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## It's Been A Great Year

by Rick Hamlin, Division Director

Let's face it; the beginning of the season was not so hot for most of us, unless you are a fan of rocks and thin cover. Now the end, there was another story. Lots of snow, sunny days, good friends on the hill, it doesn't get much better. But you probably aren't reading this to be reminded how great the season was and that we have a way to go before the 2005-2006 season starts. So let me share with you some other things that happened over the season.

The 2004-2005 ski season has been a period marked by many changes within the Eastern Division. Over the past two years numerous committees and untold hours went in to crafting an entirely new governance plan and bylaws for our Division. These changes represented the largest single change to our governance structure since our bylaws were revised in 1966. One year ago the voting members of the Eastern Division approved these changes and, with our new course set by our members' representatives, the new Eastern Division Board of Directors forged ahead. The right of every patroller to have a direct vote for their Region

Director, who in turn would sit on the Division Board of Directors, had become a reality.

There can be nothing but praise for the efforts of the Division Board over the summer months. With the new bylaws, the structure and operation of the Division was completely changed and with no road map of past experience with this type of structure to guide them, all efforts started from scratch. Meetings were held in May, June, and July leading up to the Fall Officers' Meeting. Details of these meetings have been described in past *Trail Sweep* articles. The Board's teamwork and willingness to communicate openly, honestly, and with respect for one another allowed them to get a mammoth amount accomplished in a very short time. It should be noted that a key benefit to the new structure is that the past "us vs. them" conflicts that used to occur between the Division staff and the Regions have been eliminated as now "them" is "us!"

Did it work? Does the concept of patrollers voting for their RD, who in turn make up the Board that runs the

Division, translate into a functional system? It is still early to make final judgment, but the numbers would seem to offer some positive clues. Approximately one half of the Regions successfully held "one patroller-one vote" elections for their Region Directors at their annual refreshers. We welcome this spring two new Region Directors, Peter Neefus (ENY) and Chris Brodersen (NJ) as a result of that process. The remaining regions will vote at this year's refreshers.

Another test of performance is the standard that all Divisions are currently measured by at the National level, and that is program delivery. Our National brethren feel that whatever else we do, if we are not helping our members to grow and become better patrollers, the Division officers and program staff are not performing our core job. Before the program delivery numbers are presented, please remember that this was a year with a brand new Division Structure and three out of five of our Program Supervisors were new to their positions, so some slippage would be acceptable, in

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fact probably expected. Now to the numbers:

Active Division Members	7179
Number of Course Units Delivered*	2523
Percent Course Units to Members	35.14%

\* The course unit number does not include refreshers, or Senior events, just those courses registered with the National office.

If this level of program delivery was achieved under our new structure while we are still learning to walk, one can only guess as to the height that we may achieve when we begin to run. Kudos to all of the Program Supervisors, Advisors, Instructor/Trainers, and Instructors whose hard work allowed us to deliver programs to approximately one out of every three of our members.

Does this mean that all is good and we can rest a bit? In a word, no. There are still issues and goals that need to be addressed both within and outside of the Eastern Division.

Within the Division we need to continue to identify and train the patrollers who will become a part of our instructor corps. Not only do we need to maintain numbers in the instructor ranks, but we need to increase our numbers in every program so that we may provide great courses for our members and not burn our instructors out. Have you been thinking about becoming an instructor? Now is a great time to talk to the folks in your region who are working in the program that you are interested in. Still trying to decide which program that you want to instruct in? Sign up for an Instructor Development course while you are making up your mind.

On the National front things may not seem as positive as they do within the Division or your Region. The decision of the National office to cease the sale of back crosses with the National Ski Patrol text on them has lit a firestorm across the membership in many Divisions. At its root, most would agree that this issue was a spark that happened to ignite already volatile member emotions regarding their perception of the National office as an adversary not an advocate. Most would also agree that the spark could have come from any number of issues. In the past, many of us would have shaken our heads and gone back to the work of patrolling. Not this time. Patrollers in every Division have made their displeasure known and the officers of the Eastern Division are listening to our members. At the Spring Officers' Meeting, the Division Board, the Region Voting Delegates, and the line members present identified the top three issues that they would like to see

addressed at the National level and developed recommended changes to present to our National Board of Directors. The members present were unanimous in their support for these requested changes, which are presented below:

**Proposal One, National Board Composition, Election, and Term Length**

- a. Each Division needs to have a voting member on the National Board, selected by its respective Division
- b. Patrollers have a direct vote for remaining board members
  - i. Votes may be cast electronically, or
  - ii. Votes may be cast at refresher
  - iii. Eliminate "coupon clipping" (default proxy system)
  - iv. The remaining board members are elected in order of votes received
- c. The maximum term for Board members shall not exceed six consecutive years (the National Board term limit was just increased to nine years)

**Proposal Two, Revision of NSP Vision and Mission Statements**

- a. Taking into account our tradition and history, our National vision and mission statements should include reference that the National Ski Patrol provides service and promotes safety to the public and is member driven.

**Proposal Three, Re-establishment of the National Ski Patrol Brand Identity**

- a. Provide a coordinated marketing effort to increase public awareness of NSP members, our qualifications, training, and our uniqueness.
- b. National organization to re-affirm the value of its members
- c. Aggressively respond to any attacks made against the NSP and its members

As I write this, these suggested changes have been forwarded to the National Board by Chairman Sachs and I have been invited to speak to the Executive Committee of the National Board in June to present them. Our goal is to work within our National structure to communicate our members' concerns up line and to offer constructive recommendations of how these concerns may be addressed. With respectful dialogue and working within our current system, the officers of the Eastern Division believe that we can achieve the results that our members seek. By the time you read this, there will be more information available on the Eastern Division website regarding these issues.

As we work through these issues at the National level, we should never lose sight of why we are members of NSP. We should recognize the strong bond of brother and sisterhood among us and tend this bond with care. No matter the title we may wear, we are all patrollers at our root and that alone should be sufficient to earn the respect of our peers. Now, more than ever, it is important that we all pull together and support one another. Give a fellow patroller a pat on their back and let them know that you appreciate their efforts.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the Eastern Division Board of Directors for electing me as Division Director. This has been a year full of long hours and hard work especially due to all of the new tasks to be tended to. However, they have made my job as pleasant as possible due to their commitment and caring for our members. At the close of this season, I will have attended events in 11 of our 15 regions and have been treated with nothing but the utmost kindness and hospitality everywhere I have gone. I have spent much time with our members and their positive enthusiasm about their patrols and regions has been evident. The expression of their deep emotional bonds to the NSP strengthens my resolve to insure that our members' requests are heard and their needs met. I can honestly say that I eagerly await the start of next season. I look forward to traveling to the regions that I have not visited yet and continuing to meet and spend time with the members of the Eastern Division of the National Ski Patrol. \*

## Treasurer's Report— Year Ended March 31, 2005

by Jeff Barcus, Treasurer

The following is the treasurer's report for the period ended March 31, 2005, which represents the activities for the 2005 Fiscal Year (April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005)



The look of this year's report is decidedly different from those in years past. It is now similar to the look of the financial statements of any other non-profit organization. The basic report now includes four basic statements, a Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, Statement of Cash Flows, and Statement of Functional Revenue and Expenses. This report also includes a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year.

The Statement of Financial Position is a snapshot of the organization's financial health as of March 31, 2005 and shows the organization to be very healthy with over \$300,000 of accumulated Unrestricted Net Assets (Patroller Equity). This statement also shows total assets slightly in excess of \$350,000 comprised of cash, mutual funds, stocks and bonds. The organization enjoyed an increase in Net Assets for the current year of \$17,000.

The Statement of Activities is a summary of the organization's activity for the past year according to the level of restrictions placed on the Net Assets. What that means, in essence, is the organization now classifies (as do all other non-profit organizations in the US) its Net Assets as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted.

The only restrictions placed on any of the Net Assets of the organization are all related to the Memorial Fund and the Scholarship Program. The contributions made to that fund are permanently restricted - meaning we cannot use them for scholarships. The income from the fund is temporarily restricted until a scholarship is granted. The Statement of Activities shows the amount available for future grants is \$1,690 and the total amount contributed to the fund over the years is \$37,273. This statement does not reflect grants, which may be announced later in this meeting.

The Statement of Activities summarizes the activities and restricted balances. It shows the organization increased all its net assets for the year ended March 31, 2005 by a grand total of \$17,258.

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The Statement of Cash Flows simply reconciles beginning cash to ending cash for the year.

The Statement of Functional Revenues and Expenses shows in greater detail the results of the year's activity by "functional category," which represents each of the educational programs operated by the Division. These are Outdoor Emergency Care, Ski & Toboggan, Mountain Travel and Rescue, and so on.

This year's excess of revenue over expenses, if you remove the effect of investment returns, is a reduction from the prior year of \$6,200. However when compared to the budgeted loss, it is nearly \$24,000 better than the budget.

Program revenues were down from the prior year by \$9,700 but registration revenues were up by almost \$5,300. Overall operating revenue was down by \$4,400.

Program expenses remained relatively constant with an increase from last year of \$1,800.

Among the many reasons for the differences are an extremely conservative approach to budgeting as well as some significant differences between what was anticipated and what actually took place.

There were some significant expense items that were not budgeted for and similarly, some significant savings on some items that were budgeted. The two largest programs were considerably less than budgeted in both revenues and expenses.

This year's investment report is that the significant gains we experienced last year were not repeated this year. Net investment increases this year were slightly over \$10,000 as compared to well over \$47,000 the prior year. This translated into a net increase of approximately 3.6% as compared to more than 16% last year.

The Division Investment Committee was recently resurrected and incorporated with the newly formed Finance Committee of the Board. \*

## Ahhhhhhh...

by Keith Pomeroy, S&T Supervisor

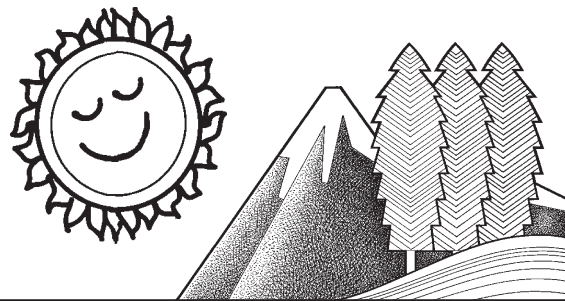
Another full season has come to a close on the ski & toboggan programs. With a multitude of ski & toboggan enhancements, including telemark, snowboard and women's programs, we have been able to reach over 800 of our members.

The senior program continues to challenge patrollers that wish to broaden their horizons and with over 300 participants this year it continues to be a vital part of our future. Our goal is to provide programs to help members improve their skills and to assist them to meet their goals. With over 1100 participants taking part in a wide variety of programs I hope you were able to join in.

