

Nordic Wrecks X-Country Ski and Snowshoe Club



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President's Message

Welcome back everyone to the 2024/25 Season.

Once again, I am looking forward to a great season of skiing and snowshoeing with the Nordic Wrecks Club.

Linda and I had a wonderful summer filled with lots of cycling culminating with an amazing cycle tour that took us from Berlin to Copenhagen. We hope all of you also enjoyed your spring and summer weather with many outdoor activities.

Please make a special note that our first meeting/signup event will be on Sunday, November 3 (2-4 pm). This will be a wine and cheese/social and trip sign up event at Linda and Jeannette's home. The address is 316 Second Street in New Westminster. We hope to see all of you that day.

Please come to this event prepared with your completed membership form (which is available on our website) along with a cheque or exact cash for your \$20 membership. Also bring along your cheques to pay for your spot on any of the trips offered this season.

Our next two meetings will be held at the Pinetree Community Center and will feature Iveta Janot as our guest speaker.

Those meetings will be on Monday, December 2 and Monday, January 6 beginning at 7:30. The Center is located at 1260 Pinetree Way in Coquitlam and has pay parking available. Free parking is across the street at the LaFarge Skytrain station and is within easy walking distance.

Our final AGM/Potluck will be held on Sunday, February 2 (5-8 pm) at Linda and Jeannette's home.

Many thanks to our trip leaders who make each event possible:

- Sharon Maksym (sharongpeng@gmail.com) Manning Park on Sunday, January 19, 2025
- Kathy Leko (604 839-2776) Callaghan Valley on Saturday, January 25
- Cathy Soo (604 671-4582) and Jeannette Blanchard (604 520-1052) Silver Star on Tuesday to Thursday, January 28-30
- **Jeannette Blanchard** (604 520-1052) Manning Park on Sunday February 9
- Cathy Soo (604 671-4582) Lost Lake on Saturday, February 15
- Sun Peaks Saturday to Monday, March 1-3
- Wendy Thompson (604 420-6513) Callaghan on Saturday, March 8

Important Notice: Unfortunately for the club Karen Aime, who is usually our trip leader for Sun Peaks, has sustained an injury to her knee and is waiting for treatment. She has made all the arrangements for the trip but will be unable to lead the group to Sun Peaks. Please consider taking on this role as Karen is willing to provide you with lots of help.

As in previous years the club will be including trail fees in your payments for the day trips. So, it is one payment for you and no juggling of cash for the trip leader on the bus to our destination! For the day trips these prices include the trail fees, taxes and bus/parking costs.

The bus pick-up location remains at the same location which is at the Scotia Barn by Canlan Sports Center (previously called Burnaby 8 Rinks) located at 6501 Sprott Street. Please park your cars on the outer edge of the parking lot, at the back of the building which is off Norland Avenue.

Again; I have a couple of important requests for all of you this year. I would like to ask all of you to encourage a friend, neighbour or family member to become a new member of our club. Our fees will remain at the very low price of \$20.00 which allows any new member to enjoy all of the trips offered this season. My other request is that if you belong to another outdoor club or activity group that you think may be interested in our trips could you send me a contact name so that I might approach the group to advertise our schedule of events.

One bit of very sad news I would like to share with you before I end this newsletter is that one of our long-time members, George McCleod passed away last June. He had a terrible accident while participating in the Langley Gran Fondo and died a few days later due to the injuries he sustained. George was a very active man who enjoyed many outdoor activities and always contributed to our club through his vast knowledge and experience.

Many thanks for your continued support of the club. It is only through all of us working together that the Nordic Wrecks Club exists and provides all of us with both wonderful social and physical activities

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