

# Snow News IS Good News

Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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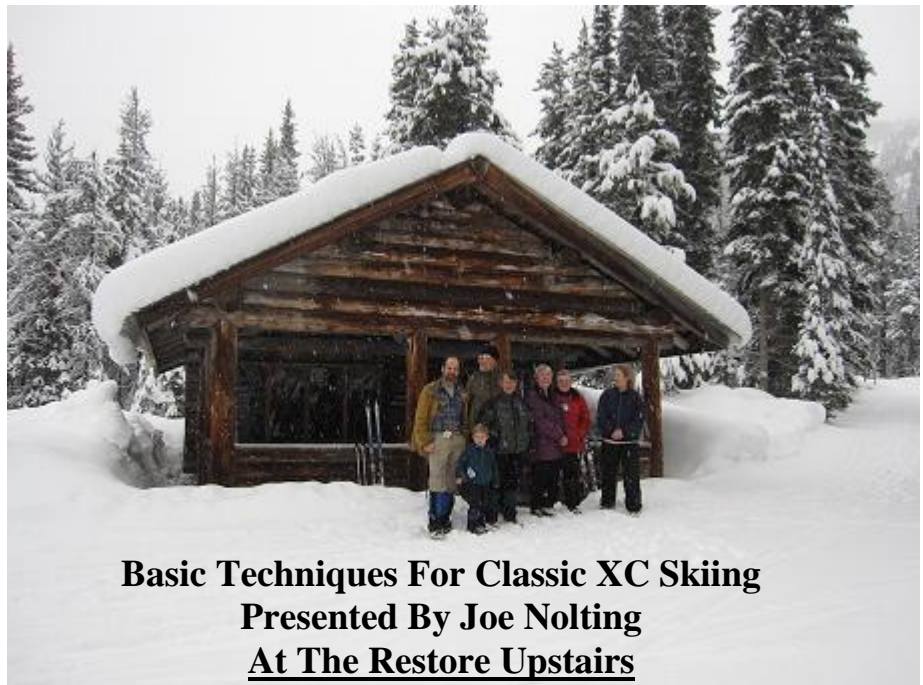
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January 2014



**Basic Techniques For Classic XC Skiing  
Presented By Joe Nolting  
At The Restore Upstairs**

## **Club Meeting**

**When** – Thursday, **January 9**

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

**Who** - Anyone is welcome!

**Where** – Restore upstairs community room located on the back side of the building. 2309 Meridian Street in Bellingham, WA.

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## PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

## FOR SALE

Kurt Duey has a reconditioned Nordic track that he would sell to any member for \$25. This is an excellent aerobic machine, which will help get you ready for the snow.

360-752-3328 ask for Sonny or Anthony  
Kurt.duey@comcast.net



## IS YOUR NNSC MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

Dues are seasonal, with the 2013-14 season starting in September.

Benefits for \$30 single or \$45 per household include "Snow News is Good News" delivered, access to super trips and other activities, connecting with other skiers at meetings and trips, and joining approximately 90 other individuals or households in supporting local Nordic skiing.

You can find a [membership form](#) on the NNSC web site, the last page of this newsletter, or at club meetings. 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.

Why not fill out a form right now while you're thinking about it and mail it in? Or, come to the meeting on Thursday Dec 5 and pay then.

## Jim Rhodes

## WRAC IS BACK !

The Winter Recreation Advisory Committee (WRAC) is coming to Blaine! Okay, so who the heck is WRAC and why should I care? WRAC is the funding committee for WA State Parks and Recreation's non-motorized Winter Recreation Program. They are the ones that decide who gets Sno-Park grant funding. This year WRAC awarded over \$1.4 million in state grants. The money all comes solely from the purchase of the Sno-Park permits. Not one dime of tax payer money is

involved. This year, the NNSC was awarded \$4748 for a Sno-Park Grant plus another \$3000 Supplemental grant. That's quite an increase from the \$4522 we got last year.

