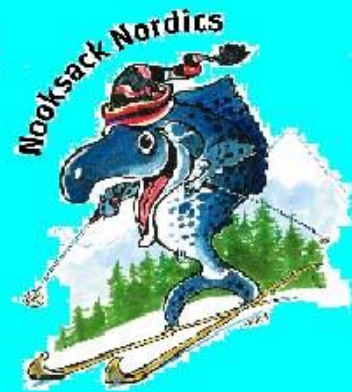


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SNOW PARKS & RAZOR HONE TRAIL by NNSC CLUB MEMBERS

Club Meeting

When – Thursday, December 1st

New 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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THANK YOU BRUSHING WORK PARTIES!



Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club and the Salmon Ridge Nordic Ski and Snowshoe Trails. Neither would exist if not for their efforts. This fall was characterized by WET. The first brushing party saw everyone returning looking like drowned rats. High winds and rain forced cancellation of the second brushing day. Much better weather prevailed for brushing trip 3 and another short notice trip. Much of the focus this year was getting Anderson Creek Road back into operation. A significant effort has been made on drainage culverts and ditches to minimize chances of further washouts. We'd like to thank the NNSC members and others from the community who worked on the trails this past October and November. The hard worker list includes: Paul Almond, Deb Dempsey, Fred DeVelbiss, Dana Downs, Pat Downs, Kurt Duey, Mary Durbrow, Gail Garman, Meg Hayes, Doug Huddle, Mary Beth Jaynes, Lynne Oliver, Jim Rhodes, and Pete Tryon.

THANK YOU!

Jim Rhodes



UP COMING MEETING

Due to the convergence of a number of unrelated circumstances, the December 1, 2016 meeting (7:30 to 8:30 PM at the Garden Street Methodist Church) will entail a mix of a number of different informal portions: Gail Garman will report on what is happening at the state level with SnoParks. Discussion will also take place on the recent trail work that has been completed at Razor Hone and upcoming ski trips. For those new to Nordic skiing, members will be happy to describe the relative merits of a variety of sample skis. That, and hot drinks and a chance to socialize with fellow skiers will fill out the evening.

We hope to have volunteers present to hot wax your skis with fresh glide wax. (A modest donation to the club will be appreciated for this service.)

Pete Tyrone

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 1st 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

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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 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



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How does AmazonSmile work?

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How do I get started supporting NNSC?

Paste this link into your web browser and Amazon will help you link your account:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-2162070>

Jim Rhodes

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- Go to www.fredmeyer.com
- Click on the red REWARDS tab at top for find the drop down menu and click on Community Rewards
- Link your Rewards Card now
- Sign in, using your personal Rewards Card information.
- Find Nooksack Nordic Ski Club #87670
- Click SAVE!

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**You're done
Thank you for your support**



NOOKSACK NORDIC SKI AMBASSADORS

Resurrecting an old event from the early days of our club, a number of us will be representing the club at our Salmon Ridge SnoPark every Saturday in January (as well as December 31) from 10 to 2. While event planning is still taking place, we hope to greet all comers with cups of hot chocolate and coffee, and offer information about the club's activities. With sufficient volunteers, we can lead groups out on the trails (ski and snowshoe), provide a few mini-technique lessons, provide a few items of loaner equipment (skate skis? back-country skis?). Optimistic predictions are suggesting excellent snow and we will attempt to have fresh grooming. With membership forms available, we might recruit a few new members!

Do you have a Saturday free? Interested in participating? Have some ideas? The more volunteers we have, the better the job that we can do and the more fun we can have. Send Pete Tryon an email at president@nooksacknordicskiclub.org (or ski@tryonhayes.com)

Pete Tryon

NEW NRTP GRANT WRITER

Yes! After 15 years of writing the National Recreational Trails

Program (NRTP) Grant, I am ecstatic to report that Meg Hayes has taken over writing the grant! This is no small task. It takes countless hours of writing, calculating costs, documentation, and entering this all into the PRISM system (a computer system designed by our federal government); need I say more? Then when we get the NRTP grant, there is more work with tracking volunteer hours and doing invoices to get NNSC reimbursed. But undaunted, Meg jumped at the challenge. Meg has a ton of experience having worked with grants and state agencies in Alaska, so I am confident she will have no trouble securing the next NRTP grant to cover the next 2 years of SR trail maintenance. Thank you Meg!!! We appreciate all you are doing to keep the trail system going.

Gail Garman



SALMON RIDGE TRAILS ARE FUNDED!

Some of you may remember that last Feb. in Snow News, we reported that the Anderson Creek Road, USFS 3071, had a major washout at the 0.9 mile wiping out over 150' of the road. Thanks to the USFS and a Resource Advisory Committee grant, we are happy to report the Anderson Creek Road has been repaired and will be groomed this winter!

