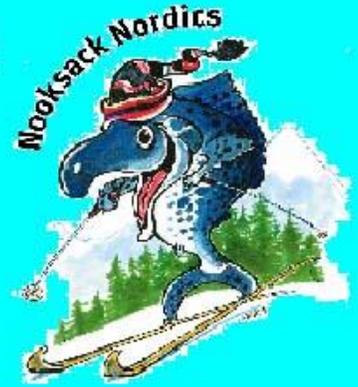


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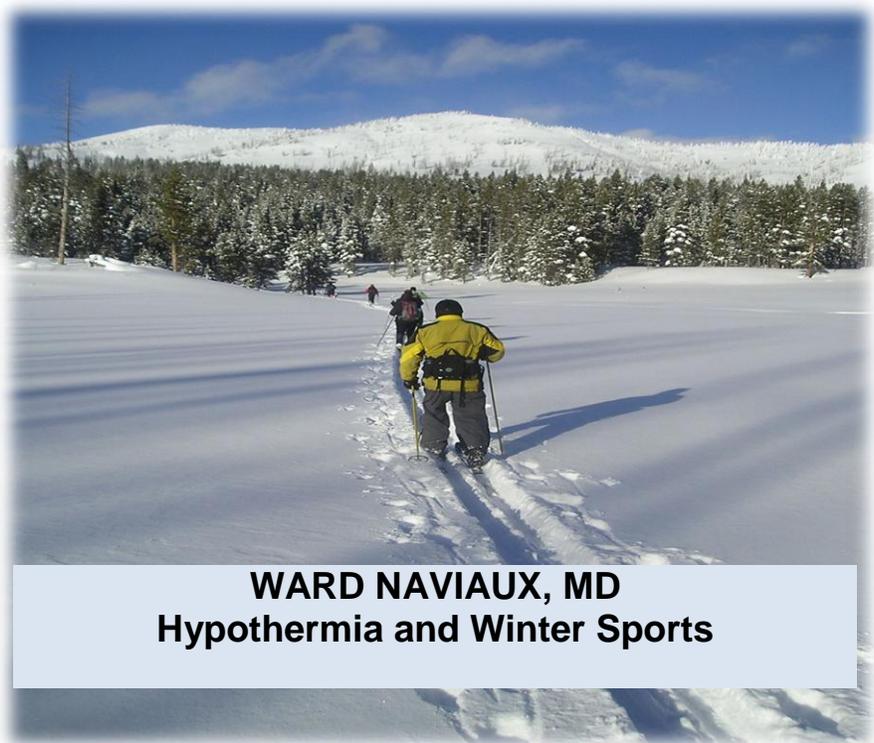
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January 2018



WARD NAVIAUX, MD
Hypothermia and Winter Sports

Club Meeting

When – Monday, January 8th

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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UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

This coming month's meeting (Monday, January 8th at 7:30) will feature Ward Naviaux, MD will present Hypothermia and Winter Sports. Additionally, we will talk about the Nordic skiing opportunities this year, both local and overnight trips. This is an opportunity to promote healthy, fun, outdoor recreation in Whatcom County. Volunteers will be present to hot wax your skis with fresh glide wax. (A modest donation to the club will be appreciated for this service.)

IS YOUR NNSC MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?



Dues are seasonal, with the 2017-18 season starting in September.

Benefits for \$30 single or \$45 per household include:

- "Snow News is Good News" newsletter
- Super trips and other activities, including some to foreign venues (Canada)
- Connecting with other skiers and snowshoers at meetings
- Joining approximately 90 other individuals or households in supporting

local Nordic skiing and snowshoeing

There are several ways to submit an application, including on-line. If you'd like to use old fashioned paper and check, you can find a [membership form](#) on the NNSC web site, the last page of this newsletter or at club meetings.

Sitting at your computer checking out the latest snow reports? While you are there, click on the NNSC web page <http://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org> and renew your membership! From the **Membership tab**, select **Join / Renew**. Look for the link to the **Online Membership Form** and fill in all of the pertinent information.

If using the online form, you'll have an opportunity to pay by PayPal after completing the form.

Using either method, please fill out the form completely. Sign on paper or electronically. Include all of your family on household memberships. And, remember to include your license plate number if buying a Sno-Park permit.

Why not fill out a form right now while you're thinking about it? Or, come to the meeting on Monday, January 8th and pay then.

