

# Snow Job

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## THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING

...is the traditional holiday potluck. The meeting is at Granlibakken, as usual, on Monday, December 2, but it starts at 6:30 PM instead of 7:30.

Bring your own plate and utensils, and a dish to share that serves 8-10 persons. There will be some brief announcements, perhaps a short talk or slide presentation, and lots of important business neglected in favor of chowing down and socializing.

## NEW COMMITTEE SEEKS FUNDS

Incline orthopedic surgeon Phil Maloney has taken on the job of Fundraising Committee chair. In his new capacity this TNSAR veteran will coordinate the various smaller fundraising activities as well as seek out private and corporate donations to the team, a task which he has already been informally pursuing for some time.

## CALL OUT LISTS TO BE MAILED

In the near future all persons on the Telephone Caller's List (active searchers) will receive a copy of this year's list. In spite of all efforts to update this information there will undoubtedly be some errors of omission and commission. Please notify the secretary in writing (PO Box 7703 TC 95730) if any of your data is wrong; or, if you do not wish to be on this list.

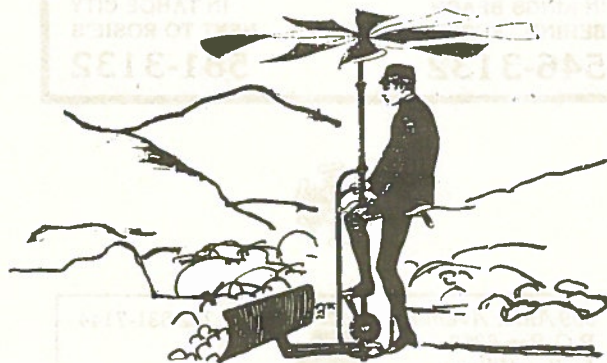
The list, by the way, is an excellent resource, especially if you're trying to get a ski tour or a Tupperware party together.

## FIRST SNOW BRINGS FLURRY OF MUTUAL AID

The Veterans' Day weekend brought a major storm to the Sierra and big surprises to a number of hikers and sportsmen caught in the not-unexpected snows.

The main event was the rescue of three backpackers from the Lake Aloha region of Desolation Wilderness. El Dorado County sheriff's deputies called on TNSAR to assist in the search, which was easily accomplished by helicopter in some rather nice weather. As a result of this operation our neighboring county got to know about TNSAR capabilities and promised some return calls should they need a nordic team.

Calls also were received from Washoe and Nevada counties; however, both of these searches were successfully completed without the aid of TNSAR, which was standing by ready to go if necessary.



## SUBMIT WITH STYLE

When you shovel snow, remember two rules. *One:* The snow is bigger than you are—don't try to move it all at once, and don't try to move it too far. *Two:* The solace of work that is essentially vain, futile, or meaningless is Style—and if you're shoveling snow, then your work is futile, if any work is.

Watch your neighbors, see how they shovel snow. The man you see struggling to pitch an enormous shovel, on which is poised a block of snow the size of a hay-bale, is an amateur. If you're his friend, advise him to take it easy, or to get a snowblower. If you're his life insurance agent, insist. In your own snow-shoveling, use a big shovel by all means, but take small bites. Don't heave the snow out of your path if you can help it; rather, just twist your wrist and let the snow slide off the shovel beside the path. And try to get to your shoveling soon after the snow has stopped falling. The longer you wait, the more time the snow has to settle, increasing its weight and increasing your work.

Try to shovel with style. Reflect that the goal of snow-shoveling is an unsatisfactory one: you will never see the end of it, there will be more snow tomorrow. Still, today's snow must be shoveled. Therefore make the act of shoveling, not the result, the object of your care. Take pains to shovel your paths straight, to make them of uniform breadth, and to cut your corners neat. Take your time. Make unneeded paths, detours, shortcuts, oxbows, dead-ends. If you have animals or small children, they will thank you. And you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have overcome winter in the only way you ever can—by submitting to it, but gracefully and with style.

—1982 Farmer's Almanac

## FIRST AID REFRESHER

Finally—a refresher course for those of us with valid Advanced First Aid cards about to expire.

Team member Mark Ewing, a certified instructor, has agreed to teach the required 15-hour course, and the cost, depending on the final number of participants, will be low: around \$10-\$15 per person.

The initial session has tentatively been scheduled for Saturday, December 14. Times and place to be announced. If you have an Advanced First Aid card that's *current* (i.e. not yet expired) and you would like it renewed, call Dave Fenimore at 546-4149 or Scott Schroeffer at 546-2809, and start practicing your bandages!

## NATIONAL AVALANCHE RESULTS

The five TNSAR members who attended the NAS school in Reno this month are back and ready to judge the safety of the snowy slopes. In the words of one participant, "I'm not going on anything unless there's been three straight days of 80° first!"

These guys have no doubt learned a healthy respect for snow, but it remains to be seen how much fun they are to ski with from now on.

## UPCOMING TRAININGS

Randy Osterhuber will lead a practice session on Thursday, December 12. Location and objectives will be announced at the December 2 meeting. Then midway through the holiday season Doug Read will dramatically return from his bicycle tour of Europe to lead the next training on Sunday, December 29. Details on that one will be passed on in the next newsletter.

Remember—these trainings are ideal ways to sharpen your skills and cover some new territory as well. If you're a new member, you'll get to meet the search coordinators and they'll find out your skiing ability level. If you're already on the call-out list, the trainings are darn near a requirement if you'd like to be considered an active searcher.

## ABOVE AND BEYOND

Kudos to Mike Wolterbeek, who during the thick of the season's first big storm walked over and shoveled out the truck—a run of about 40 feet.

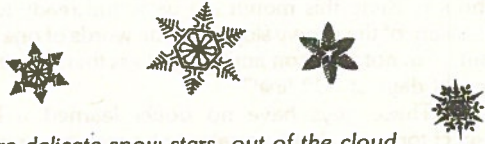
Mike's not planning to make a career out of this sort of activity, so don't bother calling him the next time your vehicle is snowed in.

## FOOD ALERT

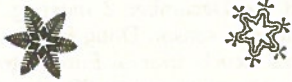
The Food Committee is looking for some new members. Chief duties of this highly-acclaimed subgroup are to provide refreshments at TNSAR's two main fundraisers: the Valentine's Day Ball and the Great Ski Race in March. This is traditionally accomplished through a combination of purchases, donation, and pot luck. Make yourself known at the next meeting if you're interested in helping out this way.

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- \* Team member Kim Spindler needs to find a place to rent. 583-4037 or 583-8791.
- \* The Education Committee is looking for dramatically inclined volunteers to assist with the January Winter Awareness Week activities at local schools. See Andy Smith at the general meeting.
- \* Dave Fenimore has a pair of Kazama Mtn. High's for sale. 210 cm., with Asolo bindings, steel edges, a heavy, durable, double-cambered ski. \$65 or B.O. 546-4149.
- \* Advertising space available in this newsletter. Size 2" x 2 7/8", rates \$10 per issue, \$50 for six issues and \$80 for twelve. Write PO Box 7703 TC 95730.



*Here delicate snow-stars, out of the cloud,  
Come floating downward in airy play,  
Like spangles dropped from the glistening crowd  
That whiten by night the Milky Way.*  
— William Cullen Bryant



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