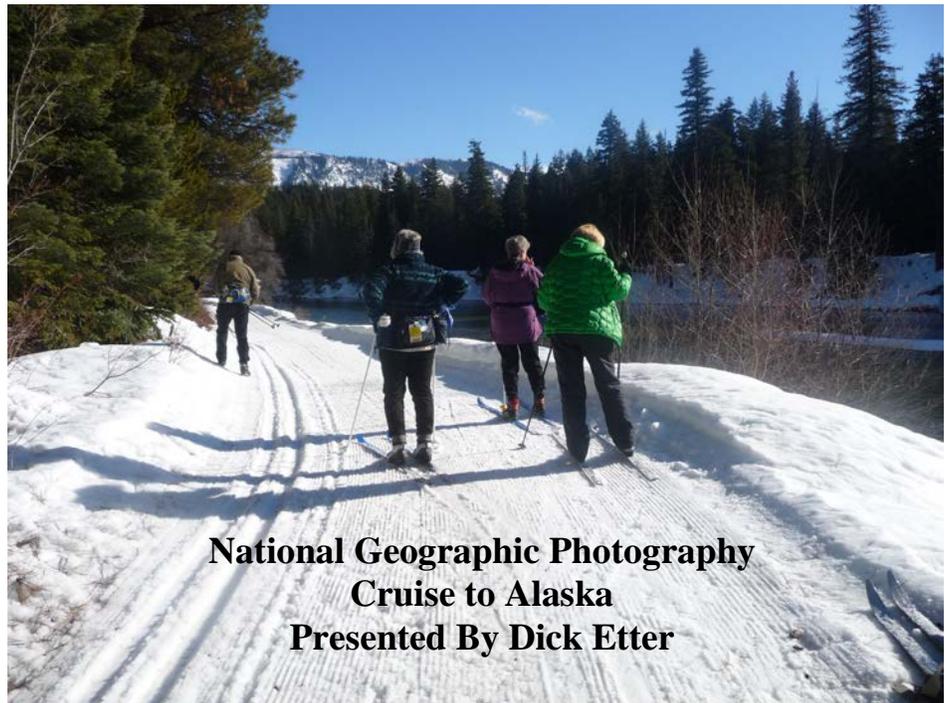
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November 2012



**National Geographic Photography
Cruise to Alaska
Presented By Dick Etter**

Club Meeting

When – Thursday, Nov 1

New member orientation is at 6:30;
Meeting starts at 7:00.

Who - Anyone is welcome!

Where – Whatcom Educational Bldg's
Community Room at 511 E Holly in
Bellingham. Building is on the right
(north) side of the street at the corner of
High St and Holly St. It is a one-story
building with parking.

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PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

FOR SALE

Skating skis, Madshus TXC 236

93cm or approximately 67 5/8 inches.

Solomon boots EU 38 2/3 (7 1/2)

Swix Allite poles

\$195

Perfect outfit for a woman 5' 4" and 118 pounds

Like new and much loved.

Janet Brown 360-671-5056,
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TURNOVER ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Norm Miller our Club Treasurer is leaving after 4 years. A big thank you goes to Norm for all of his patience and hard work as our treasurer. He stepped up to the plate to fill some mighty BIG shoes after he volunteered to take over when Mel Davidson stepped down as Treasurer. Norm not only filled the shoes in a very competent manner, but when there was no one to do Publicity, Norm again volunteered to help out. Take some time to thank him the next time you see him. Especially since he is not a cross-country skier but a downhill skier (I bet you did not know that). Thank goodness his wife Cassie brought him into the club with her. He is also a great cook. So at least we will still have him as a member of the club.

We are also very fortunate to have Lynne Oliver who has volunteered to take over the Treasurer position. Thank you Lynne and we are so glad to have you aboard.

Sharon Holmes

WORK PARTY OCTOBER 27TH AT 9 AM

Hey! It was already [snowing at Salmon Ridge today!](#) So our weather window to get the trails ready is shrinking. Though we've had a couple successful work parties, there is still quite a bit of work we need to do. So Jim and I are teaming up to tackle the remaining tasks. Here's the plan:

Jim will be working on Anderson Creek Road, cutting back fallen trees from the edge of the road so the mower can get in there and do it's job.

Gail will be leading a crew up to the Cougar trail. We'll be working on either side of the bridge, dragging off tree branches and downed trees off the trail. (We hired a tree service to drop these for us).

There is a little brush cutting that needs to be done around the gates and trail heads.

Want to work on a snowshoe trail? The Huckleberry snowshoe trail (between Razorhone Road and the bridge) is in bad need of brush cutting and lopping to clear it, and more signage needs added so it's easier to follow.

