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## It's Been A Long Year

by Rick Hamlin, Division Director

It is hard to believe that one year ago we were just completing our first season under the new Eastern Division Bylaws and Patrollers were experiencing the ability to cast their votes directly for Region Directors. Within the Division, Patrollers were able to have significant input into the direction of our organization. At the National level it appeared that the opposite was occurring. At our last Spring Officers' Meeting, the Region Directors and Delegates of the Eastern Division unanimously voted that Patrollers concerns be brought to the National Board. I had the privilege of carrying our message of concern and suggestions for change to the National Board meeting in June. The rest, as they say, is history. In brief, we asked for change, we were told no, we went to court, the court agreed with us, we voted, and the National Bylaws were changed. While it takes but a sentence to describe, the process took almost the entire year and took countless hours of effort and significant expense. Yes, pages could be written about what has occurred over the last year, and perhaps someday someone will compile

all of the details of this very important point in NSP history, but documented or not, there is no question that both the effort and the expense were well worth the results. Patrollers now have a direct vote for our National Board Members and, through that vote, a very real say in the direction of our organization at the National level.

Is it all over? In a word, no. Unfortunately, for many Patrollers the National Board's "Level of Trust" account in their leadership bank is severely overdrawn. It will take some time and many deposits before Patrollers feel that they may stop scrutinizing what our National Board is doing, which certainly makes being a Board Member more difficult. So let your National Board know how you feel, but please always do so in a polite and respectful manner. As I write this, the court case brought against the NSP last summer has just been fully dismissed today with all parties in agreement. We hope that this closure denotes a chance for the Division and National leadership to step off at least all headed in the same general direction and from this true

healing of our organization may begin.

As leaders of the NSP there are two very important lessons to be learned from the events of the past year that we should never forget. The first is that Patrollers do care very deeply about our organization. The second is that NSP leaders work for the Patrollers of the NSP.

What's next? A National Nominating Committee has been formed to identify the candidates for the next election for the National Board of Directors. All members will have a chance to vote for those candidates in the coming year. Please take the time to cast your vote for the candidates that you feel will best represent Patrollers, this year and in the years to come. When a Patroller approaches me now expressing unhappiness about our National organization, the first question that I always ask is "did you vote?" To my mind, if Patrollers neglect their responsibility to vote, they lose the privilege to complain, simple as that.

I would like to use this forum to thank all of the Region officers and staff for doing such a fantastic job in keeping Patrollers informed over the past year

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# Eastern Division Spring Officers' Meeting

DESMOND HOTEL, ALBANY, NY APRIL 28 – 30, 2006

## Opening and Welcome

Division Director Rick Hamlin convened the Spring Officers' meeting on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 9:00a.m.

## Pledge of Allegiance

### Recognized Patrollers who are no longer with us:

CT – Mary Humphrey, John Hull, Karl Peck, Delphine Dortenzio; NJ – Jack Kurlander; NH - Kevin Delahanty; WNY - Hugh Roden, SGT 1<sup>st</sup> Class Robert Derenda, John Beverage, Willis Wendell II, Wyman Ansley, Sam Bragg, Dana Moore, Dennis Bright, Gloria Krull, Kenneth Schoonover, Margaret Laski; SNY – John Raftery, Sol Nichohienko, Bruce Choote, Benson Rogers, Ken Hanson, Bobra Kramer, Preston Perlman; CNY – Angelo Contaldo; ENY – Joan Wilkinson, William “Doc” Charles, Ed Koch, Israel “Izzy” Slutzsky; EPA – John Stisowain, Dick Gray; WApp – William Heilman, Larry Athen; NVT – Dick Dale; GVly – Dick Doyle, Charlie Eferidge; Fred Graham, Special Olympics Guide; Mammoth Mountain, CA – Charles Rosenthal, James Juarez, John McAndrews.

## Review and Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion by O’Connell/Randolph to accept the agenda as written. Carried

## Introduction of Division Staff, Advisors and Program Supervisors:

Division Secretary, Donna McGraw; Division Treasurer, Jeff Barcus; Avalanche, Rick Shandler; OEC, Bill DeVarney; Instructor Development, Noel Rios; Mountain Travel Rescue, Greg Banner; (Ski and Toboggan, Keith Pomeroy is in Denver).

## Advisors

Alumni	Al Pels
Awards	Bill Boulter
Legal	Bob Scarlett
Assistant Legal	Henry Williams
Historian	Ellie Jessum (absent)
Medical	Jeffrey Lozman (absent)
Memorial Fund	David Nelson
Nordic	Greg France
Professional	Bruce Dougherty (absent)
Risk Management	Steve Neil/Doug Holler, (absent)



Special Olympics	Gerry Clark
Student Liaison	Jerry Hyson
Telecommunications	Dick Woolf (absent)
Trail Sweep Editor	Laura Tucker
Webmaster	Bill Gamble
Certified	Dave Walker (absent)

**Introduction of Guests:** Bela Musits, National Board Member; Larry Bost, Past National OEC Program Director

**Past Officers:** Past Eastern Division Directors Don Page and Jerry Sherman. Past Region Directors John Beach and Steve Hastings.

**Proxies Recognized for April 28-29, 2006:** CT – Ron Ellison for SC Roger Stevenson; WMA Fred Leukroth for SC Richard Andriole; NH – Robert O’Connell for SC Don Clark, SC John Brown (4/30), and SC Stefanie Costello (4/30); SNY – Meg Smith for SC Donna Kirby; ENY – John Beach for RD Peter Neefus (4/28), Peter Neefus for SC Bob Sullivan; NVT – Christian Jaquith for SC Adam Cook; SVT – Terry Randolph for Garry Keane; GVly – Mike Lord for Region Representative John McManus.

## Introduction of Officers:

### Region Directors:

Burt Mitchell	Connecticut
Darryl Trafford	Maine
Fred Leukroth	Western Massachusetts
John Shipman	EasternMassachusetts/ Rhode Island
Chris Brodersen	New Jersey
Bob O’Connell	New Hampshire
Don Weaver	Western New York
Meg Smith	Southern New York
Bert Ebeling	Central New York
Peter Neefus	Eastern New York
Gerit Lewisch	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
Ron Ellison	CT Housatonic (Proxy)
John Steeves	ME Central
Gerry Desjardins	ME South

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Ted Hawksley	ME North (Absent)
Fred Leukroth	WMA Region Delegate (Proxy)
Bryan Sinclair	WMA Region Delegate
Trish Watson	WMA Region Delegate
Kim Fletcher	EMARI Northern (Absent)
John Caron	EMARI Western
Gregor Trinkaus-Randall	EMARI Southern
Sue Ellen Helmacy	NJ Region Delegate
John Brown	NH Northern (O'Connell proxy on Sunday)
Bob O'Connell	NH Central (Proxy)
Stefanie Costello	NH Southern (O'Connell proxy on Sunday)
Kenneth Black	WNY Region Representative
Mary Lyn Boberg	WNY Region Representative
Clark Goodrich	SNY Northern Catskill
Meg Smith	SNY Southern Catskill (Proxy)
Brian Bamberger	CNY Headwaters
John Tuttle	CNY Iroquois
Tom Sciacca	ENY Northern Adirondack
Peter Neefus	ENY Southern Adirondack (Proxy)
Allan 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
Doris Rollins	WAPP Southern
Teigh Southworth	NVT Northern
Christian Jaquith	NVT Southern (Proxy)
Terry Randolph	SVT Southern (Proxy)
Brian Downing	SVT Northern
Mike Lord	GVLY Region Representative (Proxy)
Bob Smith	GVLY Region Representative

Rick Hamlin determined that a quorum was present.

#### Appointment of Parliamentarian

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

Peter Neefus opposed

#### Minutes from April 2005 Officers' Meeting – Albany NY

Moved by Stinsmen/Watson to waive reading of 2005 minutes and accept as distributed. Carried

#### 2005-2006 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 will be published in *Trail Sweep*.

It was suggested that to the greatest extent possible, budget expenditures need to be accessible by Patrollers so that all members may know how their money is being spent, especially for extraordinary purposes. Discussion followed. It was also suggested that during the budget review and approval process that a motion be made from the delegates to support the Region Directors in having funds for extraordinary purposes, such as legal costs. It might include a cap that could be discussed and then voted on. If the Board needed to exceed that cap, they would call a special meeting to get approval to exceed that amount.

Moved by Schopfer/Lord to accept the Treasurer's report as distributed. Carried

#### Division Committee and Program Reports

Outdoor Emergency Care Program: Mike Lord: Our committee met electronically to review four resumes for the Administrative Supervisor's position. They were – Bill DeVarney, Paul Tracy, Ed Hirshman, and Scott Rockefeller. The selection of the committee was Bill DeVarney. Our suggestion was approved by Ed McNamara. Bill DeVarney is the new OEC Administrative Supervisor. Scott Rockefeller's resume was also given to Bill for consideration as the new Supervisor to replace Bill DeVarney. Mike asked that if anyone knew of others interested in the open Supervisor's position, please send it on to him or any of his committee staff.

Ski & Toboggan Program: Report Distributed

Instructor Development Program: Report Distributed

Avalanche Program: The new Division Avalanche Advisor is Rick Shandler. Report distributed.

Mountain Travel/Rescue Program: Supervisor Greg Banner – 70 people completed training so far this year. At Division level, the emphasis has been to expand the program into the northeastern part of the Division. The I/T and instructor staff have volunteered to assist in those regions. For 2007, efforts will be made to continue to expand the program in NH, VT and Maine. In conjunction with the Avalanche and Nordic programs, it is hoped to be able to offer some expanded continuing education classes. We will try to offer at least one MTR2 course during the year.

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**Nomination and Election Committee:** New Chair, Don Weaver, suggested we have an event timeline outline. The Region Director process is the only election we are interested in. Need to know who the Regions' Election Chairpersons are. If you change or modify your region bylaws in any way, please send them to Don's committee. This year's Region Director election results:

CT – Burt Mitchell

ME – Darryl Trafford

EMARI – John Shipman

WNY – Donald Weaver

SNY – Meg Smith

EPA – Gerit Lewisch

WAPP – Steve Schopfer

SVT – Terry Randolph

**Finance Committee:** Fred Leukroth recognized his committee for outstanding input and dedication. The report distributed also contains the committee's Investment draft. Suggestion was to go to a single financial advisor or single broker. The overall funds do not warrant being divided three different ways.

**Bylaws Committee:** Don Page reported that we have two amendments which will be coming up under New Business.

**Public Relations Committee:** New Chair John Shipman talked about the Boston Ski Show and other public relations efforts that might be aimed at the Patroller level.

