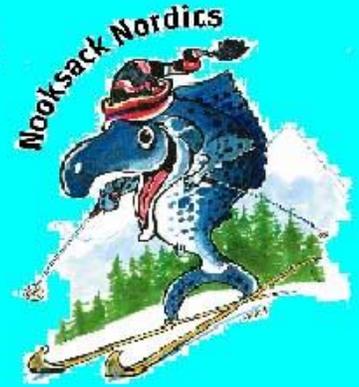


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February 2015



**THE RIGHT CLOTHES
by Sharmon Hill**

Club Meeting

When – Thursday, February 5th

New member orientation is at 7:15
PM; Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

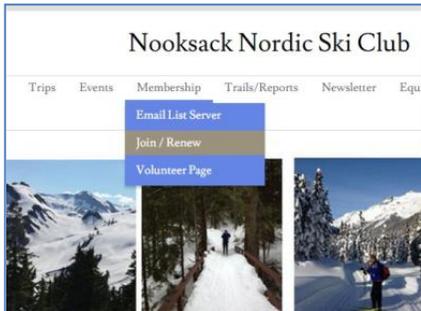
Who - Anyone is welcome!

Where – Garden Street Methodist
Church at 1326 N. Garden St. in
Bellingham, WA

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JOIN / RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON THE WEB

Sitting at your computer checking out the latest snow reports? While you are there, click on the NNSC web page (www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/) and renew your membership!



From the **Membership** tab, select **Join / Renew**. Look for the link to the **Online Membership Form** and fill in all of the pertinent information. Note that many of the fields are mandatory – it won't let you finish without filling in entries. If you are buying a SnoPark permit, don't forget to enter your vehicle's license plate number.

A screenshot of the 'NNSC Online Membership Form'. At the top, it says 'NOOKSACK NORDIC SKI CLUB' and 'P.O. Box 28793, Bellingham, WA 98228'. Below that is a small logo of a skier. The form title is 'NNSC Online Membership Form' with a note: 'If you would rather print a form and mail it in, click on <http://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/apply.php>'. There are three input fields labeled 'First Name *', 'Last Name *', and 'Street Address *', each with a small asterisk indicating it is required.

After you click '**Submit**' you will be shown a link to the **Online Membership Payment**. This page will allow you to pay your fees with your credit card

through PayPal. While this is new for our club, the system is thoroughly tested and a secure method of payment. An email

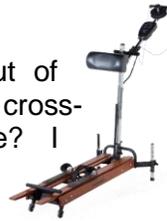
will be sent to you confirming the receipt of your payment within a day or two of submission.

We hope that you find this method convenient, but remember, we're just as happy to see your renewal if you fill out the form at the back of this newsletter (and on the website) and mail it in with your check!

Pete Tryon

FOR SALE

Feeling a little out of shape for the cross-country experience? I have an extra Nordic Track ski machine that I would be happy to sell to anyone who wants to get ready to ski. Currently I am in Southern Chile but if you contact me by email I can arrange for its sale for \$25.



Kurt Duey

THE RIGHT CLOTHES

How to stay warm (and cool) during outdoor winter activities, accompanied by a retro fashion show of cross-country skiing outfits.

Join Sharmon Hill from Bellingham REI for a talk about Nordic Ski Clothing. Sharmon will bring numerous clothing samples for a "show and tell" session about why layers work and best practices using those layers. As an extra perk she will bring 20% off coupons for every attendee!

Just for the fun of it, we will use this talk as an opportunity to remember some of the old ski clothing we have worn with an

informal fashion show of retro cross-country ski clothes. So all of you who have old, outdated gear that you wore in the sixties or seventies or whenever, here is your chance to get them out of your closet or attic and show them off. Those old knickers, fuzzy sweaters or body-suits would be enjoyed by everyone.

John Sarich

NEED A VOLUNTEER TO DO PUBLICITY FOR THE CLUB!

After 4 years, Sharon is retiring as Publicity. I sure have enjoyed this job and had a lot of fun promoting the club and meeting lots of interesting people in this community. It is time for someone else to take it on. The only requirements are knowledge of computers and how to send emails and complete newspaper websites on club events. Over my tenure I have added a Tri-Fold Board with pictures and club information to use to promote the club at all kinds of events and meetings. I have written a detailed description of the duties and contact information and would love to train and support anyone who is interested. It only takes a few hours a month and attending the Board Meetings; whenever, possible to keep the Board informed. Contact me if you are interested or need any more information. **Sharon R Holmes, (360)647-8606 or smrconsulting98229@msn.com**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

This is a summarized version of the meeting minutes for a virtual

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meeting held by email in December and the January 5, 2015 meeting. Contact any board member for a copy of the full minutes.

