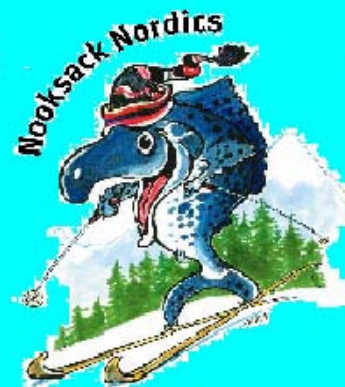


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February 2010

**NNSC Club Meeting
February 4, 2010**

Sheila Hardy presents

"Club Skiing Events"

**This is a slide show of the many
interesting places club members have skied
over the years**

Club Meeting

When – Thursday, February 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.

*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*



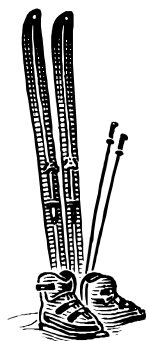
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Opportunity to Go to Olympic Cross Country Skiing

One reserved seat ticket for the Men and Women's Olympic X-C relay finals at Whistler on Wednesday, February 17th is available. Ticket cost is US \$97 and the cost for the bus ride from Vancouver to Whistler is \$50. The lucky person will go up to the Vancouver parking lot with Rabel Burdge, a member of the club. Rabel has the parking pass for the day.

Contact Rabel Burdge at 360-676-9892 or burdge@comcast.net



Skis For Sale

- Hot Track X-C skis
 - 205 cm
 - no wax
- 3-pin bindings
- OK condition
- \$30

Contact Rhayma Blake
360-758-4131

More Skis For Sale

- Spalding Rapide X-C skis
- No wax
- Rotterella NNN bar bindings
- All in good condition.
- \$69
- Contact Nancy 360-392-7795

Members, whose dues are paid current may post an ad in the newsletter.

Brew Creek Lodge

Coordinated by Jerry and Susan McClung.

Jerry and Susan invite all club members to join us once more at the wonderful trails of the Callaghan Country and Whistler Olympic trails the first weekend in March. Members will enjoy accommodations much closer to the trails than last year. We will be at the Brew Creek Lodge, only about 10 minutes from the ski trails.

Snow coach ride to Callaghan Country Backcountry Lodge is available for approximately \$18.50 CDN per person. We plan to charter a snow coach to take those who wish to ride instead of ski the 7.75 miles to the backcountry lodge in the pristine upper reaches of the valley.

Accommodations will be in the Guest House (maximum 8 people). 3 bedrooms plus 1 double sofa bed, the attached Executive Suite: (maximum 4 people) 1 double bed and 1 double sofa bed (no cots), and the attached North Suite: (maximum 2 people) 1 queen bed (no cot) Maximum # of people for the Guest House is 14. Accommodations cost will be about \$98CDN per night per person.

If we have more than 14 people, they will be in the main Brew Creek lodge, \$85.00 CDN for a standard room, 2 people per night.

There is a large hot tub just a few steps from the guesthouse, and from the main lodge. Think of it: ski all day, and soak in a hot tub just a few yards from the sound of the creek.

Trail Passes ~ Depending on the number of people, we can

buy a book of 10 or more tickets for each day. This means the passes will be \$16 each instead of \$20 each.

Meals ~ Catered.

Trails ~ Most of the Whistler Olympic recreational trails are open, and all of the Callaghan Country trails are open. Access to the trails this year is through the Callaghan Country, whose parking area is larger. There is a ski and snowshoe rental as well as snacks.

Bottom line: if we have our food catered, the total cost per person would be **about** \$255.00 for accommodations and most meals.

Brew Creek Lodge,
<http://www.brewcreeklodge.com/>

Callaghan Country
<http://www.callaghancountry.com/trailhead/conditions.php>,

and for what Jerry and I call the Whistler side
<http://www.whistlerolympicpark.com/venue/snow/tabid/173/language/en-CA/default.aspx>

Checks are payable to NNSC.

Contact Susan at
smcclung@whidbey.net, or call her at (360) 675-9351.

Day Trip Scheduled

Don Hicks has scheduled a day trip to Hollyburn on March 13th. Please meet at the SE corner of Sunset Square parking lot near the Cost Cutter and the rock wall.

