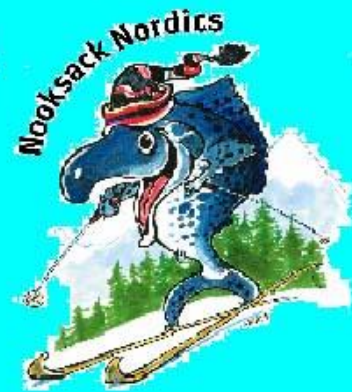


# Snow News IS Good News

Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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## December 2015



**ROAD TRIP ! AN OPINIONATED GUIDE TO  
GROOMED SKIING DESTINATIONS IN THE NW**  
by John & Dianna Sarich

## Club Meeting

**When** – Thursday, December 3rd

Membership Orientation at 7:00 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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## 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.



For more details contact Kurt at 360-820-4174 or [kurt.duey@comcast.net](mailto:kurt.duey@comcast.net).

## IS YOUR NNSC MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

Dues are seasonal, with the 2015-16 season starting in September.



Benefits for \$30 single or \$45 per household include:

- "Snow News is Good News" newsletter <http://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/apply2.phpdelivered>
- Super trips and other activities, including some to foreign venues (Canada)
- Connecting with other skiers and snowshoers at meetings
- Joining approximately 90 other individuals or households in supporting local Nordic skiing and snowshoeing

There are several ways to submit an application, including on-line. If you'd like to use old fashioned paper and check, you can find a [membership form](#) on the NNSC web site, the last page of this newsletter, or at club meetings.

Sitting at your computer checking out the latest snow reports? While you are there, click on the NNSC web page <http://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.

If using the online form, you'll have an opportunity to pay by PayPal after completing the form.

Using either method, please fill out the form completely. Sign on paper or electronically. Include all of your family on household memberships. And, remember to include your license plate number if buying a Sno-Park permit.

Why not fill out a form right now while you're thinking about it? Or, come to the meeting on Thursday December 3rd and pay then.

**Jim Rhodes**

## BUY YOUR SNO-PARK PERMIT!

Don't forget to buy a Sno-Park permit! You'll need one to park at the Salmon Ridge Sno-Park, or across the highway at the Anderson Creek or Silver Fir campground, between Nov 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30th. You can purchase them through our ski club NNSC, or at REI, Back-country Essentials, or at Cross-roads Grocery in Maple Falls. Or purchase them on-line at: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/winter/nonmotorparks/permits/>. They are \$40 for a seasonal permit or \$20 for a one day permit, plus \$2 extra if

you buy them through a retail store. It's really a good deal. At other commercial or club ski areas each person has to pay a trail fee each time they go. For the price of one Sno-Park permit, you can load up your vehicle with friends or family and go to over 47 Sno-Parks for the whole winter. It's really a good value for the money.

By buying a Sno-Park permit, you are supporting your community trails and ski club. Sno-Park fees go into a dedicated fund which supports the WA State non-motorized Winter Recreation program. Proceeds are used to maintain and improve all the Sno-Park facilities throughout WA via Sno-Park grants. They pay for plowing out the Sno-Park, sanitation facilities, some of the trail grooming, signs, mapping, education, enforcement and program administration. This program is totally self sustaining. No tax payer money is used! Don't get caught without one; the fine is steep! Both the County Sheriff and the USFS do enforcement and education, so be sure to display your permit on your windshield.



When you go, we want your feedback. Please send your Nordic ski and snowshoe conditions reports to Pete Tryon at [ski@tryonhayes.com](mailto:ski@tryonhayes.com) so we can post them on the NNSC website to share with others.

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And if you see any trail obstructions, downed trees, etc... we need to know about these so we can go clear them from the trail. You can also give feedback on the condition of a Sno-Park directly to the WA State Parks and Recreation Commission, on-line at: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/FormCenter/Winter-Recreation-9/SnoPark-Onsite-Evaluation-Form-68>.

Thank you for your help.

**Gail Garman**

## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY



This is a summary of the Aug 24 and Oct 26 board meetings, plus follow up board actions.

All vacant board seats and necessary job functions were filled. Dick Etter filled the empty board seat and is program coordinator. Pete Tryon is president. Jim Rhodes is VP. Kurt Dewey continues as trip coordinator. Dana Downs is secretary.

Our income tax return has been filed. A budget that looks very much like last year was proposed by Lynne and approved. There is about \$9,500 in the bank. The required independent annual audit of the books was done by John Sarich.

NNSC has been awarded a 2 year NRTP grant of \$23,454,

Shell Oil grant of \$500, and Sno-Park grants of \$7,748. Advertisements have been placed in the winter Leisure Guide and Mt. Baker Experience.

