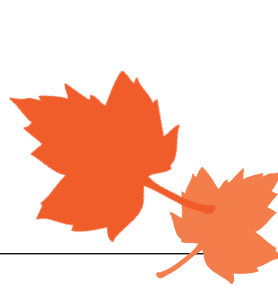


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Change— It's a Good Thing!

by Jerry Sherman,
Division Director

In this news letter, on the NSP website and in *Ski Patrol Magazine* you will find articles about future changes to our organization. You will hear or read about the G1 initiative, which is just another name for this effort because in our Strategic Plan it falls under Section G, Item 1.

Some of you may be asking what does this mean to me? If all goes as planned, it will mean more opportunities for training at your mountain, it will mean that NSP courses are current and relevant, and you and your patrol will be seen as a more valuable commodity at your mountain.

I work for Xerox Corporation as a service representative. It seems that every few years my company comes up with a new service strategy or structure. We eliminate levels of management, we change the type and location of training, and we implement new communication tools. But when the dust settles the main part of

my job has not changed. I deal with broken equipment and concerned customers and I do preventive maintenance to try to keep things from breaking.

The same thing will be true with NSP. The average patroller will still do first aid and rescue on the slopes and will be involved in safe-skiing programs at areas to try to prevent accidents. The terms risk management, guest services, and customer satisfaction may be heard a little more often but the patroller's job will still be basically the same.

The major focus of NSP will be to develop and deliver quality training programs. If you are an instructor who wants to get more involved in delivering outstanding programs to members at your patrol and to others in the division, dust off your ski patrol resume because there will be more opportunities.

Here are some quotes you will find in other articles that I think are worth repeating.

"The function of the NSP Board of Directors will change to address strategic national issues important to the organization. This change will result in a business model that will be more effective for members and industry stakeholders."

The board will no longer deal with local issues, those decisions will be made at the local level.

"As a result of the board's work, NSP membership is satisfied and growing, is a dynamic and valued partner in the outdoor recreation industry, will be an enabler for all industry stakeholders, will provide the credential of choice, members and ski area managers will feel indispensable to one another, will be a leader in outdoor recreation industry, and value will be increased in

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The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Slopes

by Bob Scarlett, Legal Advisor

You pull "and I do mean pull" yourself out of bed at 5:00 a.m. in the morning. You try not to wake your spouse or your kids and you sneak out the front door to go patrolling. You might not know it, but this begins the process of you being one of the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts of the slopes.

This selfless effort to get up early in the morning to volunteer as a patroller, believe it or not, is looked on favorably by our society. We are considered the good guys. At least while patrolling, the skiing public appreciates our services. We are the heart of what the NSP is. We do good deeds and we protect the skiing public. We help further the good reputation that the National Ski Patrol has earned since the days of our founder, Minnie Dole.

It is this reputation of being the scouts of the slopes, that is one of, if not, the primary legal protection, which we have from being sued. Although in past articles I emphasized, and still emphasize, the need to check your ski area's insurance, in talking to plaintiff's lawyers who have restricted their practice to suing ski areas, they consistently say that they do

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Board Representative Elections

by Don Page, Election Coordinator

In balloting to be conducted in February 2002, the Eastern Division will elect two members to the NSP Board of Directors for two-year terms. The incumbents are Edmund Berry of Topsfield, MA, who is ineligible to run again, and Gerit Lewisch of Gardenville, PA. In addition to Gerit Lewisch, ADD Pamm Ferguson of Rochester, NY has indicated her intent to run for office. Our third board representative is Bob McLaughlin of Newburyport, MA who was elected in 2001 for a two-year term.

Additional nominations of qualified patrollers may be made by the candidate or by another patroller. The qualifications include having been registered for at least five years; being registered in this division as a senior; having served as a division director or region director or two terms as a section chief; or having served for at least two years as a region, division or national advisor; and being familiar with division and national policies and procedures.

The board meets twice annually. All newly elected officers are expected to attend an orientation session on June 5, 2002 in Garmisch, Germany, the day preceding the annual meeting. In addition to attending NSP meetings, board representatives may be asked, at the discretion of the division director, to assist with division administration.

Each candidate's patrol history and platform will be published in the next issue of *Trail Sweep*. Those eligible to vote are patrol representatives, section chiefs, region directors, and the division director, providing in each case that annual registration for the individual was completed by December 29, 2001.

For nominations copy or detach the form and return by December 10, 2001 (postmark date) to Don Page, Election Coordinator, 21 Alva St., E. Greenbush NY 12061. ✱

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not include ski patrollers as named defendants because ski patrollers are viewed upon, by the court system and by juries, as the "good guys."

Patrollers are the Good Samaritans of the slopes. What we learn from this is that the good image we, as patrollers, have inherited from past patrollers is a valuable asset and should be carefully preserved. Simply put, our good image has protected us throughout the history of NSP from being sued.

We must constantly improve on this image. When we perform our patrol duties, we must always be aware of our appearance and, most importantly, be aware of how we communicate with and appear to the skiing public. We are ski patrollers. We are those volunteers who will show up when you are hurt as a skier on the slope. We are the people who, if you need directions, give them to you with a smile, help, and a comment wishing you a good day of skiing.

The patrollers who become enamored by the power they have over the skiing public in deciding who should ski and who should not ski are a problem. Patrollers who find themselves in a situation where they are yelling rather than talking to the skiing public can, in most circumstances, become a problem. Maintaining our good image is important. Yelling at the skiing public does not promote this good image.

One of the problems which is developing in our division is that patrollers, more and more, are being requested to "police" the slopes. Although this is very much a function of ski patrollers, the worry is that emphasis on this function will change the general perception the skiing public has of patrollers.

It is important for risk management to control the speed of skiers on the slopes. Some mountains have attempted to resolve the problem by forming courtesy/trail/ranger patrols to assist in this duty. Although we do a little of both, we always want to remain those Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the slopes. We always want to remain the good guys, because we are the good guys. ✱

Thanks to Everyone

by John Peliciotta, ADD

Last spring at the Eastern Division Officers' Meeting I announced my intention to run for one of the board seats. At this time, I have decided to withdraw from the race. My decision was not made lightly, but I feel that during this time of change that NSP is going through my time and energy can best be spent at the division and region levels.

I want to thank everyone who supported me in this effort and request that all who are eligible to vote support the two remaining candidates.

