

# SNOW LINE



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



## GREAT SKI RACE NEWS

### Truckin' on

**T**he Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team is busily raising funds to replace the tired, old Toyota equipment truck that was donated to the Team several years ago. Thanks to Gar Woods Grill and Pier and a few creative Team members, a series of wine-tasting fundraisers have been enormously successful. The wine-tastings are the last Thursday of every month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Garwoods. Drawing prizes include such things as local ski area lift tickets, and there is an on-going drawing for an excursion on the majestic Thunderbird boat. The winner of that prize will be chosen this summer.

In March, Squaw Valley USA held an additional benefit which attracted about 50 people.

### BOARD BUSINESS

As is usual for this time of year, Board members will announce their Team Member Of The Year nominees at the April general meeting. In May they will announce the person finally selected for making an outstanding contribution to the Team.

Also at this month's meeting, Team members will begin nominating candidates for open board positions. Nominations will be open for one month. At the May meeting, people will select new directors by secret ballot.

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*Next General Meeting is  
7 p.m., April 1, at the  
Granlibakken Ski Hut*

In further business, Board members are soliciting TNSAR members who want to attend a National Association for Search and Rescue course on the fundamentals of search and rescue.

Using an education fund established in memory of Bernie Kingery, the Team will pay course costs except for \$100. There are two opportunities to take the three-day course: at Lassen National Park from Sept. 21 to 25, and in Reno from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2.

## SAR COURSE

Interested members should submit a letter of interest to the Board by May 3. Call Dirk Schoonmaker, 583-2929, for more information.

### SHORT SEARCH

Dirk Schoonmaker and Dave Gleske delivered a woman to safety from near Starrett Pass last month. Dirk, who is a firefighter with the North Tahoe Fire Protection District, was listening to his scanner on his day off when he heard about a woman who'd hurt her back during a snowmobile tour to Watson Peak.

When Dirk heard the overcast sky was prohibiting a rescue effort by available medical helicopters, he tracked down Dave, who drives one of the TNSAR snowcats. Together, the two drove a cat to the location and brought the

## TRAININGS

- 4/14** A rescheduled Alpine Meadows Ski Resort all-day training for intermediate and advanced Telemark skiers. Bring lunch, avalanche equipment and skins. Meet at the Alpine Meadows patrol shack at 8 a.m., or at the TNSAR garage to carpool at 7:30 a.m. Call Dirk for details, 583-2929.
- 4/20** Gerald Rockwell's evening map and compass training at Paige Meadows. Gerald will teach orienteering, map and compass and use of the Global Positioning System (GPS). Bring cross-country skis, snowshoes, or boots for walking, if the weather allows it. Headlights are available from the truck if you don't have your own. Meet at the top of Silvertip. Call Gerald for details, 583-5376.
- 4/24** Tony Bochene's outdoor survival class prep for a survival overnight set for April 27. Meet at 6 p.m. in Peter Sporfeder's Kings Beach Elementary classroom. Call Tony for details, 581-9156.
- 4/27** Tony Bochene's outdoor overnight survival class to the Peter Grubb Hut. Meet at Boreal at 1 p.m., or carpool from the TNSAR garage at 12:15 p.m. Skiers of all capabilities welcome.

woman safely out of the woods. Way to go, guys.

**GREAT SKI RACE**

The Team's biggest fundraiser, the 20th Annual Great Ski Race, was highly successful. From the 862 registered skiers, to the 774 finishers; from the grinning helpers at Soup Station 1, to the fireworks and more at Soup Station 2; from the killer uphill out of Tahoe City, to the mind-blowing

downhill in Truckee; from the frozen energy bars on the trail, to the soothing, delicious dinner at Cottonwoods, the Great Ski Race made memories once again.

At the post-race party, a skier behind me said something that made me realize the event's organizers 20 years ago had a premonition when they chose the race's name. The person said with genuine feeling, "This is a GREAT RACE!"

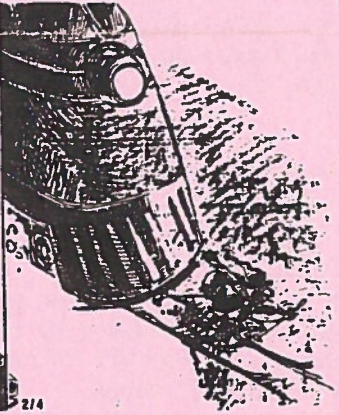
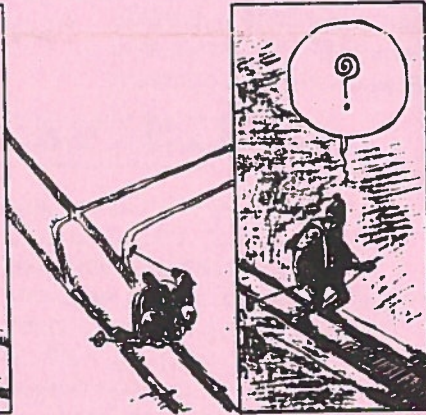
**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**TO SELL:**

Valmonte-X 200s, Voile Classic cable bindings, like new, \$250. Call Chris Worcester, 582-4648

**TO BUY:**

Medora Weiser, 525-0539, and Jean Wernette, 546-2238, are looking for two used sea kayaks.



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