



Skinny Briefs



Pinecrest Nordic Ski Patrol Newsletter
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Announcements

New PR/D, BOD, Treasurer:

New Patrol Representative(Director) Mariano Caunday –

Greetings from your newly elected Patrol Director/Representative. This patrol session (2002-2003) is going to be an exciting adventure for all us free-heelers!!! I feel we are going to have great season and continue to have the Pinecrest Nordic Team as one of the best recognized Nordic Patrols. We have made a few changes in administration and combined with a few new faces our patrol will propagate our deep tradition(s) mainly to have FUN while serving the needs of the Stanislaus. These changes are outlined throughout this newsletter.

My goals for this season are simple, I want everybody to have fun and more fun! but:

- I would like to see at least two Senior Nordics added to our patrol
- Increase our active membership by four
- Make our web site more interactive
- Recognize our senior members as mentors

Also, I am asking everybody to support our new team leaders. They have responsibilities that only can be fulfilled with your help so please sign up for at least 8 days of patrolling in advance. Here are a couple incentives that our team leaders are offering; Dean Fanara's wife has offered to cook an Asian dish each time he is a team leader and Bill Lowell has offered to get us in shape with unique exercises-sounds like fun.

I am open for any suggestion or recommendations. I can be reached by email mcaunday@sri.com or the old fashion way by telephone my home # is (510) 490-4649 or work # is (650) 859-6100 or cell # (650) 444-2316.

Think snow – Think powder

*New Members elected to the Board of Directors: Jeff Gurrola & Robert Parkhurst
New Treasurer: Keith Gale*

Nordic Team Leaders (NTL) Role & Responsibilities:

The Board has identified six patrollers to be Nordic Team Leaders. We are asking those with these responsibilities to perform a number of functions. Here is a short list:

- ◆ Coordinate all activities for the weekend.
- ◆ Ensure the weekend patrol reports are filled out and left for Steve Bailey.
- ◆ Confirm that we will have at least two patrollers for your weekend of responsibility.

If you have any questions or would like to assist an NTL, please feel free to contact them directly.

Weekend Advisor

We will also be identifying Weekend Advisors to assist the Nordic Team Leader's tasks. The weekend's responsibility still remains in the hands of the NTL but you now have another resource for questions, protocol, or area information. These individual(s) may include those with special skills and/or senior members of the patrol including the BOD.

Tri Advisory – Fun and Learning for all! – Robert Parkhurst

Every year approximately 100 instructors from the Far West Division gather in Yosemite to share best practices and enhance their skills. Talks ranged from an update by John Bath, NSP National Avalanche Advisor to avalanche forecasting tips from Gary Murphy, the Sierra Avalanche Representative of the American Avalanche Association.

Many individuals enhanced their skills through hands-on workshops with GPS units and avalanche transceivers. I found a number of people that have developed lesson plans that would enhance the Mountaineering program in the Mother Lode Region. Several Instructor Trainers received a refresher in their roles and responsibilities. Finally, I would personally like to recognize Larry Crawford for the time he spent enhancing his GPS skills. Larry spent several hours in the field practicing entering data into the GPS and using it to locate points in the valley. Thank you Larry!

The weekend would not be complete without a healthy dose of fun! Mariano Caunday learned to land-ski, Pat Callery led the Mungenella route 5.7, and Jeff Gurrola learned how to make a catapult. If you have any desire to become an instructor, this conference is well worth the time.

Accolades & Thanks

PNSP has won a number of recent awards of which you have probably seen in new issues of Patroller Peak, NSP Magazine, etc. Please take a moment and congratulate our brethren for a job well done!!

- ◆ John Kretschmann, Far West Division Assistant Director
- ◆ Matt Brooks – Outstanding Nordic Patrol Director
- ◆ Bill Lowell – Outstanding Nordic Patroller
- ◆ Steve Barr – Outstanding Administrator
- ◆ Jennifer Parkhurst – Angel Award
- ◆ Louise Crawford – Angel Award

Additionally, please join me in welcoming our newest patrollers who recently challenged OEC this last Fall:

Mark Miller, Dean Farnara, Oren Eshel

Reminders

Reserve your weekends now!!!