Copy or detach this form and return by December 10, 2001 (postmark date) to: Don Page, Election Coordinator, 21 Alva St., E. Greenbush NY 12061

The name of _____
of the _____ Patrol
Address _____
Region _____ Telephone _____

is placed in nomination as a NSP Board Representative.
The nominee is qualified and will serve if elected.

Signed _____
Name Printed _____
Address _____
Patrol _____ Region _____

Enhancement Seminar for Women – A Participant's Point of View

by Geri Wildenberg
West Point Ski Patrol

One of the best clinics I've ever attended was Deb Daniel's Women's S&T Seminar last March at Windham. I have to admit – I was fairly apprehensive when Laura Tucker suggested it to me while I was at the Patroller School working with all men. Since my West Point patrol has only a small number of female members, I certainly didn't know anyone who had ever attended one. And I wasn't sure that I really wanted, or needed, to learn how to "ski like a girl." But when I was promised it would be two full days of ski patrol camaraderie on the snow with a little hard work sprinkled in, I figured it was worth a try.

The seminar was well organized. Before arriving, the participants had already been broken into groups, organized generally along the lines of the number of years we had patrolled and the size of the hill we were used to. This proved to be a fantastic icebreaker that made us immediately more comfortable – for me, it was less intimidating to be in a group who all had less than 10 years patrolling and were from relatively small mountains. We found we had much in common, and had all reached a similar plateau in our skills and abilities.

The seminar approach was dynamite. There were four sessions – one focused on improving our general skiing ability, the other three on various aspects of toboggan handling. The groups did a "round robin" so that we all spent about three hours on each learning task. I especially appreciated the lessons on how to handle a toboggan when you're

relatively short and can't rely on upper body strength to make up for bad technique. And as an added bonus, those of us who had not had the opportunity to run a sled in bumps got our first lessons – tail-roping as well as working outside the handles. The terrain was steep, the snow ranged from soft and sweet to hard-pack and icy, and the weather made the training even more interesting (especially the wet snow Sunday afternoon!).

In the end, I'm not sure what "magic" those PSIA and NSP trainers concocted, but it worked. The combination of training over those two days made me see a significant improvement in both my personal skiing as well as my sled handling skills. Most importantly to me, I finally figured out how to ski bumps – not just to make it down on my feet, but also to actually ski them! This in itself may have opened the door to me eventually working on my senior qualification (is my patrol director reading this?). I'm anxious for the snow to fall this season so I can prove to myself that it really happened, that I didn't forget it over the summer!

I will definitely make time in my schedule to attend one of these seminars again this season. I'd like to offer a round of applause to those who gave their time to make this unique training opportunity available: to Wendy Aarnio, for running Deb's March seminar and to the NSP trainers – BA Cernese, Betsey Reeves, Becky Burnside and Sarah Keating; and lastly to the immensely patient PSIA trainer Wendy Weichert.

A seminar focused on women, and taught by women – what a winning combination!



Women's S&T Enhancement Seminars

February 2-3

Pico, SVT

Limited to 18 participants

Names will be drawn out of a hat December 15

March 9-10

Sunday River, ME and

Holiday Valley, WNY

Both these seminars are limited to 12 participants

These three seminars will cost \$75 each

New this year!

Women's Toboggan Trainer Workshop

January 5-6

Bromley, SVT

Enrollment will be limited, no charge – call for details.

This is a new program to try to develop good women trainers. Minimum requirement for this seminar: participants must be seniors and toboggan instructors. If you don't feel you're qualified but know women who are, encourage them to step up to the plate to help their friends.

Contact for all of the above events is: Deb Daniels – 802-228-5032, Dansurva@tds.net

Women's S&T Events Registration Form - Page 16

Return the form on page 16 with a check for the appropriate amount, made payable to NSP Eastern Division, to: Deb Daniels, 413 South Hill Road, Ludlow, VT 05149

Please tell us a little about your patrolling experience including an honest appraisal of your ability and what you would like to gain from these seminars. ❄️

Evaluation of NSP Governance is Top Priority at Annual Board Meeting in Indianapolis

by Bill Sachs, National Chairman

Continuing its push to modernize the governance structure of the National Ski Patrol and improve communication with the member, the association's board of directors devoted a considerable portion of its annual meeting in June to reviewing survey data culled from a diverse spectrum of patrollers and other NSP "stakeholders." Led by independent consultant Association Management Services, the board scrutinized responses from a variety of members, snowsport industry affiliates, and outside organizations with respect to their views on the benefits of affiliation, the NSP's effectiveness throughout the industry, and where it should prioritize its resources, among other issues.

One of the most positive themes that surfaced was clear indication that the majority of respondents are satisfied with their "return" on patrolling, including the quality of educational resources they receive and the camaraderie they gain at the local level. But the data also pointed to the need for better contact with the various levels of the organization and more consistency in the delivery of education programs. Many of the NSP instructors surveyed, for example, indicated that the association's political process adversely affects the educational process. The data also pointed to a great deal of confusion not only among members but resort managers as well with respect to the final authority over volunteer patrols at the local level. Other organizations see us as isolationist and disconnected with industry changes.

With these themes in mind, the board faces the task

of reforming certain structural and procedural operations to ensure that the NSP remains a viable resource to its members and the snowsports industry. NSP must take control of its future and protect its valuable reputation and products; never before has this call for action been clearer.

The board is presently at that stage of contemplating its own governance style, that is, the effectiveness of its current size and structure. We do not know what form the board will ultimately take, but we do know that we must focus less on our internal policies and more on our vision and how we can attain our goals. Once we have decided how we will operate, we will develop a detailed plan outlining how various parts of the NSP will be affected. The board members will take that information back to their divisions for comment, and we will also seek input from our other stakeholders. Our final plan for change should be available in June 2002, with procedural changes concluding in 2003, followed by implementation at a reasonable and practical pace.

A more detailed report on the survey findings and the next steps will be available in the fall issue of *Ski Patrol Magazine*. Also, feel free to contact your division director and/or board representatives for additional information. You can be assured that these individuals have your best interests at heart. After all, every board member is a patroller, just like you, and we all share the ramifications of the actions taken at the national level. ❁

WHERE DID PHASE II GO?

Changes in the Instructor Training Program

by Marcia Mundrick, Instructor Development Supervisor

At the national meeting in June, the board approved revisions for training of NSP instructors. The Phase II part of the program will be replaced by mentoring. As soon as division supervisors have the materials they may begin implementation. It must be implemented by January 1, 2002.

The revised program goals are to create consistency in all disciplines, optimize resources, improve use of time (less on travel and administration, more on the teaching process), and tailor instruction to the candidate's needs and abilities.

