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COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

We'd like to introduce ourselves— this is the Tahoe Nordic Search & Rescue team's newsletter, published every month around the end of the month during the fall and winter seasons, and a few times during the spring and summer. Any contributions of news, features, artwork or photographs are welcomed, and may be submitted to any board member, or to the Editor, Dave Fenimore, P.O.Box 549, Kings Beach, CA 95719. We are still running the Really Big Contest to Name The Newsletter, and we have some good entries but yours could still be the winner of a high-quality lightweight folding snow shovel. Send your entry to the above address.

Notice that with this issue we're using our new bulk mailing permit, which saves us a bundle in postage. Be sure to send in your address corrections as well.

Chairperson—Dave Fenimore 546-4149

Reporter—Mike Wolterbeek 583-3488

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THIOKOL COMMITTEE

The committee ran a training session on the last day of the year. It was the first time they had transported two machines on one trailer, which was done in part by constructing special ramps to load the machines on Larry Sevison's trailer. They towed the trailer to Brockway Summit, and rode the Thiokols to Martis Peak. Both units performed well, according to chairperson Scoop Remenih, and they're in good shape for the next search. "We're just waiting for the call," Scoop states confidently.

As of press time Ken Menzer was spending his Sundays getting greasy, hoping to bring the number of functioning machines on the team to three.



THE FULL MOON B-B-Q THIOKOL SKI OUTING

Friday, January 28th, the Thiokol Committee invites the whole team, along with spouses or SLP's (Significant Life Partners) to a social and culinary experience beneath Luna's silvery beams. Assembly time is between 3 and 4pm at the Remenih house, which is located at the corner of Cathedral Drive and Hwy.89, just south of Tahoe City. Departure is at 4pm sharp! Participants will ride in on the Thiokols to a bluff overlooking Tahoe City, where there will be several bonfires and a barbeque dinner. Bring a daypack, ski equipment (if you wish, not necessary) and **Bring Your Own Beverages**. Grub will be supplied.

Be sure to reserve your spot(s) before Jan.25. Call Chairperson Scoop Remenih,

583-5370, Ken Menzer, (702)831-6911, or Doug Read, 583-6381. Bad weather? Unlikely, but should it occur, call one of these three numbers for further instructions.



TRAINING COMMITTEE

On December 10th, 16 team members met at Big Chief and climbed Silver Peak. There were Skadi drills en route, and on the climb it was found that those skiers using skins easily outdistanced the waxers.

About 5 persons turned back early, due to either fatigue or previous commitments, and the rest, after attaining the summit and briefly enjoying the excellent weather, skied down in breakable crust. The poor conditions claimed one victim, as Nancy Devon fractured her right leg at the boot top. After a splint was administered by Tod Lloyd and Jeff Menzer, Nancy was evacuated by snowcat. All in all, though, it was another successful session.

TRAINING CALENDAR

Jan.6 talk on avalanches by Don Starbard, 7pm at Heart Federal in Tahoe City, free of charge

Jan.13 ski tour from Mt. Pluto to Big Chief. Meet at Big Chief at 8am, ready to go with full search pack. You must sign up ahead by calling Chris Burnett at 583-1844. "A" & "B" ability skiers only.

Jan.27 talk on avalanches by Don Starbard, 7pm at Heart Federal in Tahoe City, free of charge

Feb.5-6 planned major practice search involving the Naval Air Station at Fallon and the CHP.

Chris Burnett is making arrangements for a "Rescue Leaders' Stress Counseling Seminar" with Dr. Louis Richnak of Squaw Valley. Attendance will be limited. Call Chris at 583-1844 if interested.

Chairperson—Jim Meskimen 587-6167

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

The committee recently purchased:

- 10 pairs of skins and 10 shovels from Aspen Sports, 951 W. Moana, Reno
- 20 batteries for the headlamps, at cost from Swigard's, Tahoe City
- one Northstar tent and 10 pairs of Gore-Tex® pants at a special price from North Face.

Any suggestions, call Chairperson Chris Burnett at 583-1844.



VALENTINE'S DANCE COMMITTEE

The committee has announced that their annual fund-raising function will take place this year on Sunday night, February 13th, at Sunnyside Resort. Playing music for your listening and dancing pleasure will be The Killer Orchestra, a.k.a. TKO, a popular gospel-rock band that's been entertaining recently at the Hyatt.

The committee also decided that they couldn't do much better than to use last year's poster (with minor changes), featuring eye-catching artwork by team member Christi Steimle. Once again, there will be a Nordic Kissing Booth at the dance (no word yet on who will be in it), and there will also be a raffle, with Grand Prize of a night for two at the notorious Fantasy Inn. Come as you are.

Chairperson—Marilyn Henriques 583-0696



THE KILLER ORCHESTRA

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The committee is sponsoring a "Winter Awareness Week" January 22-30th. All kinds of activities are planned for the general public as well as the schoolkids. Jeff needs as many people as possible to assist, both during that week, when efforts will be focused on the Tahoe-Truckee schools, and during the following week in the Incline schools. Also don't forget to tell your friends about Don Starbard's Avalanche Clinics on the 6th & the 27th (see Training Calendar).

Chairperson—Jeff Menzer 546-7740, 831-6800

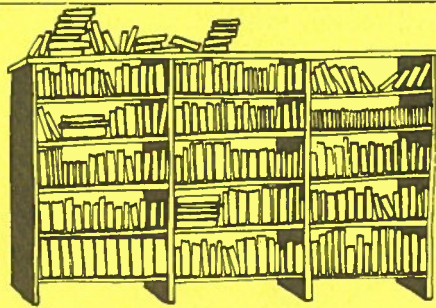
PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Right now the committee is working closely with the Valentine's Day Dance committee, co-ordinating publicity for the event. The PR committee will work with any other committee on necessary publicity such as press releases, posters, brochures, etc.. They will also maintain contact with local radio stations, newspapers and other media.

Chairperson—Mike Wolterbeek 583-9032 or 583-3488

AVALANCHE SEMINARS

There is still some room in Norm Wilson's avalanche field seminars. These are scheduled during the month of March, one at Echo Summit from the 14th to the 17th, and the other at Rock Creek from the 21st to the 24th. Tuition runs \$175, with a \$50 deposit necessary to hold a spot open. Call 587-1593 if you're interested.



John Sabin

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The committee invites everyone to check out the search & rescue collection at the Tahoe City and Truckee libraries. New acquisitions are currently arriving and being processed, and a bibliography will be distributed to team members.

Also you are advised to check out the January '83 issue of Backpacker magazine, which contains several interesting articles such as: How to Cross Frozen Lakes and Rivers; How to Convert Snow to Drinking Water; and Hypothermia.

Chairperson—Susan Antipa 587-3062, or at the Truckee Library Tues-Sat.

PERSONAL

Team member Mike Wolterbeek (locally known for his way with words in the Tahoe World) wishes to purchase a second-hand pair of Fischer Europa 99's, 210 cm., "used not abused". Call 583-3488 or 583-9032.

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