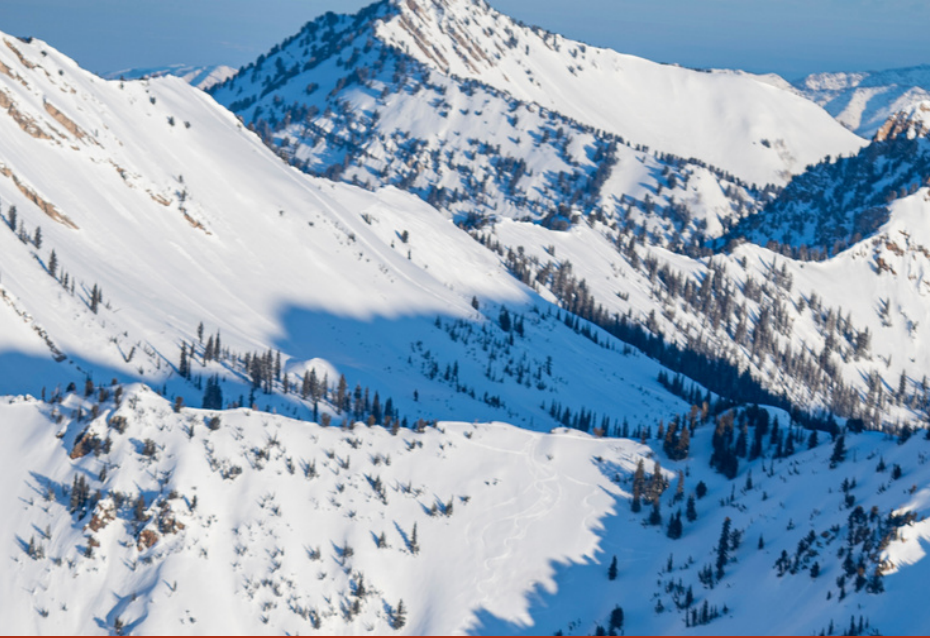




NOVEMBER 2023
AMAZING SKI & SNOW PEOPLE
NEWSLETTER

Skier: Caroline Dillon | Photographer: Lee Cohen©



Amazing Ski & Snow People

The Amazing Ski & Snow People is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports the physical, social, and mental health, education, and infrastructure needs of the ski patrol community.

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A gift to the Amazing Ski & Snow People funds scholarships, grants, and programs that support relationships, wellbeing, and education in our community. **Support your Alta Ski Patrol community using the links above!**

The Amazing Ski and Snow People is an **all-volunteer organization** and is supported by our community and our Board of Directors:

Kyle Fredrick, President
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Brett "Korps" Korpela, Secretary
Andrew McCloskey, Treasurer
Amelia Praggastis
Dan Collins
Chris Cawley
Janice Gardner

Skiers: Dave Richards and Liz Rocco
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I got involved with Amazing Ski and Snow People to continue working on the legacy that my mentors helped start. Transitioning from what was the "Patrol Fund" into a far-reaching non-profit organization has been a very rewarding experience. It is mind blowing to see the potential of our community when people work together on accomplishing a common goal - supporting the needs of our Alta Ski Patrol community.

As I reflect on the 2022-23 ski season, it highlights the strength of the community that we're all lucky to be a part of. The day-after-day of unbelievable powder skiing was amazing, but the record breaking snowfall created demanding and difficult situations for the Alta Ski Patrol Community. Seeing our community come together to overcome challenges and continue to find joy in the things that brought us to Alta was very reaffirming.

Seeing the positive energy and big smiles at our events always brings me a feeling of satisfaction, thank you!

**KYLE FREDRICK,
BOARD PRESIDENT**



Skiers: Alta Ski Patrol
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WOMEN'S TELEMARK

- 1: Sari Rauscher
- 2: Liz Rocco
- 3: Caroline Dillon

Groundhog Day Race



WOMEN'S ALPINE

- 1: Siri Wieringa
- 2: Maren Askins
- 3: Kate Altman

The 2023 Groundhog Day Race was another huge success with 64 racers participating on a beautiful February day! The competition was tight with a lot of “photo finish” races, fortunately our slow-mo replay system was spot on!

