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Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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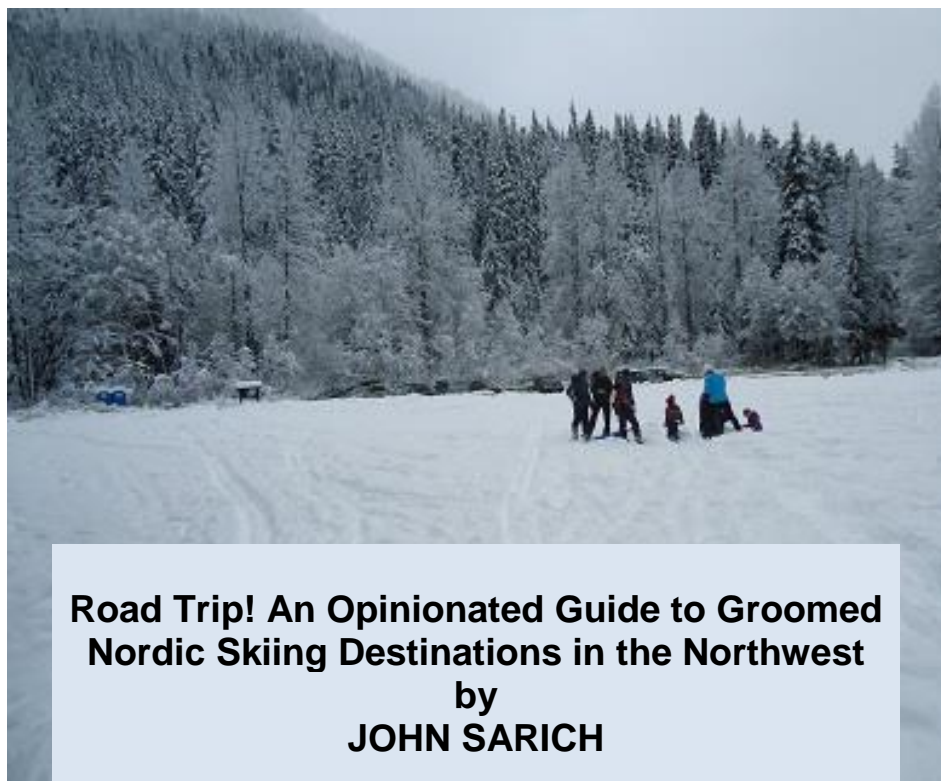
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DECEMBER 2018



**Road Trip! An Opinionated Guide to Groomed
Nordic Skiing Destinations in the Northwest
by
JOHN SARICH**

Club Meeting

When – Monday, December 3rd

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!

Monday, December 3, 2018: 7:30 PM. **Road Trip! An Opinionated Guide to Groomed Nordic Skiing Destinations in the Northwest.** Even in poor snow years, there are many great Nordic Ski destinations nearby that have reliable snow and great trail systems. John Sarich's presentation will help you plan your winter recreation by discussing many of our favorite cross-country ski areas and detailing the pros and cons of each.

At 7:00, a new/prospective member orientation to the club and its activities will be presented. The general meeting with the featured presentation will start at 7:30.

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.)

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Ski club members please list the Ski Club as your charitable donation organization of choice! The club gets a percentage of total sales each quarter. The following notice has come out: "An AmazonSmile bonus donation promotion is coming soon. We heard from AmazonSmile charity administrators that advanced notice of upcoming promotions

helps you plan and prepare. This is a great opportunity for Nooksack Nordic Ski Club to increase its AmazonSmile donations.

smile.amazon.com

NNSC HAS VACANCIES VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED !

Members here is your chance to get involved and learn more about the club, how a board of director's functions and what it takes to run a non-profit. Wonderful job experience and looks great on a resume. All you have to do is volunteer, at a minimum come to a Board meeting once a month for 2 hours for seven months out of the year. You will be working with a great bunch of people who care about this club, its role in the community and the direction it is taking. Come join the fun. Interested parties please contact Pete Tryon, NNSC President or any of the board members.

Volunteers are also needed for the following positions:

- Backup web person
- Membership person
- Hospitality person
- Trip Leaders

Gail Garman

BUY YOUR SNO-PARK PERMIT!

Don't forget to buy a Sno-Park permit! You'll need one to park at the Salmon Ridge Sno-Park, or across the highway at the Anderson Creek or Silver Fir campground, between Nov 1st to April 30th. You can purchase them through our ski club

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NNSC, or at REI, Back-country Essentials, or at Cross-roads Grocery in Maple Falls. Or purchase them on-line at: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/winter/nonmotorparks/permits/>. They are \$40 for a seasonal permit or



a one day permit, plus \$2 extra if you buy them through a retail store. It's really a good deal. At other commercial or club ski areas each person has to pay a trail fee each time they go. For the price of one Sno-Park permit, you can load up your vehicle with friends or family and go to over 47 Sno-Parks for the whole winter. It's really a good value for the money.

By buying a Sno-Park permit, you are supporting your community trails and ski club. Sno-Park fees go into a dedicated fund which supports the WA State non-motorized Winter Recreation program. Proceeds are used to maintain and improve all the Sno-Park facilities throughout WA via Sno-Park grants. They pay for plowing out the Sno-Park, sanitation facilities, some of the trail grooming, signs, mapping, education, enforcement and program administration. This program is totally self sustaining. No tax payer money is used! Don't get caught without one; the fine is steep!