Eastern Division is proud of the over 180 trainer/evaluators and the 400+ toboggan instructors that make all of this happen. We invite anyone that has been to one of the programs to become involved with their regional staff.

I am sorry to announce that Bela Musits has stepped down from the steering committee. After years of dedicated service to the S&T program, at all levels, his insight and council shall be sorely missed.

If you are interested in a program next year for yourself or for your local patrol please contact me at cert515@yahoo.com or you can watch the website at www.nspeast.org early next winter and go to the S&T program page for a planned event. \*



## 50-Year Alumni – No More Dues!

by Al Pels, Alumni Advisor

Starting in '06, the annual dues for the 15 Alumni with 50 or more years of continuous service will be paid by the Eastern Division. This recognition is long overdue and an improvement over Lifetime Membership for 60-year Alumni approved by the National Board several years ago.

This year's \$5,800 refund of Alumni dues from

National has been put to good use - dues for 50-year Alumni, refund to Regions, and support of the Student Program.

If you want to continue to be a part of NSP, join the Alumni for \$27.00 a year. For further details or an application check the Eastern Division website or contact me at pels.hancock@verizon.net. \*

## OEC

by Ed McNamara, Administrative Supervisor

Welcome to the OEC arena where you will receive updates and current information on the status of the Eastern Division OEC programs.

Let me start by thanking and congratulating Bill Halsey on his eight years of service to the Eastern Division as an OEC Supervisor with the last three serving as Administrative Supervisor. At the recent Eastern Division banquet Bill was honored with the Jerry Sherman Division Director's award, a thank you letter from National OEC Supervisor Larry Bost, and a gift from the National office. Upon his retirement from the Eastern Division Bill was asked to chair a National OEC Quality Assurance program by Larry Bost. Thanks for your years of dedicated service to the Eastern Division OEC program Bill!

At the conclusion of the National OEC Supervisors meeting in December 2004, Bill was appointed the Chair of the National Committee and I was appointed the Eastern Division OEC Supervisor by DD Rick Hamlin and Supervisor Bost. My first step after taking the position was to name my staff. Following are the Eastern Division Assistant Supervisors and their corresponding regional assignments. Please join me in welcoming them to your regions and feel free to email or call them at any time with relevant OEC questions.

### Assistant Division Supervisors

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Paul Tracy	PAUL.TRACY@roche.com NJ, Quality Assurance

During the month of April the Division OEC staff met to discuss a number of issues and discuss training strategy for the upcoming season. Some of the goals discussed for the upcoming year include:

1. Review, update and modify our OEC Instructor Trainer program.
2. Assist National in the expansion of their Senior EMM scenario database.
3. Encourage and promote quality assurance in all of our programs.
4. Focus on providing our programs at the local level.

5. Conduct a fall ROA/STC meeting at the Division level to discuss issues and provide an opportunity for regional personnel to have input in the Division OEC programs.

During the Albany meeting we also had a very good meeting with the Division's OEC Committee chaired by Mike Lord, Genesee Valley RD. The committee has been very helpful in providing input to the supervisors on local issues related to the Division OEC programs.

We have an outstanding staff assembled in the OEC program and I am encouraged by their professionalism and enthusiasm. I am sure that you will find working with them is a pleasant task. Each one of the Assistant Supervisors is dedicated to providing high quality OEC programs within their respective areas. Please feel free to contact any of the OEC staff with suggestions or concerns you may have.

If I can do anything to assist you in your programs, feel free to contact me at any time. \*

## Finance Committee Report

by Fred Leukroth, Chair

With Eastern Division's adoption of new Bylaws, several Board of Directors' Committees came into being - the five-member Finance Committee among them. Finance Committee members are:

- Jeff Barcus, ED Treasurer (WMASS)
- Rick Knight (CT)
- John McManus (GV)
- Bob Scarlett, ED Legal Advisor (EPA)

The former Investment Committee is now an integral part of the Finance Committee.

Rather than establishing policy, the Finance Committee's role is advisory. In response to the Division's financial interests as defined by the Board of Directors, the Finance Committee makes suggestions and recommendations for consideration and action by the Board of Directors.

Short-term Finance Committee agenda items include consideration of:

- Adequacy of Division financial reserves
- Effectiveness/suitability of the Division's investment model
- Extent to which investment dividends can be/should be allocated to support of Division Program delivery
- Uniformity/consistency of Program budgets and financial reporting
- Division/Region financial support of Program delivery

The Finance Committee welcomes Eastern Division members' comments and suggestions - perhaps, most effectively, submitted through their respective Region Director. \*

## Eastern Division Supervisors and Advisors

- Alumni
- Avalanche
- Awards
- Certified
- Instructor Development
- Legal
- Assistant Legal
- Historian
- Medical
- Memorial Fund
- Mountain Travel & Rescue
- Nordic
- OEC
- Professional
- Risk Management
- Ski & Toboggan
- Special Olympics
- Student Patroller
- Telecommunications
- Trail Sweep Editor
- Webmaster

Al Pels  
 Butch MacQueen  
 Bill Boulter  
 Dave Walker  
 Noel Rios  
 Bob Scarlett  
 Henry Williams  
 Ellie Jessum  
 Jeffrey Lozman  
 David Nelson  
 Greg Banner  
 Greg France  
 Ed McNamara  
 Vacant  
 Steve Neil/Doug Holler  
 Keith Pomeroy  
 Hal Downing/Gerry Clark  
 Jerry Hyson  
 Dick Woolf  
 Laura Tucker  
 Bill Gamble

### PROGRAM COMMITTEES

#### OUTDOOR EMERGENCY CARE

Supervisor  
 Chair  
 Members  
 Ed McNamara CNY  
 Mike Lord GV  
 Bob Morgan EPA  
 Gary Keane SVT  
 Scott Rockefeller WMA  
 Bobby Cassello CT

#### SKI AND TOBOGGAN

Supervisor  
 Chair  
 Members  
 Keith Pomeroy WMA  
 Terry Randolph SVT  
 Roger Stevenson CT  
 Peter Neefus ENY  
 Dave Smith EMARI  
 Rex Channell WMA

#### INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

Supervisor  
 Chair  
 Members  
 Noel Rios CNY  
 Jim Decker WNY  
 Sue Ballek EPA  
 Gerry Desjardins ME  
 Bill Devarney EMARI

#### AVALANCHE

Supervisor  
 Chair  
 Members  
 Butch McQueen WNY  
 Chris Brodersen NJ  
 Ken Black WNY  
 Carl Smith SNY  
 Dick Harding GV  
 Rich Hartman EPA

#### MOUNTAIN TRAVEL AND RESCUE

Supervisor  
 Chair  
 Members  
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 Burt Mitchell CT  
 Teigh Southworth NVT  
 Chuck Boyd CT  
 Rich Hartman EPA

### OTHER COMMITTEES

#### NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE

Chair  
 Members  
 Chris Jaquith NVT  
 Mary Lyn Boberg WNY  
 Brian Downing SVT  
 KenCosta EMARI

#### FINANCE

Chair  
 Members  
 Fred Leukroth WMA  
 Rick Knight CT  
 John McManus GV  
 Bob Scarlett EPA  
 Jeff Barcus WMA  
 John Tuttle ENY

#### BYLAWS

Chair  
 Members  
 Henry Williams GV  
 Donna McGraw ENY  
 Adam Cook NVT  
 Bob Scarlett EPA  
 Don Page ENY

#### LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Chair  
 Members  
 Bob Scarlett EPA  
 Henry Williams GV  
 Bob Smith GV  
 John Caron EMARI  
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 Doug Sinsabaugh WAPP

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 Marty Silverman WAPP  
 Sue Helmacy NJ  
 Laura Tucker WMA

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 Members  
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 Jack Peck EPA  
 Peter Kaufman NH  
 Meg Smith SNY

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 Member  
 Meg Smith SNY  
 Stephan Hastings EMARI  
 Bryan Sinclair WMA  
 John Stinsmen EPA  
 Steve Schopfer WAPP

#### MEDICAL ADVISORY

Chair  
 Members  
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 Bob Hall EPA  
 Bob Schwartz SNY  
 Bob Sullivan ENY  
 Tom Sciacca ENY  
 Jeff Lozman ENY

#### TRAIL SWEEP ADVISORY

Chair  
 Members  
 Darryl Trafford ME  
 Trish Watson WMA  
 Guy Lombardo WAPP  
 Laura Tucker WMA

#### WORLD WIDE WEB COMMITTEE

Chair  
 Members  
 Bill Gamble GV  
 Jim Clark NVT  
 Mark Bergman ENY  
 Clark Goodrich SNY  
 Greg Mohr EPA  
 Benjamin Smith

Security Liason

### SENIOR COMMITTEE

Chair Members  
 Bert Ebling CNY  
 George Hannon EPA  
 Bob Hamilton SNY  
 Rick Hamlin NVT  
 Rick Andriole WMA  
 Jerry Timcik WAPP

### SECTION CHIEFS/ASSISTANT RDS/ VOTING REPRESENTATIVES

Rick Knight	CT Pequot
Roger Stevenson	CT Housatonic
John Steeves	ME Central
Gerry Desjardins	ME South
Ted Hawksley	ME North
Rick Andriole	WMA
Brian Sinclair	WMA
Trish Watson	WMA
Ken Costa	EMARI Northern
John Caron	EMARI Western
Jeff Hutchinson	EMARI Southern
Sue Ellen Helmacy	NJ
Vacant	NH Northern
Peter Kaufmann	NH Central
Don Clark	NH Southern
Kenneth Black	WNY
Mary Lyn Boberg	WNY
Clark Goodrich	SNY Northern Catskill
Robert Schwartz	SNY Southern Catskill
Brian Bamberger	CNY Headquarters
John Tuttle	CNY Iroquois
Tom Sciacca	ENY Northern Adirondack
Bob Sullivan	ENY Southern Adirondack
Alan Miller	ENY Capital District
Robert Morgan	EPA Northern
Jack Peck	EPA Southwest
Susan Ballek	EPA Pocono
John Stinsmen	EPA Central
Guy Lombardo	WAPP Western
Doug Sinsabaugh	WAPP Eastern
Marty Silverman	WAPP Southern
Teigh Southworth	NVT Northern
Adam Cook	NVT Southern
Gary Keane	SVT Southern
Brian Downing	SVT Northern
John McManus	GVLY
Bob Smith	GVLY

## Eastern Division Spring Officers' Meeting Minutes

**ALBANY, NY**  
**APRIL 22 - 24, 2005**

### Opening and Welcome

Division Director Rick Hamlin convened the Spring Officers meeting on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at 9:00a.m.

