

# Snow Line

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## Next General Meeting

**Monday, December 2, 1991**

**Granlibakken Conference**

**Center's Ski Hut**

**7:00 p.m.**

The late October snowfall certainly was welcome to the parched Sierra mountains. The dusting which left over a foot of powder in the higher elevations gave everybody the sense that this was the end of five years of drought. Everywhere there was talk of the big one. El Niño was finally going to have that date with a frigid arctic air mass, and we would be blessed with a bundle of the steep and deep.

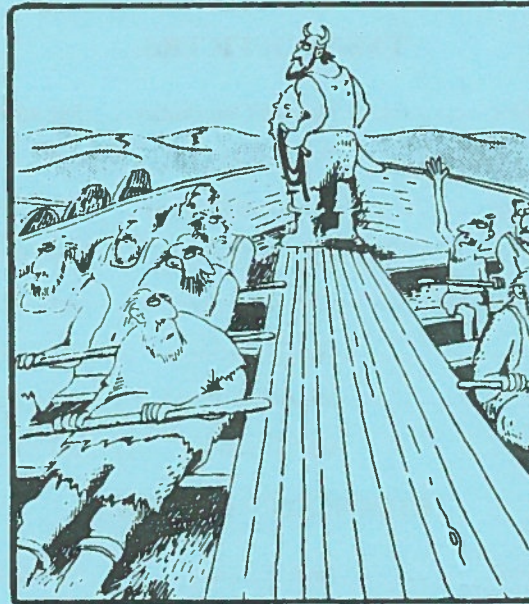
Optimists such as myself still chant El Niño, but not to loud. Well, that is until it dumps some snow!

## POTLUCK X-MAS PARTY

Come celebrate the Christmas season at the TNSAR Christmas party, December 7th, at the Tahoe Nordic Center starting at 6:00 p.m. This annual potluck dinner is just the event to kick off the Christmas season, so bring your favorite gustatory delights.

## TNSAR TRAINING

The first official training of the 1991/1992 season took place on November 9th. Many new members were introduced to the Team Truck, and become familiar with the equipment. This training is essential for new members because it can be very confusing to locate equipment at 2:00 a.m. in a snow storm.



"Yoo-hool Oh, yoo-hool . . . I think I'm getting a blister."

## FUTURE TRAINING

There are some excellent trainings planned for November and December. Remember, training usually will take place the second Thursday and the last Sunday of each month. This is a good way to improve your skiing technique and back country skills, as well as, get the confidence of members who will be searching with you. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the trainings.

The following is the tentative schedule for future training: **Sunday, November 24th**, Avid S.C.U.B.A diver and TNSAR President Randall Osterhuber will lead an ice training. This is a valuable training because the amount of ice skating and fishing that takes place on the lakes and ponds in our area. Participants will learn

techniques for safe and efficient ice rescues. A site has not been selected because of the warm temperatures. This training may be held up at one of the lakes on the summit. Anyone who is interested in more information call Randall at 916-587-4838.

**Thursday, December 12th**, TNSAR Public Relations Officer Mike (Winter Awareness Brochure) Wolterbeek and the good folks at Sugarbowl ski patrol will demonstrate methods for controlling and maneuvering toboggans on a wide variety of terrain. This is a hands on training in which all will be encourage to participate. Beginning telemark skiers will be introduced basic techniques that will have them carving turns in no time. After the sled training, Mike will lead the advanced skiers down Lake-view Canyon to Donner Lake while novice skiers can sharpen their skills within the boundaries of Sugarbowl's groomed terrain. Meet at the Sugarbowl parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, December 28th**, TNSAR Officer Gerald Rockwell will lead a night training somewhere around the North Tahoe Basin or wherever the snow is plentiful. This training will simulate search scenarios, and help acclimate participants to night skiing. For more information where and what time call Gerald Rockwell at 916-583-5376.

There is still a lot of room open on the training schedule. If you are interested in leading a training or have any ideas for future training call Carl Toepfner the Training Chairman at 916-587-4545.

## SEARCHES

The sudden storm of late October caught many hikers and hunters off guard, and many were reported missing in Tuolumne County. The TNSAR was called out for a search in Tuolumne County on Monday, October 28th, to look for a lost hunter. Carl Toepfner and Tony "Scoop" Remenih responded to the call. After many hours of searching and the steep canyons the victim was found alive and well. Another great job by all search teams involved in the massive effort that weekend, and especially to Carl and Scoop.

## NOVEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING RECAP

The Great Ski Race brochures are completed and ready for distribution. Do you have skiers in your local area that would be interested in coming to the greater North Tahoe area to race in the West's greatest nordic race? Are you traveling to a ski area for Thanksgiving or Christmas, and would like to distribute some brochures? Call Skip Reedy the Great Ski Race Chairman at 916-587-4590 for brochures.

Fisher Skis has donated one pair of Fisher RCS skating skis and a pair of GTS Telemark skis to TNSAR. The 1992/1993 nordic skis will be raffled off, and the proceeds will purchase bibs for The Great Ski Race. Anyone interested in selling or buying raffle tickets should call JoJo Toepfner at 916-587-4545.

Andy Butcher the Education Chairman is forming the education committee to teach winter awareness to the Tahoe areas elementary students. He also announced he is looking for people who speak fluent Spanish, and would like to teach winter awareness to the many Latin American children who live and go to school in the North Tahoe area. To join the committee or for more information call Andy Butcher at 916-546-8729 or talk to him at the next meeting.

## APPROVAL GIVEN TO BILLY'S PEAK

Randall Osterhuber attended the last meeting of the U.S. Board of Geographic Names. After many questions about the Billy Dutton Memorial, and much debating by the members, **the board unanimously voted the peak to be recognized as BILLY'S PEAK.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randall announced TNSAR members can purchase an Ortovox Transmitter for \$175.00 through the National Ski Patrol. Anyone interested should get their order in by December 7, 1991. Contact Randall at the next general meeting or call him at 916-587-4838.

## BROCHURE UPDATE

Mike Wolterbeek has assured us the new brochure should be completed and ready for distribution at the next general meeting December 2, 1991.

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