Obviously, it's going to take a few more folks than Jim and I to get this all done. So if you weren't able to join us previously, here's your chance to jump in. [Come join our work party](#) and help us tackle these jobs. It's a fun way to get to know your fellow club members and improve the trails.

When: [Saturday, October 27th, 2012](#)

Contact info: call Gail Garman at 371-3554 or keatsandgail@comcast.net or Jim Rhodes phone: 734-8246 or email: james.c.rhodes@gmail.com

Where: We meet 9am at the south east corner of the Sunset Cost Cutter parking lot, near the rock wall to carpool to the site. We work rain or shine unless

the crew leader says otherwise.

What to bring: warm clothes, water, work gloves, sturdy footwear, and rain gear. Loppers are helpful too. **Lunch will be provided** - compliments of the **Nooksack Nordic Ski Club**.

Can't make that date but would like to help? Contact Gail Garman 371-3554

We really need **YOU**. Please join us.

Thank you!
Gail Garman



Connie Cogburn and Debra Jusak at Stake Lake

NOOKSACK NORDIC SKI CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

On Saturday, October 14, 6 members of NNSC took turns enjoying the breezy weather and light Saturday crowds at the Bellingham Farmers market and calling attention to the upcoming Club meeting and to opportunities for cross country skiing. Alice Litton, Debra Jusak, Kurt Duey, Lynne Oliver, Gail Garman and Dick Etter were at our booth under the new NNSC banner, that was designed by Greg Aanes, talking with people who might be interested in

attending our Nov.1 club meeting at WECU meeting room or learning more about the Salmon Ridge ski area and possibilities for cross country skiing in the Northwest this winter.

All in all we had a fun day getting to know each other and encouraging others to support and participate in Our favorite sport!

Alice Litton

AN INVITATION TO TRAIN AND GET IN SHAPE

Mark Overgaard has extended an invitation from the Whatcom Speed Skating Club to join them, as follows:

I (Mark) have been thinking about this upcoming winter. The three sports that I enjoy the most are bicycling, skate skiing and shot track speed skating. The nice thing about these sports is that they are great cross training for each other.

I would like to invite the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club to come skate with us as preseason training. Our season has just begun, giving a good start at conditioning before the snow falls.

Like Nordic skiing, speed skating can be a walk in the park or a hard core work out.

We also have members that Nordic Ski.

whatcomspeedskatingclub.org

Thank you
Mark Overgaard
WSSC Member

LAST MINUTE DAY-TRIP/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

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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 new or 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.

SILVER STAR SKI TRIP DECEMBER 5th-8th, 2012

I am planning to go to Silver Star on 12-5,6,7,8-12. We can stay at the Schell Hotel Express, where a two bedroom with queens goes for \$74/night. If these accommodations are shared we wouldn't have to spend more than \$36/ night for lodging. There are a wide variety of restaurants in Vernon and the ski area is 20 minutes away. Day passes at Sovereign Lakes goes for around \$12/day. Driving time to Silver star from Bellingham is @5.5 to six hours. We will try to car-pool. This schedule allows us three full days to ski at Silver star and we will be passing by Nickel-plate, China Ridge, Manning, Kane Valley and Telemark, which present more opportunities to ski if we wish. If you are interested send me a check for \$150 made out to the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club to hold a place. Mail it to...

Kurt Duey
2601 North Park Dr.
Bellingham, WA
98225

MANNING PARK SKI TRIP JANUARY 18th -21st, 2013

Coordinator: Elizabeth Martindale

Cost: \$165 CND per person. based on 10 adults and exchange rate at time of trip On October 18 USD for trip = 167.25

Cross Country Ski Trip to [Manning Park British Columbia](#). The number at Lodge is 1-800-330-3321.

Ski four days (stay three nights). Groomed trails, snowshoe trails, hot tub, sauna, steam room, 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 at 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.

STAKE, LOGAN LAKES & KANE VALLEY SKI TRIP

Two Trips!!

Dec. 29 - Jan. 1, 2013

(New Year's Weekend)

Coordinated by Sharon Holmes

Feb. 15 - 18, 2013

(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



**Kurt Duey at Salmon Ridge
Photo by Todd Eastman**

staying again at the luxurious Highland House B&B in Logan Lake, BC. The cost of \$253 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 EVENTS or contact Don at 360-733-4815 or hicks46@netzero.net or Sharon at 360-647-8606 or smrconsulting@msn.com.

These trips 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 Sharon Holmes, 552 Rainbow Dr., Sedro Woolley, WA 98284.

LAKE WENATCHEE TRIP FEBRUARY 1st-4th, 2013

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 \$200 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 of groomed trails

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 \$200. Mail to 1514 Historic Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are the first Thursday, 7-9 PM

November 1
December 6
January 3
February 7
March 7



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 _____

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