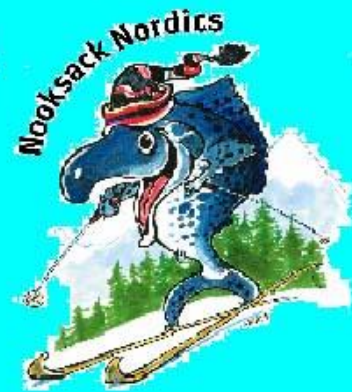


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**BOARD MEMBERS
NEEDED !**

Please Consider Helping The Club

**Tentative Presentation
"Winter Preparedness"**

Club Meeting

When – Thursday, December 2

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

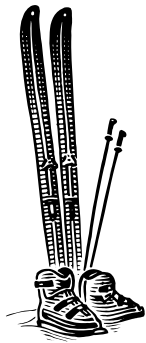
Who - Anyone is welcome!

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 !



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



Please Pay Your Membership Dues

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND SALMON RIDGE SNO-PARK

Sno-Parks across Washington State are a project of Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Program. Sno-Parks are directly funded from Sno-Park permits. In the case of Salmon Ridge, WSP contracts with WSDOT to plow the parking lot, and with an independent groomer to groom the ski trails. The grooming for Razorhorne and Anderson Creek is funded by a WSP Winter Rec grant for which the NNSC applies each spring.

Pdf maps for all Sno-Parks are available on the Washington State Parks website. Also, any feedback on grooming conditions can be reported via an On-Site Evaluation Form found on the website.

The address is www.parks.wa.gov

On the left toolbar, click on "Winter Recreation"

Again on the left toolbar, click on

"Sno-Park locations"

This page has links to maps and the Sno-Park evaluation form. Feedback, good or bad, is encouraged. Salmon Ridge is a long way from Olympia and the people who allocate Sno-Park funding. The more they hear from us, the more they will know we have a strong cross country ski community, hungry for well groomed trails!

For maps, click on "Non-Motorized Sno-Parks". Then click on the snowflake icon east of Bellingham. Lastly, click on the Salmon Ridge snowflake icon. Voila! As of this writing, you will see an outdated map, with nary a snowshoe trail in sight. Mary Durbrow has more current paper maps of Salmon Ridge – look for her (or just the maps) at the next meeting. NNSC has submitted further cartographic improvements to WSP. Time permitting, the maps may be adjusted by the end of November.

Think Snow - specifically at 2,000 feet!

Marj Leone



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.

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 Hillsdale 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.

NEW THIS YEAR!

LAST MINUTE DAY TRIPS & CARPOOLING EMAIL LIST SERVER

Don Hicks, Day-Trip Coordinator, is configuring an NNSC Email List Server hosted by GoogleGroups.com

The primary purpose of this Email List Server is to facilitate the organization of last minute day trips and carpooling to our home trails near Mt. Baker and other local destinations such as Cypress Mountain, Stevens Pass, Manning Park, etc.. With the highly variable weather and snow conditions in the Pacific Northwest, it is often a last minute decision to go skiing in a few days. So, if you are going out and wish to invite others to join you for company and companionship or just carpooling if you have room to share or a need for a ride, you will be able to just send an email to NooksackNordics@GoogleGroups.com

Membership in this Email service is voluntary and restricted to NNSC members. Only members of the list can send emails to the list so you will receive no SPAM. You may easily unsubscribe from the list at any time. All email addresses are kept private when you send out a message.

So, watch for an invitation to

join the list in your email if you are a current member of NNSC. You may then accept membership in the list or decline.

You may join this list at any time later by sending an email to the list moderator, Don Hicks, hicks46@netzero.net.

TWO DAY TRIPS TO HOLLYBURN PLANNED

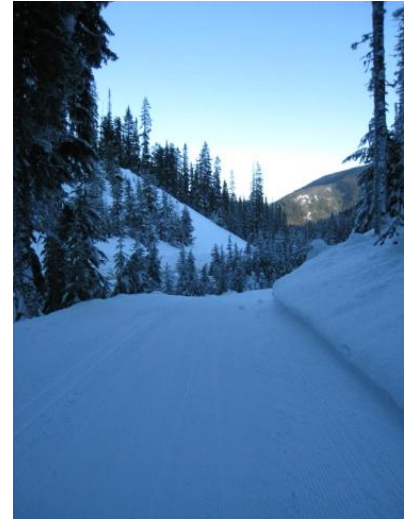
Saturday, December 18
Sunday, January 23

Two day-trips to the "Hollyburn" XC-ski area at Cypress Mountain just north of Vancouver, B.C. are scheduled for Saturday December 18, 2010 and Sunday January 23, 2011. Only a 1-1/2 hour drive from Bellingham, Hollyburn is our closest premier XC-Ski Park. It has an elevation of 3,500 ft. and 26 km of highly groomed trails for classic and skate skiing that wind past snow-covered lakes, through meadows, and snowy mountain forests. There are fantastic views of the Salish Sea, islands, Burrard Inlet, and the city far below. There are two huts where food can be purchased, one at the entrance and the other (on the trails) is the historic Hollyburn Ski Lodge dating from the 1920's. There is also a large warming hut up the mountain. Trail fees are \$18 (\$12 for 65+) for a full day. We will meet at Sunset Square parking lot, on the Southeast corner at the rock wall, near Cost Cutter at

8am for carpooling.

For confirmation and more details...

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



MANNING PARK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA SKI TRIP SCHEDULED

This trip is full, however you may add your name to a waiting list in the event anyone has to cancel.

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
Or call 360-393-4732 with any questions you may 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

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

December 2, 2010
January 6, 2011



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.

FREE XC WAX CLINIC !

Solve the Mystery of Waxing

Get the Low Down on Wax Basics and

Get More Glide from Your Stride

Our Demonstration Begins at 6 PM and Runs Till 8 PM

November 24th

*FAIRHAVEN BIKE & SKI
1108 ~ 11TH ST*

*Questions? Call Us at
360-733-4433*

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!**

**Isaac Bakke
Hermod Bakke
Bill Young
Jenny Maida-Young
Marjan Eicher
Frank Eicher
Nancy Hart
Mel Monkalis
Gail Garman
Mike Tomitz
Steve Hindman
Sheila Hardy
Lynn Alderson
Iain Davidson
Jim Rhodes
Sue Rhodes
Sterling Cochran
Sebastian Cochran
Bob Lemon
Kurt Fraser
Don Hicks
Ed Halasz**



**HAVE A WONDERFUL
AND SAFE WINTER !**

SOME HISTORY ON E C MANNING PARK

E C Manning Provincial Park, as we know is located near Hope, BC. It is most commonly called Manning Park. The park is 70,844 hectares; for us south of the border that equates to 175,059 acres or 273.5 square miles. The park was established in 1941 and named after a Chief Forester who was killed in an airplane accident, E C Manning. Mr Manning played a critical role in the land being set aside for future generations. We thank you Mr. Manning for your efforts and foresight.

The parks terrain consists of wet coastal rain forests, snow covered craggy mountains, alpine meadows, small lakes and rivers. The park offers wildlife and flora viewing, hiking trails, camping, canoeing, skiing and many other adventures. The Pacific Crest Trails most northern point begins in Manning Park and goes south into the US. Many rivers flow out of the park, of which two major tributaries are the Skagit and Okanogan River.

Source: Wikipedia.com

Lynn Alderson

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 to 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:
Nooksack Nordic Ski Club, P.O. Box 28793, Bellingham, WA 98228

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