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



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

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/>

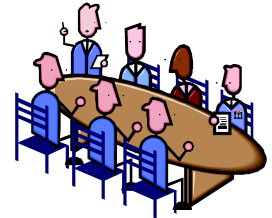
MESSAGE FROM the PREZ

Where is all the snow? We'll have to ask El Niño! My wife, Julia has been with the ski club since 1994 and she doesn't remember the last time we had no snow at Salmon Ridge in late January. We have two more months of winter, so here's to hoping that Mother Nature sends us some of her white bounty soon. After some competitive elections, I am happy to say the Nooksack Nordic Ski club has a full board! So, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your new board members: Lynne Alderson, who graciously has agreed to do our newsletter; Jeff Rhodes, who will be acting as secretary; Mary Durbrow, who will be taking over as publicity chair and Allan Richardson. On behalf of the club, we want to thank you for making the commitment to help keep our club operating!

To complete the slate, those board members who are still serving their terms are: Don Hicks, our out-going publicity chair, Barbara Davidson, Joan Dudley, our program coordinator and yours truly, your president. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the **many other** folks who work behind the scenes to make Salmon Ridge and our club operate: Salmon Ridge Coordinators Gail Garman and Kurt Duey; grant

writers Sheila Hardy and Marj Leone; Treasurer Norm Miller; New Member Coordinator Richard Cochinos, Membership Coordinator Jim Rhodes, Sharon Robinson, our Hospitality Chair, Roy Fischlin, our groomer and last, but certainly NOT least, Susan McClung, our Webmaster. Thank you to Gail and Marty Haines, who just stepped down as Membership Coordinators. We appreciate you all for making the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club the vibrant organization that it is!

Annual Budget



Fiscal Year 2009 Actual

Income \$10,951
Expenses \$9,255
Sno Park Grant \$4,345
Beginning Bank Balance \$9,255

Fiscal Year 2010 Projected

Income \$10,675
Expenses \$10,315
Sno Park Grant \$4,350
Beginning Bank Balance \$9,010
Current Bank Balance \$5,682

Estimated grooming expense for 2010 is \$13,200 = 15 weeks x \$880.

A more detail FY 2009 and 2010 budget will be in the next newsletter.

See Norm Miller if you have questions about the 2009-2010 budget.

Report on Manning Trip



Our 2010 trip to Manning Park Resort was a great success. To quote one participant we had "a really fun weekend of skiing, great food, cool songs from "the past" (thanks to Dick E. who brought his guitar and Mary Lou S. who made sure we had song books) , sweet soaks in the tub, and wonderful company."

We arrived at Manning Park Friday afternoon to rain! Kurt D. and Don H. didn't let this prevent them from skiing. However, the rest of us decided the huge pool and two hot tubs with no one in them looked too inviting to pass up. Saturday morning we awoke to an incredibly beautiful blue sky and enjoyed a great day of skiing. It snowed Saturday evening so we had excellent skiing for the rest of our trip. We skied Monday morning and headed for home after lunch. We all agreed that it was a VERY SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND: skiing that was satisfying and group camaraderie that kept us laughing and enjoying our outing throughout the weekend. Elizabeth Martindale



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.

New Ski Maps

Washington State Parks has updated the map of the Salmon Ridge cross-country ski complex to include the snowshoe trail. Get your new color 8 1/2 x 11 map at the next NNSC meeting! Maps are also available online at the Washington State Parks website. See Marj Leone for details.

Report on The Logan Lake Trip



Logan Lake was a success, with adequate snow and weather. Temperatures ranged between 16 and 31 degrees. Winds were light. Snow at Stake and Logan Lake was six to ten inches groomed with 10 to 14 inches at Kane Valley. While ski conditions here on the wet side have poor, the east side of the mountains, Logan Lake, Stake Lake, Kane Valley, Manning, Silver Star were all good. Kane Valley actually had more snow than Logan or Stake Lake this year.

The accommodations at the Highland House was a pleasant break from our daily routine. There was much reading and discussion in the evenings and a wide screen showing of "Doubt", on Sunday evening. No one was sick or injured and as indicated by the trip evaluation forms. The members on a scale of one to five, rated the trip a 5! We will be repeating this trip in February.

Currently there is room for one more woman for the February trip.

I will try to have two trips next year if there is strong interest for this second trip. Kurt Duey

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>

Upcoming Meetings

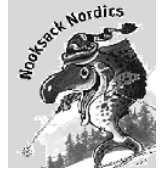
Monthly meetings are the first Thursdays, 7-9 PM

February 4, 2010
March 4, 2010



Joan Dudley and Don Hicks

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?



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:

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