

Snow News IS Good News

Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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Club Meeting @ 7:00PM

When – Monday March 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 March 9th @ 7:00 PM

At Backcountry Essentials

Potluck Dinner!

At the last meeting of the season we have traditionally shared stories and slides from the past season. So bring your stories and slides – they can be of where you found snow to ski on – or where you wished that you had been skiing! (on a thumb drive or email them to Pete beforehand).

After the success of the fall potluck, we will have another potluck! Please bring your favorite potluck dish. The club will provide sloppy joes, as well as plates, cups, napkins, etc..

Be prepared for a short business meeting – the main item on the agenda is the election of board members.

We will also discuss our summer work parties which are fun and a great way to meet club members and maintain the groom-ability of our trails, as well as exploring our back-country trails.

We look forward to seeing you there!

MARK SMITH

NORDIC AT MT. BAKER

News Flash! Some of you might have noticed that Mt. Baker has been increasing its support of 'pre Ski-to-Sea' practice sessions at Heather Meadows over the last few years. They would like to expand on this and support some additional Nordic

ski events. We've been in conversation with them and are hoping for a few ski outings this spring. Maybe a combined ski clinic / citizen's race / independent ski on a Saturday in April? Maybe a late-afternoon / early evening ski after downhill ski hours? Maybe set classic tracks along with corduroy? If we can make this work, it could expand to events scattered throughout the season in the future. Stay tuned – and check your email. We hope things are happening!

PETE TRYON and WILL WHITON

WHITE SALMON REPORT



White Salmon, March 4

We stopped by at White Salmon on March 4 to check it out. Will claims that it was 'skate-able' – I'm dubious. It certainly would have been heavy going. There were a couple of inches of fresh, wet, heavy snow on top of old grooming. If several people skied out on it with classic skis, they would probably leave some pretty nice tracks. It was snowing as we left the mountain, so who knows what it's like today. Salmon Ridge (the lower parking lot) still had some wet ice on the main trail, but that was it.

PETE TRYON

BACKCOUNTRY NAVIGATION COMPREHENSIVE COURSE

Would you really like to know how to use those navigation apps you have downloaded on to your phone or smart watch? 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.

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

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