### Recognized Patrollers who are no longer with us

Kyle Rock, Smugglers Notch; Bill Robinson, Wachusett; Will Wendel, Eastern and Western NY; Pres Perlman, Plattekill; Dennis Bright, Sam Braigg, and Dana Moore, Holiday Valley; Rob Ronner, Okemo; Rees Harris, Catamount; David Kenney, Labrador; Barbara Bednar-Condon, New Hampshire; Liem Tracy, Connecticut; Warren Anthony, King Pine; John Quinn, Old Forge; and, Henry "Swampy" Parris, Mt Washington.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Division Director Hamlin provided a reminder that Section Chiefs/Region Delegates vote on three issues, budget, bylaws, and change in members' dues.

Motion by O'Connell/Decker to accept the agenda as written; Carried

### Introduction of New Division Staff

New staff members: Nordic - Greg France replaces Peter Snyder; OEC - Ed McNamara replaces Bill Halsey; S&T - Keith Pomeroy replaces Randy McNeil; and Certified - Dave Walker replaces Steve Barnes.

### Introduction of Guests

Past Division Director Don Page, Certified #1 George Wesson, National Awards Advisor Myer Avedovech, Pacific Northwest Division Director Barbara Ann Dixon, National Board Member Larry Acord, and Eastern Division Logo Designer Lisa Vessella.

### Proxies Recognized for April 23-24, 2005

WMA Nicky Enhorning-Picton, Region Rep; EMARI Jerry Hyson, NSC; EMARI John Shipman, SSC; NH Al Pels, NSC; NH Gerry Clark, SSC; WAPP Steve Schopfer, WSC & SSC; and SVT Frey Aarnio SSC.

### Introduction of Officers

#### Region Directors:

Burt Mitchell	Connecticut
Darryl Trafford	Maine
Fred Leukroth	Western Massachusetts
Stephan Hastings	Eastern Massachusetts/ Rhode Island
Chris Brodersen	New Jersey
Bob O'Connell	New Hampshire
Jim Decker	Western New York

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Meg Smith	Southern New York
Bert Ebeling	Central New York
Peter Neefus	Eastern New York
John Pelliciotta	Eastern Pennsylvania
Steve Schopfer	Western Appalachian
Christian Jaquith	Northern Vermont
Terry Randolph	Southern Vermont
Mike Lord	Genesee Valley

**Section Chiefs, Region Delegates & Representatives:**

Rick Knight	CT Pequot
Roger Stevenson	CT Housatonic
John Steeves	ME Central (Absent)
Gerry Desjardins	ME South
Ted Hawksley	ME North
Rick Andriole	WMA Region Delegate
Bryan Sinclair	WMA Region Delegate
Nicky Enhorning Picton	WMA Region Delegate (Proxy)
Jerry Hyson	EMARI Northern (Proxy)
John Caron	EMARI Western
John Shipman	EMARI Southern (Proxy)
Sue Ellen Helmacy	NJ Region Delegate
Al Pels	NH Northern (Proxy)
Peter Kaufmann	NH Central
Gerry Clark	NH Southern (Proxy)
Kenneth Black	WNY Region Representative
Don Weaver	WNY Region Representative
Clark Goodrich	SNY Northern Catskill
Robert Schwartz	SNY Southern Catskill
Brian Bamberger	CNY Headwaters
John Tuttle	CNY Iroquois
Tom Sciacca	ENY Northern Adirondack
Bob Sullivan	ENY Southern Adirondack
Allan Miller	ENY Capital District
Robert Morgan	EPA Northern
Jack Peck	EPA Southwest
Susan Ballek	EPA Pocono
John Stinsmen	EPA Central
Steve Schopfer	WAPP Western (Proxy)
Doug Sinsabaugh	WAPP Eastern
Steve Schopfer	WAPP Southern (Proxy)
Teigh Southworth	NVT Northern
Adam Cook	NVT Southern (Absent)
Frey Aarnio	SVT Southern (Proxy)
Brian Downing	SVT Northern
John McManus	GVLY Region Representative
Bob Smith	GVLY Region Representative

Rick Hamlin determined that a quorum was present.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian**

Moved by Randolph/M. Smith to appoint Don Page as Parliamentarian for the meeting; Carried.

**Minutes from April 2003 Officers Meeting - Albany NY**

Moved by O'Connell/Randolph to waive reading of 2004 minutes and accept as distributed; Carried.

**2004-2005 Treasurer's Report - Jeff Barcus**

The Treasurer's report consists of Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, Statement of Cash Flows, and Statement of Functional Revenues. This report was distributed and can be found on the Division's website. Moved by O'Connell/Schopfer to accept the Treasurer's report as distributed; Carried.

**Division Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee:** Report distributed. The members are Jeff Barcus, Treasurer; Rick Knight, CT; John McManus, GV; Bob Scarlett, Legal; with Fred Leukroth as Chair. Fred reported that the Investment Committee was free-standing but has now been incorporated into the Finance Committee. 2005-2006 Goals and Objectives:

- Finance Committee has concluded that Eastern Division net worth is suitable to its needs at this time. That includes two years operating funds plus contingency fund plus Memorial Fund.
- Consider more cost effective method of managing Eastern Division investments and facilitate reporting.
- Recommend to ED BOD they consider allocating 50% of the annual gain from investments for support of Division programs. Based upon current returns, it is estimated that would be approximately \$6,000 for the '05/'06 season. (This would amount to a change in use of investment gains to directly support programs for patrollers.)
- Reacquaint program administrators and BOD program committee chairs with uniform budget process for all programs. Distribute package of budget tools.
- Reacquaint program administrators and BOD program committee chairs with use of program income/expense reporting tools.
- Recommend to ED BOD that Division Treasurer be directed to reallocate current investments to conform to existing Division investment strategy of 1/3 cash or equivalent, 1/3 equities, and 1/3 short-term bonds/utilities.
- Annually review and reallocate ED investments to meet investment objectives.
- Finance Committee meet electronically, telephonically and in person, where necessary, beginning May 23rd to consider additional recommendations to ED BOD.

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**Nomination and Election Committee:** The members are Mary Lyn Boberg (absent) Don Weaver attending, Brian Downing, Ken Costa (absent) Diane Hastings attending, with Christian Jaquith as Chair. Following are the Eastern Division Regional 2005 elections, elected Region Director, appointed Alternate RD and voter turnout for this year's cycle.

- WMA - Fred Leukroth, Bryan Sinclair
- NJ - Chris Brodersen, Sue Ellen Helmacy
- NH - Bob O'Connell, Peter Kaufman 42%
- CNY - Bert Ebeling, Jim Smith 82%
- ENY - Peter Neefus, John Beach
- NVT - Christian Jaquith, Teigh Southworth 70%
- GV - Mike Lord, Bob Smith

Half of the regions have held elections with the remaining half being held in the fall. There is a quality control issue that requires the use of the summer roster as a checklist. There should be plans for absentee balloting if needed. There needs to be a timeline and procedure for contesting the election and the destruction of the ballots. There will be a form for reporting results so needed information is obtained The Division Election Committee needs the names of the region election chairperson/committee. The Committee will be assembling a package of election materials including sample ballots. To date the election process seems to be working well.

**Marketing & Public Relations Committees:** Marketing members are - Jack Peck, Peter Kaufmann, Meg Smith, with Steve Schopfer as Chair. Public Relations members are - Stephen Hastings, Marty Silverman, Sue Ellen Helmacy, and Laura Tucker. Our responsibilities: New Division logo and two NSP Division displays/booths which are moveable. Goal objectives for the coming year: tri-fold booklet which can be customized for patrols, sections, or regions. This will be on our Division website for viewing.

**Long Range Planning:** Committee members are - Stephen Hastings, Bryan Sinclair, John Stinsman, Steve Schopfer, with Meg Smith as Chair. We are awaiting direction from the Board as to what things they want to investigate. We will be sharing some of the information on demographics; i.e., who is in Eastern Division now and how is it changing.

**Senior Committee:** Members are - Brian Bamberger, George Hannon, Bob Hamilton, Rick Andriole, Rick Hamlin, with Bert Ebeling as Chair. Our goal is to put all the information on how to become a Senior on the Division web page. This will include S&T, EMM, and the Nordic venue also. We will have this done by the end of the summer.

**Avalanche:** Report distributed. Committee Chair Chris Brodersen reported that during the past year there were 11 courses for just about 200 people. We need help with more I/T's and equipment. The program did gain two new instructors during the past year and three others have become instructor candidates.

**Mountain Travel/Rescue:** Report distributed. Members are - Greg Banner, Teigh Southworth, Chuck Boyd, Rich Hartman, and Burt Mitchell as Chair. Greg and Burt spoke on plans and goals for the 2005-2006 season:

- Solidify the Division MTR Standard Operating Procedures and administration policies that guide the program. Get everyone on the same page.
- To have better use of I/T's and Advisors. Provide better training and education to I/T's and Advisors so that they can perform as described in the SOP Manual. Possibly combine Regions with I/T's as Advisors.
- Continue to emphasize expansion of the program into NH, SVT, NVT, and Maine Regions.
- Clarify and better organize the instructor development process for the program.
- Pump up the marketing for the program. Put on the web page what is taught in the individual courses in much better detail, explain course differences, and show pictures of past courses to draw interest.
- Possible restructure of the MTR II course in order to create attendance. (Classroom work at home area with local I/T then one long weekend for the outdoor portion of the course).
- Continue work on making MTR relevant to individual patrols. (Possible SAR)
- Continue Instructor refresher and planner with Avalanche and Nordic instructors. Planned for September 17, 2005: Plan and have CRREL program or NATEK or like program in upcoming season.
- Promote proper use of Division financial forms and reporting procedures.

**Outdoor Emergency Care:** Committee members are - Chuck Fountain, Gary Keane, Scott Rockefeller, Bobby Cassello, Ed McNamara, and Mike Lord as Chair. OEC Supervisor positions are now full. Flow of paperwork and access to the database for ROA's will go forward. Senior in a Weekend in its current format is not supported. It is too expensive and physically demanding. Want to establish a more formal training program for Instructor/Trainers.

**Ski & Toboggan:** Committee members are - Peter Neefus, Roger Stevenson, Dave Smith, Rex Channel, Keith Pomeroy, and Terry Randolph as Chair. Keith reported on 59 patrollers who passed their S&T T/E this season: 27 at

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Elk, 16 at Cannon, and 16 at Gore. The bulk of expense is getting everyone to that specific area. A region run event is less costly whereby everyone is local - no expense for travel or hotels. Terry discussed quality issue. Approximately 60% participating in the Senior education program; 40% not participating. Division/Region webs - idea - patrol member monitor site and post scheduled events. Student Program - Division to provide S&T support. Senior in a Weekend - S&T staffing easy. Idea - move Board meeting back to Student Weekend. Ski Teaching - Patrollers may not teach. PSIA - cost prohibitive. Idea - Each region certify (PSIA) Instructors to support local events. Committee's thoughts on PSIA - Negative, reduction in annual fee, reduce clinic costs. We had three T/E Clinics - 50/59 attendees; 11 women's clinics - 150 attendees; three Tele Enhancements - 45 attendees; and, three Skier Enhancements - 45 attendees.

