

# Snow Line

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## First Meeting of the Year

Monday, Oct. 1

Granlibakken Resort

7 p.m.

The first general meeting of the 1990-91 season is Monday, October 1 at 7 p.m. at Granlibakken Resort in Tahoe City. Many exciting activities are in store for the new year including trainings, committee projects, and fun-filled meetings. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the important functions of the various TNSAR committees. Don't miss the first meeting and the chance to see old friends, make new ones, and participate in pre ski-season activities.

## NEW MEMBERS

Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue is always looking for new members and encourages participation from the people of the North Lake Tahoe communities.

Becoming a member involves no oaths written in blood, only a minimum level of energy and the desire to have a good time. More than just back-country search and rescue, Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue is involved in many activities including organizing fund raisers such as the Great Ski Race, educating Tahoe's young people about the winter environment, and educating Tahoe's not-necessarily-so-young people about everything from avalanche to zymology.

The best way to get involved with the Team is to attend the general meetings and volunteer your

energies. If you enjoy athletics, participation in any of TNSAR's twice-monthly trainings is a sure way to make friends and have a darn good time. The Nordic Team is made up of walkers, hikers, bikers, kayakers, skiers, and climbers of all ages and abilities. There is a niche to be filled by everyone. See you October 1st.

## GOOD LUCK MARYLY!

Long time TNSAR team member Maryly Dole has moved from the Tahoe area in pursuit of higher education, and she will be sorely missed. As well as being one of the main dispatchers for the Team, Maryly served faithfully as TNSAR Secretary during the 1989-90 season. She promises to pay us surprise visits during the upcoming winter. Best of luck to you, Maryly!

## TNSAR AUTUMN TRAININGS

Two trainings are in store for the end of September. The first training, Sunday, September 23rd, is with the Naval Search and Rescue Team from the Naval Air Base in Fallon, NV. These guys fly big, powerful helicopters and have proved valuable during many TNSAR search and rescues. We will familiarize ourselves with helicopter dos and don'ts, learn to recognize what constitutes an LZ (landing zone), and acquaint the military boys with search and rescue scenarios TNSAR comes up against mid-winter. Meet at the top of Barker Pass, Sunday, September 23rd, 8 am. Dave Dennis will supply lunch.

The second September training, Sunday the 30th, is a mountain bike ride from Serene Lakes to Foresthill. This is a 60 mile ride and TNSAR sag

wagons will accompany the riders to provide refreshments, repairs, relief, and a ride back up to Donner Summit from the Auburn area. Riders of all abilities are encouraged to attend. Meet at the Serene Lakes Lodge, Sunday, September 30th, 7:30 a.m., or car pool from the Truckee Safeway 1/2 hour earlier.

For more information on either of these trainings, contact Carl at 587-4545.

## BILLY DUTTON MEMORIAL

The Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team has sponsored a mile of the Tahoe Rim Trail in Billy Dutton's name. The memorial mile is to be constructed in the area behind Page Meadows.

An official application will be submitted on October 1 requesting that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names name a local mountain peak after Billy. The peak that has been chosen is on the Sierra Crest south of Tinker Knob and north of Mountain Meadow Lake. "Thanks" to everyone in the community that has written letters in support of this project.

## GARAGE UPDATE

Response to the TNSAR Board of Director's summer mailing has thus far covered a wide spectrum of opinion. On whether the Nordic Team should purchase a piece of real property on which to build a garage, members' beliefs could be grouped into one of three broad categories: **For the Idea, Against the Idea, and Very Much Against the Idea.** Tune in at the next meeting for further details...

## FROM THE TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST

If you've ever fished in Five Lakes, skied off the back side of Squaw or Alpine (or searched for those who have), or hiked to Twin Peaks via the Pacific Crest Trail, then you're familiar with the Granite Chief Wilderness. This special segment of land was designated wilderness in 1984 with the passing of the California Wilderness Act. Now that the Tahoe's Forest Plan has been signed, it is time

to begin a plan specific to the wilderness.

To date, the Granite Chief has received important, yet limited, management. To maintain a high quality wilderness and ensure continuity of good management practices, a comprehensive wilderness plan is currently being developed with help from the public. The Tahoe National Forest would like to know your opinion on issues, problems, or ideas for better management. With our small budget and wilderness staff, we often rely on the public to let us know where problems exist.

One of the issues which may be of concern to search and rescue folks is the Sierra Club's **Bradley Hut at Five Lakes**. Permanent structures are a violation of the original Wilderness Act of '64, and should therefore be **removed**.

To comment on this issue or to get on the mailing list and receive newsletters on other wilderness issues and developments, please call Linda Nickon at the Truckee Ranger District, 587-3558.

## HELP WANTED

With the disappearance of Maryly Dole comes a vacancy on the TNSAR Board of Directors. Anyone interested in becoming TNSAR Secretary should attend the general meeting on Oct. 1 and speak up. If you're too shy, get a friend to nominate you for the position. As Secretary you will enjoy all the prestige and privilege associated with being a TNSAR Director. And, for a limited time only, you will receive your very own Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team, Inc. rubber stamp. What a deal!

## SUMMER SEARCH

TNSAR was called out the last week in June to look for a 5 year old girl that had wandered away from her family camp near Barker Pass. As well as several Nordic Team members, the Placer County Sheriff's Department dispatched the ATV Team and many search dogs and their handlers. After better than 2 hours of searching, the young girl was found, unscathed, by some local mountain bike riders on the far side of Barker Pass. Another successful effort by the Placer County Search Teams.

## FORUM

On the idea of building a garage:

"...we'll probably be able to pay for it. And if we can't, well we can always fold the operation up and go back to the quiet, strong idea that ten or so people, with their own equipment and a knowledge of the terrain can go out and find almost anybody. Love, Tod"

--Tod Lloyd

"I have been unable to see a very direct connection between a garage, & search & rescue."

--Charlie Kellermeier

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