MARTIS SEARCH
Nice night, no victims

Saturday night, Nov. 20: clear & very cold (10-15°F), with several feet of dry new snow. At about 1 am the call went out that X-C skiers Bryon Porter & Dennis Brock were missing and presumed lost in the Martis Peak area, where their vehicle had been left. Responding to the call were Mike Wolterbeek, Todd Lloyd, Scott Schroeper & David Fennimore, plus co-ordinator Chris Burnett and a stalwart group of snowmobilers, who ferried the Nordic team up the hill. Dividing into two 2-Man teams, the SAR skiers worked various sets of tracks, while the snowmobile jockeys rode out along the more far-flung trails. At 4 am, Lloyd & Wolterbeek came across a tent pitched high on a ridge overlooking Kings Beach, containing Porter, Brock and a 3rd person, all comfortably set for the night. Apparently they had neglected to inform their friends that they wouldn’t be returning until the next day; their absence was reported by a girlfriend who thought she had a date with one of them that evening.

The “victims” stayed snug in camp, the snowmobile team loaded up their machines, and the Nordic skiers enjoyed a fine headlamp-lit descent in excellent snow.

BIG WEEK FOR EDUCATION

The Education Committee will be especially busy during the last week in January, which is Winter Awareness Week. This year the effort will be expanded to include the community-at-large as well as the schools. All kinds of exhibits, shows and indoor & outdoor seminars will be taking place. To get in on the planning and execution of this exciting program, be at the next committee meeting, Monday night Dec. 13th, 7:30 pm upstairs at the Chart House in Tahoe City.

ATTENTION CARDHOLDERS
FROM THE CO-ORDINATOR

During the last year there have been reports from private individuals and law enforcement agencies that several members of the Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Teams have tried to use their sheriff’s cards to evade traffic tickets.

I have been asked to remind all team members that a sheriff’s card does not entitle the bearer to any special privileges; furthermore, any member attempting to use his sheriff’s office card to gain favours is likely to be detained until he can explain his actions to Chief Ed Presley.

JEFF MENZER EXPOSES PACK IN PUBLIC
First time this season

At the last general meeting Jeff Menzer conducted a dismemberment of his search pack, disassembling the contents upon a table for instructive and possibly exhibitionistic purposes. Some of the gear on display:

- balaclava
- goggles
- sunglasses w/side shields
- wool mitts w/ cover mitts
- Gore-Tex parka
- rain pants
- insulated water bottle
- wool sweater
- stove w/ lighter
- food (immediately edible) such as candy, nuts, inst. soup,
- toilet paper
- metal cup
- light gloves
- plastic garbage bags
- ski waxes
- skis repair kit
- folding snow shovel
- Ensolite pad
- pack cover
- pita jacket
- orange marker tape
- well-marked with your name, so any gear left in the truck will find its way back to you.

real big contest

Crank up the thinking beansies, light up your peace pipe or whatever gets the creative juices flowing, because we’re asking you, the TNSAR member, to NAME OUR NEWSLETTER!!! There’s a fabulous prize to be announced at the Dec. 6th General Meeting. Submit all entries to the editor at that time, or to a Board member, or to: NORDIC NEWSLETTER NAME, c/o David Fennimore, P.O. Box 549, Kings Beach 95719. Be serious, now.
NEWS ITEMS

1st AID — Jan Noseworthy of Tahoe Forest Hospital is currently teaching an Advanced 1st Aid course, and in February she will begin a full EMT course. Call her at 587-1361 for details. Those members whose 1st Aid cards need refreshment are advised to consider participating in Jan’s current classes.

LIBRARY — The committee has submitted a list of desired purchases to the Board, who will revise it to fit the $100 budget.

THE GREAT RACE — still needs a sponsor. Contact Menzer with any leads. About $3000 is needed to cover T-shirts and refreshments.

This Saturday Dec. 4th see what the President does in his spare time as Sequoia Gallery & Studio throws the house open from 3 - 9 pm. Refreshments will be served and the works of Menzer, sister Sandy and others will be on display. 916 Southwood Blvd., Incline Village, 831-6800.

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING

...includes a pot-luck dinner, next Monday night Dec. 6th, at 6:30 pm in Granlibakken’s Cedar Room. Bring your own utensils and plates, and, of course, a dish or two for numerous appetites to devour. Beverages will be provided.

Guest speaker will be skier/climber John Hardy, currently an orthopedic surgeon in Reno, who will discourse on the Haute Route in the Alps. An excellent speaker with some great slides, says Menzer.

Also at the meeting SAR patches will be available for 50 cents each. The perfect finishing touch for a truly stylish outfit.