**Division Director Rick Hamlin:** Report distributed. The 2004-2005 ski season has been a period marked by many changes within the Eastern Division. these changes represented the largest single change to our governance structure since our bylaws were revised in 1966. The right of every patroller to have a direct vote for their Region Director, who in turn would sit on the Division Board of Directors, had become a reality. The structure and operation of the Division was completely changed.

Over 35% of our members made use of our programs this season. If this level of program delivery under our new structure was achieved, one can only guess what is yet to come. We need to continue to identify and train the patrollers who will become a part of our instructor corps so we do not burn our instructors out. Who is replacing you? Please start looking for your replacement as a part of your job. Also, if you want to serve on a Committee, or another Committee, make it known to that Committee Chair. Keep selling the Senior program. Many of our leadership positions require you to be a Senior. If we don't have Seniors, we don't have Division leadership. On the National front, things may not seem as positive as they do within the Division or your Region. It is our role as officers of the Eastern Division to identify the key concerns of the membership and to work within our National structure to communicate these concerns up line and to offer constructive recommendations of how these concerns may be addressed. The National Board meeting is in June. Because of all the issues out there Director Hamlin asked for guidance as to whether the Division wants

him to attend the National Bard meeting.

Director Hamlin thanked the Eastern Division Board of Directors for electing him as Division Director. At the close of this season he will have attended events in 11 of our 15 regions. Director Hamlin stated that he looked forward to traveling to the regions that he has not yet visited and continuing to meet and spend time with the members of the Eastern Division of the National Ski Patrol.

**Instructor Development Committee:** Members are - Sue Ballek, Gerry Desjardins, Bill DeVarney, Noel Rios, and Jim Decker as Chair. We had 21 Instructor Development courses with 204 participants. We purchased a new ID manual for all 73 ID Instructors in the Division. The Committee's goals and objectives are:

- ID Supervisor (and possible staff) will visit ID courses in each Region. This is a step toward quality assurance.
- Familiarize ID instructors with use of PowerPoint presentations.
- Purchase technology software and hardware to present ID courses.
- To get the National office to update ID instructor information on the web.
- Ready to evaluate the National ID "E" course. To that end, we are cautiously optimistic.

We make a recommendation that all Division education programs purchase a new ID manual for each of their Instructor/Trainers.

**Legal & Risk Management Committee:** Members are - Henry Williams, Bob Smith, John Caron, Burt Mitchell, Doug Sinsabaugh, and Bob Scarlett as Chair. We are trying to find ways to reduce risk to the individual patrollers. There has been a lack of communication from NSP Denver compared to previous years on risk or legal matters. So now we're going to do it on our own. Possibly developing risk management education - bringing it to the patrol director level. We hope to develop a manual this year. Perhaps risk management should become an OEC and/or Senior elective where it becomes an educational unit. Bob Scarlett talked to Bruce Ries on a risk management module. A small pilot program has been put on by Julie Rust, Patrol Director at Vail.

**Division Logo:** Steve Schopfer introduced Lisa Vessella, the designer of the new Eastern Division logo.

**Old Business**

**Final Bylaws Format:** Moved by O'Connell/Schopfer that we accept the bylaws format as presented; Carried.

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**New Business**

Motion by M. Smith/Ebeling to have the new Eastern Division logo on the cover of the Division Bylaws; Carried.

**Budget:** Motion by Ebeling/O'Connell to accept 2006 budget as presented. Discussion.

Motion to amend by Randolph/Knight that the S&T committee requests an additional \$1,000 be added to the S&T budget in support of the Student Patroller Seminar fiscal year 2006. The new budget total would be \$14,000. Discussion; Carried.

Motion to amend by Decker/Ebeling that we move \$8336 from Special and Capital Projects line to the Instructor Development line. Discussion; Carried

Motion by Decker/Randolph to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to allocate up to \$6,000 of the Division's investment income to be used to finance Division program activities, approved by the Board, during the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Moved by B. Smith/Lord to table discussion on moving \$6,000 from Investments Income to be used to finance Division programs.

Motion by Mitchell/Lord that the Mountain Travel/Rescue budget be amended to reflect an increase in the amount of \$2,000 for the purchase of a LCD projector for Power Point presentations and other teaching tools and aids; Carried.

Motion by Lord/M. Smith that \$1,000 be added to the 2005/2006 OEC budget to support the Division Student Program only if funds are not already budgeted for OEC support of the Student Budget; Carried, Opposed by Bob O'Connell.

Motion by Andriole/O'Connell to increase the Division Director's budget by \$1,500 to facilitate attendance at the two NSP Board of Director's meetings; Carried.

Motion by Brodersen/Ebeling to increase Avalanche budget from \$3,000 up to \$9,000 for one time equipment purchases (i.e., beacons, probes, etc.); Carried.

Motion by Ebeling/B. Smith to bring off the table the motion by Decker/Randolph to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to allocate up to \$6,000 of the Division's investment income to be used to finance Division program activities, approved by the Board, during the 2005-2006 fiscal year; Carried.

Previous motion by Decker/Randolph to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to allocate up to \$6,000 of the Division's investment income to be used to finance Division program activities, approved by the Board, during the 2005-2006 fiscal year; Carried.

Motion by Ebeling/O'Connell's to approve the budget as amended; Carried.

**Fall Meeting:** Saturday, September 17, 2005, 9:00 a.m., at the Clifton Park/Halfmoon Emergency Corps. Avalanche, Mountain Travel/Rescue, Nordic, and, the Board of Directors.

**Spring Officer Meeting:** April 28, 29, 30, 2006, Desmond, Albany, New York

Motion by Brodersen/Hastings to recess meeting at 4:15p.m.; Carried.

Meeting reconvened 8:00a.m., April 24, 2005

**National Issues:**

**Back Crosses:** Rick Hamlin - The ultimate decision on what is or is not a part of your uniform is your management's. If your patrollers want to wear back crosses with National Ski Patrol on them and your management directs that it is a part of your uniform, then that's what you may wear. If you have it on your coat now, you can wear them. You may wear them till they wear out. After June, they will not be available.

**Alumni Program:** Al Pels - Next season Al is going to send a note to all Alumni with 50 years of service telling them to send him their Alumni renewal form. The Division Alumni fund will pay their dues for 2006. National does not do this until a member has reached 60 years of membership.

Top three items that the members of Eastern Division would like to see changed at the National level.

**#1 Problem:**

The present nominating and voting system for National Board members is broken and needs to be fixed.

- correct representation
- National Board term

**Solutions:**

- Each Division needs to have a voting member on the National Board selected by its respective Divisions.
- Six years, consecutive, maximum for Board members.
- Patrollers have direct vote for remaining Board members.
- Electronic vote
- Vote at refresher
- Eliminate "coupon clipping" (eliminate default proxy system)
- Elected in order of votes received.
- Return to representative Board of Directors (Use Eastern Division model)

Motion by Decker/Ballek to end discussion on this problem and accept solutions as listed; Carried - 100% vote

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## OEC Supervisors

### ED MCNAMARA

#### OEC Administrative Supervisor



My wife of 32 years, Edee, and I live in a small home surrounded by apple trees, deer, and turkeys, in the town of Sterling, MA. My twin daughters Jenn and Kelly live with their daughters in the neighboring town.

Patrolling has always been a family affair for us since the girls started skiing at age three. Edee is a 25 year patroller and Region OEC Administrator and Jenn, Kelly and Jenn's husband, John all patrol at near-by Wachusett Mountain.

I am the Executive Director of the Central MA Emergency Medical Systems Corporation, a nonprofit regional EMS office that covers the 70 towns of central MA. I am a retired military officer with 30 years of active and National Guard service. In my town I serve as a paramedic and Deputy Chief on the Fire Department. I also currently serve as the Safety Officer for Massachusetts DMAT 2.

I have been a patroller for 25 years, most of that time serving at Wachusett Mountain in Central MA. Currently I am the Patrol Director. I am very proud of my appointment to National status #7858 in 1994. I have served my region as Regional Director, OEC Administrator, Elections Coordinator, Instructor/Trainer, and Chief Senior EMM T/E.

My hobbies include skiing, bicycling, golf, and working around the orchard.

I am proud to have been selected by our Division Director as the Eastern Division OEC Administrative Supervisor and will do my best to insure that our program meets the needs of the patrollers in this Division.

### JEFF BAKER

#### OEC Supervisor



My interest in patrolling began from a misspent youth of outdoor adventure, big mountain climbing, and the inescapable reality of rescue and first aid situations that accompany our lifestyle. Throughout my patrolling career, I've enjoyed being a part of the training and evaluation teams for both the WEC/OEC/EMM and S&T disciplines in the Genesee Valley Region as an IT/TE.

The quest to be a better patroller led me to the Certified Program some years back and last year I accepted the secretarial position for that group. I am privileged to be a Bristol Mountain patroller, located just south of Rochester, NY for my normal weekly duty.

To fiscally support all of this fun, with Riverbend Timber Framing, I help some tremendous people

design, engineer, and fabricate beautiful, traditional timber-framed structures all over the US and other farther reaching parts of the world.

I am blessed with two bright and talented children, Ben, 19 and Katie, 17 who encourage, delight and amaze me daily. For years they have tolerated riding in wet training sleds, laying and pretending to bleed in freezing snow and rain, and smiled through it all. The pivot point of my support network is a wonderful woman, Lisa, who continues to be incredibly good natured and understanding. She can be found shaking her head in bewilderment at the crazy circus family that we call patrollers and laughing at us all.

I'm looking forward to helping Ed and the rest of the Division staff, to continue the fine tradition of first aiding excellence that has been the trademark of the Eastern Division.

### ED HIRSHMAN

#### OEC Supervisor

I have been actively involved with Outdoor Emergency Care continuing education since 1972. Currently I am an OEC Instructor, OEC Instructor/Trainer, Senior EMM Trainer/Evaluator, American Heart AED/CPR Instructor and have just been appointed as a Division OEC Supervisor covering the SNY, WAPP and EPA Regions. Since 1968 I have been a volunteer member of NSP and the Ski Roundtop Patrol, achieving Senior status in 1970.



I was honored to receive NSP National Appointment #5786 in February 1981 and an NSP DSA in 2000. I have been the recipient of numerous NSP awards including the 1988 Eastern Division Outstanding Alpine Patroller and the 2002 NSP Runner-up Administrative Patroller. Regionally I have served as both Section Chief and Regional Director for the Eastern Pennsylvania Region.

And, skiing has become more enjoyable the past two seasons since I have been able to ski with my granddaughter who is five years old.

