

Snow News IS Good News

Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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FEBRUARY 2026



Club Meeting - Nordic Potpourri!
@ 7:00PM

When – Monday February 9

Who - Everyone is welcome!

Where – The new Backcountry Essentials store, 1417 N State St. in Bellingham, WA.
On street parking.

Visit Our Website for the Latest Information: <http://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org>

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday February 9th @ 7:00 PM

We have had outside speakers for the last two meetings. At this meeting we will cover topics of specific interest to club members including:

- Whose been skiing? Where, how was it? (show & tell)
- How we get funded to maintain Salmon Ridge / White Salmon
- How grooming works
- What does the State's Winter Recreation Advisory Committee do? – our Lynne Oliver is a member
- Backcountry Essentials – our host, Tim Lord, will tell us how they can serve your Nordic habit
- Racing opportunities
- AT Gear – when you need to climb to find snow
- The Kulshan Randonée

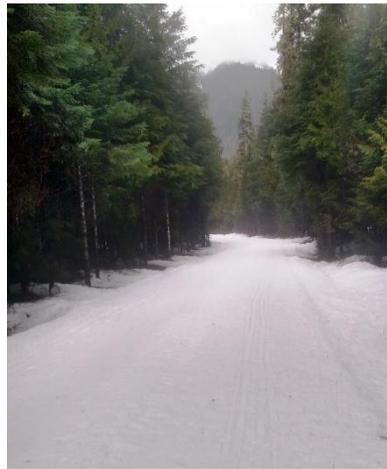
Popcorn will be served! Nordic Bingo will be played!

MARK SMITH

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

[Update: I wrote the following article for the newsletter, one week ago, thinking that for all the doom and gloom, there was still snow on our trails and still skiing. I thought it was pretty cool! But since then, there have been 4-5 days of sunny weather and temperatures supposedly in the 50s. And the highway has been closed for repairs, so

nobody has been up to see what is there. And it's supposed to rain an inch tomorrow. I guess we'll just wait and see.



Razor Hone, January 29

Three of us went up to Salmon Ridge Snopark on January 29 for our usual recreational trail work. Two walked River Trail, I took skis out Razor Hone to do a little creek re-routing back to a culvert. We beat the rain, the parking lot was clear, the temperature was about 40 degrees, and the trail was snowy and smooth. Kick and glide! It would have been slow skate skiing, but earlier in the morning would have been a bit faster. Earlier in the week, it might have been 'pretty good'! I only went out as far as the 'drainage issue' but I think the Cougar Loop would have been a fun ski. Admittedly, a few rocks were starting to show through on the first long hill, but one could ski back down without any new scratches.

So check our website for updates after someone goes to look this weekend. And come to the meeting Monday evening to hear about day trips to Manning Park!

PETE TRYON

BACKCOUNTRY NAVIGATION COMPREHENSIVE COURSE

Jason Martin, Executive Director of the American Alpine Institute is offering NNSC members a deal on the AAI's one-day Backcountry Navigation Comprehensive course.

Last year Jason presented on use of electronics in the wilderness which introduced an array of apps and some gadgets designed for wilderness use. This course provides a day of hands-on training using those apps and gadgets.

The course costs \$180/person. Jason is offering us a NNSC discount - \$100/person. At the discounted rate, four participants is the minimum number they need to offer the course.

Contact **Mark Smith** if you are interested: - mgsmiith4430@gmail.com or talk to him at a meeting. Note - the course will be offered after ski season.

Here is the course description from the AAI website:

The Backcountry Navigation Comprehensive course is a one-day program for those who spend significant time in the wilderness both on and off-trail. This program provides you with both the basic and advanced skills required to manage tour planning and wilderness route-finding on trails, in complicated terrain, or in whiteout conditions. This program was designed to fully complement and enhance the skills taught in the field on other AAI programs.

We just stopped for a look at White Salmon. Lots of snow, smooth, mushy on top, but solid. No truck tracks (other than the first 50 feet). Good parking. No ski tracks, but a ski out to the Knob and snowshoe back up the shortcut would be a fun trip!



PETE TRYON

NICKEL PLATE TRIP

**MONDAY FEBRUARY
16th TO THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 19th 2026**

Nickel Plate Nordic Centre 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.

Housing - We will be staying at the Best Western Inn in Penticton, BC. We will drive to the Nickel Plate Nordic Center from the hotel. Rooms have 2 queen beds. Total cost is \$313 US\$ for the room, including tax recovery charges and service fees/charges. Make reservations with Best Western Inn at (833) 372-5731.

Meals – Breakfast is served at the hotel. For lunch bring your own food. Dinner will be at a restaurant. We will meet in the lobby at 5:30PM and decide what restaurant we wish to go too.

Please advise me if you plan to attend this trip and I will try to connect people with each other if you would like to share a room or a ride.

Lynn Alderson
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MANNING PARK 2027 RESERVE NOW TO GET A SPOT ON THIS CLUB EVENT!

The NNSC is sponsoring a trip to Manning Park Nordic Centre, near Hope British Columbia, from 15-18 February 2027. Manning Park has 64 km of consistently groomed terrain, ski rental, and lessons available! We have reserved a bunkhouse called "The Last Resort", which is a rustic lodge with 13 bedrooms and has the capacity to sleep up to 33 people. We will share group meals, and I expect good storytelling in the evenings. This is a great opportunity for beginner and veteran skiers to learn and have fun.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 USD is required to reserve a room. We will divide the lodge expenses among participants, which could be up to \$300 USD/room for 3 nights' accommodation.

Additionally, we will share the cost of group meals.

Contact the trip organizer, Anna-Marie Benson, for more information.

907-590-2318 (text or
call) or

ACCOMMODATION LAYOUTS

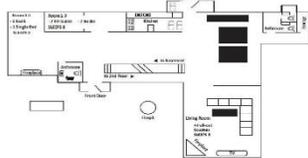


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The Last Resort is a 100 bed facility located in Manning Park. It is a 3 story building with a rustic atmosphere that sleeps over 60 people. The Last Resort has 23 bedrooms, each with a new configuration of beds, meeting, 20 bathrooms, 2 pools, and a commercial kitchen on the first and second floors. The Last Resort is also equipped with 7 pools and 3 waterfalls, as well as a deck for 500 people. The Last Resort also includes:
• An outdoor fire pit
• Private parking
• Full kitchen, Towels, Bedding
• WiFi
• Daily housekeeping services are not provided. However, sheets are changed and linens are picked up daily
• 24hr: The standard check-in time is 4:00 p.m. The standard check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

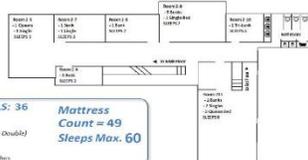
Main floor

- 7 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- 4 Kitchens
- Living Room
- Sleeps 19



SECOND floor

- 7 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
- Sleeps 26



BED TOTALS: 36

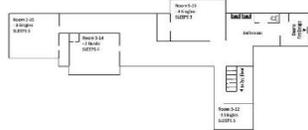
- 12 Beds
- 2 Full Beds (Single Bed over Double)
- 21 Single
- 3 Quinets
- 4 Pull-out Couches

Mattress Count = 49

Sleeps Max. 60

THIRD floor

- 4 Bedrooms
- 1 Bathroom
- Sleeps 14



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

Deposit Date
Sno Park #