Following is the new sequence for training instructor candidates.

- 1) Instructor Development Course (what many used to call Phase I)
- 2) IT Recommendation
- 3) Mentoring Process
- 4) Mentor Recommendation
- 5) IT Observation and Approval

There is no longer Phase II or Global Management. The material is incorporated into the instructor development course and mentoring. Both the course and an appointment as an instructor count

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The National Board of the Future

by Corky Kahn, ADD Central Div., National Board Rep

The midwinter national board meeting marked the beginning of a new era in the philosophy of the board. The newly elected national chairman promptly established himself as a leader dedicated to change. Change not for the sake of changing that which has worked, but rather change for the benefit of the organization and its membership. Our meeting started with the board conducting a self-examination facilitated by representatives of Association Management Services, Inc. of California.

We discussed the good and the bad, the constructive and the destructive, the creative and the sameness. We examined the barriers to an effective national board and recognized that we generally establish those barriers ourselves.

We reviewed the results of surveys conducted of the board membership and of NSP members at large. We found that there were many things that both groups wanted to change. We asked, "Are we doing the right thing for the organization?" We answered by acknowledging that the board must limit its focus to issues of national scope and that in order to do that, change must occur. This would require the surrender of local or division issues and all other concerns except those that are clearly within the province of the board. In other words, those which are of national significance.

In our discussions, it became clear that the board has to adopt a policy that requires proactive actions rather than reactive, has to design and adopt a leadership posture that the organization's membership will respect and not suspect. This design must include accountability, bottom line focus, openness, uniqueness, dynamism, and collaboration with ourselves and others (both in the NSP and within other industry related organizations). Part of this design requires that much of the work that occupied the board's time and energy will be delegated to committees and the board will accept the results of the committee work. This will result in greater focus on national issues and ultimately the establishment of a professional relationship with our membership. By following these guidelines, the national organization will empower local subunits to solve their own problems and make their own decisions. The board will get out of the business of micro-managing and will define the broad issues, determine the role the NSP must play, and make a decision intended to achieve a broad and meaningful result. In short, they must operate as a business if the NSP is to insure its future.

Taking all of this and understanding and most

importantly accepting it was a difficult task for the board. It was guided by our national chairman and the professional facilitators. When all was digested, we arrived at a board statement that was unanimously accepted. It stated:

"The function of the NSP Board of Directors will change to address strategic national issues of importance to the organization. This change will result in a business model that will be more effective for its members and industry stakeholders."

We must recognize that the business model is a work in progress that it will continue to evolve and be defined as we progress and that much work needs to be completed if we are to achieve our goal.

In conclusion, the national board is the enabler for its membership which allows the membership to do its job. It delivers programs not services. These programs must be national in scope and not limited to matters capable of solutions at a local level. In order to accomplish this, the membership of the board must commit itself to two very important concepts – first, it must TRUST its membership (both on the national board and at the local level), and second, it must change to operate as a business with a national purpose, scope and membership. ❁

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as senior electives.

Instructors in the division will soon be able to find the new *Mentoring Guide* on the NSP website as a PDF file for download on a temporary basis. There is also information about mentoring in the fall issue of *Pointers*. The revised *Instructor Development Instructor Manual* and a spiral-bound *Mentoring Guide* will be available in the 2002 *Winter Catalogue*.

The NSP Mentoring Program focuses on the practical application of teaching the specific discipline. Current instructors may be selected to mentor on an as-needed basis by a division supervisor, region administrator, or IT depending on local protocol. Mentors will need to possess exceptional abilities in needs assessment and communication. They will provide individual training and guidance and will determine the trainee's readiness to teach in a specific discipline.

It is hoped this process will give the candidate more experience and "tools of the trade" for the rewarding job of being an NSP instructor. If you are interested in becoming an instructor, talk to your patrol representative or program advisor. ❁

Hunter Day

by Ron Verblauw, Past Division Director

The day after Thanksgiving Hunter Mountain will once again hold its traditional event recognizing the National Ski Patrol. This is the 32nd year that owners Orville and Izzy Slutsky will generously provide their mountain as a means to celebrate our rich beginnings.

A raffle will be held with the Southern New York Region providing numerous gifts that will be awarded at a drawing at the end of the day. This event will raise needed funds for the region to support their many educational programs and the instructors that so generously donate their time. Over the years, area management has donated more than \$100,000.00 to the Eastern Division to support our educational programs.

Patrollers from all over the division will join together and display their area patrol parkas on the mountain showing our diversity and commonality. Each patroller will be issued an "Off Duty" arm band so the public will not be confused by all the different patrollers on the mountain.

Come join us on November 23 and show your appreciation to management for their generous day of skiing, and a wonderful happy hour that will be enjoyed by everyone. ❄

Avalanche Program Scholarship

Richard Hartman, Eastern Pennsylvania Region, was selected as the recipient of the 2001 Eastern Division Avalanche Program Scholarship. The scholarship is intended to enhance the program by sending a deserving instructor to either the International Snow Science Workshop (ISSW) or the National Avalanche School. Rich will travel to Park City, Utah for the National Avalanche School this fall. Rich is a member of the Blue Mountain Ski Patrol, has been an active avalanche instructor since 1994, and is the EPA Region Avalanche Program Administrator. ❄

They're On The Web

by Rick Andriole, Treasurer

As I have talked with advisors and instructors during the past few months about utilizing the division's financial forms as part of their documentation efforts, several have mentioned how much easier it would be to do so if the forms were more easily available. Since the division only uses three forms, making them more available didn't seem to be a difficult task.

I provided Bill Gamble, our Webmaster, with a copy of the forms used and he has put them on the web under a new category called 'Forms.' There are three forms in use: Income & Expense Report, Expense Account Statement, and Program Budget Summary. However, there are four forms on the web as I included both sides of the Expense Account Statement. This was done as the back side has some instructions on it that individuals will find very helpful when completing the form.

Please remember the process for financial reporting is not changed by the inclusion of these forms on the web page. Copies of the forms still need to be sent to the assistant division director responsible for the program involved as indicated on the forms.

I encourage all advisors and instructors to use these forms whenever possible so we can provide support for programs quickly and accurately and the advisors, ADD's, and I can be better informed when preparing annual program budgets. If you have any questions about using the forms don't hesitate to contact me.