The meeting will be at the Whatcom County School District Office, in Blaine, on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> and you are welcome to attend. The last time they visited us was 14 years ago in 1999. A lot has changed at Salmon Ridge since then. Back then we were using a snowmobile to groom intermittently and we had Blueberry Bounce (the first part of the Cougar loop, up the first hill) but not the rest of the Cougar loop and there was no bridge. We didn't have an independent snowshoe trail then either and most importantly, there were no gates, so 4-wheelers could drive on our trails whenever they wanted! So the idea is to showcase Salmon Ridge and show them how we've grown and improved. We hope to have NNSC members out greeting the WRAC members, showing them around and how important the Salmon Ridge Sno-Park is to this community. So grab your skis or snowshoes and come greet the WRAC members on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Let them know how much we appreciate them for helping to fund the Salmon Ridge operations and how much our user base has grown.

\*Full disclosure: I'm the Area 1 Rep. for WRAC.

## Gail Garman

## BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

We need members who are interested in supporting and promoting the club to serve on the board. Two-year term. If interested, please contact a board member.



**Lynn Oliver, Joan Dudley, Elizabeth Martindale, Dick Etter, Alan and Susan Richardson**

## SOVEREIGN LAKES & SILVER STAR TRIP REPORT

Seven members enjoyed great camaraderie, ethnic food and superb skiing. The temperatures ranged between -23 and -8 Celsius, but as long as we were moving we stayed warm.

The first day we skied up at Silver Star on the lower trails. The second day we skied up to the Paradise Warming Hut and had a leisurely ski back down. The third day we had 5 inches of new snow and spent the day at Sovereign Lakes.

Everyone was happy with their accommodations in the two B & B's. It was so great to be back at SS and SL and to share it with members who had not been there before.

**Sharon Holmes**

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING LAKE WENATCHEE AREA SNO-PARKS THIS WINTER

In a nutshell - we're 100% ready. Barring any surprises, all trails will be groomed on a full schedule this year. We just need snow. Grant money from your SnoPark permit purchases has been awarded and we are fully funded again this year. Clean-up from last winter's storm is still underway in undeveloped areas of the park, but all ski trails are cleared. We have approval from the new owners of the Nason Ridge property to groom up there this winter (Thank you Weyerhaeuser / Columbia Timberlands!). Our partnership with Kahler Glen is improving every year - we anticipate continued improvements to the trails on their land.

Over at the Chiwawa See & Ski the Forest Service trails crew did an excellent job in clearing the trail system of downed trees from the storm, and also pruned back the corridor throughout. We also accomplished some drainage work in that notorious wet area 1/2-mile in and will try out a new approach there which we hope will greatly reduce trouble there. A volunteer (Thanks Peter!) recommended a re-route which will allow us to avoid a couple too-tight turns and an alternative option during those times when much of the trail along the river has melted out. Peter and William the Groomer spent a few hours out there clearing the new path last week. We are exploring some extra trail mileage now possible with the completion of the forest thinning project too.

Our outstanding Snowshoe trail volunteers have been hard at it again in the North Park (kudos again to Lloyd and Cathy). Cut their way through dozens of storm-downed trees and will be signing and flagging the route before the snows come. They also have scouted out and signed the "Rock Ridge" snowshoe trail which they created a couple years ago over at the Chiwawa Sno-Park.

I am happy to report no changes to the Sno-Park permit program this year! Still a little complex, but it remains a successful self-funding program. Sno-Park passes are available:

\*\*Locally at Midway Grocery or Plain Hardware

\*\*Online at

<https://fortress.wa.gov/parks/ecomm/sno/dsnostp0.asp>

\*\*Sporting goods suppliers state wide <http://www.parks.wa.gov/winter/vendors/>

\*\*At the park (we're a little hard to find though)

New this season is our credit-card operated ticket-spitter at the South Park beach. For those looking to purchase one-day Sno-Park or Discover passes, you can do so in the park now without tracking down a ranger.

