



## Nordic Wrecks X-Country Ski and Snowshoe Club



<http://nordicwrecks.org/>

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### President's Message

Hello friends,

I would like to give you a brief update to our discussions at the AGM about merging with the Valley Outdoor Association (VOA).

Both the Executive and members of VOA voted to allow the Nordic Wrecks membership to merge with their club for a two year trial period.

#### What you need to know:

- **To participate on the ski and snowshoe trips you will now need to be a member of the Valley Outdoor Association.** The membership year for VOA is October 1 – September 30. I recommend that you join after June 30/26 as you will get an extended membership until Sept. 30 of 2027. Please check the VOA website [www.valleyoutdoor.org](http://www.valleyoutdoor.org) for membership information. The cost for their membership is \$40.00 for individuals.
- As a VOA member you can participate in any activity posted in the club bulletin [www.valleyoutdoor.org/index.php/activities/bulletins](http://www.valleyoutdoor.org/index.php/activities/bulletins) . Their activities include: hiking/snowshoeing, kayaking, cycling and social events.
- VOA bulletins (newsletters) come out 4 times a year. Please always look ahead at all the future activities and trips and sign up as soon as possible as many of these activities, especially trips, can become full very quickly.

#### Things that will remain the same for Nordic Wrecks:

- We will maintain the Nordic Wrecks website in a modified format. It will still contain trip and meeting schedules, costs for trips and any other important information about the trips including the email address for each trip leader.
- Retain our banking separate from the VOA account. Payments for trips will still be made payable to Nordic Wrecks.

#### Schedule of next season's meetings:

**Monday, November 2, 7:30 pm:** This meeting will take place at Pinetree Community Centre and will be a trip sign-up event/social

**Sunday, December 6, 2-4 pm:** This will be our annual wine and cheese/social event (Trip sign-ups will also be possible). The event will be held at Linda and Jeannette's home in New Westminster.

**Sunday, March 14, 4-7 pm:** This is our annual AGM/potluck dinner and will also be held at Linda and Jeannette's home in New Westminster.

**Schedule of next season's day and multi day trips:** please note that some day trips will be midweek this year.

**Tuesday, January 5 /27–** Whistler Olympic Park (Callaghan Valley) Kathy Leko, [kleko@telus.net](mailto:kleko@telus.net)

**Sunday, January 17/27 –** Manning Park, Jeannette Blanchard, [jeannette\\_blanchard@hotmail.com](mailto:jeannette_blanchard@hotmail.com)

**Tuesday-Thursday, January 26-28 –** Silver Star, Cathy Soo and Kathy Leko, [ccksoo@hotmail.com](mailto:ccksoo@hotmail.com)

**Saturday, February 6/27 –** Lost Lake, Sharon Maksym, [sharonpeng@gmail.com](mailto:sharonpeng@gmail.com)

**Saturday, February 20/27 –** Whistler Olympic Park (Callaghan Valley), Wendy Thompson, [wthompson868@gmail.com](mailto:wthompson868@gmail.com)

**Tuesday-Thursday, February 23-25 –** Sun Peaks, Sharon Maksym and Jeannette Blanchard, [sharonpeng@gmail.com](mailto:sharonpeng@gmail.com)

**Saturday, March 6/27 –** Whistler Olympic Park (Callaghan Valley), Sharon Maksym, [sharonpeng@gmail.com](mailto:sharonpeng@gmail.com)

I am looking forward to an exciting year with the merging of Nordic Wrecks and VOA. The executive is hopeful that by joining forces we will have an additional 200+ individuals to draw from so that we can fill the buses and have many successful trips.

We are optimistic that the next two years will be of benefit to the members of each group. At the end of the two years Nordic Wrecks and VOA will review the results and decide on the next course of action.

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