

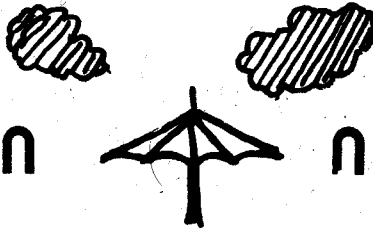


NISEI SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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SUMMERTIME FUN



NSC PICNIC

FRIDAY

As over twenty work-weary helpers stumbled into Linda Takao's rec room with that "TGIF" look in their eyes, another evening of fun was inevitable for all who "volunteered" for Pre-Picnic-Prep-Night. The first order of business was to insure that the pizza was plentiful and the beer cold; after all a contented crew is a productive crew. Prior to pigging out, an unnamed gentleman (whose initials are A.Y.) was gladly but unsuccessfully assisting Phyllis Nakano with an "easy-open" twist top bottle. Someone came to his rescue with an ever so gentle twist, and, symbolically and literally, the evening had been opened.

Following a delicious pizza dinner, the sish-kebob assembly crew was formed. Bags of cut-up onions, carrots, bell peppers and zucchini (cutting courtesy of Corinne Kosugi) were placed in front of us along with trays of marinated meat cubes (preparation courtesy of Leon "The Cleaver" Jow) and sharp bamboo skewers. The pace was fast and furious. Cries of "More onions," and "More carrots," and just plain cries were heard. Art Yamasaki said, "Use the bell peppers and pretend they're orange" when some told him that the carrots had run out. The 'bobs were soon done the large bowls of gohan were brought in for ...Nigiri time! Round ones, pyramids, 'coneheads' (Duane Miyoshi's doing) and even a one-pounder (by yours truly) were produced in record time.

Later that night as we helped Larry Yamano load the truck with the picnic goodies, we felt raindrops. The committee comforted Linda and promised, "There'll be nothing to worry about, tomorrow will be clear." Ha!, were we wrong.

SATURDAY

Downpour! Thunder! Lightning! Ultimate yuck! Luckily, even though the park was rained out, quick work by Linda and Ruby Izumi managed to procure the Palo Alto Buddhist Church for our annual outing. Of the 75 paid signups only 7 didn't show; what a bunch of die-hards, or should I say what a bunch of tightwads!? Greeting everyone was bubbly Pattie Sumida with original and humorous name tags. Then it was either on to the rough and tumble basketball game, a slightly less blood-thirsty volleyball match, spectating, cooking or helping with lunch preparations. Lunch call got a favorable reaction from all teams, rooters and helpers, especially Sandra Seiki and Ed Hom who, during the day, managed to eat over a half dozen sish-kebobs (I lost count) along with five slices of watermelon. Talk about getting your money's worth

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Ruby Writes

Hi!

Hope all the members and guests who attended the Annual NSC Picnic are dried out by now (Sounds like our typical picnic). Linda Takao and her committee, even with the unexpected addition of liquid sunshine, did a fantastic job. Thank you Linda and committee and thank you to the Palo Alto Buddhist Church for the use of their facilities with such late notice.

The new board has had two meetings thus far and everyone's enthusiastic. One of the issues brought up has been the direction of the NSC: are we a SKI club or a ski/social club. The board and officers ask, "Why do people join?" and then ask each other, "Why did you join?" If you have ideas on what directions the club should take in the future, let any one of the officers or board members know or come to one of the board meetings. The meetings are held monthly and are always open to the membership.

Hope to see you soon,

Ruby

p.s. The next activity-a Beach/Sports Party- is being organized even as I write so come out and join us at the beach.

Editorial

I just got back from Gayle Uyehara's committee meeting where we talked about goals for the coming year. People on the committee who are more experienced with the club, said that this discussion takes place with every new board and that it is important because you have to see how the club has changed and evolved and if old goals still work. The words to what we decided are the same as they have always been: the club is here to promote skiing and related activities. We're still a ski club though that might change in the future as prices go up and people find other things to do with their time and money. The kind of ski club we want to be is shown in the second part of the goal statement: to provide an atmosphere where members and friends are comfortable and have a feeling of being welcome and belonging. We like all you people out there and want to provide more than just another club. You can look at last week's picnic for an example of the type of people in the club. Just about everyone who signed up showed up and if you arrived at Mitchell Park early enough you would have seen people huddled under trees waiting for the rain to stop and the fun to begin. This shows two things, first club members are loyal and like the activities and second, club members don't know enough to come out of the rain.

Hope you don't take me too seriously, your drip dry editor,

Ken Masanaga

Deadline for the September newsletter is August 27. See you at the beach.