Jim Rhodes

DON'T FORGET! BUY A SNO-PARK PERMIT

Just a reminder that Sno-Park permits are required to park at the Salmon Ridge Sno-Park or across the road at the Silver Fir campground and Anderson

Creek road trail head. Where do the fees go? They go into a dedicated pot to support winter recreation. They pay for snow removal, sanitation facilities, trail grooming, trail signs, mapping, education and enforcement and administration of the Winter Recreation program. The \$40 annual permit allows you access to over 40 Sno-Parks throughout the state. This year, WDFW officers will join the USFS and the County Sheriff to do more Sno-Park permit education and enforcement. So be sure you have your Sno-Park permits! The fines are steep and do nothing to help fund winter recreation.

You can buy a permit through the NNSC, or on-line at: WA State Parks & Recreation, (click on winter recreation and then purchase a Sno-Park permit on-line). Or you can buy them at: Backcountry Essentials, Crossroads Grocery and Video in Maple Falls, REI, Discover Your Northwest, (at the Glacier Ranger Station).

Gail Garman

SKI LESSONS



Want to learn how to go faster than a walk on your skis? Member Neil Bransfield has 20 years of experience as an XC ski instructor and has volunteered to teach skate and classic cross country skiing for our members. 10AM on Sunday 21 at the Salmon Ridge

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SnoPark (Mile 46.9, Mt. Baker Highway).

This will be a combination class covering classic and skate, beginner to 'tune up'. You will need to supply your own equipment. While beginners are welcome, you should have at least put your skis on before the class.

Please register at www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/events/lessons

NNSC membership is required.

Jim Rhodes

NOOKSACK NORDIC SKI AMBASSADORS THIS SATURDAY!

We resurrected this program last year, now we can make it an annual tradition! Our club is hosting a welcome table at the Salmon Ridge SnoPark (mile 46.9 Mt. Baker Highway) for five Saturdays this winter, from December 30 through January 27, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

Last year we chatted with new SnoPark users, helped 'newbies' with their bindings, sold SnoPark passes, and dispensed gallons and gallons of hot chocolate. We gave out information about the club's activities and signed up new members. We gave out maps and directed snowshoers to the snowshoe trails.

Please join us for some of these Saturdays. Assuming sufficient volunteers, we can also lead groups out on the trails (ski and snowshoe) and provide a few mini-technique lessons. Come for all four hours or just stop by for a few minutes after your ski.

On the final Saturday (January 27th) we will close with the big event. We're expecting REI and the Forest Service to both have tables. With some loaner skis and snowshoes, beginners will have a chance to try out 'fun in the snow.'

A SnoPark pass is required for parking, but you are in luck! We will be selling passes! (Note: cash or check only – we aren't equipped for credit cards with no cell service available.)

So if you are new to the Salmon Ridge SnoPark, come and find out about our local ski trails. If you are new to the club, come and meet some of your fellow club members. And if you are an 'experienced local', come and help us out (although everyone can help pass out hot chocolate.) No RSVP is necessary, but if you would like, feel free to contact Pete at ski@tryonhayes.com.

Volunteers will be there, regardless of weather or snow conditions. The more volunteers we have, the better the job that we can do and the more fun we can have.

Pete Tryon



Ambassador's Day

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

Volunteers are the life blood of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club. New this year we are asking folks when they join to designate a way in which they are willing to help out. You can chose from a variety of tasks like: helping to clear trails of brush, grant writing, becoming a board member, etc... Also we have other positions not listed that we need filled. They are:

New Membership Orientation – this person greets new members at the beginning of the NNSC General Membership meetings to tell folks about the Salmon Ridge Trail system, trips the club sponsors, and answer any questions they may have.

Hospitality – come early to the meeting, set up chairs and tables, get the coffee pot or hot water going, etc...

Trip Leaders – If you know of a ski venue, but don't see that anyone has prepared a trip to that destination, you could be a trip leader. As a reward for overnight trips you will receive your own lodging for free. If you are interested in leading a trip, talk to one of the NNSC Board members and they will help guide you on what needs to be done.

So don't be afraid to speak up and help your club. It is a great way to meet others and give back to the community.

Gail Garman

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SKIS FOR SALE

Mint condition Fischer RCR Classic Vasa cross-country skis with Salomon Pilot Sport Classic bindings. Soft/medium and 202 length. Purchased from Boulder Nordic and used once. Since moving from the east coast, I'm using only waxless. Asking \$250.

Contact Ellen Kennelly, ellenkennelly@me.com



ANDERSON CREEK RD



Thanksgiving 2017 saw another large rain event in the forest that caused damage to numerous Mt. Baker Ranger District roads.

