THE GREAT RACE

Breathes any nordic skier whose pulse does not quicken at the thought of hurling down Starrat Pass on a pair of fragile racing skis, screaming through icy tracks, shoulder to shoulder with the cream of the crop? Not bloody likely.

This year March 3 is the date for the West’s biggest ski race, going on nine years old and getting better with age. Starting time is 9 AM sharp at the Tahoe Nordic Center on Dollar Hill, and anywhere from 1 ½ to 7 hours later the contestants emerge to join a rollicking party at Hilltop Lodge, with refreshments, music, and over 100 prizes donated by local merchants.

The 30 km route crosses the pass between Mt. Watson & Pluto, descends along the Truckee River side of Sawtooth Ridge and penetrates the Ponderosa Palsades subdivision just before the final downhill finish at Hilltop. A telemark race is scheduled for 1 PM, for any who didn’t have their fill during the race (actually it’s not that bad).

If you haven’t entered yet the fee is $10 if received by February 25, or $15 thereafter, which includes bib, T-shirt, party, telemark race, and raffle entry. All proceeds, of course, go to TNSAR.

Best way to enter at this point is to drop by the Nordic Center in the Highlands, or call 583-9858 for info.

FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

Thanks to the efforts of Ken & Debbie McMaster, Cindy Armitage, a number of other members, and the generous public who attended TNSAR’s annual Valentine’s Day Ball at Gatsby’s, the event was a rousing good time and a financial boon. Final figures aren’t in yet, but the net benefit to our group may approach four figures. Thanks to Gatsby’s management, the excellent band, Heartstrings, and the Fantasy Inn donating the grand raffle prize.

THE NEXT MEETING

Unfortunately, this newsletter probably didn’t reach you in time to remind you about the one-week-early February 25 meeting, at which a slide show by members of the 1985 North Tahoe Mt. St. Elias Expedition was scheduled. Hope you could make it.

The next meeting is back to the traditional first Monday of the month. April 1st (no fooling), 7:30 PM at Granlibakken. A presentation by Teton rock ranger Lanny Johnson has been tentatively arranged.

WINTER SURVIVAL

Jeff Menzer is once again offering his Winter Survival class through Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village. The 3-day seminar is full of valuable information on equipment, navigation, shelter-building, hypothermia, and avalanches. Participants learn to construct a variety of emergency shelters in the field.

Dates this spring are March 22-24. Tuition is $60. For more information call the college at 546-8356 or 831-1314.
LETTER (the following appeared in the TAHOE WORLD and SIERRA SUN newspapers)

Dear Editor,

Northstar-at-Tahoe would like to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Tahoe Nordic Search & Rescue Team for their heroic efforts in locating a missing skier last Thursday night.

Despite extreme weather conditions of high winds and zero visibility due to heavy snowfall, the Nordic team members continued their search. Through the cooperation of the Placer County Sheriff's Department with its Communications reserve and volunteer snowmobile team TNSAR, and the Northstar Ski Patrol, the missing skier was found at 4 AM in the Martis drainage area.

The community is very fortunate to have such public spirited persons willing to donate their time, effort, and personal equipment in times of emergency.

On behalf of Northstar, a special thanks to the Tahoe Nordic Search & Rescue team, the Sheriff's Department, and our own ski patrol staff.

Sincerely,
Hank Schwarzs, General Mgr.
Northstar-at-Tahoe

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