The web site, www.pincrestnordic.org/members, is now available to register your weekends. DON'T WAIT and see when there isn't coverage – we'll deal with that later. When accessing the website, enter your name as it is listed with National. If you are a candidate, your patroller number will be your Social Security number without dashes. If you can't get onto the web, please contact one of the BOD and we'll assist you in this process.

Candidate weekend

The Great Larry will take charge of giving direction to our newest candidates! Please make sure to introduce yourself to this fine group and make them feel welcomed!!!

David Kelly, Corrine Keet, Penny Hutchinson, Dana Kirsch, Mathew Coleman

Contact(s)

Board of Directors:

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 - ◆ **Robert Parkhurst** (408.374.9028, rtparkhurst@msn.com)

Committee Leaders:

◆ Asst. PR/D – Jeff Gurrola	◆ Treasurer/Registrar - Keith Gale
◆ Nordic Team Leaders - 2002-03 See Attached	◆ Training Officer - Steve Barr
◆ Candidate Training Officer - Larry Crawford	◆ Nordic Senior Mentor - Jeff Gurrola
◆ OEC Officer - Steve Donelan	◆ Awards Officer – Jeff Gurrola
◆ Web Master –Oren Eshel	◆ USFS Liaison - Nancy Krebs
◆ Pro-Deal Coordinator - Ed Lopez	◆ On-the-Hill Coordinator – Robert Parkhurst
◆ On-the-Trail Coordinator –Mariano Caunday	◆ Newsletter Coordinator - Jeff Gurrola

Pinecrest Nordic Ski Patrol Calendar

- November 29 First Patrol Weekend
- December 7-8 Candidate Weekend
- Jan 11-12 On-The-Trail (Mandatory)
- Jan 25 Ski w/ a Ranger
- Feb 1 Ski w/ a Ranger
- Feb 15 Ski w/ a Ranger
- Mar 8 Ski w/ a Ranger
- April 5-6 Last Ski Patrol Weekend
- April ?? Cabin Clean-up

Nordic Team Leader Assignments:

Date	Patroller	Date	Patroller
Nov 30 Dec 1	Dean Fanara	Feb 22-23	Dean Fanara
Dec 7-8	Tim Helwig	Mar 1-2	Tim Helwig
Dec 14-15	Bill Lowell	Mar 8-9	Bill Lowell
Dec 21-22	Oren Eshel	Mar 15-16	Oren Eshel
Dec 27-28	Jeff Bowser	Mar 22-23	Jeff Bowser
Jan 4-5	Mark Miller	Mar 29-30	Dean Fanara
Jan 11-12	Dean Fanara		
Jan 18-19	Tim Helwig		
Jan 25-26	Bill Lowell		
Feb 1-2	Oren Eshel		
Feb 8-9	Jeff Bowser		
Feb 15-16	Mark Miller		

Classes/Training: NSP/Motherlode Region (Nordic Oriented)

- Dec 21 Ski Enhancement – Donner Ski Ranch
- Jan 4 Sr. Nordic Ski & Toboggan Instructor Clinic
- Jan 11-12 Level 1 Avalanche
- Jan 18-21 Basic Mountain & Travel, Pinecrest
- Feb 1-2 Level 2 Avalanche
- Feb 7-9 7th Annual Bear Valley Telemark Festival (Non NSP)

Classes/Training: NSP/Motherlode Region (Nordic Oriented)- Cont.

Feb 22 Sr. Emergency Management Clinic-Bear Valley
Feb 22-23 Level 1 Avalanche –Sugar Bowl
Feb 23 Sr. Nordic Ski & Toboggan Clinic – Pinecrest
Mar 1-2 Level 2 Avalanche
Mar 16 Sr. Emergency Management Clinic –Donner Ski Ranch
Mar 29-30 Level 1 Avalanche – Sierra Summit
Mar 29-30 Sr. Nordic Ski & Toboggan Eval.

Motherlode & NSP Regional Events:

Jan 25 MLR Breakfast Meeting – Dodge Ridge
Mar 17-20 NSP Powderfall, Snowbird UT
May 3 MLR Awards Dinner

Web Sites:

www.pinecrestnordic.org

www.motherloderegion.org

www.nsp.org

