

## ***ATTENTION SNOWCHASERS:***

Our second meeting in January will be at the **SPORTS BASEMENT** in Walnut Creek (across from Heather Farms), where we will see “**Mammoth Dreams, The Story of Dave McCoy.**” It starts promptly at **6:00**—they will be serving us pizza and soft drinks! If you haven’t seen this film, you will see a story of real courage and entrepreneurship.

Now down to snow talk: What happens when a skier falls into an area of deep unconsolidated snow (tree well) and gets stuck? Unfortunately, the more the person struggles, the more entrapped they become. The statistics are really frightening: If a partner is not there for immediate rescue, the skier may die very quickly from suffocation, they can die as quickly as someone drowning in water. In two experiments conducted in the U.S. and Canada in which volunteers were temporarily placed in a tree well, **90% COULD NOT rescue themselves!** The message: don’t ski by yourself, particularly if you decide to ski in the trees.

At the next meeting, we will be doing a snow dance. Be prepared to whoop and holler to some great 60’s music (quietly). I saw it on **YouTube**, and it looked pretty authentic.



***Happy New Year!!***