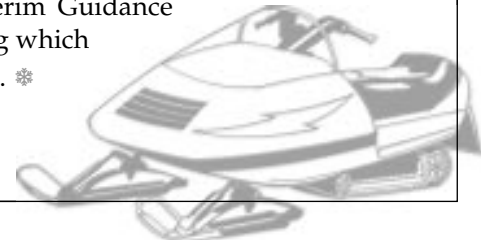
I also recognize that not everybody has access to, or uses, the web on a regular basis so for anyone who needs them, a hard copy of these forms can still be obtained by contacting me. ❄

Avalanche Course Information

by Nick Schiavetti, Avalanche Supervisor

NSP has replaced the old Basic Avalanche course with the new Level I Avalanche and Avalanche Awareness courses. Avalanche Awareness is a one-day class. Level I Avalanche is a two-day class that includes more fieldwork for snowpack and slope analysis. Both courses count as senior electives and NSP members may use either course as the prerequisite to the Level II (formerly Advanced) Avalanche course.

For a more detailed description of the new avalanche courses, go to the avalanche program page on the division website (<http://www.nspeast.org/html/amn.htm>) to view the NSP Interim Guidance for Avalanche Training which is posted as a PDF file. ❄



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Raising Money - Part II

by Henry Williams, Assistant Legal Counsel

In the last issue, we talked about, "How do I raise money?" and "What are some tips for raising money?" This month, we talk about, "How do I say thanks?"

It's simple. If a person wants to give cash or a check, accept it with the look of happiness and write:

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Thank you for your welcome and generous contribution of \$xx.xx. Your gift to the National Ski Patrol System is tax deductible based upon the qualification of the organization under Section 501(c)(3). Inasmuch as you receive no tangible benefit in return for your contribution, it is totally deductible to you.

You should retain this letter in your tax files.

Sincerely,

Your Local Ski Patroller

But what about gifts of something other than cash or check? These are called gifts in kind and they fall into two categories: tangible and intangible.

Intangible gifts are usually stock or some marketable security. The gift value is "Fair Market Value," which is the average of the high and low price on the stock exchange (in the newspaper) on the date of gift.

Frequently, the giver will want you to say what that value is. Just pick up your paper or call your broker and find out the high and low prices on the date of gift and average them. In your letter you then say, "The Fair Market Value of your gift is \$xx.xx which is the average of the high and low prices on (MMDDYY)."

Use the same formula for listed bonds or other securities. If the securities are unlisted, a rare gift indeed, you treat the security the same as a tangible piece of property, which leads us to tangible gifts.

If someone wants to give you his '37 Ford Pickup or his ice-box or his collection of stamps, take it. They are tangible gifts.

If the value of the gift is less than \$500, you need only send the above letter (without the stock price language). If the value is more than \$500, the donor should have a receipt for the property if it was recently purchased, or the patrol should send a receipt for the value of the gift as stated by the donor, within reason. If the value of the gift is over \$5,000, the donor will have to get an appraisal of the property in order to deduct the value from his/her tax return.

If you don't have this article in front of you and you are a little short on memory, tell the generous donor we would love to have your money or property but he/she should talk to his/her tax advisor about the details.

Any gift in kind should be sold by you as soon as received to satisfy the requirements of the so-called "Prudent Man Rule," which requires that the investment be managed with the care that a prudent man of ordinary ability would exercise in managing his own affairs. In other words, don't hold on to it hoping that it will increase in value—that's speculating. ❁

Level II Avalanche Course

by Doug Graham

The 2002 Eastern Division Level II Avalanche Course has been scheduled for Thursday, March 7 through Saturday, March 10 in Pinkham Notch, NH. The course will run four consecutive days in order to minimize time and travel commitments for those involved. Participants should plan to arrive Wednesday evening. The purpose of the course is to help prepare the patroller for all aspects of avalanche rescue operations.

During the first two days, participants will complete the indoor program by attending a wide variety of presentations and activities, and by direct involvement in a rescue simulator session. The simulator is an indoor mock-up of a rescue problem designed to provide realistic situations and decision-making typically encountered in avalanche rescue operations.

The next two days comprise the outdoor portion of the course. Following a 2.4-mile winter trek into Tuckerman Ravine (with a fully loaded pack) participants will be involved in field exercises including snow-pack analysis, rescue beacon use, and avalanche rescue operations. Members of the U.S. Forest Service, our "hosts" in Tuckerman Ravine, will be involved in the exercises as well.

Accommodations during the indoor session will be dormitory-style lodging with meals at the AMC Pinkham Notch Visitors Center. For the outdoor session, the AMC shelters at Hermit Lake will be utilized with meals supplied by each participant. Cost for the course for NSP members (including meals and lodging) will be approximately \$235 for AMC members, and \$260 for non-AMC patrollers. An instruction only package (i.e. no meals or lodging) is available for approximately \$100.

Completion of the Level I Avalanche and Basic Mountain Travel and Rescue courses within the last three years is required as a prerequisite. Winter hiking and camping experience and proper outdoor clothing and equipment is also essential. Interested patrollers must understand that the hike into and out from Tuckerman Ravine, and the associated field work, is done in a winter mountain environment above tree line that involves a substantial amount of uphill hiking with a fully loaded pack. Patrollers with physical or medical restrictions must consider these factors before applying.

Attendance is limited. For registration information on this course, please complete and return the form on pg. 16, or contact Doug Graham at 603-763-3469 or powderpig@nhvt.net by Feb. 1, 2002. ❁

NOVEMBER 2001

- 17-18 Basic MTR**
EPA Region
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bmcmanus@voicenet.com
- 23 Hunter Day**
Hunter Mountain, ENY
Ron Verblauw - 973-228-4152,
verblauw@hicom.net

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- TBA Basic MTR Indoor Session**
Rochester, NY
Brian Schankat - 716-872-5603
bschank1@rochester.rr.com
- TBA Advanced MTR Indoor Session**
Rochester, NY
Brian Schankat - 716-872-5603
bschank1@rochester.rr.com
(NOTE: Outdoor session to be held in February 2002)
- 1-2 Division S&T Staff Meeting**
Killington, SVT
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david.r.walker@verizon.com
- 1-2 Advanced MTR Indoor Session**
Highland Forest, NY
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716-354-9235
nitrogoldens@yahoo.com
(NOTE: Outdoor session to be held in February 2002)
- 8 Basic MTR**
Wisp, Deep Creek, MD
Dave Shaeffer - 304-242-3062
saminc@ovnet.com
- 9 Avalanche Awareness**
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saminc@ovnet.com
- 8-9 Basic MTR**
Highland Forest, NY
Jim Wade - 315-457-0545
- 8-9 Avalanche Awareness (Tentative)**
Highland Forest, NY
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- 15-16 Skier Enhancement Seminar**
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- 4-6 Skier Enhancement Seminar**
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ericstrom@rcn.com
- 5-6 Women's Toboggan Trainer Workshop**
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Deb Daniels - 802-228-5032
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- 12 Avalanche Awareness**
Smugglers Notch, VT
Linda Helms - 802-644-1997
- 12-13 Senior S&T T/E Clinic**
Ski Windham, ENY
Bela Musits - 518-793-7694
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19 & 20 Avalanche Awareness