Above is a photo of our twice-repaired Anderson Creek Road as of November 2017.

This coming winter, the groomer may or may not be able to pack

snow on this road and groom it. Snow conditions will determine whether this is a viable ski trail.

Since a RAC grant repair, followed by significant work by Citizens for Forest Roads was unsuccessful, the solution is a \$70k bridge.

At this time, we have no idea where funding may come from, if ever. Possibilities include partnership with Citizens for Forest Roads, a remote chance that this could be included in ERFO (Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads Program) projects by USFS, or USFS restart of logging operations may help with funding.

Jim Rhodes

NNSC Finances

It has been almost 2 years since we published an overview of the club budget in *Snow News*. The club is in a stable position financially, and the 2017-18 budget looks much like the previous one, and the one before that. Major changes from previous years include loss of NRTP funding to brush trails and groom, but increased WA Sno-Park funding.

The numbers look quite large (see next page for Budget). Several line items are essentially "flow through" funds where income eventually equals expenses. SnoPark permit revenues match SnoPark permit expenses. Club trip funds go through our checking account, but expenses should equal receipts.

The club pays for Salmon Ridge trail maintenance and grooming

of White Salmon and Hannegan Rds, then seeks NRTP reimbursement. We quickly adjust NRTP-funded activities on the size of biennial (every 2 years) NRTP grants. If NRTP funds are not awarded, as just happened, then we curtail snow grooming outside the SnoPark and reduce or delay paid maintenance. The club simply cannot afford those kinds expenses out of the treasury. We juggle allocation of that NRTP funding between 2 years of budget as well.

After all of these large expenses are done, the bottom line is that the club, outside of Salmon Ridge, runs on about \$2500 in dues. Dues pay for meeting room rentals, publicity, web site maintenance, newsletter preparation and mailing, and administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are things like 501(c)3 filing, state non-profit fees, any legal expenses, post office box, postage, and anything else that comes up. The table below color codes the club expenses and the various flow through budget items.

Jim Rhodes



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NNSC 2017-18 Budget

	Dec 2017 YTD	Budgeted
Revenue		
MoneyMkt at begin of mo	\$ 2,684.64	\$2,684.64
Cking at begin of mo	\$ 10,277.10	\$10,277.10
Membership	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 2,500.00
Other Income (interest)	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.50
Donations	\$ 718.81	\$ 500.00
NRTP Grant	\$ 3,175.57	\$ -
Ski Trips	\$ -	\$ 6,100.00
Sno-Prk Permits	\$ 1,178.00	\$ 2,500.00
Net Revenue	\$ 19,670.87	\$24,564.24
Expenses		
Grooming - Snow	0.00	\$ -
Grooming - Maintenance	(3,273.10)	\$ (500.00)
Ski Trips Reimbursement	(44.06)	\$ (6,100.00)
SnoPark Permits	(520.00)	\$ (2,500.00)
Ski Trail Maintenance Vol	(335.11)	\$ (300.00)
Special Use Permits	0.00	\$ -
NNSC Newsletter	0.00	\$ (75.00)
Web Page Maintenance	0.00	\$ -
Publicity	(635.00)	\$ (800.00)
Speaker Fees	0.00	\$ -
Administrative	(23.52)	\$ (160.00)
Pay Pal	(39.63)	\$ (70.00)
Room Rental	(120.00)	\$ (240.00)
Connector Trails	0.00	\$ (138.00)
Misc	0.00	\$ -
Total Expenses	(\$4,990.42)	(\$10,883.00)
Color Coding		
NRTP Grant		
Ski Trips		
Sno-Prk Permits		
Club Funds		

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

This is a summary of the October and November 2017 board meetings.

The budget is stable and looks like previous years. The board agreed to cover mowing that went over budget using the remaining REI grant funds.

Pete is heading up Ambassador Days, starting 12/30/17, for 5 Saturdays 10 AM– 2 PM, at Salmon Ridge Sno-Park.

Both ends of the new connector trail between White Salmon and Cougar Loop are in good enough condition that people can follow it. Those sections are described as from White Salmon to the look out, and from Cougar to the big tree. Each is about 1/4 the total distance. Barb from USFS has walked the trail with Pete and is on board with NNSC's plans.

Pacific Northwest Trail would like to take part of PNT off Mt. Baker Highway, roughly following NNSC's connector trail. Various board members have had some discussion with them. Any partnership with PNT is a very long term project.

