

The Backside of Beyond

The Bardini Foundation Newsletter

DEW Foundation Funds Insurance, Courses, Equipment

In the summer of 2000, the Bardini Foundation received an unsolicited grant of \$250 from the **Dale and Edna Walsh Foundation** (DEW Foundation) located in Incline Village, Nevada. We were brought to the DEW's attention by Walter Edberg who knew Allan Bard and had great respect for his talents and goals.

Over the past three years the DEW Foundation has approved over \$15,000 in grants to the Bardini Foundation. The major portion of this money was set aside to finance **liability insurance premiums** being sought by Bardini for coverage of our 2004 outdoor activities. Smaller amounts have been used to upgrade our desktop **publishing equipment** and have allowed us to sponsor each year's five-day Level-III **avalanche courses**.

We wish to extend our gratitude to **Walter** and Shai Edberg of the DEW Foundation for their continuing support.

This issue sponsored by Bruce Colman San Francisco, California

"As we discussed, I'd love to sponsor an issue ... I continue to believe in Allan's legacy. Keep up the good work."

The Bardini House Is History

After six and a half years of providing housing for hundreds of itinerant climbers and skiers the foundation was asked to give up our month-to-month rental of Allan Bard's house - the Bardini House - to the owners. Allan would have accepted this as one of life's little disappointments and might have quoted from one of his favorite cartoons - Shoe by **Jeff MacNally**:

"In life you have to learn to take the good with the bad ... and then you learn to take the bad with a little scotch."



In sympathy with the impending loss, the Bardini House front yard apple tree also gave it up - to the axe. Like the house, the tree would inevitably have to go. The tree, shown above in its springtime glory, had been on its last legs for many years and appropriately came down about the time we received notice of the eventual loss. The sign over the front door and all the memorabilia in the house will be stored locally. There will be no more apple pies and no more Monday nights at Bardini's.

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Four Pass Level-III Avalanche Course

On February 6-10, the Bardini Avalanche Education Center sponsored its fourth annual Level-III Avalanche Training Course this winter. The Bardini course is nationally unique in that it is offered on a pass-fail basis.

Five days were spent in the Mammoth Lakes and June Mountain ski areas with four aspirants attending to the classroom and field requirements of the course. The instructors were Don Sharaf and Tim Villanueva.

On February 10, certificates were awarded to **Rich Rinaldi**, **Ann Mellick, Toby Wheeler, and Nate Greenberg** for their participation.

The Foundation sincerely appreciates the cooperation of the **Mammoth Community** Water District, the June Mountain Ski Area and their ski patrol for allowing access and the use of their facilities.

In accordance with our stated purpose that of providing funds to train aspiring guides - a portion of the course cost for ski guide Rich Rinaldi was assumed by the foundation.

Read more about this winter's Bardini Foundation avalanche courses and community volunteer activities on Page-2. See Avalanche Education Center

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C'est le vie.

2004 Contributions

The Bardini Foundation is not a club and thus does not require dues, however, an annual subscription to the newsletter at \$5.00 a year could be thought of as dues or as membership in a commendable cause.

Any donation over \$5 will, of course, include "membership" and also if \$25 or more will earn special mention.

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The DEW Foundation The Dale & Edna Walsh Foundation

The **DEW Foundation** deserves special recognition. It has contributed over \$15,000 in the last three years. Thank you, Shai Edberg!

Partner	\$1000+
Contributor	\$500+
Sustainer	\$200+

The Beat Goes On

We are still **beating the bushes** for funds. Despite our pleas, the donations that used to pour in after each issue of this newsletter have begun to dry up. You will note above on this page that since the beginning of this year **only four people** have made donations. So we have decided to concentrate on the problem in this issue.

Please take the time to read through the items in this issue relating to donations.

Avalanche Education Winter Report

In addition to the Level-III course featured on page-1, the foundation continued to provide local beacon clinics hosted by Mammoth Mountaineering Supply.

Two **Level-I courses** were offered in the Mammoth area with the cooperation of the Snow Creek Athletic Club. Many people took advantage of these reasonably priced courses. **Financial assistance** was provided for the Mono and Inyo County Search and Rescue (SAR) team members and aspiring guide Tobin Nidever.

Tim Villanueva, Bardini's chief guide, continues to volunteer his time and expertise in community related activities. Two days in December were spent with the **Inyo and Mono County SAR teams** in basic avalanche training.

Again this year, Tim offered a snow and environmental awareness outing for the **Bishop Paiute Tribal Youth** Sports Program.

Villanueva continues to volunteer doing the only **Eastern Sierra avalanche forecast**. This forecast is posted weekly on the Mountain page of the **Inyo Register** - the local Bishop newspaper - and on the Internet at www.csac.org. This is not an easy task for one person. We are seeking funds to expand the personnel involved and relieve some of Tim's workload. Any donations supporting this endeavor should be sent to the address below.

Temporary New Address

With loss of the Bardini House the mailing address for the Bardini Foundation has been temporarily changed. Future postal comunications should be directed to:

> Bardini Foundation 236 N 2nd Street Bishop, CA 93514

Bardini To Host First Level-III Avalanche Symposium

At a date to be announced later this year, the Bardini Avalanche Education Center will host a Level-III avalanche symposium course in the winter of 2004-2005.

