

SNOW LINE



The official newsletter of the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team
North Tahoe Truckee Donner Summit



GREAT SKI RACE NEWS

Don't forget

The next Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue meeting will be Monday, Feb. 26, and will primarily be devoted to planning for the 20th annual Great Ski Race, which is set for March 3. Also, Dr. Charlie Kellermeyer will give his infamous hypothermia lecture.

There are a lot of jobs looking for people to fill them, so please show up to put your name on the dotted line. Helping out with the race is a lot of fun.

And don't forget to cajole your friends and family members to do the race. It's a blast to ski it, and just as much fun to eat the great meal and dance to the band afterward at Cottonwoods restaurant.

In our first search of the season, Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team members plucked a skier out of Five Lakes Creek drainage Sunday, Feb. 11. In the words of one searcher, "It was a classic Squaw search."

In keeping with traditional patterns, the skier, a male in his mid-twenties, took off toward Five Lakes from the top

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*Next General Meeting is
7 p.m., Feb. 26, at the
Granlibakken Ski Hut*

of Squaw Valley's KT-22 lift. His friends reported him missing when he didn't return to his car at an appointed meeting hour of 7:30. High school TNSAR member Brian York, who is also a parking attendant at Squaw, took the report. After checking all in-bounds runs and local bars, the Placer County Sheriff's Department called TNSAR about 9:30 p.m.

Ten TNSAR skiers showed up for the search. On their way up the tram, they enjoyed a steaming pot of coffee and a pile of cookies from the Climbing Wall Cafe, which is at

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the bottom of the tram.

Squaw Valley's ski patrollers had found so many tracks heading out-of-bounds that they had difficulty identifying the lost man's tracks. One patroller had headed into Five Lakes Creek on a snowmobile and returned to say he had found nothing; but Search and Rescue skiers quickly learned he had only been able to snowmobile to the lakes, and had not driven down along the creek because the open water was treacherous. Since skiers lost from Squaw usually go down the Five Lakes drainage, the skiers figured there was a good chance the man was indeed down there somewhere.

Five TNSAR skiers went down the Five Lakes drainage. The other five skied from the

TRAININGS

- 2/25** An all-day Sugar Bowl training. Meet at the garage to car pool at 7:30, or meet at 8:15 at Gondola entrance. Intermediate Telemark minimum or Randonee equipment. Bring lunch, water and avalanche gear.
- 2/22** A Telemark clinic for advanced skiers only, call Peter at 546-0588.
- 3/23** An all-day ski tour for all team members, Bring snowshoes, beginning Telemark -- whatever you have. Advanced skiers are welcome and may split off at some point, but are requested to help with the less-experienced members in the morning. Call Steve Twomey for details, 525-7280. Meet at the garage at 8 a.m.

top of Granite Chief into the middle fork basin. Very quickly, the Five Lakes skiers spotted the man's tracks. Upon hearing the tracks were found, the middle forks team split up and three went down Whisky Creek to reach the Five Lakes drainage. The other two returned to help the Placer County deputies coordinate the search.

At 3 a.m., after many wet and dangerous creek

crossings, Randall Osterhuber and Joe Pace found the lost skier. Helicopters flew the group out the next morning. Also taking part in the rescue were Steve Twomey, Steve Matson, Jeff Rieger, Doug Read, Chris Worcester, Dirk Schoonmaker, Andy Biederman and Bill Brinckerhoff.

FOR SALE

TNSAR has the following excess equipment for sale:

One 2-person North Face Mountain tent.....\$50

One First Need water filter....\$5

Four bias-ply mud & snow tires mounted on 15-inch wheels
.....\$150

Please contact any TNSAR board member to purchase these items.

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