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Pinecrest Nordic Ski Patrol



On The Trail Weekend Kicks off Season

The weekend of Jan 6-7 the Pinecrest Nordic Ski Patrol is together for the start of the new season. It was good to get the entire patrol together since we have many new faces with all the new candidates and patrollers. This weekend featured map and compass orientation seminar presented by Rich Sampson of Cal Explorer Search and Rescue. Also we had presentations of available methods to transport patients from the backcountry. There was talk with Ron Fink of Tuolumne County Snowmobile Rescue who discussed the deployment of the snowmobiles and the towed toboggan. Dave Dodrill, Mercy Hospital, from Redding on helicopter evacuation in wilderness areas. The Potluck on Saturday night was quite a feast. Afterwards Jerry Dodrill then gave the tired crew an excellent slide show on climbing California's 14 tallest peaks in 14 days. The take home lesson being that if you are physically prepared enough to outrun the weather, then you can take that chance and run deep into the wilderness, but be prepared to run all the way out if it goes wrong.

Sunday brought us back to the theme of the weekend, which was navigation. The Patrol split into five groups and

Dates: The confirmed dates for a basic once-a-month “Ski-With-A-Ranger” Program in 2001 are:

1/20, 2/17, and 3/17.

Backup dates, in case of no snow, are: 1/27, 2/24, and 3/24.

rotated to five different stations dealing with emergency shelters, radio operations, emergency repairs of skiers and skis, avalanche awareness and the use of the patrol’s Sonly sleds.

“Ski-With-A-Ranger” type Programs to be Expanded *By: Nancy Krebs*

The “Ski-With-A-Ranger” public outreach and education program started this last Season in partnership with the Forest Service was a great success. This “Ski-With-A-Ranger” program is planned to be both continued and expanded with other programs developed both by the Forest Service and the Patrol this coming year. To that end, Nancy Krebs, the Patrol’s Forest Service Programs Coordinator, has been working with Joy Barney of the Forest Service. If anyone has access to the

The press release for the Ski-With-A-Ranger program is now on the Pinecrest Nordic Ski Patrol’s public web site, <http://www.pinecrestnordic.org> , and has been updated. It now includes a link to a flyer that can be printed and posted. The direct links to the press release and flyer are:

Press Release: <http://www.pinecrestnordic.org/pr03.htm>
Flyer:
<http://www.pinecrestnordic.org/SkiWithRanger2001.pdf>

Please print and post copies of this flyer! The response we had from people attending last year was great, so we have a good program started. Now we need to inform more people that the program exists.

Special Olympics *Ed Lopez, Pro Deals and Liaison Coordinator*

The Special Olympics will again be held in the Patrol’s patrol area this coming Season. The Pinecrest Nordic Ski Patrol has been honored as a Regional Sponsor of the Special Olympics. The dates for the Special Olympics are February 24th - 25th. Patrollers are needed to prepare the race course and assist in coordinating the Special Olympics. Additionally, if possible,

the Special Olympics is seeking volunteers to assist with race course preparation for the Special Olympics Trials on January 7th and 28th, February 4th and March 4th. If you can volunteer for this, please contact Ed Lopez at: 415.550.8312 or gallopez@igc.org

Steve Barr Appointed Regional Medical Advisor *By Matt Brooks, Patrol Director*

It was announced at the November 15th Annual Mother Lode Region Planning Meeting that our Pinecrest Nordic Patrol’s former Patrol Director, Steve Barr, has been appointed to the office of Mother Lode Regional Medical Advisor. The Mother Lode Region, in which the Pinecrest Patrol is located, is one of the largest regions in the NSP system with almost 1,000 members.

Steve, besides being an outstanding Patroller, is an MD with a private practice in the Modesto area.

Steve’s appointment to the Office of Mother Lode Regional Medical Advisor is one of great responsibility and respect. In that office, Steve will oversee and advise the Mother Lode Region on its primary activity of Emergency Outdoor Care. This is the very backbone of the services that patrollers provide to the public.

The appointment of Steve is additionally recognition of our Patrol’s leadership within the Region. Steve has been a substantial part of the Pinecrest Patrol achieving this recognized leadership position.

Steve also is the Pinecrest’s Training Advisor. As such, Steve is responsible for keeping the skills of the Patrol’s patrollers sharp, as well as assisting Tod Fitch with the training of new candidate patrollers.

Congratulations on your latest appointment Steve!

Patrol and its Members receive NSP

Awards *By Matt Brooks, Patrol Director*

The Pinecrest Nordic Patrol, as well as several of its Patrollers, were recognized at both Regional and Divisional Awards Banquets. The Patrol itself was awarded the Outstanding Nordic Patrol Award for the Region and runner-up for the entire NSP System, while Steve Barr was awarded the Outstanding Patrol Director Award for the Region and runner-up for the entire NSP System. John Kretschmann was awarded the prestigious NSP National Distinguished Service Award. Matt Brooks received the Outstanding Nordic Patroller Award for the Region, while Steve Donelan, our Patrol’s OEC Advisor, received well deserved recognition by being awarded the Outstanding Instructor award for the Region and runner-up for the entire NSP System.

