



OLYMPIC MOUNTAIN RESCUE NEWSLETTER

A Volunteer Organization Dedicated to Saving Lives Through Rescue and Mountain Safety Education

November 2002

The next meeting will be at the Westgate Fire Hall on 12 Nov. at 7:00P.M. Training will be: Avalanche Awareness

REPORTS of Chairman, Officers, Coordinators, and Committees:

TRAINING:

JUST PAST:

Advanced Rigging put on by Greg and Paul at Staircase. - please see article below

Meeting Training:

Dale Boyle presented Blood Borne Pathogen training

UPCOMING:

NAVIGATION put on by John Ellsworth. The date is **November 16th**, you will need to contact John for location and starting time. If you didn't take this last year, or performed it elsewhere, you need to sign up. Navigation training is a bi-annual requirement.

The upcoming general membership training will be **AVALANCHE AWARENESS** and will be put on by Jim Groh. As the winter season approaches more and more people will be outdoors enjoying snow sports, so this is great



Todd takes the high road.

information to have to help yourself be safe.

The board is continuing to set the **2003 TRAINING CALENDAR**. If you have any input, or suggestions let one of us know. We have been trying to alter the schedule to accommodate different holidays and to provide new and exciting trainings, but can't provide you with these if we don't receive any feedback on what things you would like to see.

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to Susan DiBenetto . Suzie was voted in by the general Membership at Rescue Support.

Finally, we have someone to keep Tony in line.

SUMMER STANDBY

The board voted to shorten the summer standby season. It will now run from Memorial Day to Labor Day including both of those holiday weekends.

PAGERS

Bring you pager to the next meeting so that it can be exchanged. Roger is still struggling to get our



Shawn demonstrates the water scoop technique

pager system sorted out.

ELECTIONS

Annual Elections are coming up soon. The terms of board members John Ellsworth and Paul Gelineau are expiring.. Roger Beckett is heading the nominating committee. Contact Roger with your input.

MISSIONS

Mission No: 2002-10 (02-2709)
October 18, Mt Ellinor, Mason County.

Personnel: (Field team) Steve Leslie (OL), Margaret Brownell, Mac MacDowell, Loring Bemis, Mark Hendrickson, Andy Graham, Dog Bella.

(In Town) Roger Beckett

Beckett received this call from the State DEM at 0638 requesting a call to the SAR officer Bill Adams in Mason County. Adams wanted to know if we could help in a specific search situation on Mt. Ellinor for a Dennis Coates, 55 years old, who had not returned to his parked car at the lower Ellinor trail head the previous day. Adams was told that a team would soon be on its way to the

trail head. Leslie was contacted at 0700 and a Westgate departure time was set for 0830. Several of the team drove to speed things along. Weather was a perfect fall day in the mountains with low clouds over Puget Sound areas.

The OMR team arrived at the Mason Co Comvan before 1030 and after a brief meeting with Adams, the Brownell, Bella and Bemis team departed the upper trail head for the summit via the regular trail. The other four followed the main trail to the start of the old way trail and MacDowell and Graham ascended the chute while Leslie and Hendrickson started up the regular trail for the summit area. At about 1300 the dog team was on the summit and the others at about 5000'. Tacoma Mountain Rescue Unit (TMRU) had 4 members arrive at Base about this time and at 1315 McDowell signaled a Code 42 which was the predetermined death code. Graham (EMTP) arrived and determined the subject was indeed deceased and that it appeared to have happened suddenly while on a rest break at 5200'. Graham

then went to locate the dog team (out of radio contact). Leslie called Base and requested that TMRU bring the stretcher and lowering gear up to 5200'. All were on site and ready to lower the subject at about 1500. Brownell operated the brake rack and 6 people handled the stretcher down the steep chute to the meadow using 2 150' ropes arriving by 1630. The lowering team met up with an ESAR group on the trail that assisted by taking packs for those hauling the stretcher. Hasty belays on the tail rope assisted in the carry out and as the trail improved the wheel

assembly was added. All were at the trail head about 1815 and home by 2200. Special thanks go to TMRU - Rick, Tim, Tyler and Wendy and the Mason Co Chuckwagon!

Prepared by Roger Beckett with input by Steve Leslie

Total Personnel: 8

Total Hours: 110

Total Mileage: 670

ADVANCED RIGGING TRAINING HIGH LINES

Saturday morning dawned gray but at least it wasn't raining as the White and Blue trucks got on the road to Staircase for the Advanced Rigging training. The 12 participants gathered at the Ranger Station and were briefed by Paul Gelineau and Greg Barron about what the day's training scenario would be. The purpose of the days efforts would be to construct two Kootney High Lines across the South Fork of the Skokomish River, just up stream from the bridge.

We gathered on the west side of the river where Greg provided a description of the High Line system and what we were to construct and operate.

Breaking into two groups the west side set up the control system and transferred lines across the river using the compressed air rockets, a wrist rocket with line reel and also by a very long throw. Once the lines were delivered to the high strength side, we proceeded to complete the system and transfer personnel and equipment across the river. Personnel were given the opportunity to operate various stations and experience lining across the river.

The second phase involved constructing a new system in a different location and incorporating a litter and attendant into the system. Those on the control side switched with the high strength side providing everyone with a chance to staff stations on both sides. The litter/attendant configuration provided team members with a different operating scenario, involving additional weight and the use of advantage systems to move the load back and forth.

This day's training provided members who have never been exposed to High Line systems the opportunity to construct, operate and "ride" the system. It also served as a great refresher for those familiar with the technique. Everyone, including the two instructors learned some valuable lessons and the day was judged a success by all participants. Thanks for coming out!

Paul G.

OLYMPIC CLIMBERS GUIDE

As you all know OMR authors the Climber's Guide to the Olympic Mountains. We have begun a full on revision of the Guide. This is a very large undertaking and will include all the membership, not just the Guide Book Committee. We have a very short one year to complete this task. Any input from members concerning routes, approaches, roads, or other information that needs updating please contact the guide book committee. Much of the information already in the book needs to be verified. Things such as approach roads and numbers need to be driven and verified. So, if you get asked to participate in some field work, think of it as your contribution to the climbing history of the Olympics.

Guide book committee members are:

Keith Spencer (Chairman)

Paul Gelineau

Jim Groh

Brad Albro

Roger Beckett
Dee Molinaar (Art work)
Kent Heathershaw
Tom Banks (ONP Rep)
Dale Boyle

HEADLAMP

I don't usually get excited about new gadgets. However, I recently made use of a Moonlight by Black Diamond on a long approach, and was very pleased. It is half the weight of any of my other lamps and produces a pleasant glow without the concentric circles of other lamps. The beam is wide angle and doesn't reach out a great distance (about 100 ft.). I think it would be perfect for patient care and 99% of all rigging and other rescue work. If you are in the market for a new lamp, I suggest this one. *Dale*



Cass Attends Paul above the Skokomish