Gates at Razor Hone and Anderson Creek Roads were vandalized but have been repaired by USFS. USFS also completed installation of the gates on Cougar Loop. Anderson remains washed out at 0.8 miles. WA Parks did not fund the \$8,000 repair. USFS doesn't consider this a critical road and will not repair. Gail submitted a RAC (Rural Schools Program) grant request, which we'll be making a presentation for Jan 29. Three work parties focused on snow shoe trail maintenance.

USFS has approved a connector trail between White Salmon and Razor Hone with significant mitigations required. The board has approved signing the USFS agreement and continuing development. Another article contains more information about this connector.

The last membership survey was done in 2003. The board agreed it is time for a new one, which Pete is assembling for both member and general public response. It is currently being reviewed by the board.

Ask any board member if you'd like a copy of the full minutes.

**Jim Rhodes**

## SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

It's a complicated world out there and with your help, your Nooksack Nordic Ski Club is trying to do the best it can. We

(the board) would like feedback on what the club does well, what it does 'not-so-well', what aspects of skiing (other than more snow) we can improve our efforts on, and where we can best expend the club's resources.

Hence, a survey! Coming soon



to your email inbox will be a link to an online survey to gather information about these questions. It should take less than ten minutes to complete and the results will help us decide priorities for the coming years. While it can be submitted anonymously, list your name and you will be eligible for one of four prizes! A cross-country ski themed book, or a free glide wax of your favorite pair of skis! The link to the survey will also be posted on our website during the first week of December.

We will also be making the survey available to non-club members through other avenues to enable a broader picture of how the Salmon Ridge Sno-Park is used for non-motorized recreation.

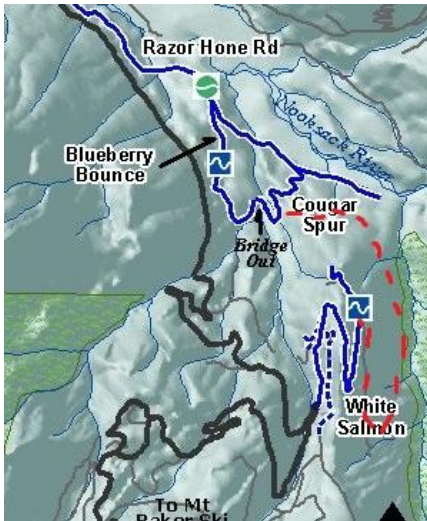
We look forward to hearing from you.

**Pete Tryon**

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## WHITE SALMON- RAZORHONE: ONE BIG TRAIL SYSTEM

Wouldn't it be fun to start skiing (or snowshoeing) at the White Salmon trailhead and end up at Razor Hone? (Especially if someone else drove your car down to meet you there!) The NNSC is one big step closer to making this real. Jim LeMieux and Pete Tryon scouted a route down the White Salmon Creek valley that connects the lower portion of the White Salmon trail with the Cougar Loop. (Thanks also go to various club members who have hiked this valley before and reported on their efforts.) Jim wrote this up and submitted it to the Forest Service and the connector trail has recently been approved.



The trail has been approved as a low-impact, winter-only, snowshoe/ski, 'back-country' trail. While not the most direct route, the added length allows for a reasonable gradient. We are planning on it being skiable by adventurous skiers with back-country skis and snowshoeable by those ready to cover the distance. Don't expect to see any tracks, other than the

skier ahead of you or maybe that elusive cougar! Mountain bikers and hikers will have to wait for some other opportunity.

Also, don't expect to be skiing this anytime soon. Much work still needs to be done to fine-tune the trail placement before clearing can begin. This will take multiple trips over the route. But once the route is fully marked, expect to see invitations to work-parties – you and your loppers will be most welcome over the approximately three miles of new trail. Clearing will be relatively modest – we'll be brushing a six foot wide trail, going around all the more mature trees.

While hiking through our local forests is always fun, we're not really suggesting an immediate trip down the creek valley. It's not a trivial hike – our reconnaissance took two days to complete the connection. And if you do go, please, no clearing yet! Not all the flagging is in the final location.

Questions? Feel free to talk to Pete Tryon or send him an email ([ski@tryonhayes.com](mailto:ski@tryonhayes.com))

**Pete Tryon**

## FIRST SKI OF THE SEASON

Yesterday (November 20<sup>th</sup>), I took my first ski of the season. I went up to White Salmon Road, and passed on skiing it due to the ruts left from vehicles. Instead I continued up to the White Salmon Day-lodge parking area to look for a snowshoe trail I had helped to clear the month before. The ski club didn't have enough volunteers to clear the whole trail but what had been cleared was skiable.