I accepted an early retirement package, retiring after 32 years of employment with AMP Incorporate, Harrisburg, PA, a Fortune 500 and worldwide company. My retirement was 33 months earlier than I planned and I really enjoyed those years being involved in customer service as a Senior Field Engineer and then a Product Manager.

Early retirement allowed me to pursue more community service involvement and for the winter months,

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I elected to volunteer with the Special Olympics Alpine Skiing Program. As a Certified Alpine Skiing Coach, I have attended state winter games with our athletes annually these past four seasons.

During the summer I am involved with the local chapter's National Multiple Sclerosis Society annual bike tour as the captain of a 38-member road-cycling bike team sponsored by a local ski & sports shop.

### PAULA KNIGHT

#### OEC Supervisor



I share a home in a typical New England rural community named Southington with Rick, my husband of 30 years. We have two children, Richard Paul, 22, and Cally Antoinette, 20. And what family isn't complemented with pets...we have two Wheaton terriers, Sadie and Tucker, which keep us very busy. Both of my children have shared the experience of patrolling with Rick and me.

Patrolling has been a rich and gratifying part of my life for 28 years, all of which have been spent as a member of the Mount Southington Ski Patrol in Connecticut. I have met many people and developed heartwarming friendships. In the past I have held a number of positions including Outdoor Emergency Care Coordinator for the my patrol and the Connecticut Region, Training Coordinator for Senior, Region Director, Patrol and Region Awards Advisor, WEC Committee to facilitate the change over from Red Cross First Aid to Winter Emergency Care, and National Committee for Quality Assurance. Currently I am an instructor and instructor/trainer in Instructor Development, an OEC instructor, a Senior EMM Trainer/Evaluator, and the CT Region Newsletter Advisor. I was the proud recipient of National Appointment #7249 in 1990.

Since 1978 I have been an educator in my home town, teaching in a program for academically gifted students. Over the past five years I have been very involved in professional development, designing and teaching workshops for my colleagues which help teachers tailor their classroom lessons to meet the needs of individual learners. This latest adventure has given me the opportunity to work with teachers in Connecticut and internationally.

I am very excited about this new opportunity and look forward to working with my assigned regions. \*

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#### #2 Problem:

Our National Mission Statement does not reflect what we do or who we are.

#### Solution:

Taking into account our tradition and history, our National Vision and Mission Statements should include reference that the NSP provides service and promotes safety to the public and is member driven. Motion by Neefus/M. Smith to end discussion on this problem and accept solutions as listed; Carried

- 100% vote

#### #3 Problem:

Loss of the NSP brand identity.

#### Solutions:

- Coordinated marketing effort to increase public awareness of NSP members and their qualifications, training, and our uniqueness.
- National organization to reaffirm the value of its members.
- To aggressively defend any attacks made against the NSP and its members.

Motion by Decker/Mitchell to end discussion on this problem and accept solutions as listed; Carried - 100% vote

Motion by Randolph/M. Smith that the Division Director, in conjunction with the Board of Directors and Division Legal Advisor, finalize issues one through three and forward them to Chairman Bill Sachs.

Amended by Boulter/Desjardins to read Chairman Bill Sachs and National Board member Larry Acord; Carried - 100% vote

Motion by Aarnio/Randolph that items four and five be evaluated by the Division Director and the Board with the results forwarded to Chairman Sachs in a timely manner.

#### #4 Problem:

- Members feel that they do not have access to a National accounting of how dues are spent.

#### #5 Problem:

- It is hard for the members to follow what the Board's long term objectives are.

Moved by Decker/Southworth to adjourn the 2005 Board of Director's meeting of the Eastern Division at 11:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna E. McGraw  
Division Administrator



## April on the Rockpile... with the Mount Washington Valley Ski Patrol

April 9-10 - Fantastic bluebird weekend! We get a snowcat ride up with the US Forest Service to Hermit Lake and in front of us, it was Observatory to Route 16. Lovett and I do a no-name route linking south-facing gullies and snowfields off Lion's Head that was a lot longer and steeper than you would think. Then we did a gully on the climber's right of Lobster Claw followed by Lobster Claw. The latter was in great shape and as usual, no crowds. Meanwhile, anything north facing was still scratchy. Brooks Dodge, as well as fellow patroller Justin from *Backcountry* magazine, backed off Duchess/Empress and Dodge's Drop because of this. When the sun went down and froze The Bowl, the ski down through Connection and Lower Headwall to Hermit Lake was a treat, though bumps on LH were strange unless you took the short fun steep face on the left.

As for "incidents" during the day, a hiker "bowling balled" the "death train," causing a snowboard to get loose and split someone's scalp to the bone. Candi and Ferris took care of that as well as a shoulder in the afternoon and we got a better, more eloquent description from Candi later on that evening. I took care of someone just about dying from dehydration at the bottom of LH. Next day, Right Gully and two runs down Lobster

Claw were fantastic. The ski down to Route 16 was outstanding with soft, user-friendly corn bumps and just a few easily avoidable sketchy spots near the bottom.

April 16-17 - A repeat performance of prior week except warmer. Justin brought along some quiet, California Beach Bum-surfer girl type from Stowe. So, of course I ask the brilliant question of "Duh, so, um do you like to ski?" She proceeded to drop a 30-footer off the ice cliffs later in the day. Right Gully, Lobster Claw, and Left Gully were sweet during the weekend. Paul Kling was not around, so I had to help out a lot doing outreach at the entrance/exit to the Bowl. It was Inferno weekend and Glen Plake was there doing an RSN show. With his hat covering his purple hairdo he took a little air off a kicker on the Ravine floor and approached us at the end of the day. He mentioned how blown away he was with the scene as the only time(s) he had been to Tuck's before was on a weekday. I explained to him that this was an example of the solitude and tranquility of the "backcountry." One of the Desaulniers was around. Again, you could ski down to Hermit Lake. On Sunday, skiing down the Sherburne was very nice with the corn and sea of soft bumps. Once past the S-Turn, it was toast and I threw in the towel at #1 Crossover (where the Boot Spur Trail crosses) and hoofed it down the Tuck's Trail to my truck.

April 23rd - I get an awful job rejection Friday afternoon, so I figured staring at the fog and rain on Saturday in the Bowl would make me feel better. Well,

on Saturday morning as my pickup coughed and wheezed its way up the final pitch to the top of Pinkham Crotch, it was SNOWING! Ascending to Tuck's, it turned to light rain. On duty in the Bowl, I learned of freezing rain up above...above the same level where the narrows of The Chute dumps into the Bowl. This also made for some slick hard conditions. It was miserable - 33 degrees never felt so cold and awful. Anyway, I was the only one in the Bowl and some Midd Kid from the Ultimate Frisbee Team slid, tried to arrest with his poles, and dislocated his shoulder. He was tough and butt slid down with a jury-rigged sling setup with parachute cord. I noticed he was shivering intensely, had wet clothes on, and it was 33 degrees and drizzling. No way could I fart around - this guy was going downhill to the cabin plus Mayor Kling was on his way up and I figured he could help me out. So, we all meet at Connection Cache and we work on the kid. I went back to the Bowl and had Kling bring him down to where Candi met up with them. Ranger Chris Joosen took care of him in the cabin and was sent downhill. God, he was tough - this kid musta' had a bowl of steel with a shot of Tabasco for breakfast - his whine-to-pain ratio (amount of whining divided by pain) was around .000000001.

On Sunday morning, stepping outta' the bunkhouse this morning, it looked like some Hollywood produced storm scene - you know, with the exaggerated winds and sheets of rain. Rain poured at Biblical rates and winds howled off the summit up to 93 MPH! I

sloshed down the Tuck's Trail and had to wade through a small storm-fed tributary crossing the trail just a yard uphill from the flat bridge near the intersection with the Huntington Fire Road. That caused me to think a bit! Then I crossed the final bridge quickly as the now mighty Cutler River was sloshing a bit over the bridge...would it be ripped away as I crossed, I thought? Then as soon as I crossed, I was confronted by a raging stream that crosses that small dip downhill from the final bridge (you know, it is the one that is always dry, but you can easily see how in unusually high water, it would be fed by the Cutler River). I didn't wanna' take my chances and get swept away so I bushwhacked my way through rotted snow banks down to Route 16.

Last Day o' April - Some new snow on Friday refreshed some surfaces...as well as covered up some crevasses just enough to make them more like land mines. Quiet day and the mixture of corn, fresh wet snow, and some firm surfaces made for some nice interesting turns on the right side. A small snow squall brightened our spirits and reminded us that it ain't over for the season. But the rain front moved in as we were doing some outreach at the Ravine entrance and dampened my plans for another run. Instead, Doctor Brian and I practiced making snow anchors which also served a dual purpose of anchoring Marcy's (the doctor's dog) leash. It kept her rambunctiousness from wreaking havoc on the Bowl community. It's a good thing we keep our anchoring skills sharp. \*

# Awards

### 2004-2005 EASTERN DIVISION OUTSTANDING AWARDS

Large Ski Patrol	Mt. Washington	NH
Small Ski Patrol	Mad River Glen	NVT
Administrative Patroller	Ed McNamara	EMARI
Alpine Patroller	Bill Jordan	EPA
Instructor	Scott Rockefeller	EMARI
Student Patroller	Cayleigh Marks	
	Ski Roundtop	
	Barry Viscomi	EPA

### THE SIGNIFICANT MONKEY "990"

Keith Pomeroy	S&T Supervisor
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### JERRY SHERMAN DIVISION DIRECTOR AWARD

Bill Halsey	OEC Supervisor
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### PATROLLERS FOR PATROLLERS AWARD

Pete Snyder	Nordic Supervisor
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### NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

John F. Flynn	9932	CT
Marjorie Ann Thorpe	9934	CT
Roger Stevenson	10078	CT
Alan Rosenfeld	10150	WNY
Tom Lester	10184	WNY
Hildy Schoonmaker	10200	SVT
Bryan Sinclair		WMASS

### NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Ken Costa

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Terrance Moreschi	CT
Dick Schreiner	EMARI
Carole Rehkugler	GV
Theodore A. Fendick	GV
Mitch Kessler	SVT
Dick Barron	WAPP
Guy Lombardo	WAPP
Don Dischner	WNY
Paul Ross	WNY
Tom Schlicht	WNY
Bob Frazier	WNY
Red Clark	WNY

### MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

Cayleigh Marks	EPA
Anastasia Fournier	SVT
Jamie Linker	SNY

### PATROLLER'S CROSS

James Munson	CT
Helene Fortier	NVT
Dave Heide	NVT
Steve Rinaldo	WNY

### PURPLE MERIT STAR

Dan Riccio	CT
William Schumacher	GV
Howard Sternfels	GV
Ed Finsterwalder	GV
Paul Marino	SVT
Heidi Dux	NVT
Robert Weitzel	WAPP
Dan Meese	WNY
Robert Fielding	WMASS
Al Mason	WMASS
Bill Zimmerman	WMASS
Gary Trudeau	WMASS

