

# Snow Line

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## Next General Meeting

**Monday, February 26, 7 p.m.**

## Granlibakken Resort

The next meeting of the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team is Monday, February 26 at 7 p.m. at the Granlibakken Ski and Racquet Resort. The topic will be the Great Ski Race. This is a very important meeting, in which team members may volunteer for how they will be helping put on the largest cross-country ski race in the west, and the team's major fundraising event.

Tahoe Forest Hospital continues to be the main sponsor of the event, along with Doctors Krissoff, Stites and Fischer. Of course the Tahoe Nordic Ski Center is host to the 30 kilometer extravaganza of fun. Invite all your friends to join in the fun and ski the course from Tahoe City to Truckee.

Team members and volunteers are needed to help with trail preparation, registration, food at the party, timing, race results, staffing the aid stations, patrolling the course and many other tasks.

If you are unable to make this important meeting you may contact Skip Reedy for information on how to help out. And don't forget, remind everyone to pre-register for the race.

## TNSAR TRAININGS

The next training is Sunday, February 25 at Diamond Peak Cross-Country Ski Area. Don Ahlert will be organizing the training which begins at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot at the Outdoorsman at Incline Village. The first part of the training will be a familiarization of the area on skating or track skis and then skiers may switch skis for the second part of the training which is a ski down to Tyrolian Village. Team members may take part in one or both parts of the training.

The last training, a beginner's training, was very successful with Mike Hogan, Andy Butcher, and Bev Lynch teaching six team members the basics of skiing, map and compass, transceiver use and becoming familiar with the equipment in the truck.

## ALPINE MEADOWS SEARCH AND RESCUE

The Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team was called out by the Placer County Sheriff's Department Saturday, February 3 for a missing skier at Alpine Meadows Ski Area.

The skier had apparently skied off the back of Alpine into the Five Lakes Creek drainage, and of course it began snowing about two inches per hour that night. From one to three feet of snow fell that night and eight team members headed out at first light in search of the missing skier.

The skiers were Randy Osterhuber, Carl Toepfner, Scott Schroepfer, Don Starbard, Jim Granger, Bill Brinkerhoff, Andy Butcher and Don Ahlert. Dan Young responded with the equipment truck.

The team found tracks at 9 a.m., lost the tracks in deep snow for awhile and were about a quarter mile from the skier when the helicopter spotted him heading back up the hill towards Alpine Meadows. The guy had built a tree-well shelter and spent the night protected from the storm, and then thrashed his way towards Alpine that morning. Alpine Meadows patrol Leader Larry Heywood called in a private helicopter to help pinpoint the skier and then transport the team out of the drainage. The missing skier had skied to about a mile from the Diamond Crossing area before stopping for the night.

The search and rescue went smoothly and many thanks go from the team to Larry Heywood for taking the bull by the horns and hiring the helicopter (which saved about six hours of tortuous skiing back out of the drainage).

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Many team members have been participating in education committee activities this season. Peggy and Andy Smith, Chauncey Parker, Randy Osterhuber, Debbie and Ken McMaster, Jean Sidenstick, Karen Kuzis and Sheelagh Lloyd helped at organizational meetings, Dan Young generously scheduled meeting rooms for the activities at the North Tahoe Convention Center and Susan Antipa and Peggy Smith were especially helpful with their experience and clear ideas. The group helped to set up the education presentations in the local schools. Making the presentations this year were: Don Starbard, Patsy Sevison, Keo Sult, Don Ahlert, Bob Abrams, Bev Lynch, Dave Fenimore, Susan Antipa, Zeke Cornell, Andy Smith, Steve Wallis and of course their fearless leader, Andy Butcher. Anyone able to help with additional presentations should contact Andy at 562-0288.

## CASTLE PEAK AREA SEARCH AND RESCUE

The Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team was called out Saturday, February 10 at about 5 p.m. to a search and rescue mission with the Nevada County Sheriff's Department.

The objective was to find and transport a cross-country skier who had become injured on a day-outing in the Castle Peak area. The skier was injured about a mile past Summit Lake. Her skiing companion skied out via Euer Valley and the Tahoe Donner Cross-Country Ski Area where she reported the need for aid.

The Donner Summit Fire Department was unable to respond more than 100 feet out of the staging area (the rest stop at Donner Summit) due to breakable crust over a very soft snow. Eleven team members, Carl and Jo Jo Toepfner, Don Ahlert, Roz and Randy McLain, Gerald Rockwell (just back from another hemisphere), Mike Wolterbeek, Bill Brinkerhoff, Jim Meskiman, Doug Read and Doug McNair, responded.

The team reached the skier in about an hour and a half. She couldn't walk or ski due to a knee or leg injury, and because of the snow conditions it would have taken an estimated four hours to transport her out by sled, so CARE FLIGHT was called and they were ready and eager to help.

The skier was flown out and everyone went home. It wasn't clear how long it took Doug McNair to get back out, as one of the last radio transmissions heard from Doug was that the snowmobile he was driving up the Euer Valley from Tahoe Donner Cross-Country Ski Area was in a deep snowdrift.

We hope to see him at the next meeting.

## PERFECT SCORE FOR TNSAR STUDENT

A round of applause for new team member Zeke Cornell. Sent by the Bernie Kingery Fund to the National Avalanche School in Denver, Zeke was one of four people to score 100% on the final exam.

## SKI INJURY CLINIC

Tahoe City chiropractic physician Tim Schroeder is preparing for the Great Ski Race by offering a free ski injury prevention clinic on Saturday, March 3, from 12 - 3 p.m. at his office in the Comstock Village next to the Tahoe House restaurant. He will focus on preventive maintenance of muscles and joints to avoid the stress-related injuries caused by the wear and tear of constant skiing. Call 583-7475 if you plan to attend.

(Dr. Schroeder, by the way, is *Snow Line's* newest advertiser.)



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 Food ..... Debra Schroeffer

## BICYCLE BOOK-SIGNING

Tuesday night, February 27, Dave Fenimore and Nanci Northway are hosting a book-signing party at the Passage restaurant in Truckee. Fenimore's recently-published *Bicycling Across America: a Journal on the Open Road* (which includes chapters starring TNSAR President Randy Osterhuber and member Julie Maurer) will be available for autographing, and complimentary refreshments of an alcoholic nature will be provided from 5:30-7:30 p.m. At 9:00 p.m., a short slide show of trip highlights is scheduled. All TNSAR members are invited.

## SPRING FLING

Team members Doug Read, Jo Jo Toeppner and Debbie Kelly are organizing a spring dance and party at Squaw Valley for March 31. This will take the place of the now historic Valentine's Dance. We will miss the kissing booth. Details will follow.

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