Picnic, part II

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At about 1:40 we could not hold out any longer and broke into the NSC's now infamous chant of "Loose, loose, loose....." while Louis Kawamoto gave a sly smile of delight. After a delicious lunch and various pleasurable desserts, our lounging at the table was interrupted by Stan Kakinami literally pushing the remaining kebobs. (Stan still remembers his donut pushing days as a bus trip tour leader. Ed) An 'under-the-table' contest ensued when Ruby went searching for Art's supposed mesh shorts and instead found herself surrounded by three sets of masculine knees. Not to be outdone, Russell Obana decided to do obscene things with his jello in front of a captivated audience while Margie "I'm Hot" Yamada got all wrapped up by Larry "Bionic Arms" Yamano.

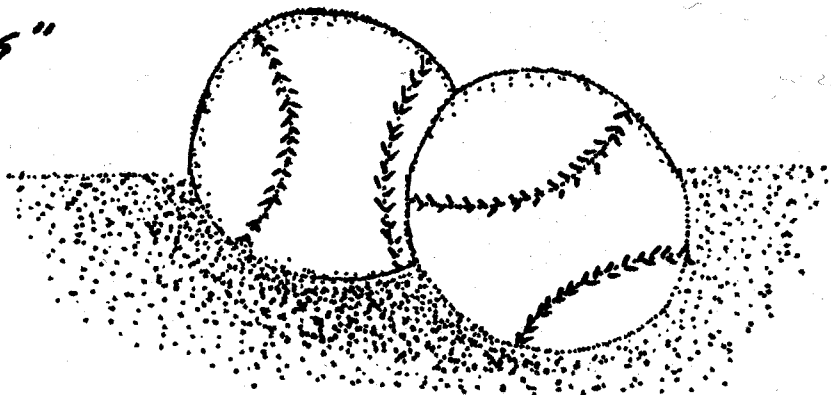
The picnic moved from the lunch room to the parking lot for more serious fun and games. Teams formed to play Pass-the Orange, Three-legged races, Push-the-Bottle-With-a-Hanger, and the ever popular Thread-the-spoon. Although Joyce "Killer" Osugi broke the hanger which disqualified her team from the bottle race and Pattie did her best to crash into everyone in sight, Team Kawamoto came out victorious. After the awards were presented and the applause subsided, it was back to volleyball and round ball where glasses and bodies flew as the games became hot and heavy. When both games were cut short by a church service, a softball game was started. "I've got a bat and two gloves," said Barb Miyoshi, "I've got two softballs," cried Ed Hom. Hmm....., nevertheless, lets's play ball. The never-say-die attitude was evident as the game was fought tooth and nail resulting in Louis emerging a hero for a fantastic catch. With that, I struggled home with the thought that, "Maybe it wasn't so bad that it rained."

Hope to see you at the next NSC function, bye,

Dennis

p.s. Linda would like to extend special thanks to the following people for helping before, during and after the picnic: George Arai, Darryl Chong, Elaine Fujii, Leon Jow, Louis Kawamoto, Corinne Kosugi, Dennis Kuruma, Rose Leong, Ken Masunaga, Barbara & Duane Miyoshi, Phyllis Nakano, Ed Quan, Jon & Sandra Seiki, Pattie Sumida, Kiku Tanaka, Karen Wakabayashi, Margie Yamada, Larry Yamano, and Art Yamasaki. She would also like to express her appriation to Alan Uchiumi's father for the salads and the Palo Alto Buddhist Church for the use of their building.

" I'VE GOT TWO SOFTBALLS "
- ED HOM



NSC'S BEACH PARTY

@San Gregorio Beach (9 miles South of Half Moon Bay)
on Saturday, August 25 from 10am _____

food—
Barbeque Chicken
Potato / Macaroni Salad
Beans
Garlic Bread
Drinks
Cookie & Cake (Homemade)

Cost: \$3- per NSC or CHI member
\$450 per Guest

for further info: Call....