### YELLOW MERIT STAR

David Hemindinger	EMARI
Bernard Vallee	EMARI
Scotty Graham	WAPP
Pat Boccardi	WAPP
Mary McQueen	WNY
Jeffrey Bassett	WMASS
Lori Bassett	WMASS
David Benoit	WMASS
Byron Call	WMASS
Dan Pascucci	WMASS
Scott Rockefeller	WMASS

### BLUE MERIT STAR

Bill Boyens	CT
Scott Dawick	CT
Arthur Holden	CT
Richard Ohanesian	CT
Melvin Walker	CT
Karl Wimmer	GV
Ann Bednarsky	GV
Gerry Surine	GV
Sam Rugh	WAPP
Mike McKinney	WAPP
Noah Alberts	WAPP
Jason Emery	NVT
Kelly Cota	NVT
Russ Ford	NVT
Robert Haspray	NVT
Philip Hedrei	NVT
Andre Lavoie	NVT
James Maxfield	NVT
William Moore	NVT
Gordon McNaney	NVT
Charles Peterson	NVT
Laurie Briggs	WMASS
Ryan Courtemanche	WMASS
Frank Field	WMASS
James Higgins	WMASS

Barry Leckonby	WMASS
Paul McMartin	WMASS
Beighyreh Person	WMASS
John Slyer	WMASS
Len Surdyka	WMASS

### GREEN MERIT STAR

Gregory Hritcko	GV
Dr. Daniel Federowicz	GV
Heidi Dux	NVT
Dave Marchand (2)	NVT
James Maxfield	NVT
William Mitchell	NVT

# Awards



## Instructor Development Committee

by Jim Decker, Chair

These are the highlights of the Instructor Development Program for 2005-2006:

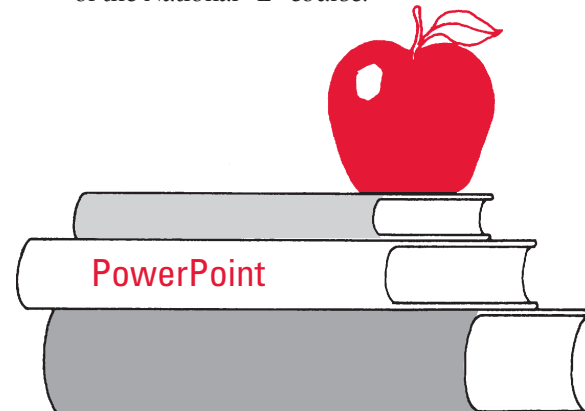
Division officers approved a significant funding increase for the ID Program.

Noel Rios, ID Supervisor, is planning two geographically located meetings to familiarize ID instructors with PowerPoint presentations.

ID Supervisor plans on attending Region ID courses as a quality assurance measure.

ID Program plans on purchasing hardware and software for course presentations.

Division ID instructors await the unveiling of the National "E" course.



## Eastern Division Board of Directors

Burt Mitchell	Connecticut
Darryl Trafford	Maine
Fred Leukroth	Western Mass
Steve Hastings	EMARI
Chris Brodersen	New Jersey
Bob O'Connell	New Hampshire
Jim Decker	Western New York
Meg Smith	Southern New York
Bert Ebeling	Central New York
Peter Neefus	Eastern New York
John Pelliciotta	Eastern Pennsylvania
Steve Schopfer	Western Appalachian
Christian Jaquith	Northern Vermont
Terry Randolph	Southern Vermont
Mike Lord	Genesee Valley

## MTR

by Greg Banner, MTR Supervisor

Here is a quiz. What does your ski area (ski patrol) have for a lost person procedure (a real procedure - not just checking the bars and parking lots - a procedure which would competently take you out 2, 4, 6 hours into a search)? Question #2 - How would you manage the low angle evacuation of a patient who went off the edge of one of your runs and was half way down a steep wooded slope? If you can't answer either one of these questions easily, the Division Mountain, Travel and Rescue program is here to help.

I am finishing my first year as the Division Supervisor and have learned a lot about both the program and the way it fits into the overall Division system. At one point both the Avalanche and MTR programs were very popular as senior electives and that drew people into the courses. With the increase in available electives, interest seems to have waned in these programs. That is unfortunate since they are a lot more than just senior electives and have a lot to offer both the individual patroller and our respective ski areas.

MTR-trained individuals can directly support patrol programs, in particular to improve procedures outlined by the two questions asked above. As with chair evacuations and mass casualty events, there are certain core scenarios which we should all be prepared for. Being prepared for a lost person search and doing low angle rescue are easily on the list. Both of these situations require some specialized equipment, organizational procedures, and training. As with most emergency operations, you have the choice of either preparing ahead of time or trying to "wing it" when the event happens. It is pretty obvious what the preferred choice should be.

As one of the smaller programs in the Eastern Division, MTR actually has a good core of trained instructors. It varies by region but in general there are people available, and courses taught, throughout the Division. What we don't have is a good presence in each patrol. As counter-intuitive as this may sound, the program also gets weaker the further to the northeast in the Division we look. A goal for the program in the future is to fix both of these situations.

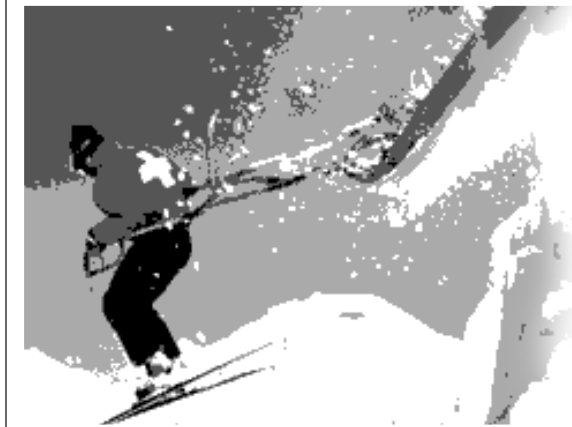
Besides the value to our patrols and the educational benefit to our patrollers, the MTR program can be just plain old fun. Safety is always paramount but we want to get out in the snow and teach our folks something about back-country travel and living. The woods and mountains are beautiful in the winter and they can be enjoyed to a great degree. There is life beyond the ski slope!

So whichever motivation suits your needs and interests, we encourage you to get involved. The MTR calendar is included on the Division website. If you have any questions, hunt down your Regional MTR Advisor or me and we can get you the appropriate information. \*

## Certified Program

by Dave Walker, Chair

First and foremost, I would like to thank Steve Barnes for chairing the Certified program for the past six years. Under Steve's able leadership he brought the program into the 21st century by the inclusion of all program components on a web page linked to the Eastern Division home page. The Certified web page is now an up-to-date source of information for any patroller who is curious about or has a serious interest in the program.



The complexities of organizing the exam for the past six years are beyond those who have not had the opportunity to lead a program of this size. This year's program, not unlike any of the past six years, required the organization of 10 different segments of the exam, including 84 people involved in the OEC practical and bystander problems. The Eastern Division owes Steve a resounding debt of gratitude for the great job he has done during his tenure.

This year's exam was held at Sugarbush North, Mt Ellen, Vermont over the April 1st through April 3rd weekend. The fog and rain made it a relatively uncomfortable weekend particularly for those who volunteered to act as patients for the OEC portion of the exam. Friday, ski and toboggan skills day, afforded the candidates somewhat less than ideal conditions because of reduced visibility. Nevertheless the exam went on. At the end of the weekend the Eastern Division had four new Certified Patrollers:

Scott Davis	Loon Mountain, NH Region	#637
Bill Smith	Wisp, WAPP Region	#638
Greg Boberg	Holiday Valley, WNY Region	#639
John Zajac	Holiday Valley, WNY Region	#640

Congratulations to these new members.

The Certified program is about dedication to service and quality of participation along with many contributions to the improvement of the National Ski Patrol. You will find Certified patrollers in every aspect of patrolling from training new recruits to the Division Director. Longevity in the program is difficult because of the stringent requirement of recertification every three years. Patrollers in the Certified program have given much to the improvement of the program. Occasionally we honor Certified

## Division Election Committee Report

by Chris Jaquith, Chair

The meeting was called to order. In attendance along with the chair were committee members Brian Downing (SVT), Donald Weaver (WNY) for Mary Lyn Boberg, Diane Hastings (EMARI) for Ken Costa, and guest Teigh Southworth (NVT).

Following are the results of the 2005 Region elections:

Region	Elected RD	Appointed Alternate RD	Voter Turnout
WMASS	Fred Leukroth	Bryan Sinclair	
NJ	Chris Brodersen	Sue Ellen Helmacy	
NH	Bob O'Connell	Peter Kaufman	42%
CNY	Bert Ebeling	Jim Smith	82%
ENY	Peter Neefus	John Beach	
NVT	Chris Jaquith	Teigh Southworth	70%
GV	Mike Lord	Bob Smith	

These results have been respectfully submitted to the Eastern Division Board.

There was a lot of discussion about the election process as half of the regions have held elections and the other half are trying to get ready for this fall and looking for information. To date the election process seems to be working well but the following issues were identified:

- There is a quality control issue that requires use of the summer roster as a check list.
- There should be plans for absentee balloting if needed.
- There also needs to be a time line and procedure for contesting the election and the destruction of ballots.
- There will be a form for reporting results so that needed information is obtained.
- The Division Election Committee needs the names of the Region election Chair/Committee.

Our goal is to compile an election packet which will contain sample forms, ballots, nomination process information, suggested calendar, contact information, reporting forms, voter checklist information, bylaws information, and best practices. \*

patrollers with an award for their continuing service and dedication to the program. This year we honored two patrollers with lifetime Certified awards:

Dick Christie	Sugarbush, VT Region	Certified #190
Bill Freyman	Canaan Valley, WAPP Region	Certified #210

Congratulations to Bill and Dick, and thanks to both for their years of service to the program.

Next year's exam will be held at Cannon Mountain in New Hampshire on March 24-26, 2006.

I look forward to serving as the Eastern Division Certified Chairman. \*

## WILLIS WENDELL II

National Appointment #1509, Willis Wendell, of Menands, NY died at age 89 on January 21, 2005.

As a member of the Albany Ski Patrol, he skied actively and served as a First Aid Trainer for the Red Cross and ski patrol. In Buffalo he continued as a First Aid Instructor for the Western New York Regional Patrol.

He was a veteran U.S. Ski Association Alpine Race Official and served as referee at the U.S. National Alpine Championships at Glen Ellen in 1970. In addition, he was an Eastern Ski Association Qualified Amateur Instructor and Proficiency Test Judge.

