

# Snow Job

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## YOU READ IT FIRST IN SNOW JOB:



## Why has the local press been hushing this matter up??!!

### GENERAL MEETING

The last general meeting of the season will be held Monday, May 4 at Granlibakken at 7:30 p.m.

The main topic of the meeting will be the election of new officers and the announcement of TNSAR Member of the Year Award recipient. An open forum will be held after the regular meeting to discuss the topic of planning for a new garage to house search & rescue vehicles.

Nominations for officers will be taken at the meeting before the elections are held. Already nominated at the April meeting are: President, Doug Read; Vice-President, Tony Remenih; Treasurer, Nanci Northway; Secretary, David Fenimore. Nominated for the two director-at-large seats coming open this year are Randy Osterhuber (incumbent), Mike Wolterbeek (incumbent), Dan Young, Tod Lloyd, Jean Lamming, Gerald Rockwell and Rich Waller.

### MEMBER OF THE YEAR TO BE ANNOUNCED

The Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team Board of Directors will announce the Search and Rescue Team Member of the Year at the general meeting May 4 at Granlibakken.

The annual award is given to a dedicated team member who has contributed an outstanding amount of time and energy to the team during the year. Nominees for the award are Debra Schroepfer, Doug Stewart, Andy Butcher, Dan Young, Tod Lloyd, Debbie and Ken McMaster and Toni Barr.

### GARAGE

At the April general meeting the subject of a garage for the team's truck and other search and rescue vehicles was brought up. After a great deal of discussion on the pro's and con's and various alternatives, the team decided to pursue the idea of constructing a garage, with funds coming only from specific fundraising efforts for a garage. It was also decided to form a garage committee to work out the necessities and possibilities of finding or building a new garage. At the team's request, Larry Sevison requested that Placer County include the team on the county's proposal for a public works building in the Burton Creek area. The team would have its own storage structure at the site, not a county-owned structure. At the team's request, Larry did not make any monetary commitments or specific time commitments for building a storage facility for the vehicles. A more complete and detailed report will be given at the open forum to be held after the general meeting May 4 at Granlibakken. There was a board of directors meeting and a garage committee meeting since the last general meeting, where even more discussion ensued on the garage idea. It was determined that the time constraints thought to be pressing the team into an immediate decision were not present anymore, due to the nature of the county's project, so the team could take more time to plan appropriately for future storage of search and rescue vehicles. The open forum following the regular meeting will be used to give an update on the truck and garage and to receive opinions and recommendations from the general membership.

## CIVIL DEFENSE CARDS A MUST

The Sheriff's Department is still waiting for civil defense cards to be returned. Without a civil defense card, team members will not be covered by the county insurance when on a search. Please send in your civil defense card applications, and if you haven't received one, another list will be generated at the general meeting at Granlibakken on May 4.

## DONATIONS BY RESCUEE FOR A JOB WELL DONE

The Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team received a thank-you note and a check for \$200 from Colleen Kelley, of Niles, Illinois recently. She, along with the man she had been skiing with became lost after skiing out of bounds at Northstar March 18. They had been skiing under the Schaffer Camp lift and had tried to ski back to the front side of the mountain from about halfway down the backside. They passed about three or four signs that said, "Out of Bounds, Do Not Ski Past This Point," etc. (and had seen them plainly). The man said he thought he could just keep going past the sign and make his way around to the front of the mountain. He was right in a way, it just took him (and Colleen) about 10 hours longer than expected, along with a little help from our team. Following a quick reconnaissance by the Northstar Ski Patrol and a hasty search response by TNSAR skiers, the pair was found huddled under a tree near the Schaffer Mill site below Lookout Mountain at about 10 p.m. They were cold and hungry but in relatively good shape. They were given snowshoes and led out to a waiting Thiokol and then transported back to the Northstar Village. The only glitch in the system that evening was a lost radio.

We don't really want to name names, but Scott Schroepfer doesn't mind too much. He dropped the radio inadvertently while skiing through the bushes following the lost skiers' trail, and didn't discover it missing until he tried to radio the base that the skiers were found, much to his embarrassment.

The radio didn't stay lost for long though. Scott and Mike Wolterbeek went back the next morning to look for the radio and found it fairly quickly, just below the cross-country ski trails along the creek the lost skiers had followed. And the radio still works.

Anyway, Colleen Kelley sent a great thank you card with a note in it. The note follows:

"Please accept this check as a very small token of appreciation for my rescue on March 18, 1987 at Northstar ski resort. Both I and my friends from Fleetwind Ski Club were extremely impressed with your professionalism and dedication. I've never been so happy to see anyone in my life. I will never be able to thank you enough for your efforts. I'll never forget your group."



