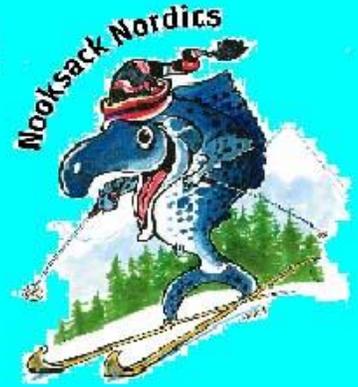


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Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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March 2015



**THE NEW LAKE WHATCOM PARK**  
by Michael McFarlane and Rodney Lamb

## Club Meeting

**When** – Thursday, March 5th

New member orientation is at 7:15  
PM; Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

**Who** - Anyone is welcome!

**Where** – Garden Street Methodist  
Church at 1326 N. Garden St. in  
Bellingham, WA

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## FOR SALE

Feeling a little out of shape for the cross-country experience? I have an extra Nordic Track ski machine that I would be happy to sell to anyone who wants to get ready to ski. Currently I am in Southern Chile but if you contact me by email I can arrange for its sale for \$25.



[kurt.duey@comcast.net](mailto:kurt.duey@comcast.net)

## THE NEW LAKE WHATCOM PARK

In 2014 8,800 acres of forest lands around Lake Whatcom were transferred to Whatcom County from the Washington Department of Natural Resources through reconveyance. This created one of the biggest parks in the state, right here in the Bellingham area. The varied terrain and elevation of this park will provide many opportunities for hiking, biking, horseback riding and, hopefully, cross-country skiing.

Michael McFarlane, Director of Whatcom County Parks and Recreation, and Rodney Lamb, Design and Development Supervisor, will be at our meeting to present and discuss information on this new park. This is a special opportunity for our club and should be a great meeting.

As is customary with our last meeting of the season in March, desserts will be provided to keep us refreshed during the meeting. Feel free to bring a plate of goodies to share if you want.

**John Sarich**

## NEED A VOLUNTEER TO DO PUBLICITY FOR THE CLUB !

After 4 years, Sharon is retiring as Publicity. I sure have enjoyed this job and had a lot of fun promoting the club and meeting lots of interesting people in this community. It is time for someone else to take it on. The only requirements are knowledge of computers and how to send emails and complete newspaper websites on club events. Over my tenure I have added a Tri-Fold Board with pictures and club information to use to promote the club at all kinds of events and meetings. I have written a detailed description of the duties and contact information and would love to train and support anyone who is interested. It only takes a few hours a month and attending the Board Meetings; whenever, possible to keep the Board informed. Contact me if you are interested or need any more information. **Sharon R Holmes, (360)647-8606 or [smrconsulting98229@msn.com](mailto:smrconsulting98229@msn.com).**

## FEBRUARY 2015 - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Introductions – new members and visitors.

Current board members present: Connie Cogburn, John Sarich, Pete Tyron, and Jim Rhodes  
Absent: Gail Garman and Lynne Oliver

There are currently two board positions vacant due to resignations.

## Board Elections

The entire existing board, along with Sharon Holmes, acted as the nominating committee this year.

Board members may serve two consecutive two-year terms. Pete Tyron, Lynne Oliver, and Jim Rhodes are in the middle of two year terms.

Connie Cogburn and Gail Garman have both completed one term and agreed to serve a second term if elected.

Wendy Nichols was nominated for a two year term.

Bill Laughlin was nominated for a two year term.

Dana Downs was nominated to fill a vacated one year term.

There were no nominations from the floor.

It was moved and seconded that nominees be accepted as board members. Passed unanimously.

**Jim Rhodes**



**Anderson Creek Road**

## SECOND TRIP TO LOGAN LAKE A CHALLENGE

The five members who went on the Logan Lake trip made the

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best of challenges. This is probably the worst trip for snow that I have seen at Logan Lake. Kane Valley and Logan Lake did not have enough snow to ski with, while always reliable Stake Lake had one-half the trails shut due to the thin icy conditions. Friday was the only day of the trip that there weren't races at Stake Lake, so we took the opportunity to ski Stake Lake on that day. That was our best day, with warm temperatures, no wind and a few centimeters of new snow. The next day we drove to Sun Peaks and skied down Holy Cow from the top of the mountain. Again, icy patches made this my most difficult time coming down this trail. Still we persevered and had a good time both days. Sunday we decided to try Stake Lake, after the races. We found it entertaining to watch the races, which ended at 1400. We then skied the race course. The time of day and snow conditions had us being cautious and we stopped skiing at 1600 because it was getting worse as the chopped up trail began to freeze and the late sunlight made it hard to see hazards. In spite of the poor ski conditions, we enjoyed each other's company as well as the accommodations of the Highland House. The 20% exchange rate didn't hurt either. It just goes to show that with a positive attitude a good time can be had even when conditions are not ideal.

**Kurt Duey**

## **NICKLEPLATE / CHINA RIDGE**

**Feb 27 – Mar 2, 2015**

This is a great trip. Our first ski stop at China Ridge has

stunning views and great runs. Our primary destination, NicklePlate (above Apex Ski Resort), is noted for its grandeur, scope, and the variety of beautifully groomed XC, skating and snowshoe trails.

### **Group Number Update!**

While NNSC skiers busily reserved rooms for the China Ridge/NickelPlate ski trip, our hotel (the Penticton Sandman) got a little confused. The manager assigned us a group number identical to our 2014 trip. Hotel staff couldn't understand why we were reserving a date in the past.

I called to clarify the situation and the manager assigned us a "new" group number for 2015 : **249569**. Skiers referencing the old group number (published in the newsletter and on the flier), will simply be redirected to the 2015 group number. Here's a nutshell description of the trip:

- Cost: \$141 USD per person. Based on 8 adults and exchange rate at time of trip.
- Hotel reservation and payment is on your own. Sandman Hotel phone number 250-493-7151 or (800) SANDMAN and quote Group #235665. Must reserve before Feb 1 to get the group rate!
- NicklePlate Trail fee: \$20 each day,
- China Ridge Trail fee: \$15.
- Meal charges are on your own however we do have a kitchen room available if you'd like to fix your own food.

This is a wonderful opportunity to ski world class runs in comfort and style.

Feel free to email with questions at any point. I often teach on Tuesday/Thursday nights so you may not see me at a meeting but you can always call or email.

**Trip Coordinator: Dawn Groves** Contact [dawn@dawngroves.com](mailto:dawn@dawngroves.com) after you've booked your hotel reservations. You'll pay for everything directly and you'll need to arrange your own carpooling. Dawn will keep the group posted on updates and developments. ☺



### **MYSTERY PICTURE**

Identify this skier and win a prize. The prize is a wooden drying rack. Very handy for drying ski clothes, as well as just about everything else. Kurt Duey will decide who is the winner. Send your responses to [kurt.duey@comcast.net](mailto:kurt.duey@comcast.net)

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Monthly meetings are the first Thursday, 7:30 -9 PM

March 5

## 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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