

Newsletter

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2019-20 ROKKA SNOWSPORTS

Ski School News – November 2019

By Nancy Kitano, Director

Hi Rokka Friends!

Ski School Sign ups have been coming in fast. Applications postmarked November 1 or later will be placed on the waitlist.

We are looking forward to seeing our returning students and meeting new students.

Ski School News

Lesson Dates for 2019 – Sundays – January 5,12,19,26, Feb.2,9, 2020

Lesson Time: 9:30 am – 12:00

Race Day and Potluck – February 23, 2020 – Racing starts at 9:00 am. The famous Rokka potluck will start around noon.

New Instructors and Helpers. Rokka Ski School is looking for instructors, cadets, and teaching assistants. Teaching experience is not a requirement. All you need is to love skiing. If you are interested or if you know of someone who is, please plan on attending the on the snow training for instructors and helpers Dec 1,8, 15, 2019 at Summit West. Feel free to contact me or Diane Kitano (dianekitano@gmail.com) for more details.

Thank you Nancy for being such a super Director over the years, so many have enjoyed ski school over the generations! Thank you Diane for coordinating training, and Steve Takahashi for organizing the races!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT 2019

By Cary Oshima

Dear Rokka Friends:

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We've seen snow falling in the mountains and looking forward to a great winter season. Signups for ski lessons for the upcoming ski season are very brisk and our instructors have already started their preparation with a dry land clinic a couple of weeks back.

Our Rokka Lodge is ready for the new season too, so make sure to plan some trips this winter for some great skiing at Crystal and enjoy staying at the lodge afterwards. Note: After 25 years, the Yaplees have decided to retire as our lodge managers. We really appreciate all their hard work over many years in supporting our Rokka Lodge and the members and guests who have stayed up there.

Finally, a reminder to please mail in your annual membership renewal and dues for Rokka. In addition to giving you access to the Rokka Lodge, your contributions help us to cover the costs of maintaining the lodge, the room rental and supplies for our annual end of season potluck, our summer golf and biking events, and postage and other office supplies costs. We appreciate your continued support of Rokka.

Cary

We appreciate you Cary for all the time you put in to running Rokka, for all of us to enjoy!

Rokka Lodge News

The Rokka Lodge is ready for the new season! Over the summer we had maintenance work done to the roof and addressed some minor plumbing issues. We also installed new flooring in the entrance and kitchen areas. **Thanks to Dave Johnson** for getting the surplus material and doing the work to install! We are running low in stock of firewood so if anyone has some dry wood they can donate and bring up, would be much appreciated.

Due to rising maintenance costs, we will be increasing the rates for staying at the lodge this winter. In most cases, the rates are increasing by \$5/night for individual and \$10 for families. We will continue to offer lower rates during the midweek as well as our Priority membership. The updated rates and details on lodging options are available in the lodge section of our website.

Be our new Lodge Managers!

Reggie and Candace Yaplee who have managed our Rokka Lodge for nearly 25 years are planning to retire. We are in need of finding someone who is interested and qualified to take over the lodge management duties. The lodge manager oversees the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the Rokka Lodge to ensure a safe environment for people staying up at the lodge.

Responsibilities include managing reservations and payments, handling bank deposits and coordinating with the Rokka treasurer with payments for maintenance related costs, keeping accurate records of lodge financials, maintaining lodge rules and working with onsite lodge manager to ensure a positive overall lodge experience.

If you are interested in this role or know of someone, please contact Cary Oshima.

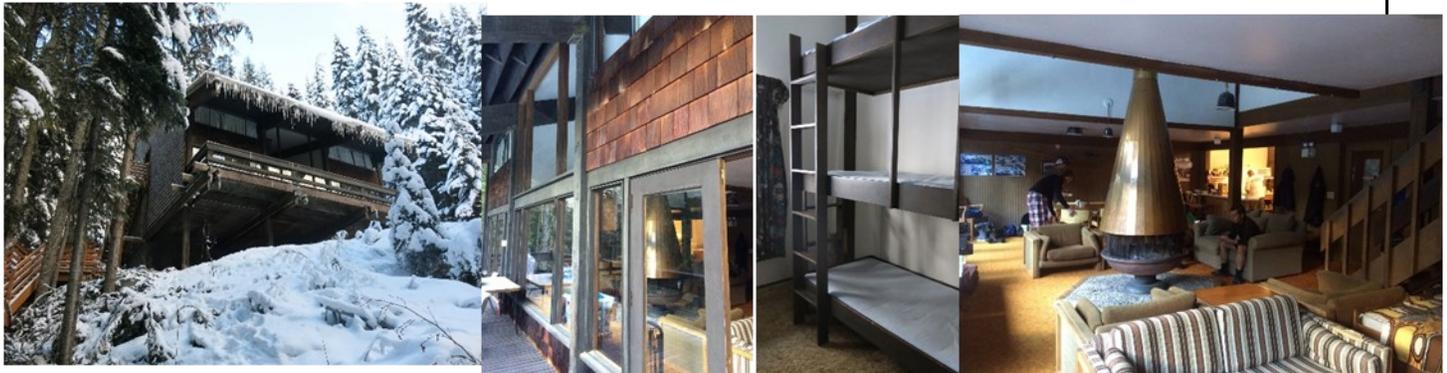
Thank you Reggie and Candace for your years of managing the lodge!