- Keene Valley, NY
Roger Damon - 802-748-3630
rogdor@hcr.net
(NOTE: These two complete NSP
Avalanche Awareness courses offered
in conjunction with the Rock & River
Mountaineer Store "Mountainfest")
- 25-27 NordicFest/
Skier Enhancement Seminar**
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- 26-27 Patroller School & Intro to Certified**
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- 14 See entry at end of February**
- 15 Alumni Day - WMASS Region**
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- 7-10 Level II Avalanche**
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This is a Double Fun Alert!

Patroller School

The 2002 Ski Windham Patroller School is scheduled for January 26-27. The school, for all registered patrollers from auxiliaries to senior evaluators to aspiring certified, is designed to allow patrollers to upgrade their skiing and toboggan handling skills, AND to have fun in a learning environment. Participants will all wear civvies allowing them to learn in a non-pressured, relaxed situation. Learn how to handle a toboggan on more challenging terrain, or for candidates or auxiliaries maybe for the first time. Advanced patrollers get the opportunity to experiment on expert terrain. Ski Windham, an excellent mountain for training, has every type of terrain from novice to super-expert. Organize a party of your patroller friends—plan on a weekend of fun and adventure—expand your horizons—it truly is a fun experience. Talk to anyone who has ever attended the school, I'm sure they'll tell you they learned a lot while having a great time! All patrollers are given one day of ski lessons

by PSIA instructors from Ski Windham or other qualified ski instructor patrollers. The other day is devoted to toboggan-handling lessons by certified patrollers. As much as possible we try to accommodate people who want two days of skiing or toboggan handling.

Introduction to the Certified Program

This year's Intro to Certified, a school for registered patrollers interested in the program, is also scheduled for January 26 and 27, 2002. There will be a presentation on the application process explaining how the credentials committee reviews each applicant's patrol history prior to acceptance into the program. Each of the following modules in the certified exam will be discussed and demonstrated on the snow as required: *skiing, toboggan handling, first aid problems, avalanche rescue, lift evacuation, low-angle rope rescue, hill safety and management interviews*. The great terrain at Ski Windham is one of the outstanding features of this intensive two-day clinic. Participants will leave with little doubt as to what is required to become certified.

On Saturday after skiing participants from both programs join together to have a pizza party with Ski Windham's food

service putting on quite a feed including beer and soda. This gives everyone time to relax, socialize, and talk about the day's successes and improvements.

Pre-Registration for both of these programs is requested. Put yourself in my position. I must have sufficient staff to handle the participants. For the patroller school we try to keep the number in a group to no more than eight but preferably less. It's hard to do this if you don't know how many are going to attend. Certified patrollers from all over the division attend this weekend to help out with the training, but they come on an as-needed basis. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and I thank you in advance.

Now, you ask—what does this incredible opportunity cost? How about all this for a registration fee of \$50! Fill in the registration form on the back page of this issue and send it, along with your check to: Gordon Bell, 210 Baugher Drive, Hanover, PA 17331-4006. If you have any questions you can reach me at 717-637-7216 or ggbell@blazenet.net. ATTENTION! ATTENTION! **Make your checks payable to Eastern Division, NSP.** *

Certified

by Steve Barnes, Certified Chair

We're all looking forward to this year's test at a brand new location, Gore Mountain in the ENY Region on March 22-24! See the list for other events. I encourage anyone who is interested in the program to attend a pre-course or the Intro to Certified to get a feel for what is involved and to meet some of the people involved.

The certified program page on the division website is up and running with all the information you'll ever need about how to start the process of becoming a certified patroller. It also details all aspects of the test.

We anticipate having lots more information available on the web shortly including information about this year's test and lodging, precourses, and a list of the certified members who need to recertify.

In the future a list of all of the region certified advisors will be available. If you know of a region without an advisor contact me and I can make a recommendation. The job is mostly informational but with the RD's support it could involve more.

We're hoping for a banner ski season and look forward to meeting some of you.

Certified & PSPA Events

JANUARY 26-27
Intro to Certified
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JANUARY 26
Certified Examiner's Clinic
Ski Windham, ENY
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FEBRUARY 2
Certified Precourse
Hunter Mountain, ENY
Contact: Ted Davis

MARCH 2 OR 3
Certified Precourse
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MARCH 22-24
Certified Annual Exam
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JANUARY 9
PSPA Precourse
Sunday River, ME & Ski
Windham, ENY
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JANUARY 16
PSPA Precourses
Attitash, NH & Sugarbush, VT
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FEBRUARY 6
PSPA Mid-winter First Aid Exam
Wachussetts, EMARI
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MARCH 6-7
PSPA Annual Exam
Cannon Mt., NH
1st Aid Wed – S&T Thursday
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Changes

by Gerit Lewisch, Board Rep

We are fortunate to have a long-standing history going back over 62 years. Our organization has survived but we are now pretty close to the point of stagnation.

Whenever I meet with George Wesson, one of three members in the division going back to the founding years of ski patrolling, I like to listen. George sheds light on many things, but the phrase he uses that I would like to focus on is "The tool chest is the same, but the tools have changed."

Yes, we still do our duties. Patrollers are

in the rescue and transportation business, but otherwise pretty much everything else is changing or changed.

NSP tries to exist as it did from the beginning. Our structure was set by Minnie Dole and reflected the needs of the time. All adjustments to NSP took place by overlaying the established procedures. In effect, we are coming pretty close to the point where we become unable to function in today's environment.

We lost contact with our snowsport partners and are seen as a fine organization but working aimlessly on our own, without considering the needs of our partners.

The client NSP has is you the patrollers,

but we are not doing the job of delivering programs to each of you in the best possible way. The programs are our assets, but we let much go by the wayside. We cannot afford to neglect the only thing we have to sell and to deliver.