**Marketing Committee:** Chair Steve Schopfer thanked John Beach for getting the displays to where they should be. A \$3,000 line item appears in the budget. That could be used for posters we are working on, bumper stickers, etc. A picture has already been submitted for poster consideration. Division Director Hamlin gave the committee a CD with a photo that we have purchased the rights to use.

**Trail Sweep Advisory:** Chair Darryl Trafford again reiterated their agreement with Laura Tucker. If we didn't like the way things were then step up. If things were going right, then leave her alone. Leave her alone is what they did.

**World Wide Web Committee:** Chair Bill Gamble and member Clark Goodrich reported on the potential use of "Open Office" for opening and using files throughout the Division. They also had assembled a CD with the Policies and Procedures, Bylaws, calendar, etc., on it. This is now available to all Region Directors and interested parties. Bill now needs Fall information for the calendar.

The current goal is to place all forms used in the Eastern Division on the website. They will be presented in a format that will allow Patrollers to fill them out and send them in electronically. If you have forms that you use for your programs, make sure you send them to Laura Tucker at [muthrtuckr@yahoo.com](mailto:muthrtuckr@yahoo.com). Also, please send electronically to Laura, reports submitted to the Spring meeting for inclusion in *Trail Sweep* and she will forward them to Bill for posting on the Division website.

Please update your Region websites and ask that your Patrollers keep their email and roster information up to date on the National web site.

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I wish to thank all the Region officers and staff for doing such a fantastic job in keeping Patrollers informed over the past year regarding all of the breaking issues and the Region Directors for all of their support. Most of all, I would especially like to thank all of the Patrollers who worked their way through the sometimes cumbersome

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voting process to let their voices be heard. Without them, the outcome of what occurred this past year would be very different.

It's hard for me to believe that my two year term has come to an end. The first year went by extremely fast, and there were times that I thought this past year would never end. Throughout it all, it has been my honor to be a caretaker of the title of Division Director.

Motion by Brodersen/Neefus to accept all Division reports. Carried

Motion by Neefus/M. Smith that all reports, with the exception of the budgetary report, be posted on the website. Carried

Amendment to that motion by Brodersen/Lewisich that the Treasurer's report not be posted as it will appear in *Trail Sweep* where it will be available to all Patrollers. Carried

**National Board Presentation/Questions:** Bela Musits, new National Board Member.

Attended a Board orientation meeting in Denver with the five new Board members. A business meeting is planned this coming June.

We need to elect a new National Chair. I believe we should poll Board members, ask who wants the position. The Board members need to set up an election process for the National Chair. We need better communication/leadership skills. We will be working on that.

Executive Director Mark Dorsey. We need to do a national search for his position.

We need to figure out how to get the past behind us. It will take time, but it will happen.

I put myself on the Budget committee. The dues increase – why do we need an increase? Where is the money going? Whether the dues increase is zero or \$20, we need to know those answers. The increase will be reviewed by the Finance committee. I encourage everyone to write to the National Board to reconsider the dues increase.

The Nomination process. The Board appoints two members to the Nominating committee. The Division Directors appoint two to the committee. Together they appoint one. Those five select the Chairman for the Nominating committee. We will need six new Board members this fall.

Dissolving Divisions. I have never heard anything about that. It's clear in the Not-for-Profit world that scrutiny is coming down from the IRS and being able to maintain your Not-for-Profit status. Example: If a patrol in

Division "A" does a fund raiser under Not-for-Profit for a new patrol room and then gives it to the ski area – that is illegal. Not only is that organization in jeopardy but, depending on the relationships, it could put the whole organization in jeopardy. We could lose our Not-for-Profit status.

Confidentiality Clause. At the orientation meeting there was a confidentiality clause presented as a part of the Code of Conduct. We modified it. We came to the conclusion that it was way too restrictive. The Board meetings are open and we need to post the minutes. Executive sessions are still confidential.

Would he run for National Chair? Being Chairman – it's a ton of work. If the Governance committee suggests it, then I may.

Executive Director. That was put aside this winter. In June I hope to leave the Board meeting with that search in place.

OEC copyright. I don't know what the facts are. Yes indeed we did sell all the rights and we don't own the copyright to that any more. Or, no we still own the copyright and the contents but we have a long term relationship with the publisher and they will publish the next five issues. I don't really know the answer as to where we are with this.

Peter Neefus and Frey Aarnio presented a plaque to Bela, on behalf of Keith Pomeroy, for his dedicated participation in the Eastern Division Ski and Toboggan program.

**10th Mountain Memorial:** This past winter Rick traveled to the Central New York Region to Fort Drum for the unveiling of the 10th Mountain Memorial Cata-mountain statue. One of the items they gave us in return is a Catamount picture with plaque: "With profound thanks and heartfelt appreciation to the friends of the Catamounts, whose generous gifts made a vision of a 2nd Battalion 87th Infantry legacy and memorial monument 'Remembering the Catamounts' a reality." The plaque was given to Bryan Sinclair for safe keeping as his son is currently serving with the unit in Afghanistan.

**FIPS – Federation Internationale Des Patrouilles De Ski Congress 2007:** Being held in Utah at the Snowbird Ski Resort. \$880/person based on double occupancy. \$1230 for a single occupancy. Fee includes room, meals, transportation and lift tickets for seven days. All registrations must be for the full week. Deposit on booking \$100. Balance by November 1, 2006. See registration form for more pertinent details.

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**Guest of the Division:** Larry Bost – Past National OEC and Patrol Director at Hawksnest ski area. Larry said how impressed he is with the Eastern Division, its OEC staff and officers he has had the pleasure of working with. He talked about the National Patroller Immunity proposal which is fashioned after the Good Samaritan Act that is going to be recommended for action by the National Board. Larry also recommended that NSP leaders listen to your members. Keep working to make NSP better. Larry also stated that he would be glad to work with the Eastern Division any way that he can.

**Old Business:** Status of National issues: Rick brought everyone up to date. The common ground for all the Divisions included changing the way we vote for the National Board and how the Board gets nominated. The request to the Board in June was to send the DD's home with positive news. The Board questioned what the Division Directors told them. To answer the Board's question, the question was asked of the members. A petition was sent out and in a week over 10% of the membership responded. A vote was requested of the National Board, but rejected by them. The Judge ruled on an injunction to stop the Board vote. The members voted and approved changes to the National Bylaws and also elected new Board members under the new procedures. Recently a new lawsuit was brought by the National office. The Judge was asked to dismiss the original case even though the changes to the Bylaws had not yet been adopted by the National Board. The Bylaws changes approved by the members were finally adopted on Easter Sunday. All cases are now closed. Now we all need to work together. The current task of great importance is to find excellent candidates to fill the six National Board vacancies.

**New Business:** Medical Reserve Corps – Created as a part of the Homeland Security group. Rick needs a list of patrols who are interested in the pilot program. Right now we need at least eight to a dozen from a specific patrol and would like to have five or six Patrols volunteer for the pilot program. After the pilot program comes into existence, then individual patrollers may join up.

**Budget:** Motion by Knight/Lord to allow the Board of Directors the discretion to spend up to \$20,000 for unbudgeted extraordinary expenditures without requiring a joint vote of the Board and Region Delegates to authorize the expenditures. This limit shall not be exceeded without an affirmative vote of the Board and Region Delegates. Carried

Motion by Brodersen/M. Smith to amend the budget

from \$12,607 to \$32,607 related to legal fees for this year. T. Southworth clarified that this brings the total approved amount for legal fees to \$80,000 for this year and last. Carried

Motion by Southworth/Trinkauss-Randall to add to the expense side \$1,800 to the Nordic program, \$600 on the income side. Carried

Motion by O'Connell/Lewis that we add a line item of \$5,000 to cover Directors' and Officers' liability insurance. Carried

Ebeling/Trinkauss-Randall – Motion to move the question. All in favor of adopting the budget as amended and presented. Carried

Adjourned at 3:00p.m. Saturday

Meeting reconvened on Sunday, April 30, 8:00a.m.

**Eastern Division Repository:** Gregor Trinkauss-Randall, EMARI Section Chief and Librarian/Archivist for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He discussed the need of a repository for Eastern Division history. He will be contacting repositories to find out if there is an archive that is willing to collect from everyone in the Division materials that are not currently being used. They would then organize and also document what has been happening over the last 50 plus years. This material would then be available for research. Gregor asked that everyone hold on to what you have but do not "organize" it. Once we find an archive, we will put out a call to tell you where to send the documents.

**Section Chief 2007 Meeting Chair:** John Stinsmen, Section Chief for Eastern Pennsylvania will chair that meeting.

**Hunter Mountain:** Hunter Ski Patrol Day is the Friday after Thanksgiving. We encourage everyone to attend. The first 25 patrollers "ski for free."

**Bylaws:** For clarification – 5.8 Proxy Voting: Region Delegates may vote by written and signed proxy naming the Region Director, Alternate Region Director, or another Region Delegate of such Region as proxy. A person holding one or more proxies shall have one vote for each proxy held, in addition to such person's own vote.

Housekeeping Motion by Mitchell/Sinclair that because yesterday delegates voted on some of the issues that technically were to be voted on by the Board alone, we as a group all concur with the actions taken yesterday and accept them as actions by the Board of Directors. Carried

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Motion by Southworth/M. Smith that on future agenda parenthesis, i.e., (Board) or (Board and Delegates), be placed after each item so everyone knows who is allowed to vote on that item. Carried

**Legal Committee:** Division Legal Counsel Bob Scarlett gave a brief report on what his committee is doing. He had about half the Region legal advisors at their meeting yesterday. There are two issues: try to get the individual patrols to understand that when they are patrolling at that mountain they are there on behalf of that mountain not National Ski Patrol. We have to maintain that good reputation we have as patrollers.

Division Director Hamlin expressed thanks to Bob, from the Eastern Division, for all the many, many hours he has donated in support of Division Patrollers.

**Acceptance of Program Supervisor Roster:** DD Hamlin reminded the Board that each year we need to ratify the program supervisors, Treasurer and Secretary. The five supervisors are: OEC William DeVarney, S&T Keith Pomeroy, MTR Greg Banner, Instructor Development Noel Rios, and Avalanche Rick Shandler.

Motion by Randolph/Schopfer to move that we ratify the existing five supervisors for the next ski season.

**Fall Officers Meeting Schedule:** Motion by Brodersen/Lord that we have our Fall meeting on September 16, 2006, 9:00a.m. at the Clifton Park/Halfmoon Emergency Corps. Carried

Rick would like a conference call before the National meeting. This will be Wednesday, June 14, 7:00p.m.