The board voted to commit the remaining REI grant money (after gates and trail survey expenses) towards fixing the drainage on the South branch of White Salmon Road. This would add 1.5 miles of groomable ski trail back into our upper trail system.

Annual board elections will take place at the February general meeting. We need a board member to fill a 1 year vacancy created by a resignation, and someone for a full 2 year term. A new publicity person is also needed.

The Anderson Creek Road is washed out at 0.8 miles Doug Huddle (Citizens for Forest Roads) evaluated the damage. He was able to divert water back to the culvert to stop continuing damage but he estimates that it will take 100 dump truck loads of rock to restore the road. The culvert that is about 0.4 miles in is rusted and could collapse with the weight of dump trucks.

NRTP maintenance grants don't cover restoring roadbed. Since the road isn't heavily used, the board decided that it may be too big a project to rebuild the roadbed. Gail will continue talks with Doug Huddle, CFFR, and the USFS to see what develops. Skiers are able to ski around the washout, but no grooming past the washout will be possible.

Previously, the board chose not to support WA Wild's response to the current scoping regarding possible leasing of USFS land for geothermal work. Since there will be opportunities to

reply to a scoping at a later date, and many unknowns, the board agreed not to take any formal action on this matter at this time.

NNSC was approached about a group wishing to run a triathlon and winter fest on areas that include the Sno-Park. Gail provided information and suggestions to them. To date, nobody has asked the USFS for a special use permit so it looks like nothing happening this year. Connie will look at using the notes and concerns Gail brought up to make an event policy for future reference.

John reported on a Dec. 11th meeting about the new Whatcom County Park on Stewart Mt. He passed out maps of the area with planned trails. There is potential for these to be used as ski trails. John also received additional reports by other user groups (horse group) of snow encountered up there during past winters.

Pete made a case for NNSC to become a more inclusive club by welcoming MBC, snow shoers and fat tire bikes.

NNSC currently has \$11,222.15. Gail reports that the next NRTP Grant awards have been delayed until June, though it looks like we placed well at 13th out of 78 grant applications.

NNSC is signed up for a table at the NW Expo on March 12th, shared with the MBC. The Board agreed to not put the NNSC ad in the Feb. Issue of the Mt Baker Experience magazine, but to put it in the fall issue.

Jim Rhodes



Anderson Creek Road

ANDERSON CREEK ROAD WASHES OUT

On December 9, we had some of the heaviest rainfall in memory in the Salmon Ridge area, which actually caused the second highest flow reading ever at the nearby USGS river gauge. This melted the snow we had in the Salmon Ridge area, but the snow has now started to recover.

One of our trails, however, did not stand up to this deluge and suffered some major damage. A large washout occurred on the Anderson Creek Road, where an enlarged side-stream bypassed a culvert, used the road as the new stream bed, then quickly and deeply eroded about 100 yards of the road. This is about a mile in from the highway, just before the first bridge.

After this damage, the road was checked out by volunteer Dave Huddle of Citizens for Forest Roads. Because of the amount of gravel scrubbed away, Dave estimates that it will take over 100 truckloads of gravel to repair the road. This obviously will not get done this winter.

For this winter, we will not be able to do any grooming on this road, but it is possible to ski

around the washout and continue skiing on the rest of the ungroomed road.

This is just the Anderson Creek trail, which is across the highway from the main Salmon Ridge Sno – Park. The Salmon Ridge or White Salmon trail systems did not have any significant damage.

John Sarich

LOGAN LAKE 2014 SKI TRIP REPORT

The day after Christmas, 12 of us headed north in search of snow! The highway was easy to travel on and we made good time. Not much snow in Merritt so instead of driving to Kane Valley we thought our best bet would be Stake Lake. We were right! Not a lot of snow but enough and the skiing conditions were very good. Since our last trip, Skate Lake had built a new outdoor heated restroom facility. Boy was this a welcomed sight. We got a few inches of new snow the next two days which only improved the skiing conditions. The second day half of the group climbed up Sidewinder Trail to the High Point at 5,000 feet plus to enjoy the view and have lunch. On the way down it started to snow. It was a fun but a long 6 hour day of skiing. Most of us skied all four days at Stake Lake as Logan Lake ski area didn't have much snow either. Always nice to have new members join us. We enjoyed enlightening conversations around the dinner table and hot tub! Overall, another fun trip. If you miss this trip, I highly recommend you sign up for the next one in Feb. where there is a good guarantee that there will be more snow.

