

## Rebuilding Sahalie's lodge in the late 1940s: a small tidbit from the past

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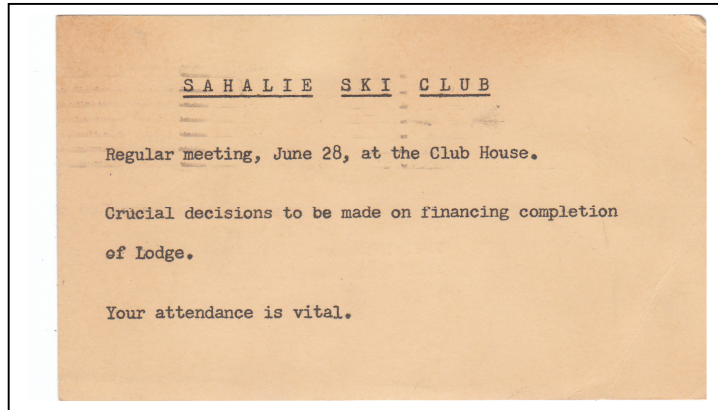
One of the pleasures of working on this club's history is receiving notes out-of-the-blue from someone who comes across our website, reads some of my history articles, and connects with their family. Recently I got another of those unexpected messages from Kathi Nass Ciskowski, whose grandparents, Julius and Margaret Bittner Nass, had emigrated from Germany in 1907 and joined the Turn Verein upon their arrival in Seattle. Her parents, Bill and Elise Nass, had been members of Sahalie Ski Club during the 1940s, and helped to rebuild the lodge after the war.

Kathi sent the enclosed photo from her family's albums: the only photo we have of the new lodge under construction around 1947 or 1948. Guye Peak remains unchanged out behind. Note the size of the



trees uphill of the lodge! This image shows the Senior Room under construction. The photo was taken by Bill Nass and shows his wife, Elise, an Aunt Hanne visiting from Germany, and Bill's mother, Margaret Nass.

Kathi said that her grandfather, Julius, was a great gymnast after his training in the Turn Verein. Her parents liked to ski. Her dad, Bill Nass, “had wanted to be part of the ski patrol [what became the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division in World War II], had actually been accepted and then at the last minute they would not take him because of poor eyesight. May have saved his life.”



Kathi also found a postcard, postmarked June 21, 1949, calling for an urgent meeting of Sahalie Ski Club to deal with financing completion of the lodge.

Thanks to Kathi C. for finding us and sending these items our way. It is yet another example of “history as a verb”: people recognizing the potential for a few simple family photos or items like a postcard to be of value to the organizations their parents or grandparents were part of.

Slowly but surely we fill in the gaps of Sahalie’s 83-year history.



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