

El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol

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A Special Thanks

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- V.P.: Rich Platt
- Secretary: Julie Hendricks
- Treasurer: Mark Stanley
- Director: John Stroud
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- Director: Rob Blumenthal
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EDNSP President Monte Hendricks accepts a very nice note of thanks from the El-dorado National Forest for our volunteer work this season. Charis Parker with Pacific District is in the center. Ron Hancock with Placerville District is on the right.

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At our April meeting we welcomed our new Forest Service liaison, Charis Parker, Pacific District's new Resource Officer. We would also like to extend a heartfelt and hardy Thank You to Ron Hancock! Ron stepped up to fill the liaison position a little over a year ago and has done a wonderful job! We hope he will feel free to attend our meetings and activities any time he pleases! Charis presented the Patrol with a certificate from the Eldorado National

Forest that reads, "Special Thanks to the El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol for your many contributions during the 2007-2008 winter season. Your efforts have been invaluable to provide a safe and enjoyable winter recreation program on the Eldorado National Forest." It is signed by Diane Rubiaco, Pacific District Ranger. We look forward to a continuing great relationship with the Forest as our partner in our public service.

"Skiing takes on a whole new dimension when you ski with the purpose to serve others." Rich Platt

Welcome

New member Bill Kish. Bill and fiancé Christine Kotcher attended our April meeting. They live in Placerville. Bill is a middle school science teacher and Christine is an occupational therapist. Both are avid backcountry skiers—actually Christine has been a snowboard instructor and Bill claims she (and he) are die-hard tele-skiers. Welcome!

Upcoming CPR-C Recert

Julie has scheduled our CPR-C recert on Tuesday, May 6th from 6-10PM. Sign ups were taken at the April meeting. If you missed the meeting and need the recert, PLEASE E-MAIL Julie ASAP. The cost is \$45 per person. Monte, Julie, Rich and John Stroud are "definites".

End of the Year Party/Annual Meeting

Friday evening, May 2nd It will be a "potluck" with awards, voting and good times! The location will be announced soon AND an email will be sent out as the time draws closer. Mark your calendar!

EDNSP YAHOO GROUP: is up and running for Patrol members. Members can post photos and share information. Ted Lenzie leads many exciting trips through the Sierra Club and has invited Patrol members to come along. A schedule of his upcoming trips are posted and all of them look like a great time! Many more photos of the Echo Summit Trail Workday and Avalanche Class field session have also been posted here. Feel free to visit, join up, and add to it! <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ednsp/>

Newsletter

So, are you still enjoying this newsletter? A big thank you to Rich Platt for the front page photo used this month. We hope you have found the newsletter fun and informative and a useful read! The invitation is always out there if anyone would like to submit photos, news, or articles to be included.

SPECIAL THANKS to Ted Lenzie for presenting his slide show on his climb of Denali at our April meeting!

Van Vleck Bunkhouse

Van Vleck Bunkhouse on March 29th and 30th was checked out and enjoyed by Monte & Julie. The trail looks great (added a bit of flagging here and there) and the hut was in good shape. We did discover that the water system is now working. The thermostat for the gas heat stove needs to be replaced. We did a good general cleaning of the Bunkhouse, cleaned out the bathroom sink drain, and carried out the packaged foodstuffs that renters have left behind. The logbook entries tell us how much the public enjoys the Bunkhouse in winter!

Nominations for Officers and Directors for 2008/2009 Season

Nominations were taken at our April meeting for next year's elected leaders. Voting will take place at our end of the year party. Thanks to these members for offering their time and energy to serve!

President: Monte Hendricks

Vice President: Rich Platt

Secretary: Julie Secretary

Treasurer: John Stroud

Directors: (we vote for 4) Rob Blumenthal, Jeff Gitschel, Mickey Kaiserman, Dave Farrell, Craig Von Chance, Mark Stanley.

Skiing & Patrolling Reports

We did some fun informal reporting on March skiing and patrolling at our April meeting. On March 15th Rich, Ted, Monte & Julie had the best "powder day of the year" at Robbs Peak and climbed the back side three times (and we did check on the hut!) On Sunday March 23rd Ted, Julie & Monte skied Tells Peak and checked out the Van Vleck Storm Shelter on the way back. Don't forget to report your volunteer hours by e-mailing them to Julie on the PROPER RECORDING forms!

Upcoming Meetings

Our next Board meeting will be Thursday April 17th. It will be held in the Library at Markham School in Placerville @ 7 PM



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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 Building C, in 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.

"Skiing with a mission to serve the public"



Happy Senior Patroller Julie Hendricks enjoys the view from the deck late Saturday afternoon March 30th. It's great to be able to help make this available for the skiing and snowshoeing public.