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Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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FEBRUARY 2019



AVALANCHE AWARENESS by **JIM MEDIATORE** **AMERICAN ALPINE INSTITUTE**

Club Meeting

When – Monday, February 4th

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, February 4, 2019: 7:30 PM. Avalanche Awareness. Jim Mediatore from American Alpine Institute will do a presentation on Avalanche Awareness at 7:30 pm, Feb 4th at the Garden Street Methodist church. 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.

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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

LOGAN LAKE TRIP REPORT

We had a full house, with 11 adults and 2 kids on the New Year trip to Logan Lake.

"Room 5" with the sun room is no longer, replaced by Jill's travel trailer. If you're thinking about going on the February trip, sign up earlier rather than later so you can pad down the hall to breakfast in your slippers rather than having to get dressed to come in through the cold from outside.

The trip almost got cancelled due to lack of snow, but snow started falling a few days prior to our arrival and Overlander Ski Club,

true to form, set impeccable tracks at Stake Lake on almost nothing in just a few days. While it then warmed up and froze, we still had workable ski conditions. On our last morning, we were greeted by a skiff of new snow, greatly enhancing ski conditions.

Those who stopped at Kane Valley near Merritt reported surprisingly good early season ski conditions there.

Evenings were filled with good conversation, book reading, a few trips to the hot tub, nice meals and lots of snacks and wine.

With 2 and 8-year olds in tow, the Rhodes families didn't see much of the rest of the group during the day, although we did cross paths in the lodge at lunch time.

We started the first day with a 2-year-old temper tantrum because she didn't have any of "those sticks" (aka poles) like everybody else.



Older sister just considered the source and skied off alone into the wilderness (aka easy green trail north out of the parking lot). Grandpa caught up and skied with her while the rest of the

family dealt with the "lack of sticks".



Little sister finally got stuffed in the bike/ski trailer, which seemed quite OK, and the solution for much of the weekend.

Jim Rhodes

A GENEROUS OFFER

Each winter I spend a month or so over in the Methow Valley enjoying their wonderful Nordic trail system. This winter I have rented a nice two-bedroom cabin on the outskirts of the Edelweiss area just south of the metropolis of Mazama. I will be there from mid-January thru mid-February. On occasion I do have a friend or two join me. However, I would like to throw open to anyone in the club who is interested in using that second bedroom. I am not looking for any remuneration, just want to share this wonderful place with others who might enjoy it. If you would like more information, contact me either at: guluda@gmail.com or 206-605-0596. Thanks.

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 .

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 min. 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

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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 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.

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



**Logan Lake 2019
Noriko, Carla, Kurt,
Lynne O, and Karen**

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.

Housing - We will be staying at the Days Inn in Penticton, BC. We will drive to the Nickel Plate Nordic Center from the hotel. Rooms have 2 beds. Cost is \$119 plus tax CDN\$. 72-hour cancellation. Phone number is 1-250-493-6616.

Meals – Breakfast is served at the hotel or you can bring your own breakfast. For lunch bring your own food. Dinner will be at a restaurant.

Please advise me if you plan to attend and/or want help locating a room partner.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monthly meetings at 7:30 pm, as follows:

February 4

March 4



Happy Skiing

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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