We have to change this and try to get back on track to be valued again by you, the patroller on the hill, and by selling a strong and valuable organization to our industry partners. It is imperative to work closely together with our

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Dust Off Your Plan

by Doug Holler, Lift Evac Advisor

If you have not reviewed your lift evacuation plan in a few years, now is a good time to do it. The only thing that is constant is change, and certainly things have changed either at your area or in the world of available equipment!

If there has been a new lift installed, terrain changes, or other alterations to your slopes and trails, these changes may have an impact on evacuation of your aerial lifts. Get a group together and review your plan to accommodate those infrastructure modifications. Spend some time on the hill and check out the terrain you will be working on. Remember, evacuees will be traveling there under perhaps less than ideal conditions.

Only a short while back the standard was body belay and goldline rope. Equipment has evolved rapidly with new manufacturing techniques, applications, and inventions. Friction devices and rescue harnesses are the norm these days. The body belay is still a valuable skill, but the flexibility and control of using a belay device and harness is a preferred method of evacuation.

It used to be that the only way to reach a chair was to be hauled up with a block and tackle. That still works, but there are numerous other methods to ascend using far less personnel. The use of kernmantle static line has also improved the process. Easier to store, transport, and

handle, the new ropes add a variety of techniques and options that were often too difficult for some patrollers with limited experience.

The number of adaptive skiers is on the upswing. We welcome those participants into the sport we love so much. It is important to understand how their equipment is constructed to insure a safe return to earth in the instance of a lift breakdown.

The evacuation plan is not just the ski patrol's concern. Ultimately, the evacuation process is the responsibility of area management. Be sure to include as many departments in the planning process as is practical. Train as many people as possible in the evacuation process. The more knowledgeable people you have, the smaller the chance of being short-staffed when lives hang in the balance.

Planning, training, and practice are the keys to safe, smooth, rapid evacuations. Plan well and spread the knowledge. Train the staff to understand what must happen to provide a safe and rapid evacuation. Practice the skills needed often. I believe practicing the skills may be the most important aspect of a great evacuation.

If everyone can perform the skills needed in a practiced professional manner, the evacuees will feel more relaxed and comfortable in a hazardous situation. After all, they came out to enjoy a day of skiing or riding, just like us.

If you have any questions or comments regarding evacuation, please contact your patrol, region or division advisor. *

NordicFest

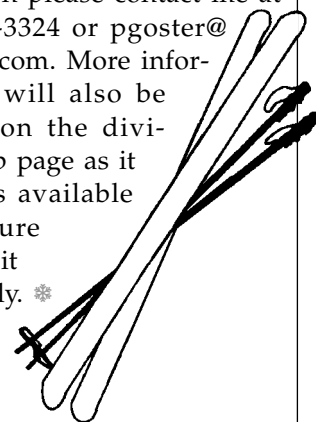
by Peter Oster

Yes, we're going to have a NordicFest this season. It will be combined with a Nordic Skier Enhancement Seminar on January 25-27 at Highland Forest, NY.

At this time details are sketchy but we do know the following. On Saturday a cross country ski skills improvement clinic will be held along with some MTR events. Sunday will include telemark instruction at a nearby hill.

A communal dinner will be held on Saturday night (probably some kind of Italian food) but all other meals are up to individual participants. Restaurants are an unreasonable distance away so plan accordingly. There will be a stove available.

If you would like more information please contact me at 315-671-3324 or pgoster@hotmail.com. More information will also be posted on the division web page as it becomes available so be sure to check it frequently. *



Dislocations of the Shoulder

by Jeffrey Lozman, M.D.

Perhaps no other injury on the mountain presents with such alarm as a patient with a shoulder dislocation. Predictably the patient is holding their forearm or wrist to protect the shoulder and writhing in pain with a look of anguish on their face. The patient knows what has happened and demands immediate relief by the patroller. Although not done on the hill, rapid reduction of the dislocation immediately transforms the painful, loud, sometimes abusive patient into a grateful pain free individual ready to return to the pre-injury activity.

In downhill skiers and snowboarders, shoulder dislocations account for one in every twenty injuries seen in the first aid clinic at mountain resorts. The dislocation is usually sustained in the skier when a pole plant results in a forceful external rotation to the shoulder joint, levering the humeral head out of the socket. This force overpowers the shoulder restraint mechanisms and the humeral head dislocates anterior to the glenoid socket. Snowboarders use their upper extremities to stop or to break a fall making the shoulder more vulnerable to forceful external rotation and thus dislocations.

The shoulder joint or glenohumeral

articulation has the greatest range of motion of any joint in the body. Unfortunately, this degree of mobility is at the expense of joint stability, making the shoulder the most likely joint to sustain a dislocation. The intrinsic stability of the shoulder is the result of the interaction of the static constraints made up of the bony anatomy, the glenoid labrum (meniscus of the shoulder), and the ligaments from the capsule, and the interaction of the dynamic constraint made up of the rotator cuff.

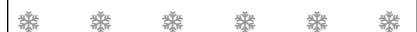
Patients with a dislocation of the shoulder, present with severe pain directly over the shoulder joint. They may complain of numbness in the upper arm because of traction on the axillary nerve and/or musculocutaneous nerve. They all have a significant decrease in range of motion secondary to guarding. Ninety-eight percent of all shoulder dislocations occur with the humeral head being displaced anterior to the socket. The diagnosis is confirmed by a combination of history and physical examination in which there is a definite absence of the humeral head laterally as compared to the opposite normal side. The differential diagnosis includes acromioclavicular separations, clavicle fractures, or humeral head fractures. An x-ray confirms the diagnosis in all these instances.

The patroller encountering a patient with a dislocation will find that any attempt to reposition the arm will exacerbate the pain. A roll under the armpit supporting the arm and forearm against the chest and held in position with bandages or tape will give relief to the patient for transport. Some patients may need to stay in an upright position, as going supine is too uncomfortable. It may be wise to have a patrol assistant sit

in the sled behind the patient in this circumstance, supporting the individual during the trip down the mountain.

In the clinic after confirmation of the diagnosis by x-ray, reduction should be obtained quickly before muscle spasm sets in. Several methods for reduction are generally used. The physician may place his or her foot in the patient's axilla and apply gentle traction to the affected arm until the shoulder reduces. This is referred to as the Hippocratic method. The Stimson maneuver places the patient face down with the arm over the side of the stretcher and a 10-lb weight hangs from the patient's wrist until the traction of the weight reduces the shoulder. A third maneuver, the Kocher procedure, involves gentle abduction of the shoulder while applying traction and external rotation to the shoulder. This maneuver needs to be done slowly and gently, as it has been associated with iatrogenic fracture of the tuberosity of the humeral head. Once shoulder reduction has been successfully obtained the patient becomes immediately cooperative and comfortable. Pain medicine may be required for a period of time following the reduction to ease tenderness and to encourage early return of function particularly in the younger patient. Most individuals with a single incidence of shoulder reduction will do well after rest and physical therapy. A patient who has sustained a second or multiple dislocations becomes a candidate for surgical reconstruction arthroscopically.

