

# Snow News IS Good News

Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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## February 2018



**AVALANCH AWARENESS  
DUSTIN BRYNE**

## Club Meeting

**When** – Thursday, February 5th

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, February 5th at 7:30). 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, November 6 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**

## 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



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## LOGAN LAKE & SILVER STAR RESORT – JANUARY 2018 TRIP REPORT

There were 9 adults and 2 children on this trip. Most of us had skied together for years. We were able to ski all three areas. Kane Valley, Logan Lake and Stake Lake. Saturday we skied in snowflakes for most of the afternoon. Everywhere we skied was wonderful, mostly sunny and great ski conditions! This year we celebrated Jim's retirement and Lynne's birthday. The roads were in great shape and we are reminded that one day can make all the difference. Highway 5 was closed the day before we came up due to recent snow levels and cars and trucks not adhering to laws regarding winter travel. Unfortunately, Jim and Sue decided to travel one day early and it took them twice as long to get to the B & B.

Five of us decided in November to extend our trip to Silver Star Resort in Vernon BC. We stopped in Larch Hills XC Ski Area in Salmon Arm on our way to Vernon and had a couple of hours to ski in another club tracked venue. This is a fun place with a variety of XC trails. We skied two days at Sovereign Lakes and the last day we had fresh powder to ski in. One day

at Silver Star where we crossed downhill ski areas, saw snowshoers and fat bikes on the multiuse trails. On the mountain was by far the coldest, -22 Celsius (-7.6 Fahrenheit). Nevertheless, as long as you kept moving you were warm and the sunny weather sure helped!

**Sharon Robinson**



**Sharon Robinson at Silver Star in 2018**

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.



**Tina Wang, Dana and Pat Downs at Stake Lake in 2017.**

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## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:lalder3122@yahoo.com).

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monthly meetings at 7:30 pm, as follows:

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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