

El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol

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Robbs Hut Workday Attended By Patrol Members Who Know How To Work!

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- President: Jerry Plummer
- V.P.: Monte Hendricks
- Secretary: Julie Hendricks
- Treasurer: Mike Matus
- Director: Cathy Rumble
- Director: Paul Stover
- Director: Jeanne Reed
- Director: Ken Kirk



Mickey, Jean, Julie, Monte, Jerry, Tom, and Tom. Not pictured are Kathy and Rich

was trimmed up a bit and a few new diamonds added. Many thanks to Jerry Plummer, Jeannie Reed, Kathy Glans, Mickey Kaiserman, Monte and Julie Hendricks, Rich Platt and the two Toms who provided all the equipment, paint and advice! Patrol member attendance was low but those who

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Robb's Work day on Saturday, 9/23 was very productive. The base of the lookout and the hut were scraped and painted, the hut had its pre-winter cleaning, and the road/trail to the hut

showed up knew how to work and get things done! Julie said, "This is exactly the kind of work I joined the Patrol to do! Robbs Hut is great and I'm so happy I can help with it!"

Search & Rescue Participation

Ken Kirk gave a power point presentation on the Patrol's status with SAR and the Sheriff's office. It was an outline of what it would take for the Patrol to handle management and call out of a SAR unit. We are now in the feasibility assessment stage. Ken will be e-mailing a survey to mem-

bers to determine individual's interest in SAR and willingness to take on tasks outlined in the presentation. The board will review the survey results and determine if, based on the results, a proposal should be made to the Sheriffs Department. Please send your survey back to Ken ASAP.

Ski & Snowshoe Trails A "Blue Diamond" presentation at October Meeting



Trails, Patrolling, and Huts committee gave a presentation on the trails available for adoption. The list has been provided in the packet given out to members at the September and October meetings. So far Peter Zimmerman is adopting the trails in the Echo Lakes area which are the Ridge Loop, Big Shorty Loop, Little Shorty Loop, and Echo Lakes. John Stroud is adopting the Van Vleck trail. Mike Matus and Missy Escobar are adopting two trails in the

Loon Lake area: Chipmunk Bluff and Polaris. Monte and Julie Hendricks and Cathy Rumble are adopting the (proposed) Orion Trail and Cathy is adopting the Campground Loop Trail. Members are encouraged to get a hold of the list and adopt a trail alone or with another member or two. Along with the list of trails in a handout for the Trail Stewardship and a list of duties. Come to the November meeting, pick up the handouts and adopt a trail!

Map & Compass Class A Great Success!

The Patrol's Map and Compass class on Sept 26-28 & 30 was well received by the public and a few dedicated members (Cathy Rumble, John Stroud, Mickey Kaiserman and a new recruit, Jeff Gitschel). The class was filled a week before and we apologize some may have been unable to attend. Julie said, "The students were excellent and picked up the concepts and tools readily and did a wonderful job." The students put it all together at the field session Saturday. It began at the Van Vleck Bunkhouse, took them to Milk house Meadow (excellent history lessons were provided by Rich!) and back to the bunkhouse. All the teams were successful at finding the benchmark. Many thanks to the instructors which included, Monte and Julie



Students Nancy Huber and Linda Colombo work on their plan to find treasure!

Hendricks and Rich and Nancy Platt. It was great to have Nancy involved as she helped put together the Patrol's first map & compass instruction years ago!



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The El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol was started during the winter of 1982 by a small group of cross country skiers working as volunteers for the US Forest Service. EDNSP has evolved into a non-profit corporation that works as a volunteer group with the Eldorado National Forest. The Patrol's primary objective is public service and education associated with winter mountain recreation.

EDNSP monthly meetings are the FIRST Tuesday of every month from September to April at 7 PM in the hearing room of Build C, the EL Dorado Government Complex located on Fair Lane in Placerville.

Dues are \$25 annually with membership subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

The Echo to Kirkwood Race

Has the Echo to Kirkwood Race reached the finish line? At the October meeting Jerry Plummer presented to the membership the recommendation of the five race committee members (out of 20 or more who were invited to the meeting) who met in late August.

"Key leadership resources do not seem to be present at this time to conduct the Race. However, the final decision needs to be made by the Patrol. The Committee recommends that the Patrol be made aware of the need, and if volunteers to fill the positions of Race Committee

Chairperson, and the Division Chiefs for Operations, Logistics, Planning, and Finance have not come forward by October 15, the board officially cancel the Race for 2007. This would include notifying our partners, posting information on the web site, cancelling the Active account, cancelling the date in Far West Nordic calendar, and sending an email to our participant list notifying them of the cancellation."

If you are interested in this subject, please contact Jerry.

Proform at November Meeting

Susan Minneman, the Patrol's Proform coordinator will let us know what is available for purchase through this program at the November meeting. She will also outline the rules and restrictions. If you want to make purchases, bring your checkbook! Orders will be taken by Susan at this meeting only and this will be the only proform orders placed for Patrol members this season.