**Proposed Revisions to ED Bylaws:** Henry Williams, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, gave instructions on voting for the amendments. There needs to be 2/3's of all the voting delegates. There will be a roll call vote.

Bob O'Connell spoke on his amendment to "Election of Region Directors 4.1 Eligibility." Proposed amended to read:

"4.1 Eligibility. Region Director Candidates must be Active registered patrollers in the Region which they seek to represent and have a minimum of five seasons of patrolling experience."

This proposed amendment revision would eliminate, "...and have achieved Senior Alpine, Senior Nordic, or Certified status."

Discussion. Roll call vote: 42 Nays, 7 Ayes. Amendment defeated.

Jerry McGraw spoke on his amendment to "6.3 Additional Division Director Duties (A. through I.) Proposed amended to read adding "J":

"J. Ensure that New York State, Department of State, Division of Corporations contact information is kept current with the new Division Director's name.

Discussion.

Motion by O'Connell/Southworth that amendment will be taken by voice vote. Carried

**Leadership Discussion:**

Members want to belong to NSP.

We are Tribal.

The higher you climb in the tree, the harder it is to see its roots.

It's OK to set the bar high.

Trust the members to do the right thing.

Once in awhile, let the members drive.

Patrollers can exist without NSP.

The more members agree, the stronger we are.

Protect the gift of leadership.

The members must come first.

Rick will post the above on the Division website.

**National Board Candidate Nominations:** We need candidates for the Board positions. There are six vacancies that now exist. Names submitted: Bob Scarlett, Mike Lord, Rick Andriole, Dick Barron, John Beach, Rob Lunn, Carl Smith, Jim Decker, Mary Lyn Boberg, and Frey Aarnio.

**Election of Division Director:** Peter Neefus nominated Rick Hamlin.

Motion by Ebeling/Mitchell to close nominations. Carried

Rick received unanimous approval to continue as the Eastern Division Director for another term.

**Election of Division Secretary:** Bert Ebeling nominated Donna McGraw.

Motion by Randolph/M. Smith to close nominations. Carried

Donna received unanimous approval to continue as the Eastern Division Secretary.

**Election of Division Treasurer:** Fred Leukroth nominated Jeff Barcus.

Motion by Ebeling/Lewis to close nominations. Carried

Jeff received unanimous approval to continue as the Eastern Division Treasurer.

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regarding all of the breaking issues and the Region Directors for all of their support. Most of all, I would especially like to thank all of the Patrollers who worked their way through the sometimes cumbersome voting process to let their voices be heard. Without you, the outcome of what occurred this past year would be very different.

Let's move on to the Division. For most of us, the skiing conditions this past winter mirrored our struggle to have Patrollers' voices heard. Let's just say some days were definitely better than others. Conditions were so unpredictable that many events were cancelled due to little or no terrain to hold the event. From Patroller School to the ski and toboggan portion of the Certified test, many a road trip never happened because of poor conditions, and our course numbers reflect this.

Active Division Members	Number of Course Units Delivered*	Percent Course Units to Members
7062	1964	27.81%

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

While delivering the equivalent of more than a course unit to one out of every four Patrollers this past season is nothing to be ashamed of, last year it was better than one in three. Weather, as discussed previously, no doubt had a role to play and we know that participation in some of our programs is cyclical. It is also possible that some Patrollers put their educational and skill advancement on hold while they waited to see how things turned out at the National level. Our goal, of course, is to do better next year.

In other program news, this past year many of our programs purchased equipment to bring us into the 21st century and I hope that Patrollers have started to

reap the benefit of new technology. On the personnel front, recently Ed McNamara, our Division OEC Supervisor, was called home to the mothership in Denver to become the new OEC Program Director, taking the place previously held by Larry Bost. We wish Ed the best of luck in his new position. They have picked a great guy for the job. Speaking of great guys, the Division OEC Committee has recommended Bill Devarney to fill the opening left by Ed's departure, and Ed, as new Program Director, has accepted this recommendation. Congratulations Bill. In the Avalanche world, Rick Shandler has taken over as Supervisor from Butch McQueen. Welcome Rick and thank you Butch for your years of great service to the Division.

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Encouragement to pursue skill advancement must come from all levels, but one of the most effective marketing tools that we have is to make sure that every course and every evaluation is run in a way that the participants go back to their home patrol and give the event an outstanding review. If Patrollers speak highly of their experience, other Patrollers may follow their path. If Patrollers give a program a poor review, it is certain that they will not. Let's always aim for the rave reviews.

Once again this year, I have been able to travel the length and breadth of our Division and have had the pleasure of meeting many Patrollers. I greatly appreciate the hospitality offered at every venue and have the greatest respect for the Patrollers of the Eastern Division. There is no doubt that we are one large family. \*

## Hunter Mountain Day

On the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 24, Hunter Mountain will again sponsor a Ski Patrol Benefit Day in which a portion of the gate receipts from the day is donated to the Eastern Division.

Hunter Mountain management has generously sponsored this event for over 25 years. In 2005, the mountain provided lift tickets for the first 25 patrollers to sign in at the National Ski Patrol booth. Last year representatives from the New Jersey, Eastern New York, Southern New York, and Eastern Pennsylvania Regions enjoyed the day. Support from our nearby patrollers who have time on that date is requested. \*



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**Appointment of Assistant Division Director:**

DD Hamlin recommended the following:

One year – April 30, 2006 through May 4, 2007: Terry Randolph

One year – May 5, 2007 through April 26, 2008: Mike Lord

Ratify 1st year term of Terry Randolph – Carried

Ratify 2nd year term of Mike Lord – Carried

**2007 Goals:**

At the National level: DD Hamlin asked the Eastern Division leadership to encourage patrollers to vote and to suggest Patrollers send polite notes to the National Board to please reconsider the previously approved dues increase.

At the Division level: 2007 is the “Year of the Senior.” We need to focus on resources, putting programs solidly in place, marketing our courses, and encouraging all Patrollers to pursue some level of continuing education.

At the Region level: Continue keeping the members informed. Ask them to cast their vote in the National Board elections

At the Local level: Show respect for one another. Suggestion: That the Marketing Committee put together a paper that documents “Why Belong to NSP.”

Meg Smith, Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, would like sent to her, smithmeh@optonline.net, all history of Senior tests, i.e., name, date, place, completion records.

**Spring Officers' Meeting:** May 3-5, 2007, Desmond, Albany, New York

Motion by Neefus/Leukroth for adjournment of the April 28-30, 2006 Spring Officers' meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna E. McGraw  
Division Administrator \*



## 2006 Certified Report

by Dave Walker, Chair

It wasn't the best of years for the program; however, we muddled through and had some successes along the way. Mother Nature was not kind to our efforts causing the cancellation of the Patroller School at Windham, moving one precourse to a future weekend, sending members to the ends of the division trying to find moguls to train in, and certainly not the least of our problems, minimum snow cover at our annual exam.

Some of the certified candidates were excited about the prospect of taking the exam on groomed terrain, but the examination team determined that, in order to keep the quality of the exam in line with past exams, we would be unable to hold the ski and toboggan events this year. So, we took advantage of the opportunity, held an examiners' clinic and concentrated on the other work at hand making the weekend successful despite the conditions.

Congratulations are in order for our newest certified member, Linda “Pee Wee” Helms formerly of the Smugglers' Notch Patrol, currently working at Snow Basin in

Utah, Certified #647. We also added a lifetime member to our ranks, an honor given to members who have demonstrated longevity, commitment, and dedication to the program for at least 12 years. Phil Howe, Certified #96, from the Shawnee Peak Patrol in Maine was the recipient of this award.

Cannon Mountain in New Hampshire was the location of this year's exam and proved to be an exceptional host, providing everything except moguls. (This year that was too much to hope for.) The good news is that it did not rain. Thanks are also in order for all of the help that showed up to make the exam happen.

Every year at precourses, the patrollers' school, and the annual exam, patrollers from all over the East show up to help as patients, helpers, to satisfy their curiosity, or to shadow the exam to see where they might stand in relation to the standard. There is an education here. Guests can shadow any or all parts of the exam, watch most of it, and even try their hand at some of the events when there is a lull. I would like to encourage, invite, or otherwise compel any or all patrollers to see what this exam is all about. As a guest, we will put you to work, explain the different parts of the exam, and encourage you to try your hand at the program. I am always impressed with the level of technical expertise at this exam shown by the examiners and patrollers from all over this division who come to help. Come and learn!

Next year's exam will be held at Hunter Mountain in New York on March 24-26. \*

## Nomination and Election Committee Report

by Don Weaver, Incoming Chair

### Nomination and Election Committee Members:

Don Weaver (WNY), Chair

Mary Lyn Boberg (WNY)

Brian Downing (SVT)

Gregor Trinkaus-Randall (EMARI)

The Committee is in the process of compiling a list of the Region Election Committee Chairpersons, who serve on a standing basis or who have been appointed to serve for the most recent election. We are in the process of collecting the policies and procedures from all regions that have determined their election process for electing the Region Directors. Because these procedures are at least partially spelled out in

their region bylaws we find ourselves collecting copies of each of them. As a result of this we are willing to be a repository for region bylaws. If any region wishes to look at any or all of other regions' bylaws we will be pleased to share any or all of the information we have.

Our goal in the next several months is to put together an outline of the essential information (procedure) that should be followed in the election of Region Directors based on the Eastern Division Bylaws. This outline can then be used by any region to assure that we

are operating in a similar manner and in harmony with our Division Bylaws. Details of how these basic requirements are carried out will vary from region to region. The committee will keep a repository of those details also. If regions wish to see any of this information for purposes of developing or changing their bylaws or election procedures, they can request the information from the Nomination and Election Committee.

This committee is also responsible for obtaining and recording the results of region elections or appointment of officers (Alternate Region Directors). Forms will be sent to each region at the appropriate time to receive election or appointment results.

We urge any regions that have not yet sent in their RD election procedure and or bylaws to the committee to do so as soon as possible. This information can be sent to Don Weaver, Committee Chair either electronically [dweaverb2@juno.com](mailto:dweaverb2@juno.com) or mailed to 253 Braxmar Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150. \*

## Elections and Nominations Committee Report

by Chris Jaquith, Outgoing Chair

This year saw the second cycle of the Eastern Division elections under our new bylaws. This completed the elections for a new format in the Division bringing on newly elected Region Directors in the remaining eight Regions in the Division.