Any questions? Contact us at [lake.wenatchee@parks.wa.gov](mailto:lake.wenatchee@parks.wa.gov)

See you this winter,

**The Lake Wenatchee State Park Crew**



## **MANNING PARK SKI TRIP JANUARY 17-20, 2014**

\*New in 2014\* The resort has changed ownership and the winter section of their website is not up to date. Troy, who is in charge of the winter ski area emailed me that there will be no change in trail prices (\$20 before 12:30, \$15 after; For 65+ it is \$12 before 12:30, \$9 after). He also wrote, "I am pleased to

tell you that we have purchased two new snowcats, which will give us a total of four. More than we have ever had before. The exciting thing about having these new snowcats is that we will be able to meet our commitment to having the best grooming possible.

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.

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.

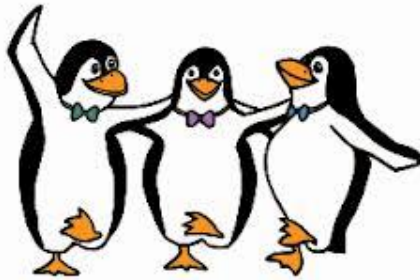
Cost is \$157 USD per person. Based on 10 adults and exchange rate at time of trip. Please make checks payable to NNSC, and they can be mailed

to 103 Morey Avenue, Bellingham WA, 98225 or given to Elizabeth at the November or December meetings.

Cross Country Ski Trip to [Manning Park British Columbia](#). The number at Lodge is 1-800-330-3321.

**Coordinator Elizabeth Martindale**

[emartindale@comcast.net](mailto:emartindale@comcast.net)



## **LAKE WENATCHEE TRIP JANUARY 31 THRU FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

This area offers seven different skiing locations within 16 miles of where we are staying. Accommodations are in Plain WA at Beaver Valley Lodge. Stay is for 3 nights and 4 days of skiing. The lodge may be seen at the [Beaver Valley Lodge](#) website.

The Wenatchee River bisects Lake Wenatchee State Park, thus creating the South Park and North park. The South Park has 18.6 miles and the North Park has 3.1 miles of groomed trails. Skate skiing is available in the North Park. South Park also offers tubing and a snow play area. There are 4.9 miles of snow shoeing trails. Another location is Nason Ridge that offers tracks and a skate lane.

Additionally the trail leads to back country skiing for the more adventuresome. Total trail length is 17.9 miles of which 12 miles are groomed. Nearby is Chiwawa with the See and Ski trail groomed for track and skate skiing for 4 miles. Flying loop and Squirrel Run are 2.9 and 2.5 miles, respectively.

A Sno Park Permit is required and also a Special Groomed Trails Permit sticker. Drivers are responsible for the Sno Park Permit. Riders will share the cost of the Special Permit. Special permit stays with the driver after the trip is completed.

Meals will be planned and members will share the cost of the food. There will be three dinners and three breakfasts. Bring your own food for lunch.

Alcohol is not included in the food costs.

Cost is \$200 USD per person for lodging. Make checks payable to NNSC for \$200. Mail to 3310 Burch Mountain Road, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

**Coordinator Lynn Alderson** at 360-223-5859 or [lalder3122@yahoo.com](mailto:lalder3122@yahoo.com).

## **STAKE & LOGAN LAKES & KANE VALLEY**

Stay 3 nights and 4 days of skiing.

**Feb. 14 - 17, 2014**  
(Presidents' Day Weekend)  
Coordinated by Kurt Duey

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

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staying again at the luxurious Highland House B&B in Logan Lake, BC. The cost of \$256 per person includes meals with special dietary needs accommodated. 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 Kurt, 360-820-4174 or [kurt.duey@comcast.net](mailto:kurt.duey@comcast.net) or Sharon, 360-647-8606, or [smrconsulting98229@msn.com](mailto:smrconsulting98229@msn.com).

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, Kurt Duey, 2631 Sunset Dr., Bellingham, WA, 98225

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are the first Thursday, 7-9 PM

February 6

March 6

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Vehicle License \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. mail: \_\_\_\_\_ or NNSC website: \_\_\_\_\_

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