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Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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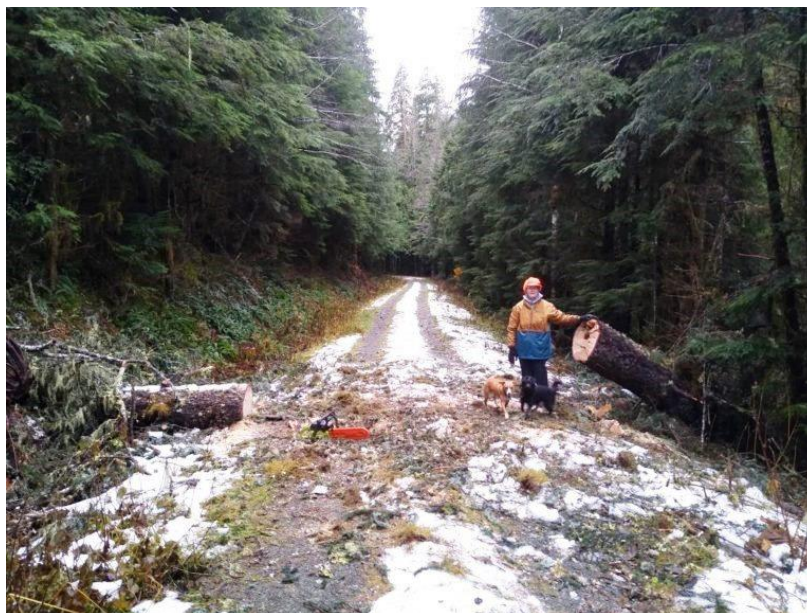
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MARCH 2022



Club Meeting – Meet with NNSC on Zoom!

When – Tuesday, March 8th

Check your email or the NNSC website for details and an invitation.

<http://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/meetings/>

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Who - Anyone is welcome!

Visit Our Website for the Latest Information: www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, March 8, 2022: 7:00 PM - Topic to be announced later. It will be a Zoom meeting and the link to the meeting will be posted on the club website

(<https://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/meetings/>) in early February as well as further information about the meeting. There certainly will be a chance to meet other members of the club, learn about the status of the Salmon Ridge SnoPark trails, and hear what others are doing.

Check your email or the NNSC website for details and an invitation.

<http://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/meetings/>

Classified Ads

We have a new page on our club website for Nordic ski related items posted by club members. It can be found at <https://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/equipment/classified-ads/> Our inaugural item is a pair of Fischer S9000 skate ski boots, size 48 EU / 13 US. Details can be found on the above web page.

SNOWSHOERS – SMILE AND SAY HI

Just a few notes from the season's first Nordic Ambassadors...

We spent a very pleasant four hours up at the Salmon Ridge SnoPark on a recent Sunday. Six inches of fresh snow, a mushy parking lot, and patches of blue sky! With the able help of Lynne, Meg, Morgan, and Jane (thanks much!) I took it upon myself to extend the Ambassadors out onto the ski trails and had a delightful ski, making use of a fine set of classical tracks created by previous skiers down the left side of the road.

While out for my ski, I had a chance to chat with multiple people out enjoying the day – and to consider the funding of our SnoPark. Many of my conversations were with snowshoers – most of them had come out Mom's and were then continuing out Razor Hone. ALL were carefully snowshoeing down one side of the trail. I did not see a single snowshoe print in the classical tracks. The River Trail was also very popular. And then I thought about all of the SnoPark passes that were on the vehicles in the lot and that Lynne was selling back at the table. Those SnoPark passes are helping to fund our grooming. The Washington State SnoPark program is funded by the passes that people buy. Every snowshoer who buys a pass is helping to pay for our grooming. I'm happy to share our SnoPark with them! And to take my snowshoes on Huckleberry and the Salamander Connector trails.

PETE TRYON



NORDIC AMBASSADORS - 2022

THE BEST TRIP EVER !

New Year's weekend, we had a planned trip to the Methow with the extended Rhodes family, but as it has gone so often in the last couple of years, we found our plans canceled and time off from work reserved. Even though we can easily make a day trip to Salmon Ridge from Sedro Woolley, I decided to make an overnight in Glacier with our two older girls and spend two days in the snow. We found a small condo in Glacier on Airbnb, baked some Monster Cookies, filled our thermos with hot chocolate, and away we went. Salmon Ridge's parking lot was messy and filled with half-thawed snow and ice. We started our ski day by helping a couple dig out their Subaru. Despite being rather sporadic with our ski days in the last couple of years, the kids hopped on like they're old pros. There were a lot of trees and heavy branches down or nearly down, and we ran into Pete and other volunteers working with chainsaws to clear the road for the groomer. After skiing alllllll the way to the top of the first hill it was time for cookies. On the way back to the car it was snowing heavily and my younger skier was getting tired and increasingly sure that snowboarders "have more fun." After our action-packed day, we went to Chair 9 Pizza for

an excellent dinner and off to our cozy little condo for movies and bed.

