

Snow Job

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OFF THE BACKSIDE

REPORT FROM THE FIELD

A lot of action at Northstar this past month: besides a rather timely training there were two searches within three days.

Monday Feb. 17 we were called out to assist the professional ski patrol when a Northstar employee was lost on the ski area's newly-opened backside. He had been skiing ahead of two companions, and as they spent an hour sidestepping back up they saw him heading on out toward Deer Creek. A group of TNSART searchers were transported to the top of Mt. Pluto by Pisten Bully, but just as they were climbing out of the vehicle, word came over the radio that the victim had walked into the Ponderosa Palisades subdivision, after an 8-mile hike along the Great Ski Race route! He showed up around 10 PM, causing the nordic team members to avoid a clear moonlit night and fresh cold powder. Lucky thing.

The following Wednesday night, a group of three skiers became lost in the same area. They also walked out along the Truckee trail, but a scant quarter mile before civilization they decided to turn around and hike back 1 1/2 miles to an open area where they began to construct a shelter. That's where the Northstar Ski Patrol, riding snowmobiles, located the trio just before midnight. TNSART searchers were assembled at Northstar's base area, ready to ride up and commence searching.

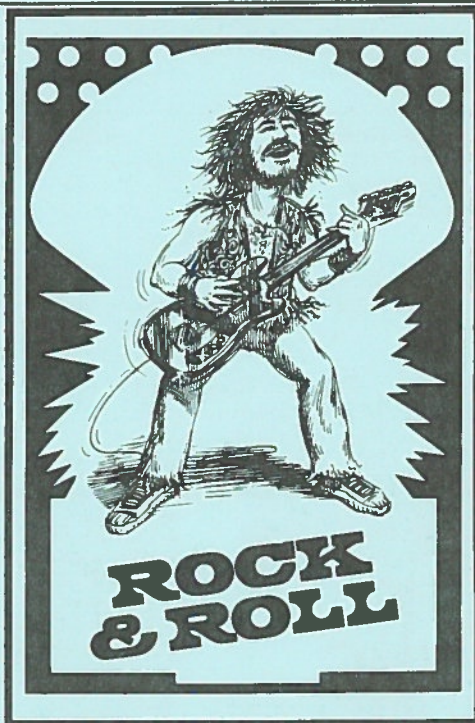
Congratulations to Northstar's patrol, headed by Phred Stoner. "Phred had a tough week," reported a fellow employee. •

EDUCATION WEEKS WORK OUT

Even as you read this, the Education Committee's two weeks of Winter Awareness at the local schools is drawing to a successful close under the direction again of Jeff "President Emeritus" Menzer.

Besides lectures and demonstrations for the kids, there are avalanche awareness programs for the community-at-large; by the time we went to press, the only one it would be timely to tell you about is on Thursday night, Feb. 2 in room 308 of Incline Middle School, 7-9 PM.

There are many to thank but Jeff would especially like to single out Peggy Heidelberger-Smith and the North Tahoe High School Print Shop for the snazzy three-color posters. •



All right-thinking Americans and a few overseas guests will be in attendance Tuesday night, Feb. 14th at the popular and fashionable Gatsby's in Tahoe City for the umpteenth annual Tahoe Nordic Search & Rescue Team Valentine's Day Ball. Along with the Great Ski Race this is the major fundraising event of the year.

Entertaining for the second year in a row is the fabulous Movers (formerly Mal & the Movers), who will provide an insinuating and stimulating soundtrack from 8-12 Mid. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served to a lucky few from 7-8. Once again you can risk your health at the kissing booth, and there is a raffle for a night for two at the Fantasy Inn III (hang on to those ticket stubs). Admission is \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door, and the capacity of Gatsby's is limited so be sure to arrive early if you want to get in.