WA State Parks has given approval to groom all trails, including White Salmon and Hannegan, with SnoPark funds. Grooming will be Mon and Fri.

Pete is in charge of short, day trips and planning a new sign up and email system based on nnscc.org instead of the previous Google group.

Rachel Ropkey was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy.

Board elections take place at the February general meeting.

Speakers have been secured for all six 2017-18 meetings.

The board is reviewing and modifying job descriptions for NNSC positions so that we can accurately describe to volunteers what they are being asked to do. Most of those are approved and complete.

Ask any board member if you'd like a copy of the full minutes of the meeting.

Jim Rhodes



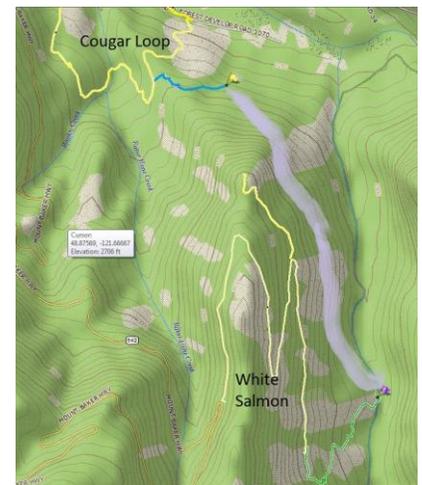
SALAMANDER CONNECTOR TRAIL STATUS

Those of you who have been consistent readers of *Snow News Is Good News* are aware of our efforts to connect the Cougar Loop to the White Salmon trails. The news is that progress has been made!

It is named after the most interesting animal sighted while establishing the route: a (tiger?) salamander. (Ask any long-term club member for the story about naming the Cougar Loop!)

Courtesy of the efforts of many club volunteers, we have some clearing from both ends. Depending on snow cover,

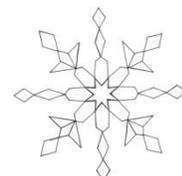
adventurous snowshoers and back-country skiers are welcome to explore from either end. However, do **NOT** plan on through travel at this time! Instead, go as far as you feel like and then turn around and return the way that you came. Either end should provide an interesting exploration for adventurous travelers – the Cougar Loop end is a little more established than the White Salmon. The vague gray line on the map is not ready for prime-time. But we're planning to change it to a brushed trail next summer. Hope you can join us!



Want to join others on exploring this? Or any questions?

Feel free to talk to Pete Tryon or send him an email (ski@tryonhayes.com)

Pete Tryon



MANNING PARK

January 12 thru 15, 2018

Cross Country Ski Trip to Manning Park British Columbia Martin Luther King weekend

Ski four days (stay three nights): groomed trails, snowshoe trails, hot tub, sauna, steam room, swimming pool. This is always a great trip. We stay in 1 chalet which has 2 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, and a central living room, kitchen, Dining/social area.

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. This trip provides a great opportunity for group camaraderie as there can be up to 5 people in each bedroom and up to 10 of us sharing meals that we prepare.

Website:

www.manningpark.com

Lodge number is 1-800-330-3321

Cost per person and deposit to hold your place and pay for your trip is \$156.00 as of 10/05/2017 (This may change depending on the Canadian exchange rate at the time of the trip and the number of participants that we have.)

Payable to NNSC. This may change as the exchange rate fluctuates. It is low right now. Spaces are assigned based on payment date. Elizabeth will be at the November, December meetings to accept deposits or they can be mailed to her (made

out to NNSC) at 103 Morey Ave. Bellingham, WA 98225

Contact **Elizabeth** at emartindale@comcast.net or 360-393-4732 Carpooling is preferable. We will work together re setting up carpools. Bedding and linens are supplied with BASIC dishes and cutlery, a small microwave, coffee pot, and some cooking utensils.



**Pamela Spencer & Kurt Duey
In Manning Park, BC**

LAKE WENATCHEE

February 2 thru 5, 2018

This trip is being offered 2 weeks earlier than in the past.

This area offers six different skiing locations within 16 miles of where we are staying. 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. 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. Nason Ridge is now open to XC skiing thanks to Weyerhaeuser. Lower and Upper Nason Ridge offers approximately 4 miles and 8 miles of groomed trails, respectively. There is also backcountry trails in the area.