## WHITE SALMON AREA

Where the trail begins at the parking lot is being buried under snow that has been pushed out of the parking lot onto the trail. As the season progresses, this hill of debris will only grow and become more impassable. It would sure be great if the staff left the snowshoe trail unburied but we don't buy lift tickets, so we are not customers and aren't deserving of consideration.

After the past week of wet stormy weather it was clear and calm, a perfect day. I saw lots of wildlife tracks and enjoyed the solitude of the mountains. My only wish is that there was more trail to ski. As it is, I am signed up for most of our ski clubs trips this coming season. Bring it on!

**Kurt Duey**

## STAKE LK / LOGAN LKS AND KANE VALLEY

**Jan 1, 2016 thru Jan 4, 2016**

This trip is full.



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**SILVER STAR SKI RESORT  
& SOVEREIGN LAKE  
NORDIC CENTER SKI TRIP  
VERNON, BC**

**Jan 4 thru Jan 8, 2016**

Stay four nights and ski 3 full days.

Start skiing early! This is one of the first areas to get snow. Over 100 KM 's of groomed trails and 6 Hours from Bellingham in British Columbia. Stay in a B & B on the way up the mountain or in Vernon, BC. Make your own over night arrangements. Five members have already made arrangements to travel from the Logan Lake Ski Trip to Silver Star on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Join us for as long as you want. New members there are ski rentals and lessons available.

Please let me know if you are interested in going and I will try to coordinate carpooling and overnight arrangements. Remember you need to be a current member to go on overnight trips.

**Trip Coordinator: Sharon Holmes, call for questions 360-647-8606 or email [smrconsulting98229@msn.com](mailto:smrconsulting98229@msn.com).**

Checkout the following websites for accommodations:  
[www.deerwoodgardens.com](http://www.deerwoodgardens.com);  
[www.mariaroseB&BVernon.com](http://www.mariaroseB&BVernon.com)  
&  
[www.schellmotorexpressinn.com](http://www.schellmotorexpressinn.com)

Also you can go to B&B's British Columbia, Canada and find others.



**MEALTIME ON THE STAKE  
LAKE TRIP**

**MANNING PARK**

Room for 3 more people for the Manning Trip. The 3 spaces are on the "men's side" but Dick and Kurt haven't minded sharing with women in the past. There are 3 complete bathrooms in the chalet. There is a pull-out couch if someone is more comfortable with that option.

Cross Country Ski Trip to  
Manning Park British Columbia  
Martin Luther King Weekend  
**January 15, 2016, Friday  
through January 18, 2016  
Monday**  
Website: [www.manningpark.com](http://www.manningpark.com)  
Number at Lodge 1-800-330-3321

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. This trip provides a great opportunity for group camaraderie, as there are 5 people in each bedroom and

10 of us sharing meals that we prepare.

Cost per person and deposit to hold your place and pay for your trip is \$150.00 as of 9/15/2015 Payable to NNSC. This may change as the exchange rate fluctuates. It is very low right now.

Spaces are assigned based on payment date. Elizabeth will be at the December meeting to accept deposits or checks can be mailed to her (made out to NNSC) at **103 Morey Ave. Bellingham, WA 98225**  
**Contact Elizabeth Martindale at [emartindale@comcast.net](mailto:emartindale@comcast.net) or 360-393-4732**

Carpooling is preferable. We will work together re setting up carpools.

We stay in 1 chalet which has 2 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, and a central living room, kitchen/ dining/social area.

Bedding and linens are supplied with BASIC dishes and cutlery, a small microwave, coffee pot, and some cooking utensils.

**LAKE WENATCHEE**

**Jan 29 thru Jan 31, 2016**

This area offers six 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. 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. Nason Ridge may not be available to ski this season. It was sold about one year ago and the new purchaser is considering giving snowmobilers access to the road instead of cross country skiers.

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. The Special Permit will stay 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 509-885-6342 or [lalder3122@yahoo.com](mailto:lalder3122@yahoo.com)**

## **STAKE LK / LOGAN LKS AND KANE VALLEY**

**Feb 12 thru Feb 15**

4 days of skiing staying 3 nights at a cost of \$256 USD per person including meals.

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 (<http://www.highlandhouse.ca>).

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 contact Kurt at 360-820-4174 or [kurt.duey@comcast.net](mailto:kurt.duey@comcast.net).**

These trips have been very popular in past years and fill very quickly. You must be a member to participate in any trip. To hold a space send a check for the full amount made out to NNSC to the **trip coordinator, Kurt Duey, 2601 Park Dr., Bellingham, WA, 98225.**

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Monthly meetings are the first Thursday, 7:30 PM

January 7  
February 4  
March 3



**MERRY CHRISTMAS !**

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 Student \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Sno-Park permit\*: \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

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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