In addition, the Winter Recreation Program (part of the WA State Parks and Recreation Commission) approved both our Sno-Park Grant applications and since revenue was much improved from the previous year, did an across the board 10% increase in grooming funds for all programs. So we are now getting \$8,523 per year in Sno-Park Grants for grooming! This is in addition to the Sno-Park plowing, sanicans, trail signs and maps they provide. So keep buying those Sno-Park permits; your money comes back to our program so we can provide these community trails!

More good news: we will still have an estimated \$15,585 of NRTP funds left over after we pay for the mowing of AC road. This grant pays for maintenance and grooming of the trails. So we have plenty of funds for grooming. That's great news since the forecast is for a good winter with plenty of snow.

Gail Garman

SNOW PREDICTIONS FOR THE WINTER OF 2016 - 17

It is presumptuous to attempt a serious prediction of the snow that we can expect to have this winter, but what better activity for skiers in the dark days of late November?

With over a foot of snow at Heather Meadows in mid November, we are off to a good start. Significant snow is predicted to be added in the next week. Even with a bit of rain on top of it, this helps build a base. Hopefully some is making it as low as White Salmon.

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NOAA, with professional meteorologists and large, fast computers is making three-month forecasts: both below average temperatures and above average precipitation for the state of Washington! This, combined with our budget that contains sufficient moneys for grooming, suggest that this is the year for regular, local skiing. Wax your boards and get ready!

Do you want more current snow conditions than a monthly newsletter? Check out your club's web page or sign up for a Mt. Baker snow forecast page at <http://www.snow-forecast.com/resorts/Mount-Baker> .



Breakfast at Stake Lake 2015

STAKE LK / LOGAN LKS AND KANE VALLEY

**December 30, 2016 thru Jan
2, 2017**

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. 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 Sharon, 360-647-8606, or smrconsulting98229@msn.com or Kurt Duey, 360-820-4174 or kurt.duey@comcast.net.

These trips have been very popular in past years and fill up 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, Sharon Holmes, 552 Rainbow Dr., Sedro Woolley, WA 98284**

MANNING PARK

Cross Country Ski Trip to
Manning Park British Columbia
Martin Luther King Weekend
**January 13, 2017, Friday
through January 16, 2017
Monday**
Website: www.manningpark.com

**Number at Lodge
1-800-330-3321**

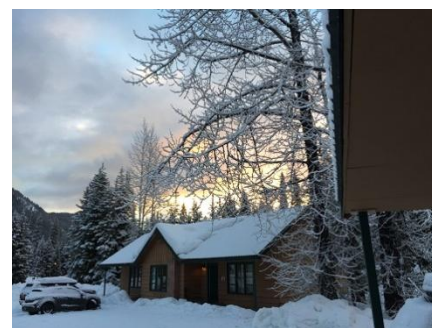
Ski four days (stay three nights): groomed trails, snowshoe trails, hot tub, sauna, steam room, swimming pool.

This is always a great trip. We stay in 1 chalet which has 2 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, and a central living room, kitchen, Dining/social area.

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 can be up to 5 people in each bedroom and up to 10 of us sharing meals that we prepare.

Cost per person and deposit to hold your place and pay for your trip is \$156.00 as of 10/05/2016 (This may change depending on the Canadian exchange rate at the time of the trip and the number of participants that we have.)



Chalet at Manning Park

Payable to NNSC. This may change as the exchange rate fluctuates. It is low right now. Spaces are assigned based on payment date. Elizabeth will be at the October, November meetings to accept deposits or they can be mailed to her (made out to NNSC) at 103 Morey Ave. Bellingham, WA 98225

**Contact Elizabeth at
emartindale@comcast.net or
360-393-4732**

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

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

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Nickle Plate 2014

NICKEL PLATE

February 3 thru 6, 2017

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 15 minute drive to the Nickel Plate Nordic Center from the house. The house is called Holy Smoke at Hedley, BC. It can be seen at www.airbnb.com. There is a map that shows its location in relation to the resort.

Holy Smoke is 2,000 sq ft and sits on a 70' x 246' flat treed lot. You can ski in / ski out, which is

30 flat meters from Stray Horse ski trail that leads straight down to the village and lifts. The cabin is non-smoking. Firewood is provided for the woodstove. There are 2 bathrooms, 5 beds, 3 sofa beds and 1 mattress on the floor. Available for our use is a TV, internet, wireless internet, and a washer and dryer.

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 \$225 USD per person for lodging. Make checks payable to NNSC for \$225. (Price may change if more than 5 people participate.)

Spaces are assigned based on payment date. Mail check to 3310 Burch Mountain Road, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

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

STAKE LK / LOGAN LKS AND KANE VALLEY

Feb 17 thru Feb 19, 2017

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.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are the first Thursday at 7:30 PM

January 5
February 2
March 2



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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: _____

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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