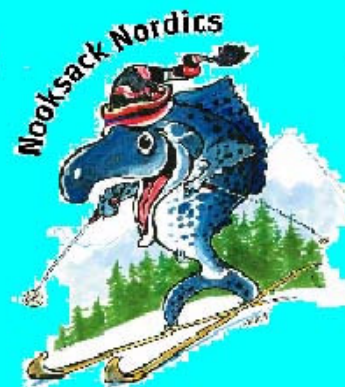


Snow News IS Good News

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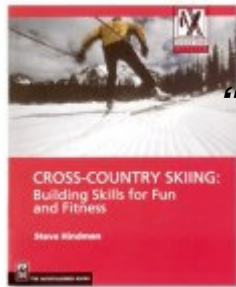
Fairhaven Bike & Ski Shop

will discuss

"Ski Waxing and Tuning"

on

February 5, 2009



Club Meeting

When - Thursday, Feb 5th, 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

Volunteers!



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.

Visit Our Website for the Latest Information: www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org

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/dsnostp0.asp>

On Saturday, January 31, both the State Patrol and the Whatcom County Sheriff checked the vehicles in the parking lot for Sno-Park permits. Neither found any violators during the two checks. Thanks to all of the folks supporting Salmon Ridge with their permit purchases.

Hollyburn Day Trip

By Don Hicks



On Saturday, January 24, 7 of us (including 5 new members) made a fast (1-1/2 hour) drive to the Hollyburn XC-ski area at Cypress Mountain. There were no international boarder delays going or coming (I mean 0 minutes!). The snow was very old (2 weeks) and hard, but well groomed (similar to the conditions at Manning the previous weekend). The warm temperature (32 degrees F) with partially sunny sky's softened it some in the afternoon. The greatest problem we had was found to be herringboning up the steeper hills on the hard icy snow. Some of us just took our skis off and walked up. Coming down was fast but manageable, especially with my metal edged skis (I didn't fall or sit down once! and was linking snowplow turns to control my speed!). Everyone had a great time on a very pleasant day and with good company.

Salmon Ridge Update



With the receipt of our N RTP grant, grooming has resumed on White Salmon and Hannegan Roads. Neither are part of the Sno-Park, allowing alternative destinations for those who have arrived without a Sno-Park permit. In addition, Hannegan Road is dog friendly.

We're exploring the possibility of our groomer doing some additional trail maintenance so that he'll be able to groom all the way to the new bridge.

The new lower snowshoe trails start to the left of the gate. They are well marked with blue flagging, quite well brushed and easy to follow. Trail signs have been installed at the entrance to all trail segments except on Grizzly, the last section on the far side of Razor Hone Creek.

The first section of snowshoe trail is easy and very beautiful, meandering near the river. River views continue after the first intersection with the Razor Hone Rd ski track, but there are a couple icy, treacherous sections with scrambles up steep banks. The Huckleberry trail (that crosses Blueberry and goes to the bridge) is fairly well brushed, and also signed and well flagged. There is a steep ascent up the first section right at Razor Hone Road, but the rest of the trail is much easier.

The Grizzly trail on the east side of the bridge is very brushy, quite steep and needs more work.

Snowshoers, please walk on the river side shoulder of Razor Hone Road and not on the ski tracks or center lane of the road (this area is reserved for skate skiers). Thank you.

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Manning Park Ski Trip



Hi Ken,

I know you have the gift of the pen. Can you write up a brief summary of the MLK weekend Manning trip for this month's newsletter? We need it within the next day, if possible.

Ed

Oh geez Ed, do I hafta? You were there, you know what happened.

The snow was quite good, though the grooming left something to be desired. On Friday they had dragged some primitive rake over the ice so as to make attractive stripes on it. By the time we got on snow it was beginning to warm up a little, and could be skied effectively. However after about 2:45 pm it stiffened back up again and afforded some thrilling descending opportunities which most of us took full advantage of, whether we preferred it or not. Graduation Hill nearly graduated several of us into the Great Beyond. I skied down using my infamous backwards snowplow technique (because I snowplow really weakly frontwards) and got down easily that way. (I spent the entire rest of the trip trying to persuade anyone else to give the technique a chance. There were no takers. Apparently my method has even less style than taking the skis off, 'cause I couldn't get anyone else to give it a try.)

They didn't bother to groom on Saturday. The snow was potentially excellent, and the day was beautiful, but I missed the grooming. Sunday was another gorgeous day, and the grooming was first rate. Everyone all up and down the trail was beaming and

skiing their very best. The snow makes the skier, after all. I very pointedly complimented the staff on the excellence of the grooming, and said how much we'd enjoy seeing grooming that good again on Monday. Later Elizabeth Martindale went in and hammered the same nail a little deeper. However they failed to groom again on Monday, so we dealt with the ice and ruts as best we could.

