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MARTIS SEARCH

Nice night, no victims

Saturday night, Nov. 20: clear & very cold (10-15°F), with several feet of dry new snow. At about 1 am the call went out that X-C skiers Bryon Porter & Dennis Brock were missing and presumed lost in the Martis Peak area, where their vehicle had been left. Responding to the call were Mike Wolterbeek, Todd Lloyd, Scott Schroeffer & David Fenimore, plus co-ordinator Chris Burnett and a stalwart group of snowmobilers, who ferried the nordic team up the hill. Dividing into two 2-man teams, the SAR skiers worked various sets of tracks, while the snow machine jockeys rode out along the more far-flung trails. At 4 am, Lloyd & Wolterbeek came across a tent pitched high on a ridge overlooking Kings Beach, containing Porter, Brock and a 3rd person, all comfortably set for the night. Apparently they had neglected to inform their friends that they wouldn't be returning until the next day; their absence was reported by a girlfriend who thought she had a date with one of them that evening.

The "victims" stayed snug in camp, the snowmobile team loaded up their machines, and the nordic skiers enjoyed a fine headlamp-lit descent in excellent snow.

THE NEXT TRAINING SESSION

...will be on Friday, Dec. 10th at Big Chief Guides. Meet there by 8:30 am ready to ski. The Lodge serves an excellent breakfast but be sure to be early enough to be done, burped and set to go at muster time. This training will take place regardless of the weather, so bring search packs.

The January training session will deal with avalanches.



BIG WEEK FOR EDUCATION

The Education Committee will be especially busy during the last week in January, which is **Winter Awareness Week**. This year the effort will be expanded to include the community-at-large as well as the schools. All kinds of exhibits, shows and indoor & outdoor seminars will be taking place. To get in on the planning and execution of this exciting program, be at the next committee meeting, Monday night Dec. 13th, 7:30 pm upstairs at the Chart House in Tahoe City.

AVALANCHE!!!

World-famous avalanche hunter Norm Wilson will be conducting two field seminars in March, taking the form of four days on the snow. The first class is from the 14th to the 17th at Echo Summit, and the other at Rock Creek from the 21st to the 24th. Tuition is \$175, with \$50 necessary to reserve a berth. Call 587-1593 ASAP if you're interested.

JEFF MENZER EXPOSES PACK IN PUBLIC

First time this season

At the last general meeting Jeff Menzer conducted a disembowelment of his search pack, disgorging the contents upon a table for instructive and possibly exhibitionistic purposes. Some of the gear on display:

balacava	extra socks
goggles	plastic garbage bags
sunglasses w/ side shields	ski waxes
wool mitts w/ overmitts	ski repair kit
Gore-Tex parka	folding snow shovel
rain pants	Ensolite pad
insulated water bottle	pack cover
wool sweater	pile jacket
stove w/ lighter	orange marker tape
food (immediately edible) such as candy, nuts, inst. soup	light gloves
metal cup	overboots
toilet paper	

...all this and more in a soft pack with an internal frame and not many zippers. In a belt pack were the 1st Aid kit, hat, gloves, candle, matches, twine, tape, carabiners and a sling. The top compartment of the pack (or a parka pocket) holds whistle, compass, waterproofed map, pencil, notebook and flashlight. Other suggestions from the floor were flares, space blanket, teeny square of Ensolite for the stove, extra lighter, dry clothes in the car and a duffel bag, well-marked with your name, so any gear left in the truck will find its way back to you.

ATTENTION CARDHOLDERS FROM THE CO-ORDINATOR

During the last year there have been reports from private individuals and law enforcement agencies that several members of the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Teams have tried to use their sheriff's cards to evade traffic tickets.

I have been asked to remind all team members that a sheriff's card does not entitle the bearer to any special privileges; furthermore, any member attempting to use his sheriff's office card to gain favours is likely to be detained until he can explain his actions to Chief Ed Presley.

— Chris Burnett



SUGAR BOWL SESSION SUCCESSFUL

— "Fabulous weather"

The Nov. 13th training session took place under clear sunshiny skies with plenty of snow on Sugar Bowl's slopes. Eleven participants hiked or skied to the top of Mt. Lincoln, engaging in Skadi drills along the way. From the summit they cast eyes over the American River canyon, including Royal Gorge, and took a look into Coldstream Canyon and the Onion Creek drainages. On the way down, the group ran a hypothermia drill, using Menzer & Burnett as victims.