The successful Region Director candidates, as reported to the Division by the respective Region Election Committees, charged to hold a two-year term as Region Director and Eastern Division Board of Directors member are as follows:

Burt Mitchell, CT

John Shipman, EMARI

Gerit Lewisch, EPA

Darryl Trafford, ME

Meg Smith, SNY

Terry Randolph, SVT

Steve Schopfer, WAPP

Donald Weaver, WNY

Per the Eastern Division Bylaws, the above candidates took office April 1, 2006.

The 2005/6 Region Director election results were compiled under the Eastern Division Elections and Nominations Committee comprised of the following members:

Christian Jaquith, Chair – NVT

Gregor Trinkaus-Randall – EMARI

Mary Lyn Boberg – WNY

Brian Downing – SVT

Following the seating of new members to the BOD, committee assignments are conducted. Don Weaver, RD WNY has assumed the Chair of the Elections and Nominations Committee. Don will continue with the duties of the Elections and Nominations Committee and will pursue the goals of the committee to collect information regarding best practices and improve the election reporting process. \*



## 2006 Alumni Program Report

by Al Pels, Alumni Advisor

### ALUMNI REFUNDS

In June 2005 the National Office sent a \$5590 refund to the Eastern Division, \$10.00 per Alumni excluding Lifetime Members. I sent instructions for requesting a refund of \$5.00 per Alumni to every Region Director. Ten of the 15 Regions requested the refund for a total of \$2085:

\$5590 Refund to ED  
\$2085 Requested by Regions  
\$3505 Division Income (Applied to my expenses and the Student Seminar)

### 60-YEAR ALUMNI

A Lifetime Membership and plaque was presented to Don Moore of NVT at a ceremony attended by Rick Hamlin, Chris Jaquith, Roger Damon, and me. An article was in the last issue of *Trail Sweep*. Region Directors will be notified of future presentations.

### 50-YEAR ALUMNI

Starting in 2007, annual dues for 20 Alumni with 50+ years of service will be paid by the division on an annual basis. (\$350 for lifetime memberships is prohibitive.) Names were sent to RD's this April so appropriate recognition could be made locally.

### ALUMNI DUES

The present dues structure:

Annual Dues	\$27.00
1st Year for 20-year Alumni	Free (Paid by ED)
50-year Alumni	Free (Paid by ED annually)
60-year Alumni	Free (Awarded by National)

### COMMUNICATION

Throughout the year, I keep the Region Alumni Advisors informed and furnish Alumni Rosters. Last year I received 85+ emails from them and patrollers requesting Alumni information. \*

## 2006 Avalanche Program Report

by Butch MacQueen, Supervisor

The Avalanche Program has had a very busy year. With the generous support of the Eastern Division Board of Directors, we were able to purchase a new cache of equipment for loan to the regions that offer avalanche courses. This additional cache includes ten avalanche transceivers, ten collapsible probes, ten inclinometers, and two snow-study kits. We divided some of the materials from the original equipment cache to provide a very valuable assortment of teaching aids to be used in the courses.

The addition of this second cache of materials made it possible on three separate occasions for us to hold two courses at different locations at the same time. In this way, this addition has proven extremely beneficial and we are grateful to the Division for this support.

Another very useful piece of equipment, an LCD projector, was purchased. It has also traveled extensively throughout the Division, in its sturdy shipping container. Many of the instructors are now making very impressive presentations with the new equipment and the feedback from students has been very positive.

We held six Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue courses with 87 successful participants and five Avalanche Level 1 courses with 61 successful participants this season. One course concluded at Pinkham

Notch on June 1st.

The avalanche transceivers were used not only at offered courses but by several candidates in the Certified Program enabling them to get hands-on practice prior to the certified evaluation. At least three avalanche instructors worked directly with these candidates both with the transceivers and with the avalanche material covered during evaluation.

The season concluded with a Continuing Education meeting held on March 25 at Salmon Hills Outdoor Adventure Center in the Central New York Region. Conducted in conjunction with the Mountain Travel and Rescue and Nordic programs, 29 instructors from the three disciplines attended. Presentations were made that increased the awareness of instructors in the areas of low-angle rescue, improvisation of emergency transport, and the proper use of technology including PowerPoint® software, Global Positioning Systems, and resources found on the Internet.

In the year before us, we will place increased emphasis on sharing resources between the regions with strong avalanche programs and those regions that need support to strengthen their programs. This, as well as recruitment of new instructors division-wide, should provide increased program strength throughout the Eastern Division. In addition, we hope that efforts to close the gap between instructors with strong computer skills and those striving to adapt to this rapidly advancing technology will be successful. \*

# AWARDS

## EASTERN DIVISION

<b>ALPINE PATROL (LARGE)</b>		
Wachusett		EMARI
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE PATROLLER</b>		
Jim Decker		WNY
<b>ALPINE PATROLLER</b>		
John Newall		WNY
<b>PRO PATROLLER</b>		
Ed Kupillas		EPA
<b>PATROL REPRESENTATIVE</b>		
Nils Johnson		EPA
<b>NORDIC PATROLLER</b>		
Mary MacQueen		WNY
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>		
Al Hohl		WNY
<b>STUDENT PATROLLER</b>		
Alexander Wilkocki		CT
<b>WILLIAM J. GROSS MEMORIAL FIRST AID</b>		
Heidi Dux	Jay Peak	NVT
<b>JERRY SHERMAN DIVISION DIRECTOR AWARD</b>		
Bob Scarlett	Legal Advisor	
<b>PATROLLERS FOR PATROLLERS AWARD</b>		
Ron Splitterger	Rocky Mtn. Div.	
<b>SIGNIFICANT MONKEY "990" AWARD</b>		
Bill Gamble	Webmaster	
<b>MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIPS</b>		
Jenny Burtchell	ME	
Kimberly Klauber	CT	
Patrick Morin	CNY	

## NATIONAL AWARDS

<b>NATIONAL APPOINTMENT</b>		
Donald Clark	10338	NH
Everett Ronald Fenner	10340	CT
Ken Black	10342	WNY
<b>LEADERSHIP COMMENDATION APPOINTMENT</b>		
Gerry Clark	8381	NH
<b>DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD</b>		
Kevin Delahanty		NH
Steve Robblee		NH
Michael Blomfeld-Brown		WNY
Jim Bubar		WNY
Marshall Cohen		WNY
Lois Cook		WNY
Richard Grainger		WNY
Urb Herlan		WNY
Carolyn King		WNY
Pat Kaus		WNY
<b>DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (NON-PATROL)</b>		
Ed Beckley	General Mgr., Mt. Southington	CT
Bob Switzgable	Owner, Ski Sundown	CT
<b>MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD</b>		
Lloyd Alexander		WNY

Dan Barletta	WNY
Eric Bowen	WNY
Terry Decker	WNY
Cathy Grove	WNY
Butch MacQueen	WNY
Joan Reynolds	WNY
Alan Rosenfeld	WNY
Diane Smith	WNY
David Stringfellow	WNY
Rita Wolf	WNY
John Zajac	WNY

### YELLOW MERIT STAR

Robert Carroll	CT
Negel Palmer	CT
Chase Allstadt	SVT
Joshua Dixon	SVT
Thomas McCue	SVT
Raymond Moran	SVT
Ken Black	WNY
Jim Decker	WNY
Chuck Dunn	WNY
Ralph Estep	WNY
Dave Hewson	WNY
Carolyn King	WNY
Sue Loucks	WNY
Molly Pearson	WNY
Steve Slater	WNY
Diane Smith	WNY
Jack Swartz	WNY
Meg Terranova	WNY
Ann Marie Tyczka	WNY
Don Weaver	WNY
Sherry Weaver	WNY

### PURPLE MERIT STAR

Scott Dawick	CT
Frank Trifelitti	CT
Stefanie Costello	NH
Amy Damon-Grover	NVT
Dani Bond	WNY
David Harig	WNY
Michael Mayernik	WNY
Rosalie Mayernik	WNY
Karen Mellor	WNY
Jeff Randall	WNY
Steve Rinaldo	WNY
Diane Smith	WNY
Julianne Thurlow	WNY

### BLUE MERIT STAR

Chuck Boyd	CT
Michael Chasse	CT
Kenn Kostuk	CT
Dave Pierra	CT
Bonita Rothmann	CT
Shelley Smith	CT
Sol McLellan	SVT
James Sullivan	SVT
Michael Wuerthele	SVT
Sue Wuerthele	SVT
Micheal Kirsch	WNY

Karl Kohler	WNY
Ted McHugh	WNY
Peter Sielski	WNY
Frank Smith	WNY

### GREEN MERIT STAR

Kevin McKegney	NVT
Mike Rainville	NVT
Micheal Mayernik	WNY

### PATROLLER CROSS

Ken Joyce	CT
Hugh McGowan	CT
Jack Flynn	CT
Charles Regan	CT
Peter Storer	CT
Richard Grainger	WNY
William Jaremko	WNY

### NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Curtis Archer	WNY
Tony Billittier	WNY
David Cook	WNY
Ellen Conrad	WNY
Pat Kaus	WNY
Don Weaver	WNY
Monica Zablonty	WNY

### 60-YEAR AWARD

Conrad A. Manville	CT
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### 55-YEAR AWARD

Al Pels	NH
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## Ski Safety Research Finds its Home in the Eastern Division

*The following article/interview was initiated following an inquiry from Clark Goodrich of the SNY Region to the ED BOD regarding ski safety and ski patrol. Clark found a reference to the International Society of Skiing Safety (ISSS). Dr. Robert Johnson, ISSS Board Member, conducts research at Sugarbush Resort in the NVT Region. ED member and NVT RD Christian Jaquith is familiar with Dr. Johnson's work and conducted an email interview including questions from Clark Goodrich as follows:*

Dr. Johnson,

I am writing to you regarding our phone conversation of April 10. I had mentioned I was calling on behalf of the National Ski Patrol Eastern Division Board of Directors as the Northern Vermont Region Director to interview you regarding your work with the Vermont Ski Safety Group and International Society of Skiing Safety. Thank you for your time in answering our questions.

*Christian Jaquith*

**Q: What is your involvement regarding the Vermont Ski Safety Group, its contact information, mission, and a short history.**

A: Let's see how this interview can be helpful to your cause. I will attempt to answer your question and future questions that you may have. The ski injury project at Sugarbush, Vermont is really an ongoing epidemiologic study looking at the cause and affect of changes in skiing in general and skiing equipment specifically. The mission is to identify those problems that result in unnecessary injuries and attempt to mitigate such problems.