He was employed by Wallace and Tiernan in Albany and later in Buffalo and also served in the Navy in World War II in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. \*

*Don Page, NSP #2182  
Former Division Director*

## REES HARRIS

The Catamount Ski Patrol lost one of its most stalwart and dedicated members on September 7, 2004. William R. Harris, age 87, of Salisbury, CT, was known to all as Rees. He was awarded his National Appointment #3751 for his outstanding service and commitment. Rees was an active member for over 45 years and in his later years was an Auxiliary member. For many of those years he was a First Aid and CPR Instructor for his patrol.

Rees' commitment to emergency services and skiing ran deep and also included time as a member of the 10th Mountain Division in World War II as well as time served as an EMT on his local ambulance squad. Over the years he had the opportunity to ski at many areas throughout Europe and North America; however, he called Catamount his home. In addition to being a senior patroller and EMT he initiated the start of emergency medical services in his home state of Connecticut. He was the first Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Emergency Medical Services and wrote the state's first ambulance regulations. He was also the founder of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service and one of the first EMS instructors in Connecticut.

A graduate of the Hotchkiss School and Williams College, he enlisted in the Army in 1942 serving with the 10th Mountain and the 38th Infantry. He was awarded numerous ribbons and medals including the Bronze Star Medal for "meritorious achievement in combat."

He is survived by his wife, Ginny, who has also been a member of Catamount's Patrol, his son, William, daughter, Laura and three grandchildren.

The Catamount Ski Patrol mourns the loss of a long-time friend. \*

*Fred Harder  
Catamount Ski Patrol, ENY*

## RICHARD M. HILL

A member of the Greek Peak Ski Patrol since 1958 died unexpectedly on January 16, 2005, in Ireland doing one of the many things he loved in life. Rick was on a fox hunting vacation with friends and family when he was stricken with a massive cardiac arrest.

Whether in the courtroom, classroom or being the master of ceremonies at the annual patrol banquet, Rick loved to be around people. It was Rick's combination of intelligence, sense of humor, and ever-present mischievous smile that made people love to be around him.

Rick who held National Appointment #5932 was a long-time Binghamton, NY lawyer, Binghamton University professor, and former Broome County Legislator. Rick, who was 68 years old when he died, was always doing something and always had an interesting story to tell. "He was a showman, but not a show-off" as Rick's girlfriend of the last seven years, Terry Ryan said.

Rick was primarily a trial lawyer who knew his way around the courtroom and knew how to relate to all the people in the courtroom. A former law partner, John Stefflick, Jr. remembered Rick as a lawyer who had a good rapport with the jury. "They paid a lot of attention to him. He really enjoyed talking to people. All of the trials he was engaged in - it was him basically talking to people."

All of us who knew Rick as a patroller also saw an engaging person with a big grin who could talk to anyone at any level. He was the patrol's legal counsel and as such kept us out of touchy situations from time to time. Rick liked to point out that during his tenure at Greek Peak he had the opportunity to fire or reprimand most of the patrol's leaders, myself included.

Rick had a self-effacing humor and loved a good "lawyer joke." He worked hard at his law practice, professorship, and all of his varied jobs including patrolling. He dedicated thousands of hours over the years to the patrol, writing bylaws and conducting mock trials and risk management seminars.

Rick also dedicated a part of his life when the work was done to having fun. With a passion for all physical activities, some of his activities included fox hunting, sailing, skiing, racquetball and "canoeing" on the slopes of Greek Peak in the spring. Rick, who was fond of his Adirondack canoe, would rack it on the roof of his equally fond

"Old Jeep CJ" in the spring. Once at Greek Peak he would trek it uphill. The idea was to load two willing/naïve and new patrollers in the canoe with paddles. A third patroller on skis with a tail rope was added for an attempt at "control." Needless to say the canoe needed to be repaired some years and there were not any second time riders in the canoe.

All of us will fondly remember Rick as a gentleman who lived life to the fullest. He went through life attracting and keeping close to him family and friends whom he always took care of and remembered. It is impossible to find a picture of Rick where he isn't smiling and engaged in a physical activity.

His wife, Katherine, predeceased him. Rick is survived by his three daughters and sons-in law, Kimberly Perrot, Kerrington Hill (Garland McCoy) and Courtney Hill (Devon Fuller). His two brothers Clark and David also survive Rick along with four grandchildren and his dear companion Terry Ryan.

All of us on the Greek Peak Ski Patrol share this loss with his family and his many friends outside of the patrol. \*

*John Megivern  
Greek Peak Ski Patrol, CNY*

## GILLES (GIL) LEVESQUE 1934-2005

Gil Levesque was big, not just in stature but in the minds of his fellow patrollers on the Mount Southington Ski Patrol in Connecticut. He had the complete respect of the patrol and patrollers he worked with, not only as a leader but as their friend and fellow skier.

Gil died suddenly in his sleep at the end of the ski season. He leaves behind his wife Anne, his children Kelli and Shawn and their families and his brother Alan and his family. Gil was a lifelong resident of Bristol, CT and worked at New Departure for 37 years as a tool and die maker.

Gil was one of those people that, when he spoke, everyone listened. Gil started patrolling as the very first patroller on the Mount Southington Ski Patrol in 1963. He agreed to start the patrol and he did so by visiting ski clubs to recruit patrollers to staff his fledgling patrol. As the first Patrol Leader, Gil built a foundation upon which a great patrol has been built. Back in the days before radios Gil never needed a whistle. His booming voice could be heard easily. Gil's students would tell you he was a tough but fair teacher. He demanded a lot from his patrollers and they are all better for it. One of his trainees, his brother Alan, is a past Region Director for the Connecticut Region and continues Gil's training traditions at the patrol. Gil became a

Senior very early in his career and was one of the first members of the Senior Evaluator Team in Connecticut when the Senior Program was still in its infancy. It was not long before Gil's contributions were recognized and he was awarded National Appointment #5046. No one deserved it more.

Gil never slowed down. He loved his motorcycle often taking long cross country trips; he sailed, fished and enjoyed scuba diving. He was an avid hunter and the Patrollers often enjoyed venison stew and steaks thanks to his skill. A number of years ago Gil retired from the Patrol but he was always there. In his words he skied "every day that the sun shined." Gil lived his life to the fullest and enjoyed all of it. Although his beaming smile, booming voice and warm personality will be dearly missed, he will always be with us in heart and spirit and his training traditions will live on. \*

## DR. FELIX H. (BEBE) MILLER 1928-2005

To those that knew him, "BeBe" was someone who loved life and had the ability to make others feel that they were important to him...which they were.

He joined the Seven Springs Ski Patrol in 1988 and was one of the first Medical Advisors the patrol had. His way of talking to others never gave a hint of what he did in real life.

His love for skiing, patrolling, and the patrollers showed every time he came to the Springs. A practicing obstetrician in Pittsburgh, PA, he spent a great deal of time helping with the new candidate classes and used his expertise as a physician to teach childbirth or whatever other subject was needed.

His smile, wit and friendship will be sadly missed by anyone that had the good fortune to have known him. \*

*Guy Lombardo  
Section Chief, WAPP*

It is not easy for any patrol to lose a patroller. This year Holiday Valley in WNY lost three of its own.

**DENNIS BRIGHT**, an active patroller with 38 years of patrolling died on March 7, 2005. He was a past patrol director and held National Appointment #6627.

**SAMUEL BRAGG** had 25 years of service at Holiday, was a past officer of the patrol, and held National Appointment #3224. He passed away on April 3, 2005.

**DANA MOORE** died on April 14, 2005. He had only completed three years of service when he was diagnosed with cancer. He worked as much as possible during his 4th year.

There will be a large void in the patrol at Holiday Valley next year. \*

## National Ski Patrol Eastern Division For Years Ending March 31

	Proposed & Revised 06 Budget	YTD 05 Actual	FY 2005 Budget	& Revised 06 Budget	YTD 05 Actual	FY 2005 Budget
Budget Revised by JLB, 4/24/05						
Budget Prepared by JLB						
<b>INCOME</b>						
Registration Receipts	322,000	319,833	324,000			
Cost of Registration - NSP	(250,000)	(245,000)	(252,000)			
Active Registration Income	72,000	74,833	72,000			
Alumni Registrations	5,110	5,650	5,110			
Alumni Regist. To Regions	(2,555)	(2,240)	(2,555)			
Alumni net Registrations	2,555	3,410	2,555			
Contributions	1,000	929	1,500			
Fund raising	1,500	1,815	1,000			
Interest and investment gain or loss	7,500	10,219	200			
Program income:						
Avalanche	1,900	5,780	2,000			
Certified	2,200	320	5,000			
Instructor Development	500	0	0			
Lift Evacuation	0	0	0			
Mountain, Travel & Rescue	1,000	908	500			
Nordic	150	120	1,000			
Outdoor Emerg. Care	2,500	2,492	3,000			
Risk Management	0	0	0			
Ski & Toboggan	3,000	2,948	14,000			
Senior in a Weekend	4,000	3,565				
Student Program	750	750	750			
Trail Sweep Ads	0	0	0			
Other	1,500	0	1,500			
Total program income	17,500	16,883	27,750			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	102,055	108,089	105,005			
Less: Expenses	103,550	90,831	122,750			
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	(1,495)	17,258	(17,745)			
	Proposed					

	& Revised 06 Budget	YTD 05 Actual	FY 2005 Budget
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Alumni	1,000	992	500
Asst. Division Directors	-	1,459	6,000
Audit reserve	500	-	-
Avalanche	3,000	9,756	3,000
Avalanche, additional equipment	6,000	-	-
Awards	1,500	1,724	1,000
Board Reps. (3)	-	3,744	-
Certified	1,500	1,254	5,400
Depreciation			
Division Director	3,500	2,602	4,500
Div Dir Nat'l board meetings	1,500	-	-
Fund-Raising	1,500	-	1,500
Governance/Implementation Committee	-	-	2,500
Instructor Development	10,400	2,552	1,300
Internet/Web Page	950	-	950
Legal & Medical	1,500	648	1,500
Medical	100	-	100
Meeting	5,500	5,380	5,000
Memorial	500	436	500
Member Directory	-	-	-
Mountain, Travel & Rescue	2,300	2,269	3,400
MTR Equipment allocation	2,000	-	-
Nominations/Elections	100	-	100
Nordic	1,500	1,134	2,900
Outdoor Emerg. Care	10,000	9,731	14,000
OEC Fund to support Student	1,000	-	-
Printing	400	400	-
Professional Advisor	200	-	200
Registration office	12,000	11,357	16,000
Risk Management	-	-	-
Scholarships	-	-	-
Senior in a weekend	6,000	5,918	5,000
Show Booth S/H/R	500	500	-
Ski & Toboggan	13,000	12,371	27,500
S & T support for Student Prog	1,000	-	-
Special and capital Projects	1,600	4,607	5,000
Student Patroller	3,000	3,177	1,000
Telecommunications	-	-	-
Trail Sweep	9,000	8,715	12,000
Treasurer	1,000	1,005	1,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	103,550	90,831	122,750
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	(1,495)	17,258	(17,745)



## HELP!

I am looking for Eastern Division ski area stickers to put on my ski box? My goal is to plaster the entire box with area stickers from all 220 plus patrols. Here is a picture that shows how barren it currently looks. You can send them to me, or put them in the envelope with the registration information that gets sent to Donna McGraw and I can get them from her.

