



Nordic Wrecks X-Country Ski and Snowshoe Club



<http://nordicwrecks.org/>

December 2015

President's Message

Wow! What a great day at Manning on Sunday, December 13!

The weather was perfect--not too cool! A few gentle snowflakes fluttering from the sky and almost sunny weather by the end of the day!

Young cadets throwing snowballs at each other was my lunch time entertainment! One boy's face lit up with wonder as two whiskey jacks pecked at an apple core in his outstretched hand! I didn't have the heart to tell them feeding the birds was a bad idea.

Some folks had trouble with snow sticking to the bottom of their skis so I would recommend bringing along your Swix Easy Glide if the temperature is hovering around zero again....or a wax candle if you're low tech.

Sorry to say we do not have enough members signed up for our December 27th trip to Callaghan Valley so it is cancelled. We are encouraging our members to sign up with The Vancouver Skiers (www.theskiers.ca). Tell them you are with Nordic Wrecks to get their pricing for this trip. You don't need to join them as a club member and our insurance will cover you just like you were on our own trip. Call Olivia at 604-437-1800

We have room on the bus for our January 3rd trip to Manning! Escape the grey clouds and rain and join me in Winter Wonderland! Call Kathy 604-839-2776.

There is also lots of room on the January 10th trip to Callaghan. Call Wendy 604-420-6513.

All of our trips have room....don't wait until the last minute to sign up! See the details at the end of this newsletter for trip details.

For the March 5 weekend trip to Manning Park, we need your cheque dated February 1st, 2016 to secure our hotel rooms.

Thank you to all the members who have bags for skis and snowshoes. Loose skis, poles, boots and snowshoes have been jostled in the bottom of the bus and the potential for damage to equipment--yours and others is very real. If you haven't thought of getting a bag this season, ask Santa to get you one to keep your belongings safe.

Drop me a line Kathy, 604-839-2776 or kleko@telus.net if you have any questions.

Happy New Year! All the best for 2016!

Next meeting January 4, 2016:

Alan and Lionel will be having an informal talk about snowshoeing. There's more to it than just renting snowshoes and strapping them on your fashion boots. We'd like your input so bring your own snowshoes, poles, boots and whatever else you take with you for an enjoyable trek and let's learn from each other!

The next meeting is January 4th in the usual Mike Butler room of the Dogwood Pavilion at 624 Poirier Street, in Coquitlam. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Come early to buy your tickets from Alexis for the March 20th Social--just \$20 for a delicious Chinese meal at the Wokking Dragon, 1198 Lansdowne Drive at the corner of Guildford in Coquitlam. Let's enjoy each others' company and have a few laughs!

Jeff is hosting another Walk to the Opera! Enjoy the Burnaby Lyric Opera production of La Boheme, on Monday, February 22, 2016! Meet in the lobby of the Shadbolt Centre, in Burnaby at 11:30 am for a 60 to 75 minute walk around Deer Lake. Have lunch at Encores Cafe (near lobby) or bring your own. Call the ticket office at 604-205-3000 and mention you are with the Walk to the Opera group for the great price of \$15. The performance starts at 2:00 pm. All are welcome. Bring your friends.

For more details call Jeff Roger at 604-553-4312

Trip Information

PARKING: Our usual parking lot is no longer available! Our new parking lot is the southeast corner of the Lougheed Town Centre Mall right at the corner of Austin and North Road. This corner of the parking lot is across the street from the Esso station. It is NOT the under covered parking lot. Mall administration is allowing us to park for an extended period here for free only on trip dates. Mall

security will periodically monitor the lot but they will not take any responsibility for break ins or damage to our vehicles. We are parking there at our own risk. Check the website for a map and photo.

PICKUP TIMES AND LOCATION

Day trips

Callaghan Valley

7:00 am SE corner of Lougheed Mall

7:20 am St David's Church Taylor Way and Upper Levels Hwy (park on the road)

Manning Park

7:00 am SE corner of Lougheed Mall

7:30 am 232nd St. Chevron Station (park on the road)

7:45 am Whatcom Rd (park on the gravel lot across from Tim Horton's)

Weekend trips

Sun Peaks/Manning Park

7:00 am SE corner of Lougheed Mall

7:30 am 232nd St. Chevron Station (park on the road)

7:45 am Whatcom Rd (park on the gravel lot across from Tim Horton's)

Silver Star

9:00 am SE corner of Lougheed Mall

9:30 am 232nd St. Chevron Station (park on the road)

9:45 am Whatcom Rd (park on the gravel lot across from Tim Horton's)

ACCOMMODATION - All our trips are priced at cost for the bus and hotel rooms. It is your responsibility to arrange roommates. Please work with the trip leader to see what can be arranged if you are having difficulties finding a roommate.

EARLY REGISTRATION - On weekend trips to Silver Star, Sun Peaks and Manning Park, it is important to sign up at the November or December meeting as hotels have costly policies for cancellations. We need to decide well in advance if we have enough people to make the trip a GO. As you may appreciate, we are a nonprofit group and as such we cannot afford to pay late room cancellation fees.

DAY TRIPS

Callaghan Valley Sunday, December 27/15 **our trip is cancelled -**
Contact www.theskiers.ca or call Olivia Lee at 604-437-1800 to go

with them to Callaghan

Manning Park
Sunday, January 3/16
Kathy Leko 604-839-2776
\$45.00 plus trail fees
Adults \$20
Seniors \$12
Snowshoe Free

Callaghan Valley Saturday, January 10/16
Wendy Thompson 604-420-6513
\$40.00 plus trail fees:
Group Trail Fees \$25
Snowshoe \$15

Manning Park Sunday February 7/16
Harry Hardie 604-942-3164
\$45.00 plus trail fees
Adults \$20
Seniors \$12
Snowshoe Free

Callaghan Valley Sunday, February 28/16
Jeff Roger 604-553-4312
\$40.00 plus trail fees
Group Trail Fees \$25
Snowshoe \$15

WEEKEND TRIPS

Silver Star Friday, Jan 22, 23 & 24/16
Louise Johnson 604-937-5051
Cheques dated for December 1st, 2015 please
to secure our 46 beds for this 9 am departure!

Firelight Lodge:
2 bedroom 1 bath - sleeps 4 - \$250 per person
2 bedroom 2 bath - sleeps 4 - \$280 per person
studio unit - sleeps 2 - \$275 per person

Sun Peaks Friday, Feb 19, 20, 21/16
George McLeod 778-865-2294

Heffley Boutique Hotel:
4 people sharing - \$185 per person
3 people sharing - \$235 per person
2 people sharing - \$285 per person

Manning March 5 - 6/16
Sue Snelling 604-939-0013
Cheques dated for February 1, 2016 please
to secure rooms for this 7 am departure!

Manning Park Lodge: 2 queen beds
2 people sharing - \$120 per person
3 people sharing - \$105 per person
4 people sharing - \$100 per person

Manning Park Lodge: 2 queen beds and a hide-a-bed
2 people sharing - \$130 per person
3 people sharing - \$110 per person
4 people sharing - \$100 per person

Bus information

Some people come early because they want specific bus seats while others are happy where ever they sit. Others save seats for their friends. It has been our custom that people sitting in seats outbound have the same seat inbound. Please let your trip leader know if you want a seat saved for you.