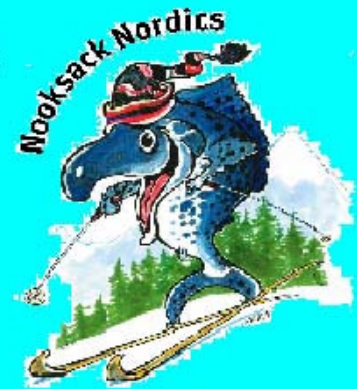


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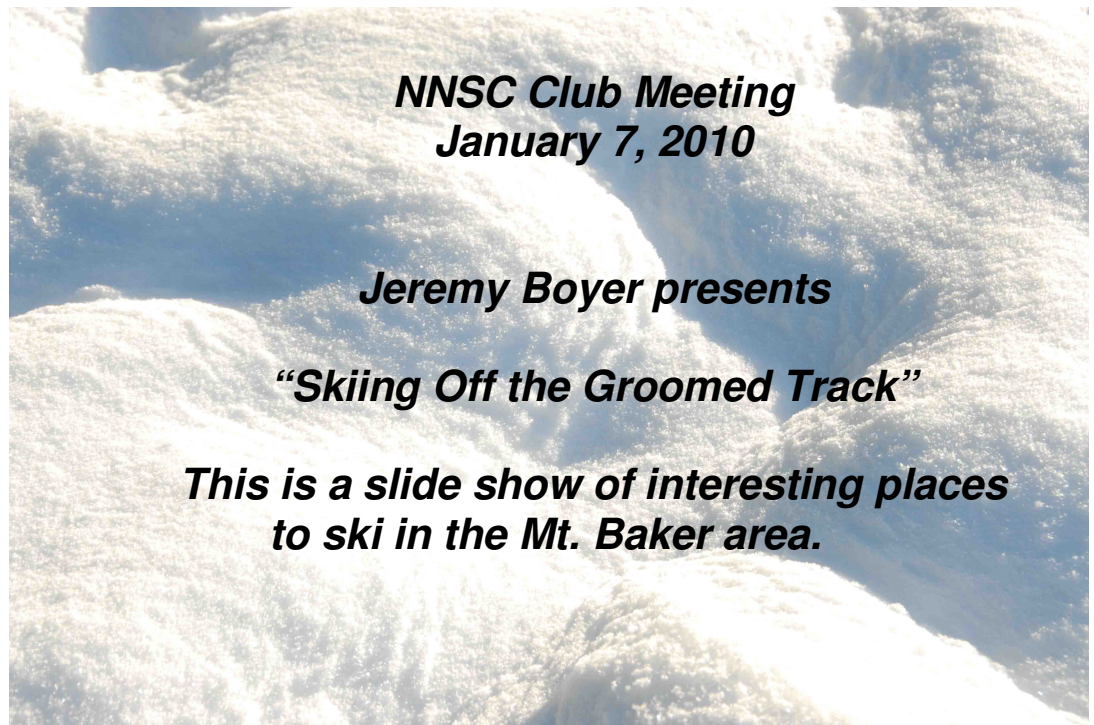
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NNSC Club Meeting January 7, 2010

Jeremy Boyer presents

“Skiing Off the Groomed Track”

*This is a slide show of interesting places
to ski in the Mt. Baker area.*



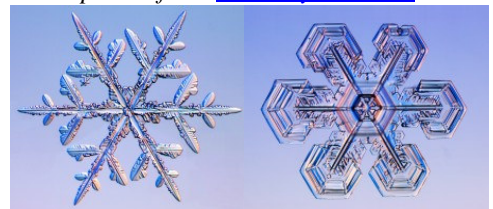
Club Meeting

When – Thursday, January 7.
New member orientation is at 6:30;
meeting starts at 7:00.

Who - Anyone is welcome!

Where – ReStore Sustainable Living
Center classroom, 2309 Meridian,
Bellingham, WA. Enter from the alley
behind the building, then up the stairs to
the second floor.