Please forward your questions concerning orthopaedic issues to lozmannj@aol.com. These will be answered in future columns.



Alumni News

by Al Pels, Alumni Coordinator

If you are not re-registering this year, keep in touch by joining the NSP Alumni. Our members length of service ranges from a few years to over 60 years. You will continue to receive all NSP publications from national, division and your region. Alumni Day dates will be included in the *Trail Sweep* calendar. Annual dues are \$27 and patrollers with 30 years of service receive the first year free. Contact me at 603-525-668 or pels@top.monad.net for a brochure/application.

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the marketplace by virtue of its being a problem solver for industry.”

Minnie Dole developed our current structure over 60 years ago. If Minnie were here today he would probably be asking why we waited so long to improve it.

There have been a few changes in the division staff for the new season. We no longer have a Snowboard Advisor. Scott Mundrick of the Bristol Mountain Ski Patrol served in that position for many

years and did an outstanding job. Bill Crocker, also of Bristol Mountain, has been the Auxiliary Advisor, another position that no longer exists. Bill will continue as the Leadership Development Supervisor.

A special thank you to Earl Evans, a patroller at Royal Mountain in the ENY Region, who has been our contact at REMO (Regional Emergency Management Operations) in Albany, a site where we have held numerous meetings. Earl not

only made the arrangements for us to use the facility, he took time out from many a September Saturday morning to open the doors and make the coffee. Earl recently retired from his job at REMO but we hope he will still stop by and say hello.

I am writing this article two days past the deadline and just five days after the terrible destruction in New York City and at the Pentagon. I have had literally hundreds of phone calls and e-mails from Eastern Division members wanting to volunteer to help in any way possible. It is that type of response from our members that makes me, and I am sure all NSP officers, proud to serve. ❁

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partners and to understand their goals. We all live and fall together. Sure we are different but this does not mean we cannot listen.

The snowsport industry is not expanding; we cannot count on bigger numbers. But we can work to achieve the ultimate goal of being needed and respected.

PSIA saw the need to change. Their reorganization was done under the stewardship of their president, John Armstrong. The goal of their organization is that every mountain desires to be a PSIA mountain. Indeed that has to also be our aim.

You, the patroller on the hill, should not have the feeling that you have to disassociate yourself from NSP to protect your hide. NSP has to be an asset to you. You should have quick access to educational programs as needed. The delivery has to be efficient without political interference.

Many patrollers belong to a non-professional or professional society. The goal is to have access to the organization or to gain recognition through this membership.

I received an article in which the writer suggests not to mention NSP since that would really create

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jdmk1@aol.com

Skier Enhancement

January 4-6
Jiminy Peak, WMASS
Eric Strom
22 Springside Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810
203-743-3025
ericstrom@rcn.com

Telemark Enhancement Seminar

February 9-10
Mad River Glen
Contact: Kirby Van Vleet
19 Amethyst Drive
Queensbury, NY 12804
518-798-3962

The above three events will be \$75 each.

Patroller School/Intro to Certified

January 26-27
Ski Windham, ENY
Contact: Gordie Bell
210 Baugher Drive
Hanover, PA 17331
717-637-7216
ggbell@blazenet.net

Toboggan Enhancement

February 9
Killington on Superstar and/or Outer Limits
No charge – bring 1 sled for 2 participants
Contact: John Holleran
Box 632
Manchester, VT 05254
802-362-2179

Open to all ED patrollers – first 20 to sign up

Select the events and complete the form on page 16.

Senior S&T T/E Clinics

January 12-13
Ski Windham, ENY
Contact: Bela Musits
8 Triphammer Road
Queensbury, NY 12804
518-793-7694
musitb@rpi.edu

February 9-10
Waterville Valley
Contact: John Kane
121 Cranberry Drive
Halifax, MA 02338
791-293-5421
jdmk1@aol.com

March 2-3
Elk Mountain
Contact: Bob Bluff
RD #3 Box 1067
Honesdale, PA 18431
717-253-5556
bluff@ptd.net

If you're interested in becoming a Senior S&T Trainer/Evaluator please contact your region S&T advisor for an application.

Ski & Toboggan

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 24, 2002.

Fill in completely and return with a \$250 check made payable to NSP Eastern Division to:
Jerry Hyson, Box 387, 124 Mountain Road, Princeton, MA 01541

Please type or legibly print all information except for signatures.

2002 STUDENT PATROLLER SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Last _____ First _____

Address _____ Nickname _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ DOB _____ Age _____

Patrol _____ Region _____ NSP # _____

Advisor/Chaperone (print) _____ Advisor/Chaperone (signature) _____

Attending adult advisor/chaperone must be at least 21 years of age and be endorsed by the student patroller's parent or guardian. No more than 5 students per advisor/chaperone

Parent/Guardian (print) _____ Parent/Guardian (signature) _____

The above named student patroller is a registered member of NSP and approved for the seminar.

Patrol Director (print) _____ Patrol Director (signature) _____

Your status (check all appropriate)

Student Advisor Adult Chaperone Snowboard S&T T/E OEC T/E OEC Instructor Toboggan Instructor

To help us plan ahead please fill in the following:

I plan to: Clinic Compete | Clinic Compete | Clinic Compete
(Skiing, Toboggan, OEC)

I plan to ski Friday Monday

Arrival (date & time) _____

Arrival (date & time) _____

If student patroller is under 18 years of age the following medical authorization must be completed.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FOR MINORS UNDER 18

This authorizes the ski patrol, EMS personnel, a licensed physician, surgeon, or other recognized hospital staff member to carry out emergency medical care deemed necessary for my child/ward in an emergency, when normal permission is unavailable.