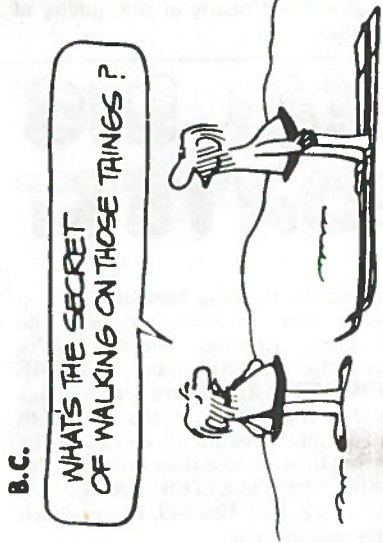
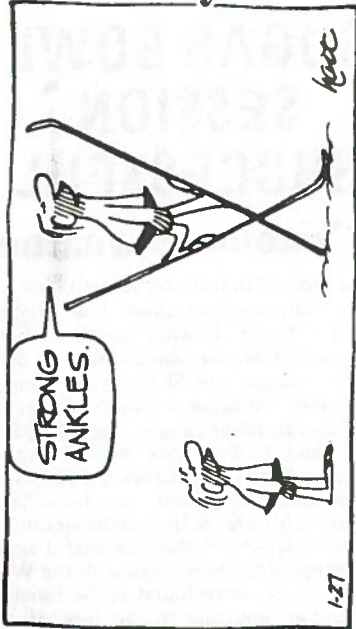
One sidelight of this successful session was the opportunity to work with the Wilson radios. These were found to be functional but cumbersome due to the lack of chest harnesses, and not nearly of the quality of the Motorolas.

REAL BIG CONTEST

Crank up the thinking beans, light up your peace pipe or whatever gets the creative juices flowing, because we're asking you, the TNSAR member, to **NAME OUR NEWSLETTER!!** There's a fabulous prize to be announced at the Dec. 6th General Meeting. Submit all entries to the editor at that time, or to a Board member, or to: **NORDIC NEWSLETTER NAME, c/o David Fenimore, P.O. Box 549, Kings Beach 95719. Be serious, now.**

••CORRECTIONS••

In the last issue we ignorantly fudged the name of Mike Brown, of Cal-Vada Aircraft in Homewood. Sorry, Mike. Also we left out mention of A.P. Marston's Nordic Taxi Service, delaying weekend traffic and ripely-scented searchers to ferry the team home.

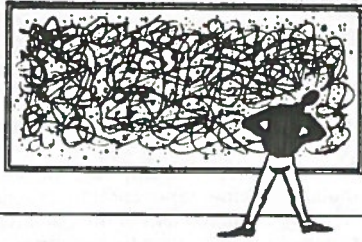


NEWS ITEMS

1st AID— Jan Noseworthy of Tahoe Forest Hospital is currently teaching an Advanced 1st Aid course, and in February she will begin a full EMT course. Call her at 587-1361 for details. Those members whose 1st Aid cards need refreshment are advised to consider participating in Jan's current classes.

LIBRARY— The committee has submitted a list of desired purchases to the Board, who will revise it to fit the \$100 budget.

THE GREAT RACE— ...still needs a sponsor. Contact Menzer with any leads. About \$3000 is needed to cover T-shirts and refreshments.



This Saturday Dec. 4th see what the President does in his spare time as Sequoia Gallery & Studio throws the house open from 3 - 9 pm. Refreshments will be served and the works of Menzer, sister Sandy and others will be on display. 916 Southwood Blvd., Incline Village, 831-6800.

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING

...includes a pot-luck dinner, next Monday night Dec. 6th, at 6:30 pm in Granlibakken's Cedar Room. Bring your own utensils and plates, and, of course, a dish or two for ravenous appetites to devour. Beverages will be provided.

Guest speaker will be skier/climber John Hardy, currently an orthopedic surgeon in Roseville, who will discourse on the Haute Route in the Alps. An excellent speaker with some great slides, sez Menzer.

Also at the meeting SAR patches will be available for 50 cents each. The perfect finishing touch for a truly stylish outfit.



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