

Snow News IS Good News

Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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NNSC Club Meeting "Exotic Destinations on Skis" January 8, 2009

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Steve Barnett
Presents
Nordic tours through Grand
Canyon, Zion, Arches, and
Crater Lake National Parks -
and Mexico, too.



Club Meeting

When - Thursday, Jan 8th, 7 - 9 pm
New member orientation is at 6:30;
meeting starts at 7:00.

Who - Anyone interested in Nordic
Skiing is welcome!

Where - ReStore, 2309 Meridian St.,
on the corner of Broadway and
Meridian in Bellingham. The meeting
room is on the second floor. To enter,
park in the lot behind the building and
walk up the outdoor staircase.

Your Volunteer Time Needed



The club is run and maintained by
volunteers. You and your closest
friends are needed to fill several
positions:

- Board Member
- Publicity Chair
- Newsletter Editor

Call or email Ed Halasz to volunteer
either your self or one or more of
those friends.

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SnoPark Permits



Washington Sno-Park permits are accepted in Washington, Oregon & Idaho. Where do the permit fees go? Specifically, they go to SALMON RIDGE! Proceeds from permit sales are used to maintain and improve non-motorized Sno-Park facilities. They pay for snow removal, sanitation facilities, trail grooming, trail signs, mapping, parking lot construction, education, enforcement and program administration. There are more than 40 SnoParks in Washington. Print a map at: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/winter/parks/nonmotorparks.asp>

Cost: 1 day permit: \$10, Seasonal permit \$30. The fine is much more and no fun – and we have seen them enforcing this season.

Permits are available by purchasing with your membership, at club meetings, or at any of the following locations:

Crossroads Grocery & Video
(360) 599-9657
7802 Silver Lake Road - Maple Falls

Backcountry Essentials
(360) 543-5678
214 W. Holly - Bellingham (360)

Fairhaven Bike & Ski
(360) 733-4433
1108 – 11th St – Bellingham

REI - Bellingham
(360) 647-8955
400 36TH St. - Bellingham

Sportsman Chalet
(360) 671-1044
114 W. Holly - Bellingham

You can order a 1 day permit online:
<https://fortress.wa.gov/parks/ecommerce/sno/dsnoftp0.asp>

We'd like to recognize Crossroads Grocery in Maple Falls for agreeing to be a SnoPark permit vendor. When everyone else east of Bellingham stopped selling permits, citing the time required to sell permits for a \$1 fee, this local business stepped in to serve the community. On your way through Maple Falls, stop and tell them "thank you" and buy something.

Is Your NNSC Membership Current?

If you received a pleasant email message about a month ago reminding you about your 2008-2009 season dues and haven't paid yet, then we're soon going to stop communicating with you. If that is what you desire, then no action is necessary. However, we'd certainly like to retain you as a member! Memberships are available at meetings or by mail. A complete application includes payment plus a fully filled out and signed membership form. Household memberships must be signed by all persons covered under the membership. Find a form [on the NNSC web site](#), on the back of club brochure, or at club meetings. Memberships are \$30 for individuals or \$45 per households.



High Divide Trip Report

By Cora and Hattie



It is a LONG drive up Canyon Creek Rd. We arrived at the trail head about 10 on Fri Dec 5 under threatening grey skies. Being dressed at all times, we sniffed around while Dad fiddled around with a bunch of clothing and gear.

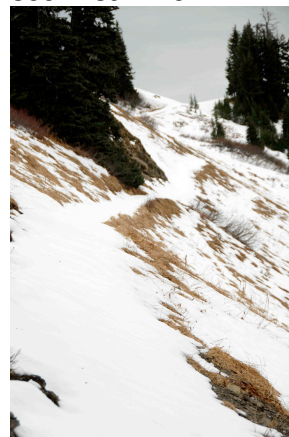
Finally, off we went, hitting snow quickly. There was solid, hard snow at Damfino Lakes, which were iced over. We both went walking on the ice until we got yelled at. What a grinch we go with! The ice was holding us with our 8 feet just fine.

Dad took his snow shoes and Hattie's boots, but the snow was so hard nobody needed that stuff – just human boots and dog feet.



There was nobody else out. We're supposed to stay strictly on the trail and never, ever bother the local residents. But with the trail covered completely by snow, we got to kind of stretch things a bit and check out what might be under some of the alpine firs sticking out of the snow. No chasing or bugging the locals, though.

The weather was cold and windy, with a very high overcast. You could even see the lower parts of Mt. Baker across the valley from the high ridge. It was a rather nice, unusual view that you don't see in summer.



We got a full dog meal, too, because of the weather. Hattie's picture was taken at lunch time.

Oh, did we mention, nobody else was out there? We had the place to ourselves for a grand trip.

We don't type too well, so dictated this prior to falling asleep after a great (and legal) dog snow hike.

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Ski Clinic

Sunday, Jan 11 there will be a free ski clinic ONLY for NNSC club members. It starts at 10:00 AM, near the Salmon Ridge parking lot. The instructor is Steve Hindman. Steve started Salmon Ridge with his wife and is also the author of "Cross-Country Skiing: Building Skills for Fun and Fitness", published by The Mountaineers.



Hollyburn Day Trip

Saturday, Jan. 24, 8am there will be a day trip to the Hollyburn Nordic Ski Area at Cypress Mountain. 19 kilometers of groomed trails ranging from very easy to difficult. Hot lunch is available at the historic Hollyburn Lodge on the trail or bring your own and come in and sit down and get warm. Trail pass is \$16.98 ca (or \$11.32 ca over 65), credit cards accepted.



See www.cypressmountain.com for more information. Carpool meets at 8am at Sunset Square parking lot at the SE corner near Cost Cutter grocery at the rock wall. About a 1-1/2 hour drive, mostly on freeways to North Vancouver. **BRING YOUR PASSPORT!** or other acceptable ID to re-enter the USA. Call leader, Don Hicks, 360-733 - 4815 for details and confirmation.

Day Trips

Contact Don Hicks at 733-4815 if you would like to carpool and ski with companions for a day outing. Destination and transport decided by participants that Don gets together.



There is potential for good day trips in the area at Salmon Ridge, Hollyburn and perhaps Manning Park and Snoqualmie Pass.

So, decide to get out, call some friends, call Don, and go see what's happening in the area.

Free Lodging

Hey skiers, have you heard about the **FREE** lodging at your favorite X-C resort? Be a trip coordinator for the NNSC! It is simple and fun... First make reservations at your favorite X-C resort or the dream one for enough of us that want to go usually about 5 to 10 people. Fill out your perspective trip using the online form at the NNSC website and submit it. Make sure the price you submit covers your stay for **FREE**. Your wonderful and cheerful trip scheduler will either approve it or not. Once the trip is full let us know. You get to stay for **FREE**! WOW....Need more information? Call John Sanborn at 756-1264



P.S. There is some work involved, collecting money and making sure the trip breaks even, talking with your lodge host and potential trip participants – that sort of thing.

Salmon Ridge Update

The SnoPark signs are up and the trails were groomed on Friday, Dec 26, with good snow cover on the trails.



The snow shoe trails are marked with flagging and awaiting more snow for additional brushing and marking. Snow shoers are asked to used Razorhone to Bob's (on the river side of Razorhone)

Thank YOU! Each and every one of YOU



Sat Nov 22 was our final trail maintenance work party for the season. It was a HUGE success, with many, many folks turning out to brush snow shoe trails and Anderson Road. In no particular order, thank you to

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