Rokka Lodge is a Membership Plus

The Rokka Lodge is located at the base of Crystal Mountain Ski Resort. It was built in the early 60's with funds donated by Rokka's members. It was the first lodge built at Crystal Mountain as part of the Crystal Clubs. The Lodge is for the use of Rokka members and their guests to stay overnight on the mountain.

The Lodge sleeps 23 people in a dormitory style setting. There are four rooms and four bathrooms. two of the bathrooms have a shower. The kitchen is spacious and supplied with dishes, eating utensils, and cooking ware. There is a large communal area where people can relax after a long day of skiing.

The Rokka Lodge is a great place to stay to enjoy the Mountain Experience!



Rokka Family Bike Day 2019 Sunday June 24³ On the beautiful Sammamish River Trail!

Rokka Riders Rip the Trail

Joe, Tanya and John McCormick
Troy, Lisa, Aiden and Ethan Stevens
Thom and Bev Ikeda
Steve, Malia, Diego and Mateo Takahashi
Bill and Lauren Dunbar
Blaine and Irina Levedahl
Wayne Lim
Chris Wong
Vic Kihara

On Sunday June 23rd a pack of 20 enthusiastic Rokka bikers met in Redmond for a 15 mile ride to Bothell and back. We rode the scenic Sammamish River Trail, a dedicated pathway. It was an all-ages family affair, ranging from very young kids to grandparents! The weather was perfect for riding, with partly sunny skies and 70 degrees.

We biked at a moderate pace, with kids pedaling fast to keep up. Everybody re-grouped at the Bothell City park for a backpack picnic. Then back on our bikes for the return ride to Redmond, drive home, and a well-earned nap! Thanks to all Rokka Riders for joining in! Hope to see even more next year! **So easy to join Rokka Riders -- just show up with a bike!**

Vic Kihara

Thank you Vic for organizing a fun day!!!



2019 Rokka Golf Day!

Cary Oshima

On August 11th, we had our annual Rokka summer golf outing at Foster Golf Links. Twenty Rokka members and friends came out for a fun day of golf. The format was a scramble as usual and with a friendly course and favorable conditions, we had some excellent scores. Two teams tied with a score of 5 under par.

The winning scramble team, determined via tiebreaker, was captained by Derek Tsuchida and included Mark Uchimura, Cal Yabuki, and Violet Tsuchida. The runner up team was captained by Terry Aoki and included George Tsukamaki, Kikuyo Matsumoto, and Cary Oshima.

In the individual competitions, the closest to the pin winners were Gary Kubata, Kikuyo Matsumoto, George Tsukamaki, Beth Kawahara, Terry Aoki, and Derek Tsuchida. Derek put his winning shot on #16 within 18 inches of the cup!

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone who participated in this year's golf outing: Terry Aoki, Hiroshi Arai, Thom Ikeda, Bill and Beth Kawahara, Nancy Kitano, Gary Kobata, Greg and Cate Luke, Kikuyo Matsumoto, John Nakayama, Rich Osaka, Cary Oshima, Derek and Violet Tsuchida, George Tsukamaki, Mark Uchimura, Lynne Uyehara, and Cal and Vickye Yabuki.

Finally, a thank you to all who purchased mulligans and made additional donations. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$236 which will go towards the upkeep of our Rokka Lodge at Crystal Mountain.

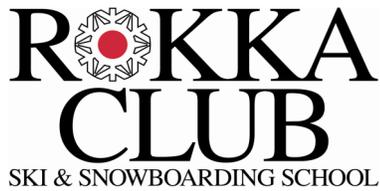
Come join us next summer!

Cary Oshima, Golf Chair

Thank you Cary for a wonderful day of golf and friendship!







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Directions to Mercer Island Community Center

From Bellevue on I-90

(Westbound) take Exit #7, Island Crest Way. At the top of the ramp turn right onto Island Crest Way/SE 26th Street. Go one block to the stop sign. Take left onto 84th Ave SE. Go one block and turn left onto SE 24th Street. The center is the first driveway on the right.

From Seattle on I-90

(Eastbound) take exit #7A, 77th Ave. At the top of the ramp go left onto 77th Street overpass. At stop sign turn right onto North Mercer Way. Go one long block to the stop light. Go straight through the stop light and take the next left onto 81st Ave SE. Go one block to the next stop sign, take right hand turn onto SE 24th Street. The Center is 2 blocks down on your left.