Next General Meeting is Monday, December 2, 1996
7:00 pm at the Granlibakken Resort's Ski Hut

First, business. At the next Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team meeting — December 2nd — recent search and rescues will be discussed, upcoming trainings (call Peter Sporleder 916-546-0588 for details) will be announced, and pertinent Team information will be deliberated. As always, the Team meeting will be fairly interactive. Please participate!

And, pleasure. In perfect stride with the holiday season, Gar Woods Grill and Pier will host their monthly Vintage Wine Series food and wine tasting Thursday, December 19, 5:00 pm. This month Gar Woods will feature the select varietals of Newton Vineyard. Great wine, superb food, and a lipstick sunset; this promises to be a fine affair. Your $5 at-the-door donation will benefit Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team.

During this turn of the season, Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team would like to wish you and yours all the best. Cheers!

Snow Line will return in January, in all its 8½ x 11 mimeographed splendor.

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operation. Keep practicing to maintain/improve that speed. I will do the same.

It's Been A Year? No Way!

Way. The last of the monthly Gar Woods wine tastings benefiting Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team was held December 12. The tastings, held once per month starting January 25, 1996, raised precious funds for the Team. Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team would like to thank all the staff at Gar Woods Grill and Pier for their hard work and generosity. Thanks everyone!

**Selected Equipment Short Stories**

The new Nordic Team truck has its new utility bed attached and a fresh coat of paint; it looks mighty proud and bigger than ever. All the search equipment from the Toyota has been transferred to the big gray Ford with room to spare.

During the last couple of months, Tom Poole, the radio technician for Placer County, has donated a lot of time and effort to Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team. Tom has reprogrammed all the Nordic Team's old and new hand-held radios, as well as installed chassis-mounted radios in two of the snowcats and the new Nordic Team truck. What's more, he's been bringing back to life all the mountain-top radio repeaters in the region, several of which had fallen into disrepair. The Team's radio communication has never been better, thanks in a large part to Tom's efforts. Your work is much appreciated, Tom. Thank you!

Never afraid to accessorize, Snowcat Committee chair Scoop Remeni has been busy bolting a new search appliance to his snowcat. Scoop will soon have the ability to perform splits and starts with a 2,500 watt, 300,000,000 (no, that's not a typo) candlepower light source. This new light will be a subtle complement to his snowcat's diesel-locomotive air horn and military-grade parachute flares.

**Education Committee Needs You**

The Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team Education Committee will begin its education programs on January 7. The Education Committee, headed by Mona Treat, leads interactive lectures/demonstrations on all aspects of winter awareness for North Lake Tahoe and Truckee elementary school students. These programs are a lot of fun to do and require a little effort from a lot of people. Please give Mona a call and schedule yourself to help out with this highly rewarding Team activity. Mona will also be signing up recruits at the January 8 Nordic Team general meeting. But if you can, please get a hold of her before then.

**TNSAR Team Home Page**

While you're veggin' out in front of your monitor, you might as well "visit our Web site" (it's become such a cliché to say that!), at http://www.iew.com/pcs0/htmnordic

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**Nordic Team Trainings**

Here's the training schedule for January. Things can always change, though. Changes to the training schedule will be announced at the general membership meeting.

- **January 8:** General familiarization around Squaw Valley. Meet 8:00 am at the Nordic Team garage or 8:30 in front of the tram building in Squaw Valley.
- **January 11:** Snow safety and avalanche rescue training. Meet 8:00 am at the Nordic Team garage.
- **January 19:** A joint skier/snowmobile training. Meet 9:00 am at the garage.

**Tahoe Nordic Search & Rescue Team Officers**

- **President:** Gerald Rockwell
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  - Steve Towsney
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- **Cuisine:** Debra Schroepfer
- **Dispatch:** Medora Weiser
- **Education:** Mona Treat
- **The Great Ski Race™:** Doug Read
- **Newsletter:** Randall Osterhuber
- **Snowcats:** Tony Remeni
- **Snowmobiles:** Ray O'Brien
- **Training:** Dirk Schowengerdt
- **Truck/Equipment:** Peter Stohrle
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**The Great Ski Race™, March 2, 1997, 9:00 AM, Sharpl!**

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