*Snowflakes and snow crystals are made of ice, and pretty much nothing more. A **snow crystal** is a single crystal of ice. **Snowflake** can mean an individual snow crystal, or a few snow crystals stuck together, or large agglomerations of snow crystals that form "puff-balls" that float down from the clouds. Description & photos from SnowCrystals.com*



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

Olympic Cross-Country Tickets for Sale



Here is your chance to take advantage of a once in a lifetime opportunity. The Olympics are coming to Whistler and you have a chance to be there.

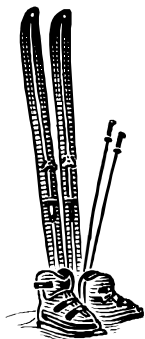
If you have tried to find available tickets, you have undoubtedly found that they are all sold out for the cross-country skiing.

However, I won the lottery last May and have two tickets which are still available. These tickets are for the Women's Cross-Country relay, 4 X 5K. This event will be held on Thursday, February 25, at the new cross-country venue at Whistler Olympic Park.

The tickets are the "A" tickets, for reserved grandstand seating, which should be the best way to watch the relay. I will be selling them for face value, \$97 each, which I think also includes the bus transportation from Vancouver.

Please call me if you are interested at 380-4426.
John Sarich

Skis For Sale



- Hot Track X-C skis
 - 205 cm
 - no wax
 - 3-pin bindings
 - OK condition
 - \$30
- Contact Rhayma Blake
360-758-4131

Multi-Day Trips Currently Scheduled

Highland House at Logan Lake

<http://www.highlandhouse.ca/>
Coordinated by Kurt Dewey.
Feb 12 – 14, 2010, which is Presidents' Day Weekend.

To reserve space, make check payable to NNSC for \$230.87 per person and mail to Kurt at 2601 N. Park Dr. Bellingham, WA 98225 .

Accommodations are the luxurious Highland House B&B. Meals are included the two full days and last morning. There are 3 x-country ski courses to choose from. Ultra- groomed Stake Lake, semi- groomed Logan Lake and seldom groomed Kane Valley offer a variety of ski opportunities.

Contact Kurt at 360-820-4174

Manning Park

<http://www.manningpark.com/sort.html>

Coordinated by Elizabeth Martindale.

Jan 15 – 18, 2010, which is Martin Luther King Weekend.

4 days/3 nights to ski on groomed trails, snowshoe on trails, and/or use the hot tub, sauna, steam room, and swimming pool.

Each chalet plans the meals for their group and we share the cost of the food

The cost per person is \$162 payable to NNSC. Mail to Elizabeth at 103 Morey Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Contact Elizabeth at 360-734-8991

Cross Country Ski Clinic

January 30
10:00 AM –
Noon at
Salmon Ridge Sno-Park. The instruction will be fantastic. Check the web site for more details.



Mountaineers Cross Country Ski Lessons

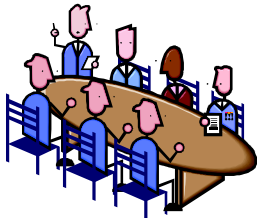


The Bellingham Mountaineers are trying to offer more ski touring as club activities. In January and February, they are offering lessons at NNSC's Salmon Ridge Sno-Park (the NNSC maintains) and participants stay at Mt Baker Lodge at night. It's geared towards new XC skiers and includes lessons with practice sessions.

Non-Mountaineer members are welcome. If anyone in NNSC wants a free beginner level lesson, they can participate in these ski trips. They can also stay at the Mt Baker Lodge. They'd like to have non-members participate so they can become members later and help pay for upkeep of the Mt Baker Lodge. Details are at <http://www.bellinghammountaineers.org/>



Annual Business Meeting Agenda



January will be the club's annual meeting where members elect new Board Trustees and the Treasurer presents a financial report on the annual budget according to procedures set out in the club bylaws.

Board Trustee Election Slate

The following candidates have indicated that they will serve on the NNSC board if elected:

Norm Miller

Existing trustee for a second two year term

Kathleen Grimbly

Existing trustee for a second two year term

Allan Richardson

New trustee for an initial two year term

Lynne Alderson

New trustee for an initial two year term

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting. The two new trustees will fill positions vacated by Marj Leone and Jim Rhodes, who have each completed their maximum terms. We thank Allan and Lynne for agreeing to serve on the board. There are a total of eight Trustees.