The Groundhog Day Celebration was a great turn out with an incredible atmosphere and positive vibe. The food was delicious, the crowd stoked, and the prizes plenty! Thankfully we were able to return to an indoor celebration and not have to endure a painfully cold evening like in 2022.



MEN'S TELEMARK

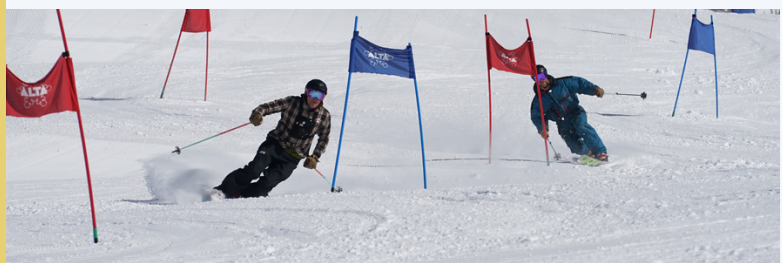
- 1: James Dillon
- 2: Luke Lubchenco
- 3: Jonathan Morgan

A huge thank you to our sponsors, Alta race crew, many volunteers, and the Alta Peruvian Lodge for making this event possible and raising funding for our grant program.



MEN'S ALPINE

- 1: Curtis Paradis
- 2: Andy Gardner
- 3: Oliver Sloan





ACTIVITIES & GRANTS

The Amazing Ski and Snow People was grateful to work with our partners at Alta Community Enrichment to support activities for the entire community. Thank you for joining in yoga, the annual ping pong tournament, and the Alta biathlon.

Thanks to funds raised through t-shirt sales, individual donations, and the Groundhog's Day raffle and celebration, **Amazing Ski and Snow People** offered \$12,250 across five grants to the community in 2023. We encourage the Alta Ski Patrol community to apply. Grant applications and instructions can be found at: www.amazingskiandsnowpeople.org/grants-scholarships Reach out to us with questions, we'd love to hear from you at info@amazingskiandsnowpeople.org

WINTER 2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

NOV. 20, 2023 Jack Waldron Social Grant

FEB. 15, 2024 Chenoa Plank Memorial Scholarship

**ROLLING/
NEED BASED** Heart & Soul Grant
Medical Expense Grant
Patrol Exchange Program

The **Chenoa Plank Memorial Scholarship** assists individuals living, working, and playing in the Wasatch Mountains who seek education to begin or continue careers as mountain professionals.

Amazing Ski and Snow People, with support from Rhonda Smith and the Smith family, awarded three Aspiring Mountain Professional Grants last spring. Molly Hoelper received \$700 to help cover the cost of her Outdoor Emergency Care course tuition, textbook, and National Ski Patrol registration. Parker Layton was awarded \$500 towards his Outdoor Emergency Care course tuition and Sean Nelson was awarded \$500 towards his Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician course.

Our Current Mountain Professional Scholarship recipients were Jake Grace and Christal McCrary. Jake Grace received \$1,000 to help cover the cost of his accelerated Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the University of Utah. Christal McCrary received \$1,000 towards the Introduction to Snow Avalanche Mapping course. Christal travelled to British Columbia for this seven day course to provide “a deeper understanding of looking for clues to historical avalanches both in the field and through aerial photography.”

CHENOA PLANK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

(Images Below) Christal’s course took her into the field to study slide paths in British Columbia.



