

# Snow Job

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## THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING

...is Monday night, February 3, 7:30 p.m. at Granlibakken. Details of the Great Race and the Valentine's Day Ball will be discussed. Featured speaker is Dr. Howard Backer, world's foremost authority on backcountry water disinfection. Dr. Backer is especially experienced with the water in the Himalayas and the Sierras.

Another reminder: the March meeting is held one week early, February 24, so details of the March 2 Great Ski Race can be nailed down.

## THE VALENTINE'S DAY BALL (whoopie)

This first of our two major fundraisers is being held this year at the Plaza Bar & Grill in Squaw Valley. The band Thunder Rose will provide dancing music, but we have to do the rest. More volunteers are needed. It's Friday night, February 14, and if you can help call Debbie McMaster at 587-2732 or catch her at the Feb. 3 meeting, where you may also get tickets to sell and posters to hang.

This event is traditionally designed to bring out many members who kind of lie low all winter, so watch out.

## MORE TRAININGS THAN EVER BEFORE

**26 JAN** — may already have happened by the time you read this, but it was announced at the last meeting: a Norm Wilson avalanche seminar at Castle Peak.

**8, 9 FEB** — Wilderness Skills & Avalanche Seminar by Dave Beck at Kirkwood Cross Country Area. This one costs \$80 and begins at 9 a.m. Call 209-258-8864 for more info. Both field and lecture/slide show format.

**13 FEB** — TNSAR ski from Squaw Valley to Granite Chief. Details at Feb. 3 meeting.

**22 FEB** — Heavenly Valley out-of-bounds with El Dorado Nordic Team. Call Dave Fenimore 546-4149 or Scott Schroepfer 546-2809 if you want to go.

**23 FEB** — TNSAR training, details to be announced.

**24 FEB** — while we're at it, thought we'd remind you that the March meeting actually takes place on this date.

**2 MARCH** — The Great Ski Race (see article elsewhere in this issue)

**15 MARCH** — Winter Mountaineering Training with El Dorado Nordic Team. High-angle snow, rock, and ice. Call Dave or Scott if you want to go.

## SKI NEVADA

If you haven't seen President Doug Read lately, it's because he's cruising the wilds of Nevada in a Winnebago, ferreting out touring routes and snow-filled bowls in various ranges including the Jarbidges, the Independences, the Rubies, the Toiyabes, and others. A number of TNSAR members have signed on to SKI NEVADA, joining the tour at different points along the way, and if you're an average skier or better you're invited. Tours to fit all abilities, plus some great local culture and historical sights to see. Cost to sleep, cook, shower, and blast the stereo in this plush motor home is a mere \$20/person/night, not including food. Meet the gang at the Cowboy Poetry Festival in Elko on Saturday night, February 1, or call Skip at the Tahoe Nordic Center, 583-0484, for other rendezvous information. Dave Fenimore is driving to Elko on Feb. 1 and as of this point has a seat or two. Call him at 546-4149 if you can stay for 10 days or have your own way home.

## NEW TRUCK COMMITTEE

At the most recent TNSAR Board of Directors meeting it was voted to split the Transportation Committee into a Thiokol Committee and a Truck Committee. The new truck committee would have added responsibilities of driving the Toyota truck to all searches and trainings, and checking out equipment in an organized fashion, as well as acting as an "anchor point" while skiers are out in the field.

A few good men and women are needed to fill out the ranks of this dedicated subgroup. It's a good place to be if you're not entirely confident of your skiing abilities but wish to be right there in the thick of it. See Mike Hogan at the February 2 meeting or call him at 525-4366.

## THE GREAT SKI RACE

Skip still needs some help in making sure the race is greater than ever this year. It is, don't forget, our major fundraising event, a 30 km. Tahoe City-Truckee run.

Once again Norm Jensen of Computer Services North will donate his data processing services, attempting to break the race results down by age and profession, so Bob Wynman can find himself first in the field of balding dentists over forty.

Volunteers are especially needed in the following areas: telemark race, timing, and the after-race party. This last function involves hiring of a band and making sure the beer supply is kept flowing. Someone is also needed to solicit donations to cover the Porta-Potty concession, which is surprisingly expensive.

If you signed up to help, be sure to attend the Feb. 3 meeting. and if you didn't sign up yet, you also need to attend the meeting so you can find out how you can help. Remember, it's quite possible to help and ski the race.

For more info call Skip at 583-0484.

## HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

If you're a TV watcher (I'm not) you probably know what channel & time *Evening Magazine* is on the tube. Wednesday, January 29, they're doing a segment on TNSAR: a mock search and some interviews taped last month. If you missed it don't worry, because the producer is sending a copy of the tape to Wolterbeek for some laughs at a future meeting. See Doug Read's foster dog Squire steal the show.

## EDUCATION BROCHURES READY

Andy Smith and the Education Committee have produced one fine-looking brochure entitled *Winter Awareness*. Printed by Tahoe Crafts in Kings Beach, it's a glossy fold-out model with tips on backcountry survival, proper dressing, equipment, and so forth. See them at the Feb. 3 meeting. They'll be distributed to schools and ski shops all over the place.

## GALENA UPDATE

Since so many TNSAR skiers like to sample the good snow and steep slopes in this about-to-be-developed area, the following news note from the *Reno Gazette-Journal* may be of interest. Entitled "Not Under Way," the article says that the Galena Ski Resort developers are awaiting action by the Washoe County Planning Commission and the County Commissioners on plans for the first stage of the project, which includes between 400 and 500 multifamily residences and some ski lifts. The entire development is slated to be finished in 12 to 15 years and involve 2500 such units along with 1600 hotel rooms on 300 acres in the creek drainage below Mt. Rose. One of the partners in Galena Ski Resort is the Alpine Meadows ski resort. See the front page of the Reno paper dated 5 January 1986 for complete details.

## SWAP SHOP

**WANTED:** one pair of metal-edged mountaineering skis, 210 cm. Call John Coburn at 426-3048.

**FOR SALE:** one pair Rossignol Chamois AR waxless skis, 210 cm. (Coburn are you reading this?). Metal-edged general-purpose backcountry ski, in good shape, \$50. Also one pair Asolo Snowfields, size 9, good shape, one year old. Make an offer to Mike Hogan, 525-4366. He keeps kinda weird hours so let it ring and ring.

**FOR SALE:** one pair Karhu XCD-GT's, 200 cm. Used 10 times. \$130 with bindings. Debbie, 587-2732.

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