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Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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**Club Meeting – Meet with NNSC on
Zoom or in person!**

When – Tuesday January 9th

- Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Who - Everyone is welcome!

Where – RE Store (upstairs)
2309 Meridian St. Bellingham, WA

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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024:
7:00 PM**

NNSC General Membership meeting. **In Person!** We will take advantage of our first in-person meeting since Covid to discuss a topic which is harder to do over Zoom - **waxing!**

The meeting will take place at the **RE Store in Bellingham (2309 Meridian St)**. There is parking around in back of the store and the meeting room is on the second floor (sorry, stairs only). Don't go into the main store, but look for a sign and the stairs, visible from the parking area.

While some view waxing as the evil necessary to go XC skiing, others enjoy it as an integral part of the sport, enjoy learning about it and discussing it with others. So, please join us to learn how to slide better, go faster, and have more fun. We will cover the three major types of waxing - kick waxing for classic skiing, hot waxing for skate skis, and the new (easy but fast) liquid glide waxes that can be used on both skis to improve your glide. We will also cover maintaining the skins on skin skis. We will have all the tools - a waxing bench, iron, brushes, scrapers, etc. for you to examine and try. Those of you with fishscale or skins - your skis need wax too!

Waxing is an art, as well as a science - so questions, suggestions, different approaches are welcome! We would all like to put a little less

effort into moving forward and more into gliding gracefully through the woods.

We will attempt to broadcast by Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. No promises as to quality - the technology should work, but I don't know how well... We'll open Zoom at 6:45 to give you a chance to get connected and check your settings before 7:00. Want the Zoom link? Email us at

zoom@nooksacknordicskiclub.org

MARK SMITH



PETE TRYON

IT'S WINTER - TIME TO GO SKIING! BUT WHERE?

It's an El Niño winter - after we've been spoiled with two La Niña winters in a row. While writing this (Dec. 28) we don't have enough snow to ski

on either the Razor Hone or White Salmon trails..



**WHITE SALMON ON
DECEMBER 27, 2023**

But before you give up hope, note that in the last seven years, our first grooming has been after this date for three of them.

Year	first grooming	last grooming
2016-17	12/15/16	3/17/17
2017-18	12/22/17	3/30/18
2018-19	12/31/18	3/18/19
2019-20	1/11/20	3/26/20
2020-21	1/10/21	3/31/21
2021-22	12/15/21	3/10/22
2022-23	12/6/22	3/24/23

Other semi-local Nordic areas also have scant conditions. Hollyburn (Cypress Mountain) is currently closed. Whistler Olympic Park has limited trails open with poor conditions, Manning has some trails open, Stevens Pass has some trails open, but not all, Plain Valley is reported to have good snow, although I'd check. Our 'Where to Ski' webpage has links to most of the surrounding areas:

<https://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/trails/where-to-ski/>

And if you want to get out in the woods, regardless, think about a hike up the Huckleberry Trail to the Bagley Cr. bridge. Or if you have visiting kids, take them for a walk around Silver Fir Campground with its big trees and views of the river. The River Trail always makes a nice hike and if you want to do some exploring, see if you can follow the blue flagging of its (in progress) extension to Huckleberry (warning – you might have to find your own way for the last few hundred yards - just go uphill to Razor Hone).

With any luck, we'll get our fresh snow and have wonderful skiing into April!

PETE TRYON

IN THE PRESS AGAIN!

Most of you have probably seen the article in the Seattle Times: [‘Labor of love’ motivates scrappy nordic ski club in North Cascades | The Seattle Times](#) (print edition, Dec. 17th). Greg told me that the idea for the article came to him as he read the grooming reports that we send out – how sometimes it's wonderful skiing; other times not so much. But if you can't read it in the Times, look for it in other places it's been published: The Edwardsville Intelligencer (Illinois), the Bay Area SFGate, Newstral, Bellingham Herald, the Sacramento Bee, News Now, New Brunswick News (Georgia), Rogue Valley Times (Oregon), The Wichita Eagle, The Miami Herald, and presumably numerous other newspapers, thanks to its syndication by the Tribune News Service.

PETE TRYON

JANUARY TRIP TO STAKE AND LOGAN LAKES - CANCELLED

We were so excited! Our first official NNSC overnight trip since the advent of covid – and now a lack of snow – both on the ground and predicted over the next couple of weeks – forces the cancellation of the January 11-14 trip to Logan and Stake Lakes. Thanks, Kurt, for putting all the effort into attempting to make this happen. We're still hoping for additional trips later in the season. Watch your email – or check out our Trip page at (<https://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/trips/>) for the latest information. Email trip leaders at trips@nooksacknordicskiclub.org

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FUTURE MEETINGS

February 13th
March 12th

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 _____
Help with Ambassador Days _____	Put up trail signs and sanican base _____	
Audit NNSC financial records _____	Write an article for "Snow News" _____	
Lead a ski trip _____	Write a grant, or, fundraising _____	

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
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