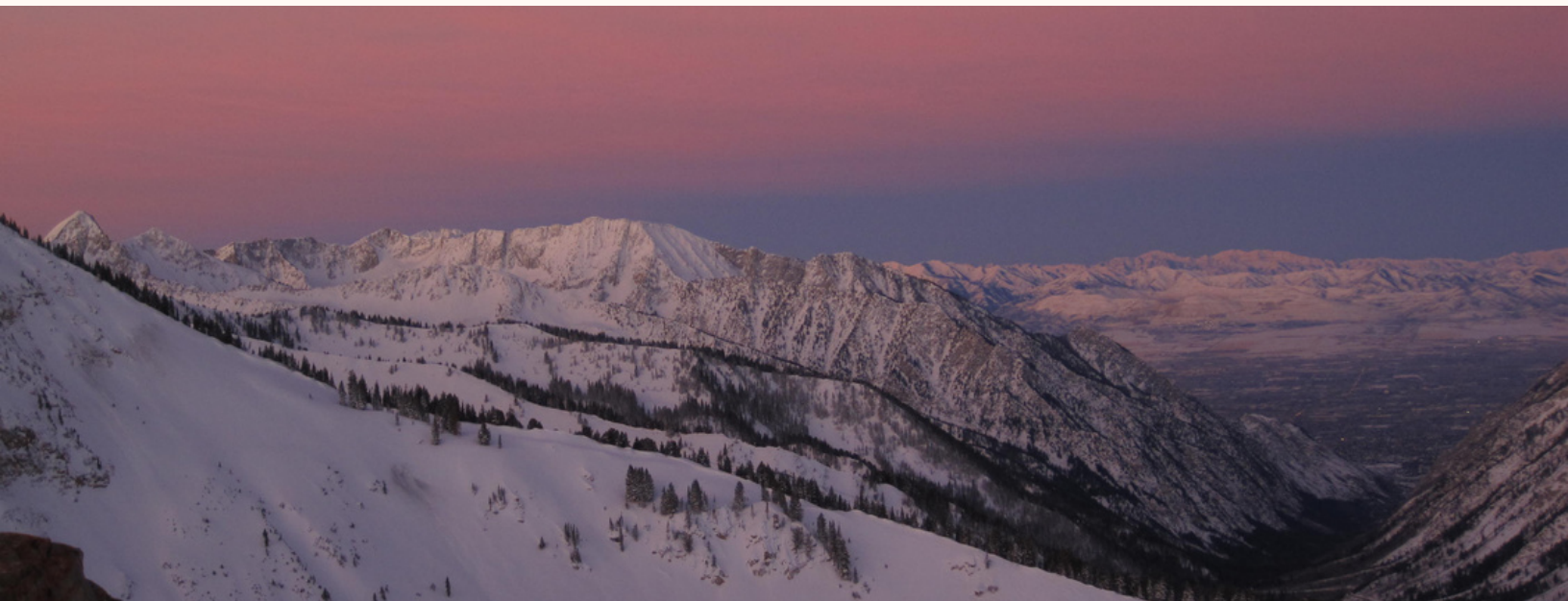
HEART & SOUL

The Heart & Soul Grant recognizes and honors the contributions of current and former Alta Ski Patrollers as well as supporting members of the Alta Ski Patrol community and their families during times of death, loss, or need.

In 2023, the grant awarded \$500 to Jonathan Morgan towards a memorial for Chris Mariani, a 16-year veteran of the Alf Engen Ski School who passed away in February. Ski school director Scott Mathers shared this remembrance:

Chris Mariani began his Alf Engen Ski School career in 2007 as an Instructor Apprentice. Chris became an instructor at Alta in 2008 and will be missed and remembered by many private lesson clients and kids from his Alta Youth Club groups over the years. Chris married Sarah, a fellow Alf Engen Ski School instructor, had his children skiing in our Team Alta Programs and brought his brother Ray into teaching at Alta. Chris was also known for his incredible BBQ skills and delighted many with a wonderful meal. Chris's passing in February 2023 had a deep impact on many in the ski school staff who came to know Chris as a fun loving and generous human being. He is missed.

Ski patrollers and community members are encouraged to apply for this grant in order to make honorary donations, host retirement celebrations, or recognize peers in the community with cards, service, or financial support.