Sharon Holmes



The New Restrooms At Stake Lake Are A Welcome Sight To Lynne Oliver and Kurt Duey

SKI THE METHOW February 9th – 12th, 2015

Join us as we enjoy North America's largest cross-country ski area, the Methow Trails system surrounding Winthrop, Washington. With 200 kilometers of trails, outstanding grooming and a wide variety of terrain, the Methow is undoubtedly the premier Nordic ski destination in Washington.

This will be a midweek trip in February, for those who have the flexibility to ski mid-week and want to enjoy the uncrowded trails and facilities. We will be leaving on Monday, Feb 9 and returning on Thursday, Feb. 12.

We will be staying at the Cascade Inn in Winthrop. The total cost for three night's lodging will be approximately \$195 per room (plus tax).

To sign up for this great trip or for more information, contact John Sarich at djsarich@gmail.com or phone 360-380-4426. I can work with you to try to set up car-pooling and room-mates if needed.

For more information on the area, check out www.methowtrails.org

As of late January we still have room available on this trip, but please contact John as soon as possible to get in on this great opportunity.

STAKE & LOGAN LAKES & KANE VALLEY

February 13th – 16th, 2015

This high altitude destination is less than 5 hours from Bellingham on good well-maintained roads. We will stay at the fabulous Highland House B&B in Logan Lake, BC. offering 5 luxury bedrooms with 2 beds and private full bathrooms. This place is really nice! The cost includes meals (hearty breakfasts with many choices, sack lunches, substantial dinners, accommodation of special dietary needs). The outdoor hot tub and setting are as outstanding as the rest of the B&B. Their web site is: <http://www.highlandhouse.ca>.

For several years club members have enjoyed great skiing because of the 3 xc-ski areas to choose from: ultra-groomed Stake Lake, semi-groomed Logan Lake, and seldom groomed Kane Valley. 5 min. from our B&B, Logan Lake at 1180 meters has 36 km of skate and classic track. Trail fee is \$7. They have 2 km of night-lit groomed trails. Web site: <http://www.loganlake.com/>.

20 min. from our B&B, Stake Lake at 1315 meters has 60 km of skate and classic track. Trail fee is \$15. It features a large warming hut. Web site: <http://overlanderskiclub.com/>.

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Andy Anderson at Stake Lake

1 hr. from our B&B, Kane Valley at 1160 meters has 50 km of classic and un-groomed trails. Trail fee is \$7. It can be skied on the way up and/or back. Web site: <http://www.nicolanordic.ca/>. All 3 are unique and enjoyable.

Ski 4 days and stay 3 nights for \$256 USD per person including meals.

You must be a member to go on this trip.

Trip Coordinator: Kurt Duey, 2631 Sunset Dr., B'ham, 98225, Phone 360-820-4174 or email kurt.duey@comcast.net



Ski Club Members Enjoying a Meal at the B&B

NICKLEPLATE / CHINA RIDGE

Feb 27 – Mar 2, 2015

This is a great trip. Our first ski stop at China Ridge has stunning views and great runs. Our primary destination, NicklePlate (above Apex Ski Resort), is noted for its grandeur, scope, and the variety of beautifully groomed XC, skating and snowshoe trails.

Group Number Update!

While NNSC skiers busily reserved rooms for the China Ridge/NickelPlate ski trip, our hotel (the Penticton Sandman) got a little confused. The manager assigned us a group number identical to our 2014 trip. Hotel staff couldn't understand why we were reserving a date in the past.

I called to clarify the situation and the manager assigned us a "new" group number for 2015 : 249569. Skiers referencing the old group number (published in the newsletter and on the flier), will simply be redirected to the 2015 group number. Here's a nutshell description of the trip:

- Cost: \$141 USD per person. Based on 8 adults and exchange rate at time of trip.
- Hotel reservation and payment is on your own. Sandman Hotel phone number 250-493-7151 or (800) SANDMAN and quote Group #235665. Must reserve before Feb 1 to get the group rate!
- NicklePlate Trail fee: \$20 each day,
- China Ridge Trail fee: \$15.

- Meal charges are on your own however we do have a kitchen room available if you'd like to fix your own food.

This is a wonderful opportunity to ski world class runs in comfort and style.

Feel free to email with questions at any point. I often teach on Tuesday/Thursday nights so you may not see me at a meeting but you can always call or email.

Trip Coordinator: Dawn Groves Contact dawn@dawngroves.com after you've booked your hotel reservations. You'll pay for everything directly and you'll need to arrange your own carpooling. Dawn will keep the group posted on updates and developments. ☺

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are the first Thursday, 7:30 -9 PM

February 5
March 5



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 _____

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

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