The three principle investigators are: Carl Ettlinger, Director of Vermont Ski Safety Equipment Corporation; Jasper Shealy, Emeritus Professor of Human Factors Engineering at the University of Rochester; and myself, Emeritus Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Vermont, College of Medicine. Our group began as a liaison between Carl Ettlinger and me in 1972 when we set up the means of monitoring ski injuries and their causes at Glen Ellen Ski Area in northern Vermont. A few years later Jasper Shealy joined us in our endeavor. By 1980, we were running clinics in the base lodges of both Sugarbush North and Sugarbush South.

The study design involves a case control study in which data is gathered on injured skiers and the causes of these injuries. We evaluate the equipment and its function to determine if these factors may be related to the cause of injury. Similar information is gathered from a representative group of uninjured skiers to be used as controls. The data obtained from these studies has been published in numerous journals and has been used as a basis for guiding the American Society of Testing Materials and the International Standards Organization as these organizations worked to develop consensus standards concerning skiing equipment with emphasis on safety concerns.

As we have continued to observe the trends in skiing injuries through the years we have noted that the improvement in skiing equipment has resulted in a dramatic reduction in the rates of lower extremity injuries (as much of 90% in lower extremity fractures). Unfortunately, we have also noted the inability of modern skiing equipment to reduce the risk of severe knee injuries, which primarily involve the anterior cruciate ligament. It is hopeful that in the not too distant future modifications in ski bindings may help reduce the risk of ACL injuries.

At this time we have shown that the only practical way to prevent ACL injury is to understand the mechanism of injury (phantom foot mechanism) and avoid those circumstances which lead to the production of these severe injuries. We have shown in a study involving ski patrollers and ski instructors at 42 ski areas from all around the country that the risk of ACL injuries can be reduced by well over 50% by simply understanding and avoiding the circumstances that lead to these severe knee injuries.

Other important findings from our study involve the ongoing investigation of the trends in skiing and snowboarding activities that have changed the injury patterns through the years. We were concerned that carving skis could possibly increase the risk of severe knee injury among recreational skiers but our studies reveal that there has been no profound effect caused by these skis.

We have identified a very dangerous trend that resulted from the recent introduction of very short skis with no release bindings. This led to an unnecessary resurgence in severe ankle and tibia fractures. We have very strongly advised against the use of this type of equipment. It is our goal to continue to monitor the trends of snow sports injuries and if possible to devise strategies to reduce the risk of injuries in these activities.

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Members of our ski safety group can be contacted by email as follows:

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**Jasper Shealy, Ph.D.** Jeseie@rit.edu

**Carl Ettlinger, M.S.** vsr@together.net

*Note: A summary of much of the information that we have published through the years can be obtained from Carl Ettlinger's website at <http://www.vermontskisafety.com>.*

**Q: Dr. Johnson, you sit on the board of the ISSS. Can you describe your role in that organization, history of that group, introduce the major members, describe their annual meetings and briefly summarize the papers you have presented and their ramifications?**

**A:** Following is history of International Society of Skiing Safety (ISSS). My personal role in this society has been to be a founding member. I was the ISSS President from 1989-1997 and have been on the ISSS Board of Directors since shortly after its beginning. I have also served as the editor for a series of Special Technical Publications of peer-reviewed articles developed from presentations given at the meetings held every other year.

A book has been published every other year since 1985 under the auspices of the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM). My own personal research efforts have been generated from an ongoing epidemiological study carried out at Sugarbush since 1972.

Our major goal is to evaluate the trends of skiing injuries, identify risk factors and explain the relationship of equipment (ski boot binding systems) to the production of injuries. Information used from our research has been applied to the development of safety standards at the national level through the American Society of Testing and Materials and the international level through the International Standards Organization. We have identified a major cause of knee ligament injuries, primarily to the anterior cruciate ligament, and the means of reducing the risk of sustaining these.

My co-investigators are Carl Ettlinger of Vermont Ski Safety Equipment Corp. and Jasper Shealy of Rochester Institute of Technology.

The following is taken from the overview of the most recent ISSS/ASTM publication: *Skiing Trauma and Safety*, Fifteenth Volume

The International Society of Skiing Safety was founded as result of the 1st World Congress on Skiing Safety that was held in Riksgransen, Sweden, in 1974. The organization of the Society was instigated under the enlightened leadership of Ejnar Eriksson, M.D., of the Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm, Sweden. The second meeting of the society occurred in 1977 in the Sierra

Nevada of Spain and has been held biennially ever since. The subsequent meetings occurred In Queenstown, New Zealand in 1979; Bormio, Italy in 1981; Keystone, Colorado, USA in 1983; Naeba, Japan in 1985; Chamonix, France in 1987; Riksgransen, Sweden for a second time in 1989; Thredbo, Australia in 1991; Zell am Zee, Austria in 1993; Voss, Norway in 1995; Whistler/Blackcomb, British Columbia, Canada in 1997; Breuil Cervinia, Italy in 1999; Queenstown, New Zealand in 2001; St. Moritz/Pontresina, Switzerland in 2003; and Arai, Niigata, Japan in 2005. Planning is now underway for the 17th meeting of the ISSS to be held in May 2007, in Aviemore, Scotland under the direction of Dr. Mike Langran.

The primary purpose of the Ski Trauma and Ski Safety Congress is to bring together a wide variety of individuals interested in all aspects of snow sports safety. These meetings have served as a format for the presentation of a multitude of subjects concerning snow sports including the means to prevent injury and improve various aspects of the sport and the treatment of injuries. A major accomplishment of each of these meetings has been the publication of the presentations given during the congresses. Since 1983, with the cooperation of the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM International) Committee F27, we have published a book containing papers given at the congresses. These publications have continued to be the primary source of information for all of those interested in winter sports safety. Following the 1999, 2001, and 2003 meetings, abstracts of the papers presented at the congress were published in *Knee Surgery, Sports Traumatology and Arthroscopy*.

Attendees of the Symposia of Skiing Trauma and Safety have included representatives of the skiing industry such as binding, boot, and ski manufacturers; engineers from industry, universities and technical institutions; skiing professionals such as ski instructors and patrollers; and physicians, lawyers, ski area managers and participants in recreational and professional skiing and riding activities. Interchange of ideas, comments, and critiques are encouraged in formal discussion of the papers. Many of the individuals who attend these meetings are involved in the ASTM International Standards process or those of other national and international standards organizations and are members of the International Society of Skiing Safety, but all interested individuals are encouraged to participate.

All authors who present papers at the meetings were encouraged to submit their papers in a manuscript

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form to be considered for publication in a *Special Technical Publication (STP)* and now the *Journal of ASTM International (JAI)*, which results from the peer review and editorial processes of the ASTM International. We believe that this ongoing effort has produced the standard for the world in the assemblage of a relevant body of literature dealing with safety in winter sports as well as the prevention and treatment of injuries sustained by participants in these activities. The fundamental goal of both the International Society of Skiing Safety and the American Society for Testing Materials International Committee on Snow Skiing is to improve the sport of skiing and associated activities by reducing the risk of injury and producing better and more enjoyable means of participating in all these winter snow sports activities.

The interrelationship between the International Society of Skiing Safety and the American Society for Testing and Materials International has resulted in a unique method for providing a forum for the discussion of problems of winter sports safety and the publication of a state-of-the-art book such as this *Special Technical Publication*. When it was initially organized, the goal of the ISSS was to primarily address the problems of alpine and nordic skiing safety, but through the years the scope has changed to include freestyle skiing, snowboarding, ski boarding and other hybrid activities that occur on the slopes of the world's mountains. The goal remains to identify the risks and the means of reducing risks in these activities. We encourage all who are interested in these snow sports to join us in the future as we seek to improve their quality and safety.

**In response to the questions posed by Clark Goodrich:**

**Q: Can patrollers help collect snow sports injury data on the mountain without violating any laws?**

A: The answer to this question is definitely yes. The patrollers are already requested and required to fill out accident reports. The best thing they can do is to accurately fill these out so that they can be used for future research. No laws are broken by the present attainment of data. Several of the studies that we have done have queried ski patrol data at numerous ski areas around the country. How this is specifically done could probably best be asked of Jasper Shealy, who has done most of the work in using ski patrol data to produce a series of papers. His e-mail address is jeseie@rit.edu.

**Q: How can NSP help improve snow sports safety?**

A. This is a very broad question and I really don't have a very specific answer to it. Proper collection of data as mentioned before would be a major factor along these

lines. In addition, educating skiers that are perceived as skiing outside the norms of the skiing safety code could be another way that ski patrol could on a day-to-day basis assist in the improvement of snow sport safety. It would probably be very wise for a member of the NSP to attend some of the ASTM meetings, held twice a year in North America, and to attend some of the upcoming International Society of Skiing Safety meetings held every other year at some major ski resort at sites throughout the world. Thus, they can probably best answer this question by understanding the way the ASTM works and also to hear first-hand the papers that are presented at the ISSS meetings and join in the discussion as we all strive to reach the goal of safer skiing.

**Q: Can NSP members interested in data analysis obtain ski injury data collected by members of the ISSS Congress Board?**

A: The publications that are out are somewhat difficult to get but many of the more recent ones can still be obtained. In recent years, they have been published as soft-covered books containing eight to twenty articles that are peer-reviewed and published in this format. Abstracts of other articles beyond those which are published have also been published in a European medical journal over the last six years. These abstracts number somewhere in the 20's and give a summary of the material that is presented at the ISSS congresses. I could help you get these if you so desired.

**Q: Has HIPAA made it more difficult to collect skier and snowboarder injury data?**

A: Although the answer to this is yes, it has made it more difficult, from our standpoint these are not major obstacles. They just require more paperwork. We have to go through a very specific process through the Internal Review Board of our hospital that requires us to follow these rules very stringently. This has caused us to generate a lot more paperwork but we still are able to get this data with a minimum of difficulty.

**Q: Given the significant change in ski equipment in the last three years, what are the trends in ski injuries after 2003 compared to ski injuries prior to 2003?**

A: I agree that there are rather dramatic changes in skiing equipment as far as the ski is concerned. We were concerned that there might be an increase in certain lower extremity injuries, especially knee ligament injuries, including the anterior cruciate, when the shorter skis came into popularity. However, our epidemiological investigations have not shown an increase

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of any injury type that could be based on the better carving capabilities of the newer skis. The new bindings have actually changed the mechanics of the release capabilities very little and we have not observed any specific change in relation to binding function such as a breakthrough in protecting a skier from knee injuries. This simply has not occurred. We have noted a trend in the last few years of less compliance with standard shop practices concerning mounting and maintaining ski boots and appropriately testing them, although these are only minor issues. This trend, if it worsens, could lead to a higher number of lower extremity injuries. One development over the last several years has been the use of very short skis (ski blades) without releasable bindings. We have found this to be a very unfortunate trend because there has been a significant increase in ankle and tibia fractures because this equipment cannot avoid injury to these structures and we have very strongly advocated, based on our epidemiology work, that the use of this equipment should be discouraged.