Thanks!  
Rick Hamlin

## Assets & Liabilities

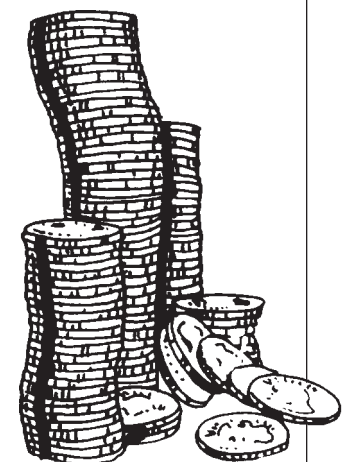
	March 31, 2005	March 31, 2004
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$36,945	\$46,965
Investments (at market value)	304,243	279,111
Program revenues receivable	10,793	940
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$351,980	\$327,016
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Accounts payable	\$9,531	\$1,825
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	9,531	1,825
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted:	303,486	286,961
Temporarily restricted	1,690	1,057
Permanently restricted	37,273	37,173
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	342,449	325,191
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	\$351,980	\$327,016

## Cash Flow

	Year Ended March 31, 2005	Year Ended March 31, 2004
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in net assets	\$17,258	\$61,135
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Non cash changes in invested funds	(10,131)	(48,096)
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	(9,853)	(940)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	7,706	1,825
Net transfers from invested funds to operating cash	(15,000)	10,000
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	(10,020)	23,924
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	(10,020)	23,924
<b>CASH - BEGINNING</b>	46,965	23,041
<b>CASH - ENDING</b>	\$36,945	\$46,965

## Activities

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	March-05 Total	March-04 Total
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Program revenues	\$16,883			\$16,883	26,585
Registration revenue	80,483			80,483	74,723
Contributions	829		\$100	929	1,095
Fundraising	1,815			1,815	1,710
Value increase in investment funds	6,029			6,029	46,388
Investment income	6,408	\$633		7,041	3,616
Net assets released from restrictions:					
Purpose restrictions	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	112,447	633	100	113,180	154,117
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Audit	-			-	1,000
Bank & Investment fees	3,053			3,053	2,153
Fundraising	-			-	1,691
Miscellaneous	446			446	-
Meetings	-			-	2,156
Postage	665			665	-
Alumni refunds	2,240			2,240	1,805
Stipend	10,200			10,200	8,800
Scholarships	3,992			3,992	900
Telephone	868			868	-
Travel	29,166			29,166	-
Program expenses	45,290			45,290	70,526
Special Projects	-			-	3,950
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	95,921	-	-	95,921	92,982
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	16,525	633	100	17,258	61,135
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING</b>	286,961	1,057	37,173	325,191	264,056
<b>NET ASSETS - ENDING</b>	\$303,486	\$1,690	\$37,273	\$342,449	\$325,191



## Functional

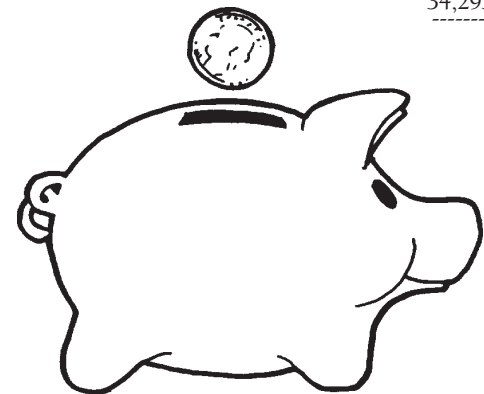
	Alumni Program	Awards Program	Avalanche Program	Certified Program	Instructor Development	Memorial Fund	Mountain Travel Program	Nordic Program
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Program revenues			\$5,780	\$320			\$908	\$120
Registration revenue	\$5,650							
Contributions						\$100		
Fundraising				850				
Value increase in investment funds						(28)		
Interest income						633		
Allocate to Student program	(2,500)							
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,780</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Bank and investment fees	150							
Miscellaneous	189							
Postage								
Alumni refunds	2,240							
Stipend								
Scholarships			2,492				1,500	
Telephone								
Travel		456	990	373	1,113	379	638	778
Program expenses	803	1,268	6,274	881	1,439	57	131	356
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,232</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>9,756</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>1,134</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$(82)</b>	<b>\$(1,724)</b>	<b>\$(3,976)</b>	<b>\$(84)</b>	<b>\$(2,552)</b>	<b>\$119</b>	<b>\$(1,361)</b>	<b>\$(1,014)</b>

## Functional (cont'd)

Outdoor Emergency Care Program	Senior in a Weekend	Ski & Toboggan Program	Registration Program	Student Program	Trail Sweep	Management and General	Div Directors ADD's	Total
\$2,492	\$3,565	\$2,948		\$750				\$16,883
			\$74,833	320		\$509		80,483
						965		929
						6,057		1,815
						6,408		6,029
				2,500				7,041
								-
<b>2,492</b>	<b>3,565</b>	<b>2,948</b>	<b>74,833</b>	<b>3,570</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,939</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,180</b>
			202			2,701		\$3,053
						257		446
						665		665
								2,240
			10,200					10,200
								3,992
								868
6,868		7,376		1,569		868	7,041	29,166
2,863	5,918	4,995	955	1,608	8,715	1,586	765	45,290
<b>9,731</b>	<b>5,918</b>	<b>12,371</b>	<b>11,357</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>8,715</b>	<b>14,340</b>	<b>7,805</b>	<b>95,921</b>
<b>\$(7,239)</b>	<b>\$(2,353)</b>	<b>\$(9,423)</b>	<b>\$63,476</b>	<b>\$393</b>	<b>\$(8,715)</b>	<b>\$(401)</b>	<b>\$(7,805)</b>	<b>\$17,258</b>

## Invested Funds

	3/312005			
	Cost	Value		
Gage Wiley			UBS Financial Services, Inc. General Fund	
American Balanced Fund CL B	61,151	73,379	UBS Pace Global Fixed Income CL P	1,329
Cash, Money funds	5,950	5,950	UBS Pace Govt sec fixed CL P	5,910
	=====	=====	UBS Pace Int Fix Inc CL P	3,216
	67,101	79,329	UBS Pace Lg Company Growth CL P	8,210
UBS Financial Services, Inc. Memorial Fund			UBS Pace Int'l emerging mkts equity CL P	1,911
Mortgage backed security	244	239	UBS Pace Lg Company Value CL P	10,425
PIMCO RCM Innovation fnd CL B	3,694	856	UBS Pace Int'l equity CL P	5,484
Putnam Vista Fnd CL B	4,087	2,155	UBS Pace Sm/Med Growth cl P	3,610
Van Kampen Emerging Growth Fnd CL B	3,959	1,703	UBS Pace Sm/Med value cl P	3,384
Money funds	22,309	22,309	UBS Pace Money fund CL P	4,920
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	34,293	27,262		67,712
			Merrill Lynch	
			Cash	47,271
			Govt agencies	9,864
			Equities	60,023
			Mutual Funds	2,566
			Accrued income	81
				95
				-----
				119,805
				-----
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>269,598</b>
				<b>304,243</b>
				=====



## Student Seminar at Bretton Woods

*by Jerry Hyson, Student Advisor*

Sincere thanks go out to all who made the Division Student Program successful this year. Many patrol and region clinics were held in preparation for our annual division training seminar, which was at Bretton Woods Ski Area, New Hampshire, March 18-21. Thanks to the dedication of many, including the staff and patrol at Bretton Woods, we had one of the most successful years. Participants are raving about how enjoyable the event was and cannot wait for another year.

Attendance at the seminar totaled more than 80 including advisors and staff representing eight regions and 30 students.

The three core components were emphasized – skiing, toboggan handling, and OEC. The program was enhanced by a mock emergency rescue of missing persons. The search and rescue was organized and lead by Craig Larson and Scott Rockefeller. The students were responsible for organizing a search team to find the missing skier, assess their injuries and transport them back to base – all late at night. This was a fun activity that focused around working as a group and leadership skills.

Performance evaluations were successfully completed and 12 award plaques were presented to the following patrollers.

### OVERALL

Kristina Casper, NJ

### SKIING

1st Alex Thom, EPA  
2nd Anastasia Fournier, SVT  
3rd James March, EMARI

### TOBOGGAN

1st Kristina Casper, NJ  
2nd Alex Thom, EPA  
3rd James March, EMARI

### OEC

1st – Amanda Collins, SVT  
2nd – Josh Gregg, SVT  
3rd – Jakki Leger, EMARI

### ASSESSMENT

1st – Joe Migliaccio, WMASS  
2nd – Josh Gregg, SVT  
3rd – Jakki Leger, EMARI

Congratulations to the winners and all the participants for a tough competition!

Special thanks to Dan Pascucci and Craig Larson, seminar coordinators, for their outstanding work assisting in putting on this event. Many thanks go to Dave Walker, S & T coordinator; Scott Rockefeller, OEC coordinator; and all the instructors for contributing their time and effort. The Division Director, Rick Hamlin and the alumni also supported financial assistance for this program, which is greatly appreciated. Laura Tucker, former student advisor, also contributed her time and dedication to the smooth running of the program.

We look forward to the Student Training Seminar in 2006, to be held at Jimmy Peak March 17-20. \*



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## We Have A WINNER!

*by Steve Schopfer, Marketing Committee Chair*

In the last edition of *Trail Sweep*, the Marketing Committee of the newly formed Eastern Division Board of Directors put out a request to all patrollers of the Eastern Division to use their talents to assist the Division in developing a new logo. Boy, did we get a response...28 submissions from 15 patrollers and their families!

The Marketing Committee is comprised of Meg Smith, RD SNY, John Beach, Past RD ENY, Peter Huffman, SC NH, and Jack Peck, SC EPA. The committee corresponded over the winter months and came up with three recommendations to the Board. In a blind selection during the Board Meeting at the Hunter Mountain Senior in a Weekend Program, the Board reviewed all the selections and came up with very close results. Remember, the colors had to be easily reproducible on a patch, show the 15 Regions that comprise the Division, and use the triangle that represents our history.

Lisa Vessella was the winner!! Lisa's father and sister are both patrollers. Lisa attended the Spring Officers' Meeting in Albany on April 23 where the new logo was rolled out to the membership. Lisa then stayed for the awards banquet where she received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the Division and a framed enlargement of the logo that was signed by all the Region Directors.

Congratulations Lisa!!!

