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GENERAL MEETINGS

The next general meeting is Monday night, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Granlibakken. The guest speaker is hoped to be someone from the El Dorado County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team. The topic will be the search west of Desolation Wilderness in mid-January for a downed airplane.

This meeting will also be the first chance for team members to sign up for helping at the Great Ski Race.

And don't forget, with the Great Ski race on March 1, we have the **March General Meeting one week early**, prior to the race, to make any last minute work assignments and to generally make sure things are set up for the race. Remember to mark your calendars for **Feb. 23, the March General Meeting** at Granlibakken.

PRO-DEAL ON CHOUINARD EQUIPMENT

Chouinard Equipment Company is offering all members of our team a pro (wholesale) deal on all of their ski and climbing equipment— bindings, gaiters, adjustable probe poles, gloves, etc., and possibly a deal on the last Tute Neige TUA skis of the year. To order any of these items, and to find out what exactly can be ordered and for what price, contact Mike Hogan. He will be at the General Meeting Feb. 2 at Granlibakken. Terms are cash up front.

SKIERS ON PARADE

The Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team is entered in the SNOWFEST Winter Carnival parade Saturday, Feb. 28. The truck committee will be in charge of organizing the team entry. The parade starts at 11 a.m. in Tahoe City. Be at Safeway's parking lot at 10:45. Team members will be on roller skis and regular skis and in full uniform for the parade. They will be handing out the new Winter Awareness brochures.

There's also a Snowfest parade in Truckee that same day at 7 p.m. Mike Hogan will give full details at the General Meeting Monday, Feb. 2 at Granlibakken.

VALENTINE'S BALL FEB. 14

The Annual Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team Valentine's Ball will be held Saturday, Feb. 14 from 8-12 p.m. at the Plaza Bar in Squaw Valley.

The annual fundraising event will feature "The New Indifferents" providing the music and Fantasy Inn providing the door prize of a night for two at Fantasy Inn in Tahoe City. Tickets will be available at the Plaza Bar, Alpenglöw Sports and from various team members in advance. Admission is \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door.

Team members who would like to help with the Valentine's Ball should be at the General Meeting Feb. 2 at Granlibakken. Debbie McMaster and Toni Barr are running the show, so if you can't make the meeting, contact them for more information or to find out how you can help.

GREAT SKI RACE MARCH 1

The 11th Annual Great Ski Race is March 1, 1987. With all of our sponsors in place and two more meetings to go, things should be set for the big day.

This is the team's major fundraising event of the year, and in order to make it work as well as it has in the past, we all need to pitch in and help out as we have in the past. Team members are needed to do the timing, course setting, registration, parking, organize the post-race party, gather prizes for the drawing, do race results, get food together for the post-race party, work the course, aid-stations and various other functions on race day.

Skip Reedy, chairman of the Great Ski Race Committee, will be getting into details at the next two meetings as to what assignments we all have. As he said at the last general meeting, "We're all on the Great Ski Race Committee," so be prepared. Come to the meeting Feb. 2 to find out how you can help make the Great Ski Race a success again.

This year's sponsors include the Tahoe Nordic Ski Center, Tahoe Forest Hospital and Drs. Krissoff, Stites, and Fischer. Coors Light, Computer Services North and Northstar-at-Tahoe.

Encourage your friends to pick up entry blanks and register early for the race. Early registration deadline (\$12) is Feb. 22.

WOOF NEEDS BODIES

WOOF will be conducting a training at Northstar Feb. 21. The WOOF dogs will be doing an avalanche training. Team members interested in finding out how WOOF dogs operate in tracking and in locating buried victims can go to the training at Northstar on Saturday, Feb. 21.

The WOOF handlers will be "burying" victims to be found by the dogs. Team members can either observe or participate. It's kind of spooky being buried, but this is the best way to simulate being buried by an avalanche. Those who may not feel comfortable being buried under six feet of snow can observe. All are invited to attend.

The training starts at 8:30 a.m. at the base of the mountain at Northstar. The participants will ride up the chairlift and then ski over to the Northstar Reservoir where the on-snow training will occur. If you would like to be involved call Chris Salsbury at 587-0273.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

The Library Committee has added two new books to the list of Search and Rescue related literature at the local library. *Mountain High/Mountain Rescue* by Peggy Pau, and *The Avalanche Book* by Armstrong/Williams.

Both books are available at the Tahoe City Branch of the Placer County Library. Anyone want to do a review on the books for the newsletter?

TRAININGS ON TAP

The next team training will be Thursday, Feb. 12 at Alpine Meadows Ski Area. All abilities of skiers are encouraged to attend this training. It will start with a ride up Scott Chair and a tour down the ridge to the top of Deer Park. Training committee chairman Scott Schroepfer said he hopes a ride back to Alpine Meadows will have been arranged (he's working on it), and then the team will take another ride up to the top of Scott Peak. From there a tour down the south side of the ridge into Paige Meadows will be taken, and a ride back to Alpine Meadows again.

The next training will be on Sunday, Feb. 22. It will be an on-ski avalanche seminar with Norm Wilson. The training will start at 8:30 a.m. at the Sno-Park area at Castle Peak. The training will cover 2000 to 3000 ft. of vertical climb, and the route will go on the ridge around Basin Peak and Castle Peak. Beginners are not advised to participate in this training, but intermediate and advanced skiers are welcome and the public is invited. It is advised to carpool to this training, and if you can carpool with someone who has a Sno-park sticker, that's even better.

Also scheduled for February is an El Dorado County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Team training Feb. 21-22. The training will take place at Kirkwood Cross-Country Center with Alpine and Amador County. For more information on these trainings come to the General Meeting or call Deputy Warren Berg at 544-3226.

SQUAW VALLEY TRAINING

The training held at Squaw Valley on Jan. 8 was a success. It was the first training of the new year and the first on-snow training of the season. It was a mock search in the Five Lakes Creek area. Team President Doug Read and his sidekick Carl Toepfner skied into the Five Lakes area, up and around Estelle Peak and then back down; a few times. The practice search team broke up into crews of 3-4 skiers and set out searching for tracks and various other clues. They finally located the pair hiding behind a rock. The snow was so good they even took a couple of pleasure runs (the powder was almost knee deep). About 25 people showed up for the training, including six members of the El Dorado County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team. A debriefing was held at the Plaza Bar afterwards. A full report will be given at the General Meeting—with a question & answer period for those not able to participate.

SUPERMARKET OF ADS

FOR SALE: EXEL Marathon racing poles. 160 cm., barely used. \$45 or best offer. Call Randy at 426-3658.
FOR SALE: One pair of LIFE-LINK telemark ski poles, 120 cm. Backcountry grips, snowflake baskets. \$25. Call Dave at 546-4149, evenings.

WANTED: Pictures, cartoons, or other items of interest for publication in local mountain safety group newsletter. Send to P.O. Box 7703, Tahoe City, CA 95730.

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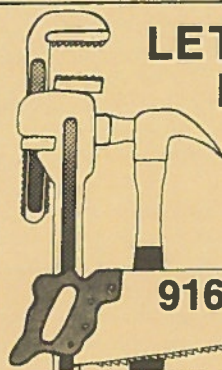
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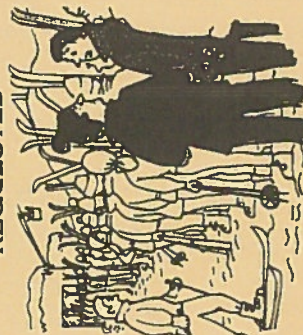


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