LONG OVERDUE THANKS
to a couple groups who we all too often take for granted. The Volunteer Snowmobile Team has pulled us out of a lot of tight spots over the years, as well as giving us rides, and often doing the whole job, as for example up on Martis Peak last year. With their extended mobility and speed (not to mention entertaining personal qualities) guys like Al Henry, and Dick Carroll show up in the worst of conditions and are usually the first group to take to the field during a search.

The Placer County Sheriff’s Communications Reserve is also a group that makes TNSAR’s job of skiing possible. Bob Williams, Bob Dobbs, and the other members of the Com Reserve move out in their futuristic communications van and establish a base station whereby the various Nordic and snow vehicle teams are coordinated, often by a sheriff’s deputy right in the van. They’ll often maneuver their vehicle into the hardest-to-get-to places so the radios have a clear shot over a ridge, or they can relay traffic with the greatest of ease.

Thanks guys. without you we Nordic skiers would be whistling (and walking) in the dark.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH
In Dave Mogilefsky’s column “Publisher’s Clearing House” in a recent NORTH TAHOE WEEK magazine, he relates the following:

“Proof that skiing out of bounds is taken seriously in these parts. Last week in Tahoe Justice Court one Benjamin Doolittle of Davis was fined $170 for a first offense. And that’s not so unusual either; twenty or more individuals face that penalty over the course of a season. A court clerk who shall remain anonymous said that ‘they almost drop their teeth when they hear what the fine is, but so what. it’s not worth one person’s life to go look for them.’ ”

TRAININGS
Scott Schroepfer has arranged a trip up Mt. Tallac for the training on Thursday, April 11th. Meet in the Lucky’s parking lot in Tahoe City at 5 AM, ready to go. Skiers should be back around noon (walking down the mountain might take longer).

For the last Sunday in April (28th), Dave Fenimore would like to tour from Mt. Lola to Castle Valley (the Grubb Hut). An overnight (or two) to Mt. Lassen is also under consideration. Let’s talk about it at the April 1st meeting.

SKI TRIP ENDS IN TRAGEDY
TNSAR was called out early in the morning Monday, March 11th to rescue a 46 year-old South Lake Tahoe woman who collapsed during a day ski toward Stanford Rock in Ward Canyon. Her husband built a fire and gave her his dry clothes, but she lost consciousness at about 6 PM Sunday night. He stayed with her most of the night, then skied out two miles to the trailhead where a Placer County Sheriff’s deputy had just arrived. The Nordic team arrived at 4:30 AM and accompanied Scoop Remesh’s Thikol to the victim. Drs. Kellermeyer and Harding detected no vital signs, and the victim was first driven, then hand-carried by stretcher when the Thikol became wedged across a creek. She was pronounced dead at 7:30 AM at Tahoe Forest Hospital.

Thanks to the above-named team members plus Doug Read, Scott Schroepfer, Jim Granger, Gerald Rockwell, Mike Wolterbeek, Colleen Connors, Susan Antipa, and the Volunteer Snowmobile Team, the Placer County Sheriff’s Com Reserve, and of course, the Placer County Sheriff’s Office.

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING
...is on Monday night, April 1st, 7:30 PM at Granlibakken. We’ll report on the Great Ski Race, the Ward Canyon search, and several upcoming events. Nominations for the May elections to the Board of Directors will also be entertained.

NOMINATIONS
At the April 1st meeting, nominations will be accepted for Board of Directors positions including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two of the four Board seats. Elections will be held at the May meeting. As in past years, campaign promises will be carefully monitored, and contributions to any one candidate are limited to a very small amount, say, 50¢.
FROM THE PRESIDENT'S LOUNGE CHAIR

Dear team members:

It's been a pleasure working together this season. We had three major searches, and things went extra smoothly. There has also been the best turnout ever at trainings, which may be why the searches were so successful.

It's been great to see the newer people—people who joined the team over the last few years—solidify their commitments and really come through in so many areas.

Thanks also for the support, time, effort, and money put into the Great Race. Once again it was a real exciting time for everybody.

All I can say is: it's been really neat.

—Doug

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