The **Jack Waldron Social** grant encourages Alta Ski Patrollers to appreciate self-care and wellbeing by continuing social traditions that enhance the team's relationships each season.

Liz Rocco was awarded the Social grant for the first time. Liz was able to put the funds to good use and we have finally moved on from our Covid-limited gatherings. However, an extremely busy and snowy winter made gathering hard. Despite road closures and plenty of early mornings, she hosted an awards party, secret Santa, and other events to bring the community together. Thanks Liz for applying and making the best of the money awarded.

JACK WALDRON SOCIAL GRANT

MEDICAL EXPENSE GRANT

The **Medical Expense Grant** supports patrollers and community members who devote their lives and careers to the mountains. This grant reflects the core of what Amazing Ski and Snow People's mission is about; helping people get by when they need it. When the Alta Ski Patrol first started selling t-shirts, the main goal was to raise money for the patrol fund which supported ski patrollers who were unable to work due to injury and medical reasons. When the Amazing Ski and Snow People was established as a non-profit organization, we expanded medical expense grant opportunities to the entire community.

This past year we helped two community members, Anisha Martin, a front desk agent from the Goldminer's Daughter, and Chris Volkmann, an Alta Ski Patroller.

These two awarded grants represent the evolution of what the Amazing Ski and Snow People can offer our community.

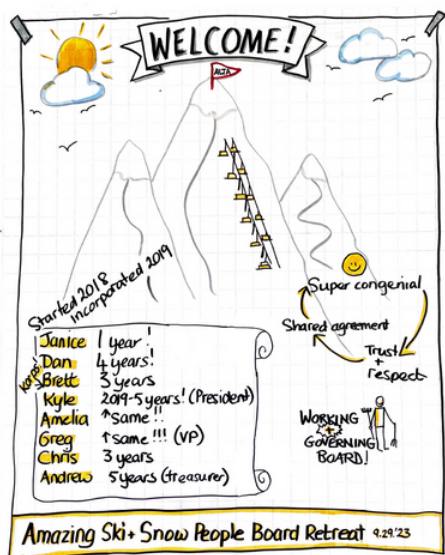
The **Patrol Exchange Program** is an opportunity for Alta Ski Patrollers to travel to other ski resorts, learn, and build relationships with workers in mountain communities.

During the 2022-2033 ski season, six different patrollers were funded to go on exchange, with several more receiving funds to host ski patrollers on exchange from other mountains. Sarah Hunt, Liz Fredrick, JB Keller, and Hank Evatt each received \$200 for their respective five day exchanges to Fernie Alpine Resort and Grand Targhee Resort. The random drawing from the suitcase provided Megan Cota and Reed Wells (both previous Chenoa Plank Scholarship recipients) with their first patrol exchange experience, funding them to go to Sun Valley Resort for a three day exchange. A big thanks to everyone who put in the extra time and effort to host and take care of the visiting patrollers!

PATROL EXCHANGE PROGRAM



VISIONS FOR ASSP'S FUTURE



Pathway Associates graphic recorder Debbie Mintowt captured visual representations of our meeting discussions.

After four years of Amazing Ski and Snow People operations, the Board evaluated the organization's past, present, and future direction. The Board worked with Julie DeLong and Debbie Mintowt, professionals with Pathway Associates, to facilitate a vision-setting and strategic planning retreat on Friday September 29th.

Through a series of exercises, the Board reflected on our current work; identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges; and discussed our vision for the future of the Alta Ski Patrol community. We established that the all-volunteer Board has great trust and respect for each other, works together effectively, has an inspiring mission, and represents a passionate community. Key actions and recommendations from the retreat include ways to increase fundraising, extend the organization's impact, improve governance, identify a future vision statement for the organization, and improve annual goal setting. The Board is eager to move into 2024 with a vision for the future.

Special thanks to Moqui and Ellie for allowing us to use their beautiful family cabin in Big Cottonwood Canyon as the venue for our retreat!





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