Saturday night was memorable because we got together to do music. Karl had his ukulele, and played masterfully. There were a couple of copies of the songbook "Rise Up Singing" and several people sang. I had a clarinet with me, and did the best I could with that. It was fun!

For those of you who haven't been there, the lodge, bar and restaurant are all beautiful log buildings with miraculous animal carvings everywhere. It is quite pleasant just to be there, but the skiing is the icing on the cake.

Ken Rasmussen

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.

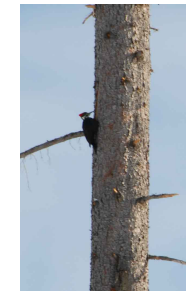
So, decide to get out, call some friends, call Don, and go see what's happening in the area.

Logan Lake Ski Trip

By Kurt Duey



A good time was had by all. Next year this trip will happen Dec 31 – Jan 2, 2010. I am sure it will fill up and urge those interested to sign up early. \$100 deposit to NNSC. Give the checks to Mel Davidson, our treasure.

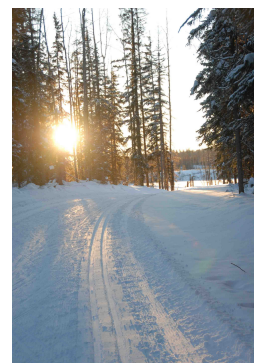


Ten members attended the Logan Lake ski trip. Below freezing temperatures and over eight inches of snow allowed us a ski-able base at all three

courses. Skiing was above average, with Stake Lake being icy and fast.

The weather going there was good, with the road clear and open. The Highland House food was Canadian interior food, good, prompt, discreetly served. I heard no complaints from any of the members regarding food. Likewise, the service was good with the only problem being too much heat to the bedrooms.

For me this was an above average trip, with a good group of people and favorable ski conditions. Just the kind of trip I like.



State Seeks Volunteers to Evaluate Grants for Parks, Trails, and Shooting Ranges

OLYMPIA—The state Recreation and Conservation Office is looking for 17 volunteers to fill vacancies on four advisory committees for parks, trails, and firearm and archery ranges. The advisory committees make recommendations to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board on project funding and policy issues. The board is the largest provider of grants for parks in Washington.

Trails

- Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee: This committee evaluates grant applications for projects that help maintain backcountry trails and provide trail safety and education programs.

Volunteers are needed to represent:

- State residents interested in trails (such as land use planners, public policy specialists, statisticians or specialists with knowledge of backcountry trails and related issues).
- Equestrians.
- Off-road vehicle motorcycle recreationists.

Members will serve from March 2009 through December 2012 and generally review grant application materials at home and attend one meeting a year.

- Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Committee: This committee evaluates grant applications from local, state and federal agencies for projects to help plan, acquire land, develop and maintain facilities for motorized and non-motorized recreation. The program also supports education and law enforcement grants for outdoor recreation.

Volunteers are needed to represent:

- Federal land management agencies.
- Local law enforcement agencies.
- Outdoor recreationists, such as hikers, equestrians, backpackers, cross-country skiers, hunters, anglers, wildlife viewers, gatherers, etc.
- All-terrain vehicle riders.

Members will serve from March 2009 through December 2012 and generally review grant application materials at home and attend two, multiple-day meetings a year.

Parks

- Land and Water Conservation Fund Advisory Committee: This committee evaluates grant applications for projects that preserve and develop outdoor recreation areas including parks, trails and wildlife lands.

Volunteers are needed to represent eastern Washington:

- Residents.
- Local government.

Members will serve from March 2009 to December 2011 and generally will attend up to four weekday meetings a year.

Shooting Ranges

- Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Advisory Committee: This committee evaluates grant applications from local agencies and non-profit organizations for projects that acquire, develop and renovate shooting and archery ranges.

Volunteers are needed to represent:

- Archery.
- General public.
- Hunter education.
- Law enforcement.
- Military.
- Shotgun.

Members will serve from March 2009 to December 2011 and attend two to four meetings a year.

General Requirements

The Recreation and Conservation Office's goal is to ensure that committee members represent the full range of Washington's diversity. Ideal candidates have a statewide perspective, understand the needs of people doing their respective recreational activity and regularly communicate with them. Candidates should have a good grasp of the issues related to their recreational activity, have the time to fully participate in committee activities, actively work for win-win solutions and seek creative outcomes. Candidates may be members of organizations that apply for grants or be past members of the committees.

When the budget allows, travel expenses are provided.

To Apply

Send a completed application and support materials to the Recreation and Conservation Office no later than Feb. 13. Applications and more information are available online at:http://www.rco.wa.gov/rcfb/temp/adv_cmte_recruit_forms.htm or by contacting Lorinda Anderson at 360-902-3009 or lorinda.anderson@rco.wa.gov (TDD at 360-902-1996).

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