



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
EASTERN SIERRA REGION STATUS REPORT

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2013-2014 HIGHLIGHTS from August, 2013 to March, 2014

- Hoping for the Miracle March for our resorts and to bring up the Lake level, reservoirs, and wells.
- Four Olympic medals for athletes who train in and call Tahoe resorts home.
- Tom Sherry, second member in the ESR, elected to the National BOD; 31% of ESR voted
- Fall, 2013: 4 OEC classes in South Bay, East Bay, Tahoe, Reno; 68 candidates, 2 exams. (Stepner)
- Met in January to clarify Nordic classification: resort vs. backcountry (Gibson, Kelly, Milana, Yang)
- New Google Calendar on the easternsierraregion.org The website is becoming the "go to" place for information about programs and events in the ESR.(Livingston)
- 17th Annual Women's clinic at Heavenly on February 22 with 21 participants plus instructors (Nye)
- Senior TE Clinic at Tahoe Donner on March 2; ESR has 24 Senior TE's certified (Pinsky).
- Awards: National Outstanding PR and Young Adult, 2 purple, 5 blue, 4 National Appoint, 2 DSA. (Connolly)
- Board voted on 2/8/2014 to not hold a regional awards event; agreed to promote writing of awards is the first step.
- Equipment inventory and check-out of equipment on website; stored in Truckee. (Barrenger)

Registration/Membership: 538 in 2014; 557 in 2013; 553 in 2012; 557 in 2011; 554 in 2010;
Registration does not include Pro patrol registration.

Financial: Continues to be sound, no dues assessed the past 7 years and again in 2014

PATROL REPORTS::

ALPINE: Starting a Senior Program after many years of none; uniforms bought by area same as Pros.

DIAMOND PEAK: two candidates now in colors.

NORTHSTAR: 11 candidates; one CEO now over Northstar, Heavenly, Kirkwood

HEAVENLY: 7 candidates; training every weekend on man-made snow

HOMEWOOD 6 candidates; final eval March 1; SES/TES with Gibson and Sherry March 9.

MT. ROSE: Open top to bottom; 7 candidates; posters QR code working well for recruiting.

SIERRA AT TAHOE: 75 member host program now under volunteer PR; 14 candidates;

SQUAW VALLEY: same uniforms as Pros and Alpine; req.info about "Patroller" for ageing members.

TAHOE BACKCOUNTRY: assisting Mike Kelly with video production of draft Nordic manual.

TAHOE DONNER: did not open this year; 16 candidates; waiting for snow

TAHOE X/C: inactive status due to minimal operations since inception of the patrol

GOALS, EVENTS FOR 2014-2015:

- Initiate an active and viable Alumni program in the ESR based in each patrol. Survey sent to all FWD Alumni; results will be sent to each Regional Director for their respective regions.
- OET Clinic at Squaw Valley, March 26, 27, 28
- Bill Hummer is up for re-election in fall, 2014; we need our patrollers and alumni to vote.
- September 13, 2014 is the Instructor Continuing Education clinic, Davis, CA, for ID, OEC and OET
- Continue encouraging patrols to submit awards for their patrollers (Leilani Connolly)
- Recruitment and Retention: 2014membership is down, but candidate classes are larger this year.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS

- What does training for Nordic patrollers look like for different venues: backcountry vs. resort? By May 1 we will have a better picture of what the training expectations look like for 2014-2015
- Class rosters posted, then "dropped" from patroller's ed. records. Alumni secondary registration sent in 3 weeks ago, and not posted as of 2/28/2014.