

# Tahoe ski patrollers score high in nationwide competition

Ski patrollers went head to head last weekend at Squaw Valley during the first nationwide Professional Ski Patrol Olympics. Patrol teams from across the United States and Canada competed in sled races, bamboo throws, avalanche transceiver searches and a giant slalom race down some of Squaw Valley's steepest terrain.

Spectators and patrollers took in the exhilarating competitions at a mid-mountain bar and barbecue area where they watched the country's best patrollers duke it out on the mountain.

After two days of close competition, the Mammoth Mountain/June patrol team claimed the gold medal and the title of the 2010 North American Patrol Champions.

Squaw Valley took the silver medal and Alpine Meadows claimed the bronze.

Marcus Waring of Whistler Blackcomb was awarded the gold in the individual male category after a randonee race and Squaw Valley's Lori Gunderson took home the gold in the women's category. Winners each took home healthy portions of the \$1,500 Helly Hansen cash purse along with prizes from Alpha Explosives, Alpine Traverse, Helly Hansen and Squaw Valley.

## **Official Results:**

### **Overall Team**

1 Mammoth Mountain 31

2 Squaw Valley USA (B) 29

3 Alpine Meadows 24

### **Overall Individual – Men**

1 Marcus Waring, Whistler Blackcomb

2 Zebulon Blais, Squaw Valley USA (B)

3 Chris Lizza, Mammoth

### **Overall Individual – Women**

1 Lori Gunderson, Squaw Valley USA (B)

1 Michaela Adrien, Mammoth Mountain

3 Amanda Martin, Big Sky

### **Randonee Race**

1 Marcus Waring, Whistler Blackcomb

2 Zebulon Blais, Squaw Valley USA (B)

3 Steve Keller, Alpine Meadows

### **Avalanche Transceiver Search**

1 LeI Tone, Squaw Valley USA (B)

2 Chuck Megivern, Mammoth/June

3 Robert Wood, Big Sky

### **Big Mountain GS**

1 Chris Lizza, Mammoth/June

2 Aaron Barnett, Squaw Valley USA (A)

3 Zebulon Blais, Squaw Valley USA (B)

### **Bomb Toss**

1 Matt Calcutt, Squaw Valley USA (A)

2 Matt Shelton, Mountain High

3 Nick Dulemba, Squaw Valley USA (B)

### **Bamboo Toss**

1 Eric Diem, Mammoth

2 Andy Peek, Squaw Valley USA (B)

3 Ben Leech, Squaw Valley USA (B)

### **Toboggan Race**

1 Alpine Meadows (2)

2 Mammoth/June (2)

3 Alpine Meadows (1)