The following day we grabbed some cinnamon rolls from the Wake N'Bakery (rated top 3 all-time by the girls), and headed to the summit for some snow play. At Picture Lake we made a little sled hill and wore ourselves out until the early afternoon. After a bathroom break at the downhill area, we made the long drive home. Only one of us stayed awake for the trip home. It just serves to remind us that even when our best-laid plans get canceled, the best trips can be a simple adventure close to home.

JEFF RHODES

SKI TRIPS FOR 2021-2022

Stevens Pass

2 hr. 22min. The XC area, located off Hgwy.2, is 5 miles east of the summit. They have 30km of trails with elevation 3,000-3,800' stevenspass.com

Lake Wenatchee

2hr. 37min. is over Stevens Pass, then turn off on Rt. 207 for Sno-Parks. Nason Ridge, Wenatchee State Park, Kahler's Glen and Chiwawa Rd. are fairly close to each other and offer 35-40km of trails.

Leavenworth

3hr. Continuing on Hgwy 2 takes you into the town. There is skiing at Icicle, Waterfront Park, Golf Course and Ski Hill, for a total of 23 km of trails.

Echo Ridge

4hr. Near Chelan. Drive from Leavenworth to Wenatchee and continue on Hgwy. 97 north along the Columbia River to the turnoff for Chelan. Hgwy. 150 west will

take you to Boyd's Rd. and the ski area at 3,400ft.

Methow Valley/Winthrop

5hr. 15Min. Follow Hgwy. 97 north past Chelan Rt. 153 then 20, which will take you through Twisp to Winthrop. The valley has 3 main XC areas; Sun Mt., Rendezvous and Mazama, all connected by the Community Trail, over 200km of groomed trails. Altitude range from 1,500-4,000ft. The area has the second most extensive trails system in the USA.

Loup Loup Pass

5hr.30min. Can be reached by taking Hgwy. 20, just east of Twisp. In about 13mi there is a sno-park on the right, that will access 30km of groomed trails. A bit further down the road is a small downhill area that also has 21km of trails, at elevations of 3,500-4,000ft.

Snoqualmie Pass

2hr. 6Min. Located on I-90, The Summit at Snoqualmie is the commercial downhill area, but there is also 50km of groomed trails and The Summit Nordic Center. You take Exit 54, which takes you to the area known as East and The Summit Nordic Center.

Sno-Parks on Snoqualmie Pass

2hr. 30min. There are a few Sno-Parks near the summit. Cabin Creek, with over 10km. Of groomed trails is 10mi East of the Summit, exit 63.

Mt. Rainier/Tahoma Trails

3hrs. Taking the Nisqually entrance to the park, there are trails by Longmire and Paradise. Near Ashford, there are some Sno-Parks for trails maintained by the Mt. Tahoma Trails Assoc. They have 3 or 4 mountain huts,

that can be rented for overnight stays.

As you can see, we still have several interesting areas that are open to our use this season. I offer you the list to help our members plan destinations for their winter adventures.

KURT DUEY

HEADING TO CANADA

Before heading to the border, get informed and understand your obligations. Check before you leave on each trip because this website can be updated at any time.

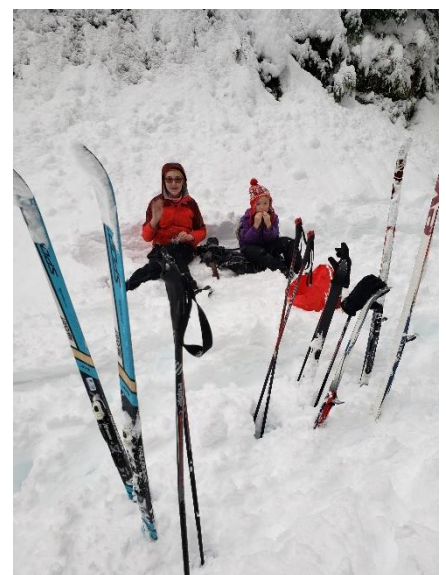
<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/web-gaf-eng.html>

RETURNING TO USA

Be informed before you leave on your trip. Check before you leave on each trip, as this website can be updated at any time.

<https://ca.usembassy.gov/travel-restrictions-fact-sheet/>

SEE YOU NEXT SEASON



JEFF RHODES FAMILY

Visit Our Website for the Latest Information: www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org

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: \$20 Individual _____ \$35 Household _____ Amount \$ _____

SnoPark Permit – Vehicle License Required for Permit: _____ \$50 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: _____

Select Club Tasks you could help with:

- Serve on NNSC Board _____
- Clear brush from trails _____
- Find speakers/programs _____
- Put up trail signs and sanican base _____
- Help with Ambassador Days _____
- Write an article for "Snow News" _____
- Audit NNSC financial records _____
- Write a grant, or, fundraising _____
- Lead a ski trip _____

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

<u>Deposit Date</u>
<u>Sno Park #</u>