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Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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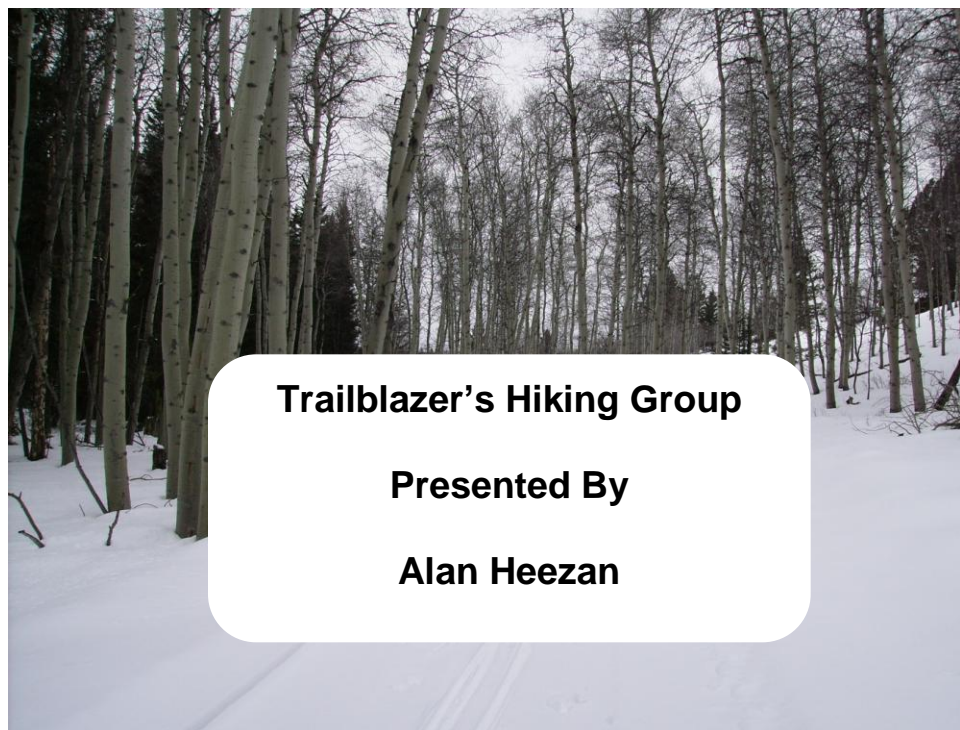
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February 2012



Trailblazer's Hiking Group

Presented By

Alan Heezan

Club Meeting

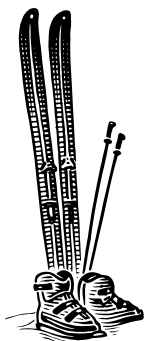
When – Thursday, February 2

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.

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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

Three Board members are leaving, as their two-year term is over. Jeff Rhodes, our current President; Joan Dudley, who also served as Program Coordinator, and found speakers for our meetings and a vacant position. A big thank you to Jim Rhodes for filling that position until a new Board member could be found. All three of these Board members will be missed and we so appreciate that they took time out of their very busy lives to serve on the Board.

Three new member volunteers will be joining our Board this month, Greg Aanes, Debra Jusak and Dave Gertstenberger "DG". We are excited and look forward to having them on our Board of Directors. All three of these individuals did not hesitate to volunteer when the call went out.

Publicity Position is Filled at Last! Jeremy Boyer has volunteered to fill the position of Publicity for our club. Thank you Jeremy!!

What would we do without members who care enough about the club to keep it going year after year. Thanks to all of our volunteers so much for all you do.

Sharon Holmes

KUDOS CORNER

Many thanks to our volunteers. We just had another work party at SR to install the trailhead signs and sanican base. Thanks to Tom and Lynne Oliver, Kurt Duey, Sharon Holmes, and Keats and Gail Garman – team leaders.

DAY TRIP TO HOLLYBURN, SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11

Just north of Vancouver, B.C., only a 1-1/2 hour drive from Bellingham mostly on freeways, Hollyburn is our closest premier XC-Ski area. A favorite day trip for club members, 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 hot 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 current information and conditions.

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.

Contact the leader, Don Hicks, 733-4815, hicks46@netzero.net, for confirmation and more details.



Todd Eastman and Ski Clinic at Salmon Ridge

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

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

This trip has been very popular in past years and fills 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

LAKE WENATCHEE AREA IN WASHINGTON

Feb 3 – Feb 6, 2012

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.

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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

NICKEL PLATE TRIP IS HALF FULL

If you haven't skied at the Nickel-plate trail system, you have been missing one of the best in the region. The trails have 50 kilometers of well-groomed trails in provincial forest, with enough variety to keep you busy for three days. The system is located at 2000 meters and for this reason will still have snow in March. Unless I receive 4 more people on this trip before the end of January, I will not hold on to the Buck Suite, which will cost \$1576 for three nights. If necessary, we can take rooms at the Elk Motel, in Ceremos but it is 40 minutes from the ski area. For this reason I am encouraging any members who are setting on the fence, to send

me a check for \$160. Our individual costs depend on how many attend. This is our last overnight trip of the year. If you are interested, contact Kurt D.

