

# Snow News IS Good News



Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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November 2010



***NNSC Club Meeting  
November 4, 2010***

***Mark Turner Presents***

***"Winter Botany"***

**Club Meeting**

**When** – Thursday, November 4.

New member orientation is at 6:30;  
Meeting starts at 7:00.

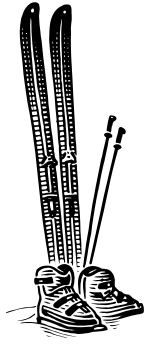
**Who** - Anyone is welcome!

**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.

*Think Snow !*



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## Please Pay Your Membership Dues

### USFS WORKS ON SALMON RIDGE TRAILS !

by Gail Garman

Wow! Besides the volunteer work on the Salmon Ridge trails, the USFS has done a substantial amount of work too! Here is a summary from Otis Allen, USFS Trails and Recreation below:

One day last week (Oct 4th - 8th) Otis led a six person Whatcom county inmate crew for one day up Cougar to improve drainage on both sides of the bridge (funded by a RAC grant). They used a small bobcat machine with a backhoe attachment and made some headway. On the west side of Cougar Loop, they cleared a large turn around area, providing enough room for a truck and trailer or groomer to maneuver, at a site approximately 1/2 mile prior to the bridge access. They reported significant road damage to E. Cougar caused by vehicles that had tried to travel in the boggy area. They

apparently got stuck, creating large ruts that led water to run down the road/trail toward the swamp area. Unfortunately, in an attempt to repair the damage, the bobcat became stuck and was unable to complete any work east of the swamp area about 1/3 mile east of the bridge. The USFS plans to return to the area and create a large water bar and lead off ditch near the top of the problem area to block vehicles access to this problem area. The water bar will be substantial but will be created with snow groomer and skier access in mind and Otis will be on site to oversee the work.

Additionally, USFS engineers did road maintenance and logging on some of the roads this year and cleared culvert/ditch obstructions. They also hired a road maintenance contractor to work on road repairs on the White Salmon road portion of the Salmon Ridge ski trails on Oct. 15th.

***Hurray for the USFS! Yippee!!***



### TWO TRIPS PLANNED TO LOGAN LAKE

**Dec. 30 - Jan 2, 2011  
New Year's Weekend and  
Feb. 18 - 21, 2011  
Presidents' Day Weekend**

This high altitude ski destination has three different settings to ski in: ultra-groomed Stake Lake, semi-groomed Logan Lake, and seldom groomed Kane Valley offering a variety of ski opportunities.

We will be staying again at the luxurious Highland House B&B in Logan Lake, BC. The cost of \$235 per person, includes meals and taxes. There is a maximum of 10 or 11 people.

For more details go to our web site, <http://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/>, and select Calendar of Activities or contact Don at 360-733-4815 or [hicks46@netzero.net](mailto:hicks46@netzero.net).

These trips have been very popular in past years and fill very quickly. To hold a space send a check for the full amount made out to NNSC to the trip coordinator, Don Hicks, 1546 Hillside Rd., Bellingham, WA, 98226.

## DAY TRIP SCHEDULE



Don Hicks is our day trip Coordinator. When these events occur, please meet at the SE corner of Sunset Square parking lot near Cost Cutter and the rock wall.

Contact Don Hicks at 360-733-4815 or hicks46@netzero.net

## DAY MANNING PARK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA SKI TRIP SCHEDULED

Martin Luther King Weekend

January 14, Friday, 2011 thru January 17, Monday, 2011

Website:  
www.manningpark.com  
Number at Lodge  
1-800-330-3321

This web site provides excellent information about the resort. Nordic passes to age 64: \$20 per day and \$15 from 12:30 to 4:30  
Age 65 and over: \$12 per day and \$ 9 from 12:30 to 4:30

Ski four days (stay three nights): groomed trails, snowshoe trails, hot tub sauna, steam room, swimming pool.

This is always a great trip. Chalet members plan the meals for their group and we share the cost of the food. We will have

three dinners and three breakfasts. Bring your own food for lunch. Alcohol is not included in the food costs.

The cost per person (and deposit to hold your place and pay for your trip) is \$157 payable to NNSC.

Spaces are assigned based on payment date. Elizabeth will be at the November and December meetings to accept deposits or they can be mailed to her (made out to NNSC) at 103 Morey Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Contact Elizabeth Martindale emartindale@comcast.net 360-393-4732 with any questions you have.

Carpooling is preferable. We can work together setting up carpools.



Stay in 1 chalet. The chalet has 2 double beds, 8 bunks, 3 baths, full central kitchen and dining/social area. Bedding and linens supplied with BASIC dishes and cutlery, a small microwave, a coffee pot and some cooking utensils.

Washing dishes is our responsibility.

For the chalet, the cost for each person will be:

10 people per chalet \$157  
9 people per chalet \$170  
8 people per chalet \$187

This rate assumes the US \$ and CDN \$ are at par.

## THE PREZ's LETTER

"Hello fellow "nordies", It looks like we are primed for a great winter of skiing! We have funds for grooming and the trails are being brushed. The only other thing we need this winter is Mother Nature to smile upon us and shower Salmon Ridge with a bounty of snow!

Of course, as most of you know, working behind the scenes to keep the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club alive and running is a dedicated group of individuals: your ski club board. I am here to inform you that the board is in need of your help. Three of us will be leaving the board at the end of the year; therefore we need three club members to "step up to the plate" and offer to serve on the board. Won't you consider giving back to this great organization that has given you so much enjoyment over the years? If you have interest in one of these positions, please contact myself, or one of the board members.

I ask you all to give it some thought. Your club needs you."

Ed Halasz



## IS YOUR NNSC MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

Dues are seasonal, with the 2010-2011 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 \$15 for students, \$30 for individuals or \$45 per household.

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

November 4, 2010  
December 2, 2010



## 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](mailto: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.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE WINTER !**

## BRUSH CUTTING PARTIES

NNSC wishes to thank the following people for their help in cutting brush and clearing out the ditches and culverts. Both the Mount Baker Club and NNSC worked on these work parties. **AGAIN THANK YOU!**

Jim Rhodes  
Sue Rhodes  
Isaac Bakke  
Hermod Bakke  
Bill Young  
Jenny Maida-Young  
Marjan Eicher  
Frank Eicher  
Nancy Hart  
Mel Monkelis  
Gail Garman  
Mike Tomitz  
Steve Hindman  
Sheila Hardy  
Lynn Alderson  
Iain Davidson

## TRIP SUGGESTIONS

Bring your suggestions of ski trip areas you want considered for the ski season to the next meeting. The club would like suggestions for both this year and next year. It has been proposed that longer distance trips be scheduled. Currently there are no trips suggested; Yellowstone and Nickel Plate in February with lodging at Apex.

## Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Membership Application and Sno~Park Order Form

Use this form to purchase Sno~Park 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 MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$30 per individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 per household \_\_\_\_\_

Student \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Sno~Park 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:  
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