Name of Minor _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Parent Work # _____

Physician's Name _____ Physician's # _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy/Plan # _____

Special Emergency Information/Instructions _____

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT - REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENT PATROLLERS

The undersigned, as a participant, or as a parent or guardian of a minor who is participating in the 2002 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar, in consideration for being allowed to participate in such event, hereby releases the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and the Eastern Division, Smugglers' Notch Resort and any and all officers, members, volunteers, agents and employees thereof from any and all claims or liabilities of any kind whatsoever arising out my or such minor's participation in the 2002 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar. I/we further release and waive any rights, causes of action, or claims against said Ski Patrol or Ski Area, and any officers, members, volunteers, agents, and employees thereof which I/we may have arising out of any personal injury, property loss or damage, or any other liability incurred during skiing and related activities of the 2002 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar. As further consideration for being permitted to participate in the 2002 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar, I, or we on behalf of said minor, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and the Eastern Division, Smugglers' Notch Resort and any and all officers, members, volunteers, agents, and employees thereof from all damages, judgments, expenses (including attorney's fees) and costs whatsoever arising out of any claim or demand by the said minor or by persons acting for or on behalf of said minor in respect of the aforesaid injuries or damages.

Participant (print) _____ Participant (signature) _____

Parent/Guardian (print) _____ Parent/Guardian (signature) _____

Date _____ *(Required if participant is under the age of 18)*

Wanted: Live Student Patrollers!

by Jerry Hyson, Student Patrol Advisor

We're looking for student patrollers who want an AWESOME four days of skiing and hanging out with other students from the Eastern Division at Smugglers' Notch, Vermont. This also goes for chaperones and trainers.

For the incredibly low cost of \$250 per person everyone receives slope-side lodging, a 4-day lift ticket, three breakfasts, two dinners, and an awards banquet.

There will be two days of HOT competition or training, games, swimming, and great SKIING! But, wait—you have some spare time? Take advantage of ice-skating, a Tubing Park, unlimited use of the indoor pool and hot tub, X-county skiing on 28 trails, and use of the Millennium Zone with a DJ and Fun Zone.

This event will take place March 15-18, 2002. Be on the lookout for potential candidates and get them to fill out the application available in this issue and on the website. Sign up early; the reservation deadline is February 24.

If you want to find out more about Smuggs check it out at www.smuggs.com.

Got questions? Contact me at 978-464-5939 or Gerald.Hyson@MRC.State.Ma.US or Dan Pascucci at 413-243-9887. ❄️

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problems for you and/or NSP. If that really is the case, then I am horrified since that means the end of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc.

As well intended as the advice was, it really does not help our organization. That is the frustration coming to the forefront, but a dangerous thought. I mentioned before NSP must be an asset again.

We certainly can do that, but we have to change our organization and the "holy cow" structure. Nothing short of that will do, we've lived long enough with too many contradictions.

By talking to patrollers from other divisions I get the impression that we all know that we have to change and to change fast. Many opinions were voiced, but patrollers mostly fear that the changes will not go far enough and will take too long.

Yes, it does take time, but the national board is aware of all the dangers of our existence and with the help of a management firm familiar with the non-profit field we are looking at everything. Right now AMS (Association Management Services, Inc.) and the G-1 Committee are concluding their fact-finding mission. All divisions will distribute these re-sults. Eastern Division will present a slide show or PowerPoint presentation at different regional fall meetings to make sure that the results are understood.

I am convinced that we have to undertake this task of changing to insure our future health and existence. Please visit the patrol web sites and read the publications provided to you, so that you are informed in detail about the issues.

If you have any doubt in your mind, or if you would like to voice an opinion, I invite you to get in touch with me, since I feel that we all have to be on board to undertake such a big task. Nobody likes changes without the need, but this time we have to be committed! ❄️

In Memoriam

Lee Desrosier

Lee Desrosier, a 27-year member of the Stratton Mountain Ski Patrol died June 9 after a battle with cancer.

One of the first ski patrol paramedics, he was a 30-year Region 1 Western Massachusetts EMS head examiner, training officer, and instructor.

A proud veteran of WWII he went from Normandy Beach to Germany as an Army scout.

His son Roger, a long time member of the Mt. Tom Patrol, who recently stepped down as Western Mass Region Awards Advisor, followed Lee into patrol work.

Lee is survived by four children, thirteen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. His greatest pleasures were his wife, Florence, his family, skiing and motorcycling.

Kevin Goss

The ski patrol at Blue Mountain in the Eastern Pennsylvania Region mourns the recent loss of one of its original members. Kevin had been a registered member of NSP since 1977 and had held many leadership positions at the patrol, section, and region levels.

He had always been active in candidate and patroller training programs. He served Blue Mountain as Assistant Patrol Representative, Chairman of the Bylaws/Policy and Procedure Committee, and Hill Captain for many years. The most recent of his many awards was National Appointment 8896 received in 1999.

Kevin's death on Aug. 20, 2001 came as a shock to his many friends and fellow ski patrollers. He left a wife, Donna, who resides in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Our thoughts are with her at this time.

John Pellicciotta
Assistant Division Director





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Return this form with a check for the correct amount, **payable to NSP Eastern Division**—unless directed otherwise—to the contact person of the event you plan to attend. Make a separate copy of this form for each program.

Last _____ First _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Fax _____

Patrol _____ Region _____ NSP # _____

Status: Candidate Patroller Toboggan Instructor Senior Senior T/E

Certified Candidate Certified Other _____

I would like to register for:

- 2002 Level II Avalanche Course, Pinkham Notch, NH, March 7-10, 2002
For this seminar complete the above information and send to Doug Graham, 406 Edgemont Rd., Sunapee, NH 03782-2105, powderpig@nhvt.net by February 1, 2002
- 2002 Ski Windham Patroller School or Intro to Certified, Ski Windham, ENY, January 26-27, 2002, @ \$50
For these complete the above information and send to Gordon Bell, 210 Baugher Drive, Hanover, PA 17331-4006, ggbell@blazenet.net

- 2002 Women's S&T Events
 - () January 5-6, Bromley, SVT - Free
 - () February 2-3, Pico, SVT, @ \$75
 - () March 9-10, Sunday River, ME, @ \$75
 - () March 9-10, Holiday Valley, WNY, @ \$75

On a separate sheet of paper please tell us a little about your patrolling experience including an honest appraisal of your ability and what you would like to gain from these seminars.

For this seminar complete the above information and send to Deb Daniels, 413 South Hill Road, Ludlow, VT 05149, Dansurva@tds.net

- 2001/2002 S&T Enhancement Events
 - () December 15-16, Sunday River, ME, @ \$75
 - () January 4-6, Jiminy Peak, WMASS, @ \$75
 - () February 9-10, Telemark Enhancement Seminar, Mad River Glen, NVT, @ \$75
 - () February 9, Toboggan Enhancement, Killington, SVT, Free

For these complete the above information and send to the appropriate contact name listed on pg. 13