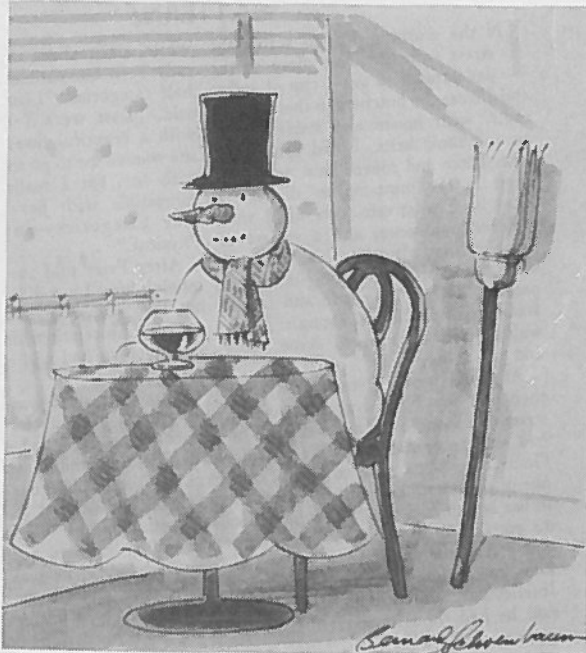


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JANUARY MEETING

The next general meeting is Monday, January 4 at 7 p.m. (new time) at the Granlibakken Ski and Racquet Resort. The main discussion at the meeting will be the team's goals in relation to trainings and equipment, and fund raising towards those goals.

"This is the time for people to bring their ideas forward. It will be more of a brainstorming session than anything else," Doug Read, Team President, said.

The discussion will take place after the regular business meeting. At the regular business meeting, Bob Williams will give a brief and informal presentation on the radio signal repeater, its uses and abuses. Bob is working with the manufacturer on a new squelch device to be installed soon. The device will be less sensitive to temperature variations and therefore easier to adjust while moving around the backcountry.

Remember, the new meeting time is 7 p.m.

DECEMBER TRAINING

The next training is December 27 at Martis Peak. Those team members who would like to participate should meet at the Kings Beach Safeway parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Bring a lunch and dress for the weather, whatever it may be. The training will be a familiarization with the north and east side of the peak, taking a look at some tricky drainage patterns and terrain. If all goes well, skiers will be towed up to the top via snowmobile or snowcat. Skiers who need the exercise can ski up. Remember, civil defense cards are a must for participation in the trainings.

ROYAL GORGE TRAINING

The January 14 training will be held at the Royal Gorge Cross-Country Ski Resort on Donner Summit. Team members should meet at 9 a.m. at the Summit Station Lodge. The day-long training will begin with a morning of exploring the trail system. It will primarily be a look at the perimeter trails and will cover about 25-30 kilometers. This portion is suitable for all levels of skier, and regular track or skating equipment will be used.

After a big lunch (bring your own), the afternoon will consist of a tour around the Devil's Peak area and the American River. This will be a rather long tour, especially after the morning session. Light touring gear, such as Epoke 900's, will be suitable for the afternoon session, unless it's super icy.

The team will be accompanied by a guide from Royal Gorge, at least in the morning session. Team members of all abilities are encouraged to attend this training.

MT. ROSE MEADOW TRAINING

The January 31 training will be a joint training with the Washoe County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Team and the Tahoe Meadows Nordic Ski Patrol of the Sagebrush Section of the Far West Division of the National Ski Patrol System. The training will be held at the Mt. Rose Meadows area. It is scheduled to go from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a debriefing afterwards at the Christmas Tree Restaurant. Jeff Menzer has more details, and those will be announced at the January 4 meeting at Granlibakken.

WINTER EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS

Any team members interested in participating in this year's education program in the local schools should contact Toni Barr or Susan Antipa. Ken and Debbie McMaster will be holding a training night at their house to prepare for the four days of presentations to the fourth grade classes in all the local schools. Lots of help is needed for this very important project. The training night is January 7. The school program will focus on outdoor information such as snow shelters, proper clothing and winter awareness. The program is in conjunction with the schools' winter education program during the last two weeks of January.

MORE EDUCATION NEWS

The Education Committee is sending out over 10,000 brochures to alpine and nordic ski areas all over California this year. We are also distributing brochures widely to ski shops, ski busses, motels, outfitters, etc.

Public service radio announcements are scheduled for release in the Tahoe-Reno-Carson City area early in January. Listen closely, everybody. If you don't hear them, call your local station and ask why not.

TRUCK COMMITTEE REPORT

There will be a Truck Committee meeting Thursday, January 14 at 7 p.m. at the North Tahoe Beach Center in Tahoe Vista. Anyone interested in any facet of the Truck Committee is urged to come. This will be the organizational meeting for the year. It will be a potluck, and don't forget your suit and towel for the hot tub afterward. Contact co-chairmen Dan Young or Mike Hogan for more info.

NO MORE CHOUINARD

Chouinard Equipment Co. has a new policy: pro purchase for professional (read: paid), full-time search and rescue teams for team caches only. They are encouraging their retailers to discount equipment to members of volunteer s & r groups, so let's hope Basecamp and Alpenglow are listening. Also . . . Tele-Extreme is still offering us a 10-15% s & r discount, so if you're in south shore, give Robert a visit.

HIGHLY CLASSIFIED

Any items for the newsletter, whether classified ads, articles, cartoons or short news items, may be submitted at the general meetings or may be sent to the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team, P.O. Box 7703, Tahoe City CA 95730.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE—200 cm. Fischer Crown waxless track skis with Salomon bindings, \$25. 120 cm. Life-Link Telemark poles with backcountry grips, \$15.
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WANTED—woman's backpack suitable for traveling. Call Tanya at 546-8162 or 546-3132.

GARAGE UPDATE

At the December potluck dinner meeting, the general membership reaffirmed the team's desire to build a garage to house search and rescue vehicles and equipment, with fundraising specifically to build the garage, and not using any general funds from the present budget. Larry Sevison was directed to give preliminary drawings to the county for inclusion in its plan for the new county complex at Burton Creek. This is necessary now to keep the option open for building a garage on that site.



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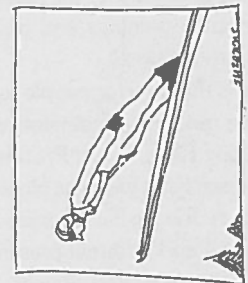
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