**Q: Have there been any trend changes in the number of injuries involving trauma for either skiers or snowboarders in recent years?**

**A:** As I stated above, there have been no major trends except the ones I alluded to. There is some evidence that there has been a significant but still relatively minor decrease in the incidence of ACL injuries that are

occurring. This could be related to the shorter skis and perhaps some people having a better understanding of how to avoid the most common ACL injury mechanism, which we have termed "The Phantom Foot" mechanism.

**Q: One last question in closing, Dr. Johnson, the Vermont Ski Safety Group has compiled its efforts in studying ski injuries by producing an ACL Awareness Video. Is that still available?**

**A:** Yes, The ACL Awareness Video can be attained by contacting Carl Ettlinger at the web site: <http://www.vermontskisafety.com/>.

I hope that the above information has helped at least start a dialogue that you may wish to pursue further.

Sincerely,

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University of Vermont College of Medicine  
Department of Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation  
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*The Board of Directors of the Eastern Division of the National Ski Patrol would like to thank Dr. Robert Johnson for contributing his time and expertise for this interview.*  
Christian Jaquith, Granville, VT, May 15, 2006 \*



## Awards

by Bill Boulter, Coordinator

Awards 2005-2006... what an interesting subject if I do say so myself. Let me update you on a few changes.

National now requires a date that each award will be awarded to the recipient. This is not the date the award is needed by, which is asked for on each form, unless you indicate that this is the same date the award is to be presented. You must indicate this date in your cover letter.

I am required by National to post that date on all of the awards that I request. Eastern Division was in the forefront of this policy due to the publication of awards in the Patroller Magazine before patrollers received them.

Each award that I receive that does not have both the needed by and presentation dates will either be sent back to you or I will put in a date the award will be presented by adding one year to your date needed. There will be no publication of any award given prior

to that date.

All award submissions now require a cover letter. Any award applications received without a letter will be returned.

I had a very busy spring this year with too many people submitting awards at the last minute. To date, I think every award has made it on time. However, I have to give a word of warning, eventually this will catch up to some of you. So, when you call and yell, please yell softly.

I have had a few calls and emails go over my head to National and to the National Awards Advisor. For this, I ask...WHY? If you have a problem with me, call me. I will fix the problem. Besides, all the calls and emails end up back in my lap anyway. Save yourself some time and contact me first.

Our Eastern Division Outstanding Awards were some of the best I have ever seen and I hope and pray we do well at National. We do have some holes again this year and I feel this is very wrong. Eastern Division has great patrollers and we are not doing them justice if we don't nominate in all the categories we have available. \*

## The Tax Man Skieth

by Bob Scarlett, Legal Advisor

Wait a minute – it can't be true – we as patrollers have to think about taxes when we are patrolling? Yes, because as an organization we have discovered that the “tax man skieth.” The National Ski Patrol enjoys a very unique position in the United States. It has not only been, since February 8, 1949, a Federally designated non-profit 501(c)(1) organization, but as of January 17, 1973, it is one of the very few Federally chartered non-profit organizations in the country.

Simply put, the good that you, as patrollers, perform throughout the country, and more specifically when you look down into the eyes of an injured skier, is valued so highly by our fellow citizens that their representatives voted, in Congress, to make us a nationally Federal chartered corporation. It is a privilege that the NSP has earned through its good deeds. It is a privilege that NSP has earned through the good work of its individual patrollers such as you. But, it is a privilege that carries responsibility with it and that includes the responsibility to carefully pay attention to the tax laws.

When NSP was granted its non-profit status by the IRS, for administrative purposes, it was decided by the IRS that NSP would be given a series of Tax I.D. numbers and basically report its taxes along divisional lines. For example, the Eastern Division has its own Tax I.D. number. Being tax free does not mean that we do not report the income on our investments, so part of the privilege of having a tax-free I.D. number means that each member patrol needs to report each year to its Region, which then reports to the Division, an analysis of its earned income. This information is eventually incorporated in a tax return filed by the Eastern Division. It is important to note that if the individual patrols do not correctly and, just as important, timely report to their respective regions their income, the information, which eventually is reported on the NSP Eastern Division tax return, may not be accurate. If the information provided is not accurate, NSP risks losing its tax-free status.

Besides not properly and timely reporting, NSP's status as a tax-free organization can be challenged in the method it chooses to spend its monies. The “horns of a dilemma” that our respective patrols find themselves in, since obtaining our tax-free status, has been that we are a non-profit entity whose members work, in many cases, to promote a “for-profit” entity, i.e. the ski resort. What concerns NSP, and may risk our organization's tax-free status, is when member patrols use monies given to them or earned through their non-profit status for the

benefit of the “for profit” ski area. A ski patrol simply cannot buy snow guns for the area to promote skiing (believe it or not, this was actually done). Ski patrols must spend their non-profit monies to promote the non-profit purpose of NSP and ski patrolling.

This issue is considered so serious by NSP that, for the first time since 1998, the Divisions' Legal Advisors traveled this past June to meet in Lakewood, Colorado to discuss, for a full day, how to protect NSP's tax-free status. NSP spent the money to hire a legal tax specialist to attend the meeting and to discuss the different issues involving this tax concern with the Divisions' lawyers. The general conclusion from the meeting in Lakewood was not to radically change how we, as an organization, have historically spent our money, but to become more aware of how to protect our tax-free status. In other words, each patrol must timely and accurately file its reports to their respective regions for inclusion in the appropriate NSP's tax return. Patrol leaders must be aware and concerned when they spend the patrol's monies that have been designated as tax-free monies in a manner that significantly benefits the “for-profit” ski area and in a manner which is outside the normal historic expenditures by patrols to assist in their first aid duties. There is no clear cut answer to this problem except for the general respect we have for each other, i.e. that patrollers and patrols will do what is right.

By becoming more aware of this problem and understanding that those patrollers who went before us earned this privilege of having our NSP designated a Federally chartered tax-free organization, the torch has now been turned over to us, as the current active patrollers, to protect that privilege and to protect that right. A privilege that arose from the fundamental nature of all patrollers – that we are good people who want to do good deeds and to help our fellow man. ✱

### Forms, forms.... Everyone has Forms!

Our goal is to place all forms used in the Eastern Division on the website in a format that will allow users to fill them out and send them in electronically.

If you have forms that you use for your programs please email them to Laura Tucker (muthrtucker@yahoo.com) or by snailmail (23 Narragansett Avenue, Pittsfield, MA 01201-1021).



## Instructor Development

by Noel Rios, Supervisor

This has been another good year! The ID program has continued to expand its instructor corps and now has 69 instructors serving 15 regions. We have also met one of our long-range goals, which was to have at least two instructors in each region. Now we have only four regions with two instructors!

### MENTORING

The assignment of mentors to instructor trainees has been a question that I have had no universal answer for. So, at the Student Patroller Training Seminar at Jiminy Peak this March, I conducted an informal survey among the Region Directors (RD's) to determine who and how mentors were assigned in each region. The survey assumed that there were probably five ways of assigning mentors: The ID Instructor, the OEC Administrator, the S&T Administrator, someone from the trainee's mountain, or some other person whom the RD was asked to identify.

As you may have guessed, there is a good deal of diversity in the process. Roughly, six regions have the discipline administrator assign the mentor. The discipline administrator was interpreted to mean the OEC Administrator and the S&T Administrator. Two regions have ID Advisors assign the mentor, and one region has created a Mentoring Coordinator position to assign mentors. Four regions have the ID Instructor assign the mentors. One region has the patroller's mountain assign the mentor and one region has either the ID Instructor or OEC Administrator assign the mentor.

The survey does not pretend to say whether the methods of assigning mentors are good, bad, or indifferent it just shows that there are a variety of ways of accomplishing the same thing. Here are the survey results:

REGION	ID INST.	OEC ADM	S&T ADM	PATR. MT	OTHER
SNY		X	X		
WNY		X	X		
NVT					ID Advisor
CT		X	X		
CNY	X				
EPA	X				
WMA		X	X		
EMARI	X	X	X		
ENY		X	X		
GV					Mentoring Coordinator
NJ					
SVT				X	ID Advisor
WAPP	X	X			
ME		X	X		
NH		X	X		

### E – COURSE

New for this year is a CD-based version of the Instructor Development course. While this is certainly a step into uncharted waters for many instructors it may be a small step into the future of instruction and we are looking forward to adding this approach to our quiver of instructional approaches. National has left it up to each division as to how they want to run these courses. The ID program is currently exploring our options and will share these with all ID instructors shortly. \*



## Finance Committee Report

by Fred Leukroth, Chair

The Finance Committee is comprised of the following members:

Jeff Barcus, WMASS, Division Treasurer  
 Rick Knight, CT  
 John McManus, GV  
 Bob Scarlett, EPA, Division Legal Advisor  
 John Tuttle, CNY  
 Fred Leukroth, WMASS RD,  
 BOD Member, Committee Chair

The following "Finance Committee Investment Draft" represents an extraordinary amount of hard work by members of the Finance Committee. Special recognition goes to John Tuttle for his huge contribution to the formulation of this investment policy/guideline proposal. My sincere thanks and appreciation go to the entire committee for their many hours of dedication to this project.

Our purpose was to:

- Simplify ED investments
- Reduce investment costs
- Improve return on investments
- Dedicate percentage of investment income to support of programs
- Codify an Eastern Division investment policy/guideline
- Select and hire single financial advisor / broker to implement investment policy/guideline

The ED BOD approved our Draft on March 17. The Finance Committee is now actively engaged in carrying out the steps outlined in Section VI. \*



# NSP Eastern Division Investment Policy Statement



## I. Budget Planning Objectives

- A. Emergency reserve
- B. Operational reserve
- C. Investment accounts
  - 1. Memorial Fund (Restricted)
  - 2. Unallocated

## II. Spending Policy - Memorial Fund

- A. Current: all income available for Grant
  - 1. Historically that has been \$1000-1500 in grants annually which at the current asset level is slightly less than 4%.
- B. Suggested Policy
  - 1. Maintain purchasing power of grants
    - a. Grant adjusted base = cumulative value of gifts increased at the annual inflation rate each year.  
*Example: \$100,000 x 1.03 = 103,000 adjusted base when inflation rate for previous year = 3%.*
    - b. Grant available = ending market value - adjusted base.  
*Example: \$110,000 - 103,000 = 7,000 available for grant.*
- C. Investment Policy for Memorial Fund
  - 1. In order to maintain the purchasing power of 4% grants, the portfolio needs to grow 4% more than the rate of inflation.
  - 2. If inflation were to average this year, what inflation has averaged the last 20 years (3%), then the portfolio needs to grow 7%.
  - 3. Based on the size of the Memorial Fund, it will probably be more convenient and more cost effective to invest in a balanced asset allocation fund.
- D. Instructions to Outside Advisor
  - 1. The portfolio should achieve a total return measured over one and three years of 4% greater than inflation.
  - 2. The portfolio should be 50-70% in equities (US 65-75%; Foreign 25-35%); no more than 5% of total portfolio in emerging markets.
  - 3. The portfolio should be 30-50% in fixed investments (no more than 10% in junk or 10% in foreign bonds)
  - 4. The portfolio should be benchmarked against the 4% greater than inflation objective.
  - 5. If the portfolio uses individual mutual funds or securities, they should be benchmarked against appropriate indices (described later).
  - 6. If the portfolio or individual security underperforms the benchmark in two consecutive years it goes on a watch list.
  - 7. If the portfolio or individual security underperforms the benchmark in three consecutive years it must be replaced.