North bay

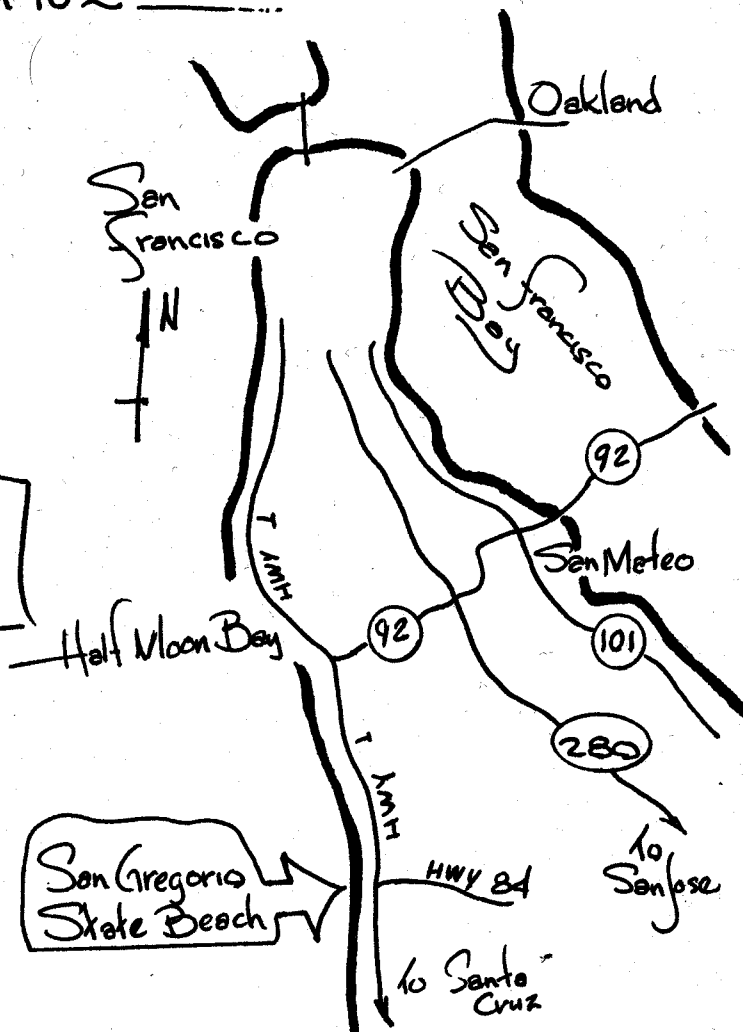
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South bay

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DEADLINE
Friday - August 17

NO REFUND

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Members \$3-
Total _____ Guest \$450

LURKING JUST AROUND THE CORNER

It's coming. The annual Nisei Ski Club Tennis Tournament is to be held Saturday September 22 at Backstro Park in San Jose. You can meet the nicest people on a tennis court. Come join us for a fun day of hacking in the sun. Watch for an entry form in the September newsletter. If you'd like to help with the tournament, please call James Lee at 408/984-8294.

IN THE MIDDLE DISTANCE

Talent Show II or is it Son of Talent Show? Anyway, whatever the name, the fall extravaganza to help subsidize our ski trips is coming back. If you've got something that you want to show, contact Ruby Izumi 408/241-1653, Susan Nakamura 408/241-5869 or Jon Seiki 415/756-8605 and tell them what you've got.

AY OVER ON THE HORIZION

Please notice that the flyer for the week trip to Aspen is included in this issue. (It is if Russell came through that is) There's nothing quite like the week trip for skiing big mountains and getting to know your club members. Helen will gladly accept your money, so if you want to spend a week in Colorado, send it in.

SEEN IN THE EXAMINER

George Ogawa sent in a clipping of an article of reader's suggestions on how to make life easier for Sierra skiers. DARRYL CHONG of San Jose writes about bus parking:

"....Right now the group buses have to park way out past the skating rink, as far away as you can get in the parking lot, and we have to hike through the mud. That's not a way to encourage taking the bus, is it?"

Go get 'em Darryl, but remember, the mud walking builds up the legs.

HELP WANTED

The Nisei Ski Club is a member of the Far West Ski Association, the people who support the national ski team. If you're interested in representing the club at FWSA meetings please contact David Yamada 408/258-9678. Meetings are held monthly in San Francisco.

IT'S NOT PHILADELPHIA BUT....

Gayle Uyehara is heading the committee charged with revising the club constitution. If you'd like to be a member of this august body contact Gayle at 415/387-4012.

NEXT DOOR AT CHI

Our good friends at CHI are having a tennis tournament at the College of Alameda on September 9. The tournament runs from 8:30 to 5:00, men's woman's and mixed doubles with teams of 5 men and 5 women. A match will be an 8 game set with no-ad scoring; tennis balls and refreshments will be provided.

If you'd like to enter this tournament, send your name, address, phone number, gender and classification (ADV, INTER, NOVICE) along with \$350 to:

Chi Ski Club
C/o Sen Chin
405-6th Ave. #4

San Francisco, CA 94118

no later than September 4.

Arrangements are being made for dinner at the Bok Sen restaurant in Oakland after the tournament with an est. cost of \$6.00. Send your dinner reservations in with your entry.

For more information call Don Kiang 271-6726 (during working hours)

CALENDER

August 25 Beach Party/Sports Day
September 22 Tennis Tournament
October 20 Bike Trip
November 3 Talent Show
November 17 Preseason Dance

CHI CALENDER

August 25-26 Water Skiing/Camping
September 15 Bike Ride
September 30 Malibu Grand Prix
November 24 Ice Skating

For more information call Koren Chin
415/952-9394



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