Annual Budget

Norm Miller will review and answer questions about the 2009-2010 budget.

Free Lodging



Hey skiers, have you heard about the **FREE** lodging at your favorite X-C resort? Coordinate a ski trip 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 Kurt Duey at 820-4174. He's the trip coordinator and he'll help you not only with ideas for destinations, but how go about the whole process.

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

Speaking of ideas on where to go, the many previous trip coordinators below are willing resource people. All you need to do is call or email.

Methow Valley (Winthrop)

Dick Garcia 671-0439

Mt Washington (Vancouver Is)

Gail Garman 371-3554

Sheila Hardy 671-3074

Minda Garcia 671-0439

Nickel Plate (Penticton, BC),
China Ridge (Princeton, BC),
Glacier Park Montana,
Yellowstone Nat'l Park

Keats Garman 371-3554

Silver Star (Vernon, BC)

Elizabeth Martindale 734-8991

Using The Website



The club website is maintained by Susan McClung. It is a powerful resource for club communication.

- ❖ Keeping snow condition reports at Salmon Ridge updated is a two way process. Skiers contact Susan with reports who then posts them on the website.
- ❖ Skiers are encouraged to provide brief trip reports and photos when they ski other areas.
- ❖ Check the Calendar of Events for upcoming trips, meetings and other activities.
- ❖ Tools for prospective trip and coordinators including new electronic trip scheduling.
- ❖ Membership applications, directions, trail maps, road conditions and more.

Contact Susan at smcclung@whidbey.net, from website or call her at (360) 675-9351. No web access? Call Susan or the appropriate officer or coordinator from the sidebar.

Salmon Ridge Update



The year is off to a slow start so far, with no snow at the Razorhorne SnoPark. Once it looks like it is here to stay we'll be putting up the signs and getting the sanicans in place. This year you'll see new junction signs identifying individual trails, thanks to the efforts of Gail Garman and Kurt Duey.

Also, our groomer, Roy Fischlin, will groom White Salmon Road on Fridays even if the main SnoPark isn't skiable. White Salmon provides a place to ski when there isn't snow at lower elevations, but it isn't part of the SnoPark. It is groomed and maintained by NRTP grant funding and NNSC labor and money.

Check the latest ski conditions at our website or go to the links page and click on the WA State Parks and Rec. link for groomer reports on trail conditions. Also see the Bellingham Herald and look for a freezing level of 2000' or less for snow at the lower trails or 3000' or less for White Salmon. For weather and trail conditions at other cross-country ski venues <http://www.weather.com/activities/recreation/ski/>. Put in your zip code and click on cross-country.

Is Your NNSC Membership Current?



Dues are seasonal, with the 2009-2010 season starting in September.

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.

If you haven't done so this season, why not fill out a form right now while you're thinking about it and mail it in?

Upcoming Meetings



Monthly meetings are the first Thursdays, 7-9 PM

January 7, 2010
February 4, 2010
March 4, 2010

SnoPark Permits



Seasonal and One-day Sno-Park permits are increased by \$10 per vehicle for the 2009-2010 winter season. The Seasonal permit is \$40 and the One-Day permit is \$20.

There are more than 40 SnoParks in Washington. Print a map at: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/winter/parks/nonmotorparks.asp>

Permits may be purchased with your membership, at club meetings, or at any of the following locations. These businesses provide SnoPark passes as a customer service.

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

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

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/ecom/sno/dsnostp0.asp>



Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Membership Application and SnoPark Order Form

Use this form to purchase SnoPark permits, or to join the club or to renew your membership.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street/PO Box City State Zip

PHONE 1: _____ (Home, Cell, Work) PHONE 2: _____ (H, C, W)

EMAIL 1: _____ EMAIL 2: _____

(Please check the appropriate items)

NNSC DUES: Membership \$30 per individual _____ \$45 per household _____

SnoPark permit: \$40 _____ Total amount: _____

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: _____

Please distribute my contact information to the membership. We omit street address from the distribution list, showing only city, phone and email address(es), (Please note, if you decline to be listed, then you won't get the list, either)

Yes _____ No _____

Please check preferred alternative for receipt of Snow News is Good News newsletter:

Email: _____ U.S. mail: _____ or NNSC website: _____

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