In our effort to remain at the cutting edge of professional development in avalanche training, the Center is inviting the top AAA and AAIRE instructors in the United States to attend this first-ever course symposium.

The Level-III course will be conducted at the Tioga Pass Resort and in the surrounding Sierra environs.



Students and instructors recording field data during Bardini Level-III avalanche course.

Participants will gain the unique perspective of the four individual instructors each of whom is an experienced avalanche professional and ski guide. Students will observe guiding techniques and decisionmaking processes in the field with these instructors.

Each student is expected to have completed a Level-II course within the last 5 years. Successful course completion requires that each student pass a written test and specific field evaluations. There will be a very **limited student-to-instructor ratio**. Contact us early if you want to be part of this great professional development course.

Bardini Foundation Donors - The Good Guys

Listed below are all the people who have donated to the Bardini Foundation since its inception. These donations include cash, time, and energy. Despite every effort to dig out all the names, we **KNOW** we have left a few people off the list and we sincerely apologize. Our record keeping has only recently been organized to keep accurate donor files.

There are 658 names on our mailing list. That means 395 of you receive this newsletter via the US Postal Service and the remaining 263 are notified via e-mail that the newsletter is available on Internet at our website: **www.bardini.org.**

The most disturbing statistic is that **there are only 209 "good guys" listed below.** That means **449 of you "bad guys" haven't taken the time to donate** anything! Shame on you! All we ask is an annual \$5.00 "subscription fee".

Think of it ... \$5.00 from each of you delinquents would amount to \$2245 ...

enough to sponsor two Level-III Avalanche courses

or buy the Avalanche Education Center a Powerpoint projector

or sponsor the next 9 issues of the Backside of Beyond

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Statement of Purpose

The Bardini Foundation is a group of friends and relatives who wish to honor and commemorate their friend and brother, the late Allan Bard, fondly known as "The Great Bardini". The Foundation was formed to continue Allan's work and carry out his plans and dreams of exposing people to the total mountain experience. In Allan's memory, the Foundation will strive to provide the common man with Muir's inspiration to "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings".

The Bardini Foundation is providing:

- 1. Year-round backcountry guide services
- Sponsorship of courses in avalanche safety, mountain emergency medical practices, rockclimbing/mountaineering skills, and wilderness appreciation
- 3. Continued publication and distribution of Allan's Shooting Star Guides
- 4. A newsletter to promote mountain ethics, protocol, and safety
- 5. Publication of Allan's writings and photographs
- 6. Funds for search and rescue groups, for training and equipment
- 7. Slide shows and seminars on mountain sports, safety, and photography
- 8. Funds to train and accredit, in cooperation with the American Mountain Guides Association, mountain guides of Allan's quality
- 9. Support for environmental and cultural projects of community interest in Bishop, California

We are accepting donations from anyone interested in supporting our efforts. Checks should be made out to the Bardini Foundation and mailed to the Foundation in Bishop.

> Bardini Foundation, Inc 236 N 2nd Street Bishop, CA 93514

Millis's Letter to Allan

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No one was really mad at you for not showing up, we all knew you had other things to do. We did though, want to see your smiling face again. Maybe next year, eh?

We all told stories of the old days, drank plenty of good beer, and cooked some great meals together. It reminded us all of the Camp-4 we all spent time in.

Well, time to sign off, I've got lots to do. You know something Allan, you ain't missing much. By the time you get to our age, you're wearing five pairs of glasses, none of which you can find and you have two or three pairs of worn out shoes that finally fit well. Every time you go skiing or climbing for a day, it takes two days to recover and you sometimes can't remember where you put your car keys. Growing old ain't all it's cracked up to be.

Next time around, make sure to drink more water, less scotch, and remember to floss a lot more!

See you at next year's gathering, dude! Say hi to Moose for all of us!

2nd Annual Yosemite Reunion June 18-19-20

at Obsidian Flats Group Campground

If you were invited last year and didn't make it, now's your chance to make amends. If you were there last year, you **know** you want to do it again. The reunion will be in the same location as last year's!

Last year's gathering was such a great success, why not do it again! It was truly wonderful to see so many smiling faces once again and renew old friendships. What a pleasure it was to have so many friends from our youthful days in Yosemite Park all together in one place. It's true what they say, old age makes us all even.

Please remember that this is our Yosemite reunion and no a free-for-all party for everyone else. Use your discretion when inviting your friends to our gathering.

For more details call: Bill NIckell @ 209-962-4360 or Dennis Oakeshott @ 760-387-2603 or Millis @ 307-360-8213

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Activities Winter/Spring 2004

provided by the Bardini Foundation

Sierra Backcountry Lodge Skiing

March 26-29

Tioga Pass Resort has all the amenities a skier could want, excellent atmosphere, and of course, the most sensational ski terrain the Eastern Sierra has to offer. Set at almost 10,000 feet, there will be wide-open views and endless ski opportunities!

Spring Ski Day Tours

Suberb spring skiing day tours available by request. Contact Tim Villanueva at (760) 872-4413 or tim@bardini.org

The Bardini Foundation sponsors guide services year-round under the permit held by Sierra Guides Alliance in partnership with the Inyo National Forest

Treks, climbs, and ski tours can be contracted throughout the year. Call, write, or e-mail the Foundation at (760) 873-8036 or (760) 872-4413 or don@bardini.org



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