Donations *David Lawn, Treasurer*

Don’t forget! All gifts to the Patrol are tax deductible donations. Many of the Patrol’s Members work at organizations that either match or allow employees to direct

company charitable contributions. This Season, **Dean Fanara** was again able to obtain a charitable contribution to the Patrol from the company he works at, **Clorox**. Thanks Dean! Let's all try to follow Dean's leadership in this.

Good Deeds and a Nordic Thanks! *By Matt Brooks, Patrol Director*

Chris Alonso has volunteered to assist Tod Fitch as the Assistant Webmaster for Patrol. Although only on the job for less than a month, Chris has already displayed both creativity and energy in updating both our Patrol's web page and its Patrol Weekend Duty Sign-Up procedure. Thanks!

Mary Manley likely thought she was safe when she wrote that her special skill was sewing. Thanks Mary for sewing our new Candidate Armbands!

Russell Stabler coordinated the dinner for the Patrol's On-The-Hill ("OTH") maintenance weekend. And, Russell, thanks for the donation of the drinks!

Jim Krussow and his wife, Dee, hosted and boarded the Patrol at their home near Pinecrest the Saturday night of the Patrol's On-The-Hill trail maintenance weekend. They provided a wonderful home cooked dinner around a campfire and then the next morning a great pancake breakfast. Thanks for overwhelming us all and for a place to stay, as the Patrol Cabin was not available. We hope Jim's stepson, **Jerry Dodrill**, will be able to come on the Saturday night of our January 6th - 7th On-The-Trail ("OTT") Refresher to show us the excellent slide show of his recent climbing trip in the outreaches of Asia.

Dates to Remember!

Events and Activities

December 15th Room Reservation Deadline-2001 Tri-Advisory Conf - Attendance Encouraged

*January 6th - 7th On-The-Hill ("OTT") Refresher at Pinecrest - **Required Attendance**

*January 13th - 14th Candidate Training-**Required Attendance-Candidates & Candidate Mentors**

January 20th Mother Lode Region 8:00AM Breakfast Meeting at Dodge Ridge Resort

January 28th Special Olympics Trials - Volunteers Needed

*February 17th - 18th Candidate Training-**Required Attendance-Candidates & Candidate Mentors**

February 4th Special Olympics Trials - Volunteers Needed

February 10th - 11th Tele Festival at Bear Valley

February 24th - 25th Special Olympics Event - Volunteers Needed

March 4th Special Olympics Trials - Volunteers Needed

*March 10th - 11th Candidate Training-**Required Attendance-Candidates & Candidate Mentors**

March 23rd Mother Lode Region Dinner Meeting at Bear Valley Ski Resort

April 28th Mother Lode Region Awards Dinner in Sacramento - Attendance Encouraged

May 6th Pinecrest Nordic Patrol End-of-Season Picnic/BBQ - Attendance Encouraged

August 3rd - 5th Far West Division Annual Meeting in Sacramento - Attendance Encouraged

*September 29th OEC Refresher and Fall Patrol Meeting - **Required Attendance**

November 2nd - 3rd Tri-Advisory Conference in Yosemite Valley - Attendance Encouraged

*** Required attendance**

Courses

January Certified Clinic-Sugar Bowl w/ Dave Rhodes 209.383.9228, dgckrhodes@cell2000.net

January 7th Basic ("Level I") Avalanche-Homewood w/ Phil Chernin, pchernin@cherninco.com

January 13th - 14th Basic ("Level I") Avalanche-Bear Valley w/ Mike Laney, stauchwall@hotmail.com

February Certified Clinic-Dodge Ridge w/ Dave Rhodes 209.383.9228, dgckrhodes@cell2000.net

February 3rd - 4th Advanced ("Level II") Avalanche-1st Weekend-Alpine Meadows w/ Matt Brooks

February 3rd - 4th Global/ Phase II Avalanche Instructor Training-Alpine Meadows w/ Matt Brooks

February 10th - 11th Basic ("Level I") Avalanche-Dodge Ridge w/ Mike Laney, stauchwall@hotmail.com

February 17th-18th Basic Mountaineering w/ Larry Crawford 209.529.7233 & John Kretschmann, nordicskr@aol.com

February 25th Senior OEC-Boreal w/ Bill Person 415.2853558; bill@billperson.org

March 3rd - 4th Advanced ("Level II") Avalanche-2nd Weekend-Squaw Valley w/ Matt Brooks

March 3rd - 4th Global/ Phase II Avalanche Instructor Training -Squaw Valley w/ Matt Brooks

March 9th - 11th FWD Certified Clinic-Squaw Valley w/ Dave Rhodes 209.383.9228, dgckrhodes@cell2000.net

March 10th Senior OEC-Dodge Ridge w/ Bill Person 415.2853558; bill@billperson.org

March 10th - 11th Basic ("Level I") Avalanche-Sugar Bowl w/ Mike Laney, stauchwall@hotmail.com

March 25th Senior OEC-Heavenly w/ Sam Bradley 925.681.0442; nspam@aol.com

April 7th Senior OEC-TBA w/ Sam Bradley 925.681.0442; nspam@aol.com

November 7th -11th National Avalanche School-Park City, Utah (Matt Brooks, rewmb@aol.com)

(Both the NSP Basic ("Level I") Avalanche and the NSP Basic Mountaineering Courses are required to be taken by all Pinecrest Nordic Patrollers within their 1st two years.)