## III. Spending Policy - Unallocated Funds

- A. Current: 1/2 current income is added to the budget for the following year (approximately 3% for 2005-06 or \$7,500)
  - 1. Current income = end of year value - beginning of year value.
- B. Investment Policy for Unallocated Funds

- 1. Maintain an emergency reserve.
- 2. At the beginning of the fiscal year, start with a budgeted amount.
- 3. Invest the balance.
- C. Instructions for the Outside Advisor regarding the balance
  - 1. The portfolio should achieve a total return measured over one and three years of 4% greater than inflation.
  - 2. The portfolio should be 50-70% in equities (US 65-75%; Foreign 25-35%); no more than 5% of the total portfolio in emerging markets.
  - 3. The portfolio should be 30-50% in fixed investments (no more than 10% in junk or 10% in foreign bonds).
  - 4. The individual mutual funds or securities should be benchmarked against appropriate indices (described later).
  - 5. If the individual security underperforms the benchmark in two consecutive years it goes on a watch list.
  - 6. If the individual security underperforms the benchmark in three consecutive years it must be replaced.
- D. Benchmark
  - 1. US equity: S&P 500 index
  - 2. Foreign equity: EAFE index
  - 3. Fixed income: LB Aggregate Bond
  - 4. Cash: money market index

## IV. Fees and Expenses for Brokers or Advisors

- A. Total fees, including separately billed and netted expenses should be less than 1.5% of the investment account. This does not include either the emergency or operation reserve.
  - 1. Should not use B shares
  - 2. If A shares are used, amortize the front end sales charge by dividing by five years and add that figure to the other expense charges.
- B. Suggest consolidating accounts under one broker or advisor until account reaches \$1,000,000 and then reexamine.

## V. Monitoring the Portfolio

- A. The Finance Committee shall determine an annual date to measure performance against the benchmarks.
- B. The outside investment advisor will report (either in person or by conference call) to the committee.
- C. The Finance Committee will prepare a report for the Board of Directors at least annually and if appropriate recommend the Board take a specific action. \*

## 2006 Student Ski Patrol Seminar at Jiminy Peak

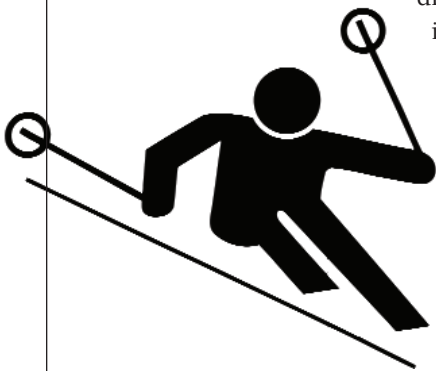
by Jerry Hyson, Student Supervisor

Skiers and snowboarders from across the division converged on Jiminy Peak in the Western Mass Region for the annual Eastern Division Student Training Seminar. The students competed and trained in all aspects of ski patrol, and more. Thanks to local and national companies, hundreds of dollars in free prizes were also given out to all students! This year everyone came... including a search and rescue dog!

Many of the 40 students were evaluated for two days in OEC, ski, and toboggan skills while others simply trained in clinics with experienced patrollers. All students received immediate feedback on their patroller skills. The events culminated each day with a

dinner and evening fun events that included a search and rescue with the help of the dog, Badger.

The finale was a banquet where awards were given to the strongest competitors. Prizes, included SnowJam skiboards, Chinook boot dryers, Jet Wax, Handwarmers, ski and snowboard DVD's and Powder magazines.



The following students received trophies:

### OVERALL

- 1st . . . . . Courtney Viehl (ME)
- 2nd . . . . . Allison Hamlin (NVT)
- 3rd . . . . . Zack LaBarre (EPA)

### SKIING

- 1st . . . . . Allison Hamlin (NVT)
- 2nd . . . . . Jessica Martin (WNY)
- 3rd . . . . . Ania Wojtowicz (CT)

### TOBOGGAN

- 1st . . . . . Courtney Seremula (EPA)
- 2nd . . . . . Andrew Reisinger (NJ)
- 3rd . . . . . Scott Reisinger (NJ)

### ASSESSMENT

- 1st . . . . . Marie Revekant (GV)
- 2nd . . . . . Courtney Seremula (EPA)
- 3rd . . . . . Mackenzie Osypian (GV)

Thanks go to the many volunteers who spent their time and energy to help train these future patrollers. A special thanks to Debbie Foss for OEC and Dave Walker for S&T for each organizing their respective portions of the seminar. Dan Pascucci, Craig Larson, and Jim Slattery made the event possible with all their work prior to the weekend and keeping things running smoothly. Support of this program by the Division Director and his staff is greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make the event one of the most successful seminars to date.

We would encourage many more to come to next year's event! \*

## Eastern Division Student Seminar (a.k.a. How My Brother Kicked My A\*\*) by Scott Reisinger

Jiminy Peak in Hancock, Massachusetts was the site of the 2006 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar. There were about 40 student patrollers there to either clinic or compete in skiing, toboggan handling, and OEC skills. My brother Andrew and I decided to compete in all three areas. There was a lot of pre-event "smack talk" about who was better and who would beat whom. We would just have to wait and see.

Friday night after dinner we got together with our groups for some team-building games. Saturday morning we were up early. First station for me was OEC, Andrew had skiing. The weather was sunny but a bit windy and COLD. Those victims, err patients, for OEC must have been frozen (thanks Deb!). After lunch I was off to skiing and Andrew was out with the sleds.

Saturday evening there was a search and rescue exercise and a guest appearance by Badger, a rescue Golden Retriever. I led my team and we were the first of the groups without the dog to complete our rescue. Sunday morning we all finished our last station. The afternoon was spent skiing the mountain with our new friends.

Sunday evening was the awards dinner; now we would see who

was better. First, the OEC awards were announced. Next, it was for skiing (so far NJ hasn't placed in the top three). Finally, the toboggan handling awards were announced. I missed my name and someone pushed me up to get my award. "Third place, not too bad," I thought to myself. Then second place was announced and Mother Tucker started with "keeping it local." I'm in the clear it's someone from Jiminy Peak, or so I thought. "Scott's younger brother, Andrew Reisinger," Mother finished. How did that happen? I've been a patroller longer than him. It must have been all of the training he did this year to pass S&T.

My parents immediately knew it would be a long ride back home. In reality it wasn't. After a few good laughs that night at the dinner, it was time to exchange email addresses and IM screen names with our new friends. The weekend was a lot of fun; great people, new friends, and a lot learned. To all the student patrollers in NJ that didn't go, you missed a great event. Go next year if you can!! \*

## OEC

by Ed McNamara, Past Chief Supervisor

There were a number of significant issues in the division this year related to the new National OEC testing format and failure of Instructors of record to follow National guidance. In at least three different regions, an IOR and IT failed to follow the new National Exam Model. In fact, in several cases it appears that they have not been following the National exam policies for a significant number of years. This can be a potential liability issue for those patrols that hire these candidates. The Division staff will work closely with those regions over the next 12 months to educate the IOR and insure compliance with National directives.

OEC Enhancement Seminars continue to be very low on the priority list for patrols and patrollers within this division. We need to promote these programs as a way to provide not only continuing education but also as a means of enhancing the level of medical expertise that our patrollers have. This past year we only registered and completed two enhancement seminars in the division.

The Senior EMM Program continues to be very successful in the division with 93 candidates of which 83 were successful. This program must be pushed at the National level as one we want to continue.

Overall, the Eastern Division OEC program is healthy with five outstanding supervisors putting in a lot of time and hard work to insure the quality of the program. Continued promotion of quality by the region directors is necessary. Several of the OEC issues this year related to ongoing problems that should have been addressed years ago. Those issues could have been avoided by reading the procedures outlined in the National OEC Instructor Manual. This program does not allow for a tremendous amount of flexibility in the exam process. In order to insure that all OEC Technicians meet the final screening requirements, we need to insure that all instructors follow the rules on how to conduct an OEC exam correctly.

The National office is currently developing the new National Education Model that significantly changes the way we currently operate in all of our programs. The new model will remove all authority from the National Program Directors and place it in the hands of the National Education Director, which is a full-time position. This new program is still under development and a variety of program supervisors are going to Denver for the presentation, and to give their input into the new system. Only the future will tell how successful this new program will be that

essentially removes all control from the volunteer program managers and places it in the hands of the full-time education director.

### Division issues for the upcoming season include:

- Insure compliance with the rules when conducting OEC programs
- Encourage OEC Enhancement Seminars
- Train and mentor individuals to fill the ROA and STC positions
- Consider reducing the number of assistant supervisors to four and one chief supervisor
- Promote our Senior EMM and I/T Programs with the National office as the model program to be used throughout the country Standardize!
- Encourage multi-region I/T and Senior EMM T/E clinics for cross training.
- Hold an ROA meeting at Division level to discuss National OEC changes and issues found throughout the Division
- Encourage the use of the chain of command when trying to get issues resolved in the OEC program
- Formal rollout of the new National OEC test procedure
- Conduct QA on the mentoring programs to insure we are producing quality instructors
- Stress QA in all programs to provide for consistency throughout the Division

### National issues identified:

- ROA should have read-only permission on National database
- National Senior EMM scenario database is obsolete
- Add I/T name on the national database for each of the OEC basic courses

It has been a very active year in the Eastern Division. We have worked successfully to resolve a number of issues in the basic OEC and senior programs. It has been my pleasure to serve as a Supervisor in this Division over the past six years. In my new position as the National OEC Program Manager, I will provide whatever assistance you require relative to OEC issues.

