

SKI PATROL

Donner Ski Patrol Newsletter

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Hold on tight...

We are now into February and we have record amounts of snow. There has been a lot of changes to DSR, our patrol and to the NSP as a whole. We are all going through growing pains, but I'm confident it is all going to pan out for the best. Even as technology and procedures change, I'm happy to say our commitment to each other and to the critical services we provide for DSR and the people that enjoy the outdoor activities has remained steadfast.

Did somebody ask for snow?

The season started a little bumpy, but did we get hammered with tons of snow! Sometimes DSR shuts down for lack of snow, but now we had closures because of too much snow. The roads are plowed, and the runs are open, so I encourage everybody to get up to DSR and enjoy the powder.

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity."

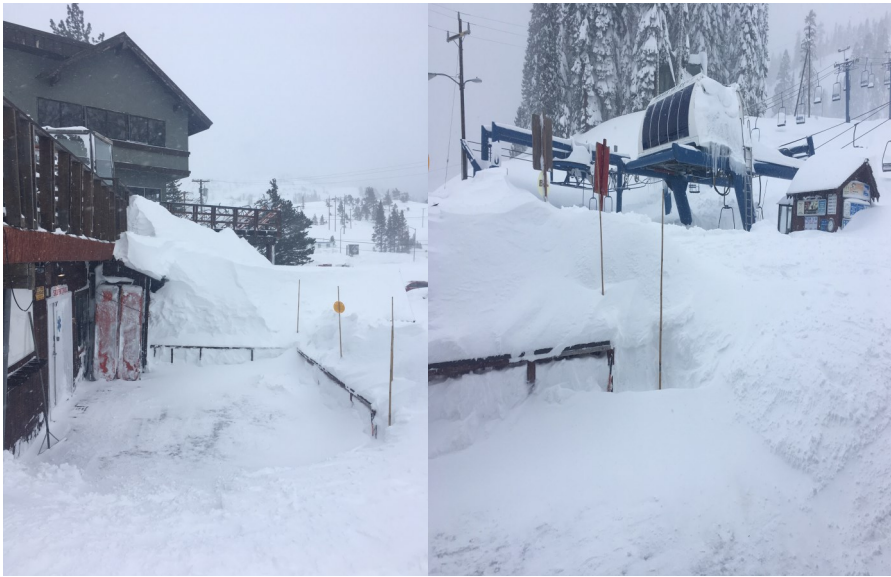
—Amelia Earhart



A start of a new patrol day...

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Johan & Evan tackled the massive snow dump

Message board...

In the morning, it is a good idea to take a look at our patrol whiteboard, which is located on the inside of our patrol front door. It is here you will find issues that need to be addressed.

Digging Out

A huge thank you to the Donner Ski Patrol for helping dig out chair #2. The top and bottom of chair two needed immediate action so people could safely ride the chair. Listed below are the patrollers who answered the call.

- Michael Estrada
- James Francia
- Hank Stevens
- Eric Johansson
- Kristi Mercado
- Johan Knall
- Ryan Wallace
- Greg Padreddi



Are we having fun yet?

Photos provided to us by Don Postle...

New patrol procedures

Please take some time to get familiar with some of our new procedures...

- Hill Captains
- Ambulance requests
- Comp tickets
- Discounts
- Opening routines
- Sings & Ropes
- New Forms



Ron is standby master...

Standby Tips

Sometimes people avoid pulling a shift in standby, but usually that is not the case when the weather is storming out. Either way, standby serves a vital function for our patrol.

Standby knows about the status of all our lifts and coordinates patrol resources as needed. Because our radios have challenges transmitting between the front and back sides or our mountain, standby relays messages.

Since standby is located at the highest point at Donner, it is the best place to be when responding to accidents usually. If a patroller on a scene needs additional equipment and no other patroller is readily available, standby will step up and provide any required assistance, which could include bringing a sled, trauma pack and/or AED themselves. Time is ticking away and we must respond quickly.

Sweep Success

The day is not done until ski patrol has swept the mountain. We all know the routine, but we never take our responsibilities lightly. No one is left behind, especially because we know the local coyote pack comes out before the sun sets.

Often the end of the day is busiest for us because people get tired and injure themselves and because there is so much equipment to put away. Sometimes while the sun is setting, the winds pick up and the temperature drops. We eagerly await that famous call of "last chair has arrived."

When everybody is accounted for at patrol base and the radios are put away, the hill captain will go over the day's events. Lessons are learned and we all get to do it all again another day. Who has it better than the Ski Patrol? - Nobody!



See you on the hill...

Cheers,

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