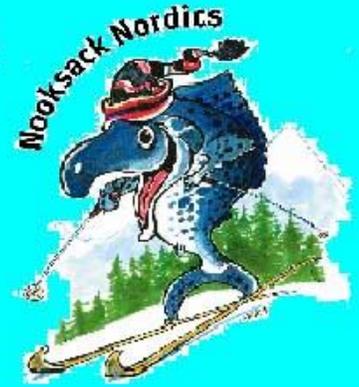


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Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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Club Meeting

When – Thursday, March 2

New Membership Orientation at 7:00 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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CHEAP SKI GEAR!

Fairhaven Bike has a "sale room" that contains a bit of remaining x-c ski gear. If it fills your needs, what's there is priced to sell. There are broken sizes of kid skis and poles, NNN bindings that require the NIS plate, some Solomon bindings, and various boots that mostly fit women or larger kids. The boots look like a mix of NNN and NNN BC.

Jim Rhodes



NNSC wants YOU!

(Part I)

The NNSC by-laws require us to have 8 board members. We have seven and we really need one or two more! The basic requirements are to enjoy a love of Nordic skiing, to be interested in furthering it in Whatcom County, and to invest 2 hours each winter month for an evening board meeting.

Historically, board positions have been filled by identifying individuals and asking them to serve. I am asking for volunteers to self-select and to put their names forward.

If interested, please let a board member know! Or email the club at president@nooksacknordicskiclub.org or Pete Tryon at ski@tryonhayes.com. You would be welcome to be a guest at our next board meeting on Monday, February 27.

Pete Tryon

(Part II)

The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club supports all things Nordic Skiing in Whatcom County. Summarized, they include:

- 1) Coordinating all things relating to the Salmon Ridge SnoPark on the Mt. Baker Highway. This includes things such as writing grants, maintaining trails and signs, and coordinating grooming and mowing contracts.
- 2) Hosting multi-day ski trips for club members to other Nordic ski centers.
- 3) Coordinating and hosting single day ski trips, both on groomed and back-country trails, as well as assisting in carpooling.
- 4) Holding regular general membership meetings in Bellingham with

information pertinent to Nordic skiing and to present a social setting where local skiers can meet.

- 5) Representing club and member interests to recreational committees at the state and local level.
- 6) Publicize Nordic skiing activities to the general public. This includes the newsletter, website, and FaceBook page, as well as local media outlets.
- 7) Educate newcomers to Nordic skiing to the joys of our life-long sport.

The club does many of these things very well. We are struggling with others due to an insufficient number of people available to do the necessary work.

Is there something on this list that you think that could use more attention? Do you have the energy to invest? Please let a board member know! Or email the club at president@nooksacknordicskiclub.org or Pete Tryon at ski@tryonhayes.com. Not too much more needs to be done this winter, but we'd like to have more people in place for next fall. Hopefully we will have another winter with great snow!

Pete Tryon

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NICKEL PLATE TRIP A HUGE SUCCESS

The ski conditions at Nickel Plate Nordic Center were some of the best I have ever experienced there. While below freezing the whole time, the temperatures did not go below 12 degrees C.; Cold but not extremely so. Two of our three days there we had fresh snow. Our trip corresponded with the largest snowfall they had had there so far this season, six inches in two days. This year they opened on the 15th of November and will probably be open to ski through April. There is actually snow there until June but most people are doing other things by then. With the top rate grooming they do at Nickel Plate, the trails were fast and fun, with no icing. The 6,000 foot elevation and open terrain can make for high winds but we were in luck and they didn't blow until Monday, the day we left.

Four of us drove there in my Audi Allroad, which was a good thing, as it was snowing when we left Bellingham and the other drivers were freaking out to have two inches of snow on the road. The county roads to Sumas had up to six inches in places but the M+S tires handled the road without incident.

Likewise we weren't held up more than five minutes at the border. From there it is a short drive north to Highway 1, which is a vital road for the Canadians and always in better conditions than the roads in Whatcom County.

We stopped at The Blue Moose to eat and take a break. As always their menu was tasty and

quick. We tried walking around the town square but the snow was quite deep and hadn't been cleared off all the sidewalks. It was probably the most snow I've ever seen in this rainy outpost of Northwest Culture.

From there we took Highway 3 through Manning Park all the way to Princeton, where we stopped at the new, modern grocery store. It's definitely better than anything in Hope and a good place to buy food as we were cooking for ourselves this trip.

From Princeton we continued down the valley through the mining town of Hedley, turning off on the Nickel Plate Mine Road. It was a single lane graveled track zig-zagging up the side of the mountain. It had maybe three inches of snow on it and only one other set of tire prints on it. The car slowly took us up past the clouds into the high country where the Nordic tracks are located.

It was two o'clock when we arrived and the ticket seller had left for the day, but the trails were there and we were determined to ski. We met Lynn, our trip leader, at the Center and skied for a few hours before going on to our chalet. The snow was new and not icy. We went around Buck's Trek and really enjoyed ourselves in the fluffy snow, laid a few inches upon the groomed trail. When it is good here there is no better place to ski and this was one of those days.

I could go on in such detail about the other three days but suffice to say the snow and weather conditions continued to be very good. We shared each

other's company and food and were well nourished by both. Oh, and we had a good look at a female moose that crossed the road in front of us, as we were returning to Bellingham. I'm so glad that I could make it on this trip and want to thank Lynn Alderson for her selfless efforts to make it happen.

Kurt Duey



Holy Smoke at Nickel Plate

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are the first Thursday at 7:30 pm

November 2



Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Membership Application and SnoPark Order Form

Use this form to purchase SnoPark permits, join the club or renew your membership. Sign and mail to the club with your check. Or, bring it to the next meeting.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____
Street/PO Box City State Zip

Phone 1: _____ (Home, Cell, Work) Phone 2: _____ (H, C, W)

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____

Dues and SnoPark Information

Check Membership Level: \$30 Individual ____ \$45 Household ____ \$15 Student ____ Amount \$ _____

SnoPark Permit – Vehicle License Required for Permit: _____ \$40 SnoPark Fee \$ _____
Vehicle License

Optional Donation – we are a 501(c)3 \$ _____

Total membership + SnoPark + Optional \$ _____

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: _____

I would like to receive Snow News is Good News newsletter by:

Email: _____ U.S. mail: _____

Please make checks out to: Nooksack Nordic Ski Club and mail with this form to:
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