Kurt Duey, 2601 N. Park Dr., Bellingham, WA 98225.
Kurt.Duey@comcast.net

KIDS CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLINIC AT SALMON RIDGE

Sponsored by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club & Fairhaven Bike & Ski

With approval for paid lessons at the snow park and registration streamlined with Fairhaven Bike and Ski, the 2012 series of lessons was ready to go. Unfortunately, the snow just would not fall in December and the kid's Nordic ski lessons for 2012 were cut down to one Sunday event. The January 8th lesson had just enough coverage to make the skiing possible. Todd Eastman made the most of the day and led our group of five youngsters on a fun day of skiing!

Deanne Kanenaga



Ski Clinic with Todd Eastman at Salmon Ridge

TRIP REPORT FOR MANNING PARK

Eleven NNSC members, ages 7 to 70 had four great days of fun skiing at the Manning Ski Resort over Martin Luther King weekend.

The rain soaked weekend of the previous year became a distant memory once we were at Manning Park and were greeted by the beautiful sunny day and wonderful powdery snow that was nicely groomed.

The temperatures were chilly (between 12 and 18 degrees F) but except for one afternoon the wind was calm and the days were sunny so it never seemed too cold once we were skiing. One afternoon the wind started blowing about 1:00 PM and those adults and child who were on their way down South Gibson from Strawberry Flats was treated to the adventure of skiing in blowing powdery snow. On the well-groomed trails it was thrilling but okay. However, we didn't envy the skiers heading up Gibson towards Strawberry Flats.

The skiing, meals, and camaraderie were excellent and enjoyed by everyone.

Elizabeth Martindale

HOLLYBURN SKI REPORT

Black ice in the parking lot did not deter our intrepid members from continuing on to Hollyburn, for a day's skiing in a heavy snow. About 5 inches fell while the 8 of us skied the popular Vancouver cross-country destination. The temp was close to freezing and the snow

was very sticky and required a good application of maxi-glide to move. With the maxi-glide, the snow was slow but easy to work with. I took advantage of the new snow to try my turns on the power-line hill. Boy do I need more practice! While I only fell down on the hill once, it was hardy effortless to turn. All in all the day was magical, with the snow falling and occasional strong gusts making me wish I hadn't left my ski glasses at home.

Kurt Duey



Mark Leonard, Kurt Duey, Brendan 7, Robin Brown, Elizabeth Martindale, Lynn Alderson and Joan Dudley at Strawberry Flats

KURT'S COMMENTS

Monday, 1-16-12 I drove back from Manning in a snow storm, ending a 8 day trip to the Rendezvous Gardner Hut, in the Methow and Manning Cabins. It was a trip of over 700 miles! Cindy Hassel carpooled with me and it was good to have the company as well as someone to help with the expenses. Out of 8 days we both skied 6. Hay, some days you just need to take it easy, right? On the way back my car started to insist that my luggage compartment door was open, with a rater persistent

buzzing. I sent my VW to the shop to get it fixed. When the mechanic opened the hood, a large rat leaped out and scurried off! The car was sounding an alarm not squeaking!

Rendezvous was the best I've seen it in three years, with temperatures around 24deg. F. and snow well groomed. It's always so lovely to be out in the mountains where no sounds of civilization intrude. The view from Gardner Hut was panoramic and impressive, as always and my travel companions were good company. I would recommend this trip next year to anyone who likes to get away for a back country ski trip. Mary Dubrow has said that she will reserve Gardner Hut again next year, so watch our website and sign up for this unique trip next fall.

My experience at Manning was of course different, with a spa, bar and downhill ski area, this destination is a classic Canadian winter sports venue. Ice skating is available and impromptu hockey games are common. Our stay at Manning saw the arrival of the first new snow since November. Five inches fell on the 13th and more fell each of the 3 following days. The temperatures were from 30 to 19 degrees F. affording us good skiing conditions. I found it a little on the slow side, which made the hills easier to manage. Graduation hill was a pleasure, not the fearsome descent that it can be. 11 club members attended and everyone, including an 8 year old, who was an inspiration and pleasure to ski with, had a good time. What a great little boy! He wanted to give us all tours of his snow fort and skied over 5 miles on Saturday. We could use more children like him on these club

trips. Come on all you parents, don't leave the kids at home because you think the rest of us won't approve.

On a different note, I want to say that there are only a few trips left that aren't full. So if you want to go on a ski trip this season, sign up for Lake Wenatchee or Nickel-plate, as they are the only trips with spaces still available!

Kurt Duey

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are the first Thursdays, 7-9 PM

February 2

March 1



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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