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

Welcome (or willkommen) to the River Vista Haus! We invite you to escape to our private riverfront retreat, situated on the incredibly beautiful Wenatchee River, you will enjoy the serenity and bliss of a home-away-from-home vacation. Relax in the warm, cozy comforts of our home while enjoying amazing wildlife, and riverfront views with sounds of rushing water from almost every room. This listing has been available for rent since 2010 and has a 4.9 Star rating.

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.

Cost is \$175 USD per person for lodging. Make checks payable to NNSC for \$175. Mail to 1363 W Lakeside Dr Apt B, Moses Lake, WA 98837.

Coordinator **Lynn Alderson** at 509-885-6342 or lalder3122@yahoo.com.

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STAKE AND LOGAN LAKE TRIP 2

February 16 thru 19, 2018

4 days of skiing, staying 3 nights at a cost of \$250 USD per person including meals, double occupancy.

This high altitude ski destination offers three different settings to ski in. It is less than five hours from Bellingham on good, well-maintained roads. We will be staying at the fabulous Highland House B&B in Logan Lake, BC. offering 5 luxury bedrooms with 2 beds and private full bathrooms. This place is really nice! The cost includes meals (hearty breakfasts with many choices, sack trail lunches, substantial dinners, special dietary needs accommodated). The outdoor hot tub and setting are as outstanding as the rest of the B&B. To visit their website go to: www.highlandhouse.ca.

Enjoy great skiing at any or all of three XC-ski areas: ultra-groomed Stake Lake, semi-groomed Logan Lake, and seldom groomed Kane Valley. 5 min. from our B&B, **Logan Lake** at 1180 meters (base) has 36 kilometers of skate and classic track. Trail fee is \$7. They have 2 km of night-lit groomed trails. On the web go to www.loganlake.com. 20 min. from our B&B, **Stake Lake** at 1315 meters (base) has 60 kilometers of skate and classic track. Trail fee is \$15. It features a large warming hut. On the web go to overlanderskiclub.com. 1 hr. from our B&B, **Kane Valley** at 1160 meters (base) has 50 kilometers of classic and un-groomed trails. Trail fee is \$7. It can be skied on the way up and/or on the way back.

On the web go to www.nicolanordic.ca/kane-valley-trails. All three areas are unique and enjoyable.

To hold a space on this trip send a check for the full amount made out to NNSC to the trip coordinator: **Kurt Duey** at 360-820-4174 or kurt.duey@comcast.net.

These trips have been very popular in past years and fill very quickly. You must be a member to participate in any overnight trip.



NICKEL PLATE

March 2 thru 5, 2018

Nickel Plate Nordic Centre is located in the Okanagan Valley, just 45 minutes from Penticton. It has approximately 34 miles of groomed trails for both classic and skate skiing. Additionally, there is 9 miles of marked snowshoe trails. Nickel Plate has one of the longest ski seasons in the western hemisphere, with trails for all abilities. Elevation is 6,000 feet.

Nickel Plate has a warm and cozy 4,000 square foot day lodge with kitchen, eating and lounge areas, and separate heated washrooms and shower facilities. Source: nickelplatenordic.org.

We will be staying in a Rustic Ski Condo near Apex Ski Resort. It will be a 15 minute drive to the Nickel Plate Nordic Center from the condo. The condo is called Rustic Ski Condo at Keremeos, BC. It can be seen at www.airbnb.com. The exposed log beams and stamped concrete flooring give this condo a true mountain lodge feel. The loft has 3 beds side by side, a TV area, a bathroom and an unobstructed view of treetops and sky. The main floor has 2 private bedrooms, a kitchen/dining area, a bathroom and another seating area just off the deck. The best part is relaxing in the hot tub overlooking the Grandfather Run, the drifting snow or the starry skies.

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.

Cost is \$210 USD per person for lodging. Make checks payable to NNSC for \$210. Mail to 1363 W Lakeside Dr Apt B, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Coordinator **Lynn Alderson** at 509-885-6342 or lalder3122@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monthly meetings at 7:30 pm, as follows:

February 5
March 5

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: _____

Select Club Tasks you could help with:

Serve on NNSC Board _____

Clear brush from trails _____

Find speakers/programs _____

Put up trail signs and sanican base _____

Help with Ambassador Days _____

Write an article for "Snow News" _____

Audit NNSC financial records _____

Write a grant, or, fundraising _____

Lead a ski trip _____

Please make checks out to: Nooksack Nordic Ski Club and mail with this form to:
Nooksack Nordic Ski Club, P.O. Box 28793, Bellingham, WA 98228

Deposit Date
Sno Park #

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