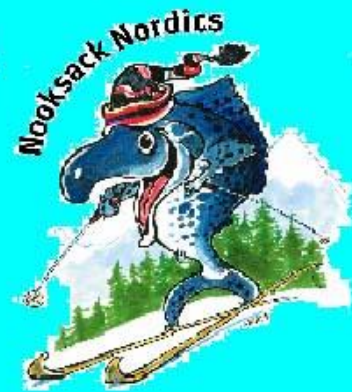


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LAKE WHATCOM WATERSHED UPDATE by Rod Lamb, Reid Parker & Michael McFarlane



Club Meeting

When – Thursday, January 7th

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.

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 1st 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 so we can post them on the NNSC website to share with others. 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

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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

LAKE WHATCOM WATERSHED UPDATE

Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Staff will provide an update and discuss the latest planning efforts for park and trails planning within the Lake Whatcom Watershed. Design & Development Supervisor Rod Lamb, Conservation and Parks Steward Reid Parker and Director Michael McFarlane will be available to answer your questions and take comments on the new draft plan encompassing over 8,844 acres. The area was transferred to the County by the State in 2014 to be used for park purposes. Information on the draft plan at can be found on-line at <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/625/Lake-Whatcom-Reconveyance> .

Michael McFarlane

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Have you completed our online survey? It's not too late! 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.

If you have not done so already, please go online (<http://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/membership/survey/>) and complete our Winter Trails Survey. It should take less than ten minutes to complete and the results will help us decide priorities for the coming years. We look forward to hearing from you.

Pete Tryon

KURT'S SECOND TRIP TO THE WHITE SALMON TRAIL

After finishing my morning paperwork I felt inspired to drive up to Razorhone Road to see if there was enough snow to ski. Two weeks before there wasn't any skiable snow, as the gates were still open to traffic but they had been closed for over a week. Baker down-hill ski area was showing plenty of snow, with it falling every day above 3500ft. Though the NNSC website didn't have any ski report, I had a gut feeling that it was snowing down at 2300' on Razorhone Road. I arrived at the Sno-park at about 1230 to a temperature of 32 degrees with snow falling and about 18 inches of sticky snow. There were at least eight vehicles in the parking lot though most people were snow-shoeing. There was a lot of new snow and it was light unfrozen and sticky. By 1330 it had cooled down enough that the snow wasn't sticking so badly. It was definitely skiable and I went as far as the washout beyond Cougar Loop. Coming back in my track I was able to actually ski instead of shuffle. It can be a workout but going back gliding up and down hill was what I'm looking for when I go out. Snow was piled on everything and the light was low.

Many times Razorhone Road can be a marginal ski but today was definitely a good ski day!

Kurt Duey



**Kurt Duey A Day Out Skiing
Razorhone**

STAKE LK / LOGAN LKS AND KANE VALLEY

Jan 1, 2016 thru Jan 4, 2016

This trip is full.



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

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over night arrangements. Five members have already made arrangements to travel from the Logan Lake Ski Trip to Silver Star on January 4th. 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.

Checkout the following websites for accommodations:
www.deerwoodgardens.com;
www.mariaroseB&BVernon.com
&
www.schellmotorexpressinn.com

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

MANNING PARK

There is room for 2 more people on the Manning Trip. The 2 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

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. Checks can be mailed to her (made out to NNSC) at **103 Morey Ave. Bellingham, WA 98225**
Contact Elizabeth Martindale at 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 is now open to XC skiing thanks to Weyerhaeuser, who purchased the land last year. Lower and Upper Nason Ridge offers approximately 4 miles and 8 miles of groomed trails, respectively. There is also backcountry trails in the area.

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



Dick Etter, Joan Dudley, Don Hicks, Elizabeth Martindale and Cathy Cameron in Kane Valley 2013

STAKE LK / LOGAN LKS AND KANE VALLEY

Feb 12 thru Feb 15, 2016

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.

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.**

NICKEL PLATE

Mar 11 thru Mar 14, 2016

Nickel Plate Nordic Centre is located in the Okanagan Valley, just 45 minutes from Penticton. It has approximately 34 miles of groomed trails for both classic and skate skiing. Additionally, there is 9 miles of marked snowshoe trails. Nickel Plate has one of the longest ski seasons in the western hemisphere, with trails for all abilities. Elevation is 6,000 feet.

Nickel Plate has a warm and cozy 4,000 square foot day lodge with kitchen, eating and lounge areas, and separate heated washrooms and shower facilities. Source: nickelplatenordic.org.

We will be staying in a house near Apex Ski Resort. It will be a 10 minute drive to the Nickel Plate Nordic Center. The house is called Mountain Time Chalet. It can be seen at www.airnb.com. You will have to enter Apex, BC as the area you wish to search, and then enter a date that the house is not booked for. Entering a middle of the week date is better than weekend dates.

Mountain Time Chalet is a family friendly, spacious 3 story cabin. It is located on White Tail Road, a quiet cul-de-sac close to the village (5 minute walk). It is a short walk down the street to the ski in/ski out trail. On the first floor enjoy the combined living dining area with cozy wood burning stove. The kitchen is fully equipped with a table that seats 8. The second floor includes a loft with games area, TV, DVD, VCR, stereo, foosball, and more. Also on the second floor are two bedrooms (each with a queen bed) and a loft sleeping nook with a double bed. The third floor is a bright 400 sq. ft. with one queen bed and two double beds, this floor also has a bath. Additional features include large boot room, deck, covered BBQ area, covered wood storage, fire pit, washer and dryer, and plenty of space. Source: www.airnb.com.

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 \$130 USD per person for lodging, per the exchange rate as of December 23, 2015. Make checks payable to NNSC for \$130. Spaces are assigned based on payment date. Mail to 3310 Burch Mountain Road, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

Coordinator Lynn Alderson at 509-885-6342 or lalder3122@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are the first Thursday, 7:30 PM
February 4
March 3

Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Membership Application and SnoPark Order Form

Use this form to purchase SnoPark permits, join the club or renew your membership. Sign and mail to the club with your check. Or, bring it to the next meeting.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____
Street/PO Box City State Zip

Phone 1: _____ (Home, Cell, Work) Phone 2: _____ (H, C, W)

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____

Dues and SnoPark Information

Check Membership Level: \$30 Individual ____ \$45 Household ____ \$15 Student ____ Amount \$ _____

SnoPark Permit – Vehicle License Required for Permit: _____ \$40 SnoPark Fee \$ _____
Vehicle License

Optional Donation – we are a 501(c)3 \$ _____

Total membership + SnoPark + Optional \$ _____

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: _____

Do you wish to share your contact information with 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 _____

I would like to receive Snow News is Good News newsletter by:

Email: _____ U.S. mail: _____

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

Deposit Date
Sno Park #

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