Both the County Sheriff and the USFS do enforcement and education, so be sure to display your permit on your windshield.

When you go, we want your feedback. Please send your Nordic ski and snowshoe conditions reports to Pete Tryon at ski@tryonhayes.com so we can post them on the NNSC website to share with others. And if you see any trail obstructions, downed trees, etc... we need to know about these so we can go clear them from the trail. You can also give feedback on the condition of a Sno-Park directly to the WA State Parks and Recreation Commission, on-line at: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/FormCenter/Winter-Recreation-9/SnoPark-Onsite-Evaluation-Form-68>.

Thank you for your help.

Gail Garman



**Lynne Oliver, Joan Dudley,
Elizabeth Martindale, Dick Etter,
Alan and Susan Richardson**

STAKE AND LOGAN LAKE TRIP 1

**December 29, 2018 thru
January 1, 2019**

4 days of skiing, staying 3 nights at a cost of \$260 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 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 web site 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 \$10 cash. They have 2 km of night-lit groomed trails. On the web go to <http://highlandvalleyoutdoorassociation.com/>. 20 minutes from our B&B, Stake Lake at 1315 meters (base) has 60 kilometers of skate and classic track. Trail fee is \$15 cash or credit card. 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 \$10 cash. 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

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the **trip coordinator: Jim Rhodes**, 2605 Jensen Road, Bellingham 98226. Jim can be reached for questions at (360)340-8417 or james.c.rhodes@gmail.com.

This trip has been very popular in past years and fills very quickly. You must be a member to participate in any overnight trip.

MOUNT SPOKANE

January 18 thru January 21

The Mt. Spokane Cross-Country Ski Park has almost 60 km (37 miles) of trails that range from easy to difficult. The main Selkirk Lodge has indoor plumbing, water, and tables. The Nova Hut has a wood stove and tables, and is a great destination or a resting point on the way to the far trails. Trails are groomed nightly, Wednesday through Sunday depending on sufficient snow base and other circumstances. The Cross-Country Ski Park and the Selkirk Lodge opens daily at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 pm.

Parking – A Sno Park Permit and a Special Groomed Trails Permit sticker are required for each vehicle, and are good for all passengers in the vehicle. Drivers are responsible for the Sno Park Permit. Riders will share the cost of the Special Groomed Trails Permit. The SGTP will stay with the driver after the trip is completed. The Snow Park Permit and SGTP contribute to a State fund that pays for snow plowing of roads and parking lots, the trail groomer and groomer operator, and other State Park winter maintenance expenses.

Housing – Oxford Suites at 15015 E Indiana Avenue, Spokane Valley, WA 99216. Rooms are a group rate of \$105 each plus guest room taxes currently at 12.9% plus a \$2 tourism tax per night. Reservations can be made at 509-847-1000 and mention Lynn Alderson Ski Group to obtain the group rate. Rooms have two queen beds. Your reservation must be made by 12-19-2018 after which rooms that are not reserved will be returned to general inventory. Please advise me if you plan to attend this trip and I will try to connect people with each other so we can share a room.

Amenities – Full Hot Breakfast Buffet; Evening Reception featuring appetizers and your choice of wine, beer or soft drinks; On-site Restaurant & Lounge Oxford Riverside Bistro available nightly from 4:00 pm until 9:30 pm; Parking; Indoor Pool, Spa, Sauna, Steam Room and more.

Meals – Oxford Suites provides breakfast on site. Lunch will be on your own, so bring food for it. At night, the group will decide where to eat. There are many restaurants in the area.

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



**Nickle Plate
Kurt and Krista**

STAKE AND LOGAN LAKE TRIP 2

February 15 thru February 18

Stake & Logan Lakes & Kane Valley – Coordinated by Kurt Duey

4 days of skiing, staying 3 nights at a cost of \$260 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 B&B was built to house the managers of the nearby pit mine and they spared no expenses building it. 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 web site go to: www.highlandhouse.ca.

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To hold a space on this trip send a check for the full amount made out to NNSC to the trip coordinator: Kurt at 360-820-4174 or kurt.duey@comcast.net. Mailing address: 2601 North Park Drive, Bellingham, WA. 98225. They will not be cashed until after the trip and a full refund is possible until January 15th.

I encourage carpooling and will need to be contacted by anyone who sends me a check, as I am in South America until Nov. 20th.

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 TRIP

March 1 thru 4

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 at the Sandbluff Ranch in Penticton, BC. We will drive to the Nickel Plate Nordic Center from the ranch. The ranch can be seen at www.airbnb.com.

Sandbluff Ranch is a 2 acres estate property on the west side of Penticton. It is surrounded by cherry and apple orchards and has a view from every direction including glorious sunsets from the sunset deck overlooking the valley from Skaha Lake to Lake Okanagan. This house features 3500 sq. ft of living space with 4 bedrooms, 6 beds, 3 full baths, huge kitchen, lounge, family room w/TV, Media room with TV & Ping Pong. Walmart, Superstore, a host of great restaurants, wineries are nearby.

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 \$183 USD per person for lodging. Make checks payable to NNSC for \$183. 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:

January 7
February 4
March 4



Happy Holidays

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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

<u>Deposit Date</u>
<u>Sno Park #</u>