Debbie McMaster is taking over co-ordination of this event from Marilyn Henriques, who is somewhat occupied with her newly-arrived set of twins. Debbie's number is 583-3714, and she would love to have your help. Tickets and posters will be handed out at the Feb. 6 general meeting. •

TRAINING SCHEDULE

- Feb. 6—GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM, Granlibakken
 - Feb. 9—DISPLAY & LECTURE at Ski Expo, Pine Room at UNR, 12-5 PM.
 - Feb. 11—TRAINING with Washoe County SAR, 8 AM on Mt. Rose
 - Feb. 14—VALENTINES DAY BALL at Gatsby's in Tahoe City, 8 PM. Be in shape for this one!
 - Feb. 15 or 16—TRAINING at Sugar Bowl, meet 8 AM in parking lot. Call Chris 583-1844 for final date.
 - Feb. 27—GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM at Granlibakken (note: one week earlier than usual to accomodate Race)
 - Mar. 4—GREAT SKI RACE 9 AM at Tahoe Nordic Center. Party at Don Juan's 12-4 PM.
 - Mar. 24—TRAINING overnight, details to follow.
- Any last-minute questions call Chris 583-1844 or Tod 546-4505. •

CPR REFRESHER

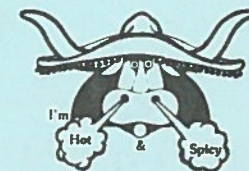
There will be a CPR refresher course offered this month through the Truckee-Donner Parks & Rec Dept., probably on the 14th, or 25th, or both dates if interest warrants. It's free, so if you're interested call Priscilla Rossman at 587-3587 (you may have to leave a message). Remember, practice makes perfect! •

THE GREAT SKI RACE

Preparations for the Great Ski Race on March 4th are taking shape under the close supervision of Skip Reedy and his staff. There's still room for lots of volunteers, so if you'd like to participate in the administration of this historic and fun event call Skip at the Tahoe Nordic Center, 583-0484.

Two things especially are needed: plenty (about 500) of large grocery bags to transport racers' gear, and five (5) port-a-potties for those pre-starting gun nerves. FLASH! There is an exciting new raffle prize...details at the Feb. 6 general meeting. •

EAT YOUR HEARTS OUT



The old jerkymaster at Tahoe Jerky Works has bestowed upon us a supply of his locally-produced goodies: individual-sized, plastic-wrapped pouches of prime beef jerky, both plain and "Mexican" (ah, chi-wawa!) brands. This unique survival snack is made from whole slices of real top-grade beef, and contains no nitrates or other preservatives. You may have seen it in jars on store counters here and there. Our share is stored with the food stash on the Toyota truck, and thanks to Tahoe Jerky Works for their generous donation. Just be sure you have a cold beer in your hand when you taste the Mexican. •

TRANSPORTATION MOUNTS STUDY

The Transportation Committee (formerly the Thiokol gang) is presently conducting a feasibility study on building a TNSART garage this summer. They are soliciting members' opinions and ideas, and are especially interested in any pledges of resources, such as materials, man- or woman-hours, or even money. This information will become a crucial part of the study. Please address your communications to TNSART Transportaion, P.O. Box 7703, Tahoe City, CA 95730-7703. •

THE MYTH OF SISYPHUS

The Dispatch Committee (Phoners) and the Secretary are currently engaged in the seemingly-endless task of updating our information lists. This includes the telephone call-out sheets and the mailing list for this newsletter. Much progress has been made, but some of you switch box and phone numbers faster than the keno board at the Crystal Bay Club. If you do change address or phone, or if you are fairly sure that we don't have it and should, or have it wrong, write us at the return address on this newsletter and we'll feed it into Leo's computer. •

Naughty Naughty

Our driver and quartermistress Nancy Devon reports that a pair of GoreTex pants were ripped when returned after one of the Northstar searches. More serious than not caring for the equipment is the fact that the culprit didn't call the damage to Nancy's attention. As a result, someone could have inadvertently wound up with a pair of cold, leaky pants on a future search. Get it together! •

PERSONAL

For Sale — pair of Fischer Europa 99's, 190 cm., aluminum edges, waxable, \$50. "Pretty good condition" says Lynne, 831-5710. •

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WELCOME ABOARD

Our new SAR co-ordinator at the local Placer County Sheriff's Office is David L. "Dave" Dennis, taking over from Kent Hawthorne. Dave has begun his tenure by organizing invaluable meetings between the various volunteer teams, and he's working hard to insure that we all receive full support in the field. Good luck Dave! •

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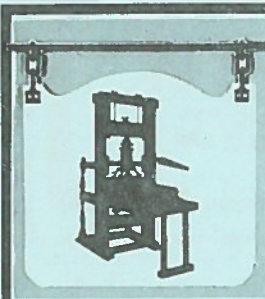


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