## Hall of Fame

### Induction

by Don Page

On May 20, 2006 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, PA, ten new members were inducted into the Pennsylvania Ski and Winter Sports Hall of Fame.

Included were: Gordon Bell, Ski Roundtop, PA, a longtime supporter of the Eastern Division Ski and Toboggan program and a maintstay of the Certified Program; Eleanor Jessum, Spring Mountain, PA, the Eastern Division Historian and a veteran patroller, and Jack Shaffer (deceased), a Western Appalachian Region Director. The newly inducted patrollers join Tyler Davis, former Assistant Division Director and Board Representative, who was inducted in 1994. \*

## YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

by Jeff Barcus, Division Treasurer

The following treasurer's report for the period ended March 31, 2006, which represents the activities for the 2006 Fiscal Year (April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006)

The look of this year's report is similar to last year. The finance and investment committees are discussing still more changes to the "look and feel" of the statements to make them more useful to the user.

The basic report includes four basic statements, a Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, Statement of Cash Flows, and a Statement of Functional Revenue and Expenses.

This report also includes a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year and results of the invested funds and memorial fund activity for the year.

The Statement of Financial Position is a snapshot of the organization's financial health as of March 31, 2006 and shows the organization continues to be very healthy with over \$280,000 of accumulated unrestricted Net Assets (Patroller equity). This statement also shows total assets slightly in excess of \$330,000 comprised of cash, mutual funds, stocks and bonds. The organization had a decrease in Net Assets for the current year of \$20,000.

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 \$1,370 and the total amount contributed to the fund over the years is \$37,833. The grants reflected in this statement are the scholarships awarded at last year's SOM. The current year's scholarships will be announced at the Division Awards Banquet.

The Statement of Activities summarizes the activities and restricted balances. It shows the organization had a decrease in all its net assets for the year ended March 31, 2006 by a grand total of (\$20,384).

This deficit was directly the result of incurring in excess of \$45,000 in legal costs to fight for member rights at the national level.

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 represent each of the educational programs operated by the division. These are Outdoor Emergency Care, Ski & Toboggan, Mountain Travel and Rescue and so on.

I direct your attention to the budget page. On this page is a comparison of the current year's results with the budget for that same time period.

Program revenues were down from the budget by \$3,637, registration revenues were up by \$68. All other income items were up from budget by about \$1,100.

The grand total of revenue was less than budget by \$1,470.

Program expenses remained relatively constant and ended up the year under the budgeted amounts by a grand total of \$1,906.

As a result, our results from normal operations ended up better than budgeted by just over \$400 dollars.

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

The division also purchased avalanche equipment to replace some seriously outdated gear and also purchased some projectors and shipping cases for all of the new equipment so that they may be shared throughout the geographic area.

This year's investment report is that the significant gains we experienced last year were not repeated this year. We enjoyed investment performance of just over 7.5% compared to 3.5% last year. The invested funds declined due to transfers to operating to offset legal costs and equipment purchases. \*

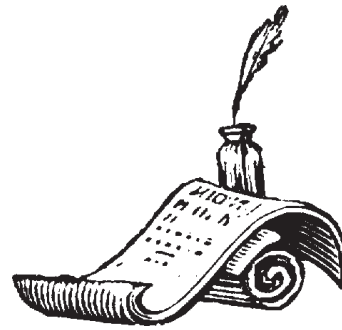
# Treasurer's Report





# National Ski Patrol - Eastern Division: For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

**Budget Prepared by JLB**



	<u>FINAL</u> 07 BUDGET	<u>Actual to budget comparison</u> 06 BUDGET	<u>06 ACTUAL</u>	<u>Variance</u> to Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Registration Receipts	74,000	322,000		
Cost of Registration - NSP		(250,000)		
Active Registration Income	74,000	72,000	72,068	68
Alumni Registrations	5,500	5,110	5,590	480
Alumni Regist. To Regions	(2,750)	(2,555)	(2,085)	470
Alumni net Registrations	2,750	2,555	3,505	950
Contributions	1,000	1,000	1,634	634
Fund raising	1,500	1,500	2,015	515
Program income:				
Avalanche	2,000	1,900	3,181	1,281
Certified	2,200	2,200	976	(1,224)
Instructor Development	0	500	0	(500)
Lift Evacuation	0	0	0	0
Mountain, Travel & Rescue	1,000	1,000	880	(120)
Nordic	600	150	0	(150)
Outdoor Emerg. Care	2,000	2,500	200	(2,300)
Risk Management	0	0	0	0
Ski & Toboggan	2,000	3,000	8,627	5,627
Senior in a Weekend	0	4,000	0	(4,000)
Student Program	12,000	750	0	(750)
Trail Sweep Ads	0	0	0	0
Other	1,500	1,500	0	(1,500)
Total program income	23,300	17,500	13,863	(3,637)
TOTAL INCOME	102,550	94,555	93,085	(1,470)
TOTAL EXPENSES	113,250	87,150	85,244	(1,906)
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	(10,700)	7,405	7,841	436
Investment income allocated to program support (Note 1)				
Transfer from investment fund	10,000	7,500	6,545	(955)
Extraordinary expenses				
National legal costs (Note 2)	32,607	-	48,211	(48,211)
Budgeted / Actual results from operations	(33,307)	14,905	(33,825)	(48,730)
Equipment Fund				
Avalanche, additional equipment	2,500	6,000	3,107	2,893
Instructor Development				
Equipment request	4,000	8,400	3,107	5,293
MTR Equipment allocation	-	2,000	3,107	(1,107)
Student Patroller equipment request	1,500	-	-	0
Total Investment in equipment	8,000	16,400	9,321	7,079
Budgeted / Actual results including extraordinary items and equipment purchases	(41,307)	(1,495)	(43,146)	(41,651)
Transfers from investment fund to cover equipment and extraordinary items (Note 3)	39,453	1,495	45,000	
Net change in operating fund	(1,854)	-	1,854	

	<u>PROPOSED</u> 07 BUDGET	<u>Actual to budget comparison</u> 06 BUDGET	<u>06 ACTUAL</u>	<u>Variance</u> to Budget
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Alumni	1,000	1,000	678	322
Asst. Division Directors	-	-	-	0
Audit reserve	500	500	-	500
Avalanche	6,000	3,000	5,813	(2,813)
Awards	1,500	1,500	2,683	(1,183)
Board of directors	-	-	4,964	(4,964)
Certified	1,500	1,500	1,673	(173)
Depreciation	-	-	-	0
Contributions	-	-	1,500	(1,500)
Division Director	3,500	3,500	3,605	(105)
Div Dir Nat'l board meetings	1,500	1,500	1,000	500
Fund-Raising	1,500	1,500	4,455	(2,955)
Insurance	5,000	-	-	0
Instructor Development	1,000	2,000	244	1,756
Internet/Web Page	950	950	145	805
Legal & Medical	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Meeting	100	100	-	100
Memorial	5,500	5,500	4,515	985
Member Directory	500	500	427	74
Mountain, Travel & Rescue	-	-	-	0
Nominations/Elections	3,800	2,300	343	1,957
Nordic	100	100	-	100
Outdoor Emerg. Care	1,800	1,500	677	823
OEC Fund to support Student	19,000	10,000	3,706	6,294
Printing	-	1,000	-	1,000
Professional Advisor	-	400	-	400
Public Relations	-	200	-	200
Registration office	-	-	750	(750)
Risk Management	12,000	12,000	12,226	(226)
Scholarships	-	-	120	(120)
Senior in a weekend	-	-	1,500	(1,500)
Show Booth S/H/R	-	6,000	-	6,000
Ski & Toboggan	-	500	-	500
S & T support for Student Prog	17,000	13,000	17,300	(4,300)
Special projects	-	1,000	-	1,000
Student Patroller	3,000	1,600	-	1,600
Telephone and telecommunications	15,000	3,000	2,960	40
Trail Sweep	-	-	2,850	(2,850)
Treasurer	9,000	9,000	11,005	(2,005)
TOTAL EXPENSES	113,250	87,150	85,244	1,906

Note 1: It is the intent of the board to allocate 1/2 of the prior year's investment earnings back into program delivery, or equipment needs of the programs

Note 2: The board and delegates approved up to \$80,000 to be used in defending member rights at the national level.

Note 3: Transfers will be made if required



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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	March 31, 2006	March 31, 2005	March 31, 2004
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$37,019	\$36,945	\$46,965
Investments (at market value)	279,072	304,243	279,111
Program revenues receivable	6,694	10,793	940
Fixed and other assets	9,323	-	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$332,109</b>	<b>\$351,980</b>	<b>\$327,016</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>			
Accounts payable	\$10,044	\$9,531	\$1,825
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>10,044</b>	<b>9,531</b>	<b>1,825</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Unrestricted	282,862	303,486	286,961
Temporarily restricted	1,370	1,690	1,057
Permanently restricted	37,833	37,273	37,173
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>322,065</b>	<b>342,449</b>	<b>325,191</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$332,109</b>	<b>\$351,980</b>	<b>\$327,016</b>

### ACTIVITIES FOR FY ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	March-05 Total
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Program revenues	\$ 13,863			\$ 13,863	16,883
Registration revenue	77,658			77,658	80,483
Contributions	1,074		\$ 560	1,634	929
Fundraising	2,015			2,015	1,815
Value increase (decrease) in investment funds	(2,375)			(2,375)	6,029
Interest and dividend income	8,358	\$ 1,180		9,538	7,041
Realized gains	15,979			15,979	-
Net assets released from restrictions:	-			-	-
Purpose restriction - scholarships	1,500	(1,500)		-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>118,072</b>	<b>(320)</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>118,312</b>	<b>113,180</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Bank & Investment fees	3,156			3,156	3,053
Contributions	1,500			1,500	-
Fundraising	4,455			4,455	-
Miscellaneous	1,354			1,354	448
National Issues	47,393			47,393	-
Postage	599			599	665
Alumni refunds	2,085			2,085	2,240
Stipend	10,200			10,200	10,200
Scholarships	2,899			2,899	3,992
Telephone	2,850			2,850	868
Travel	14,471			14,471	29,766
Program expenses	39,624			39,624	44,690
Meetings	8,110			8,110	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>138,695</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,695</b>	<b>95,922</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(20,624)</b>	<b>(320)</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>(20,384)</b>	<b>17,258</b>
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING</b>	<b>303,486</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>37,273</b>	<b>342,449</b>	<b>325,191</b>
<b>NET ASSETS - ENDING</b>	<b>282,862</b>	<b>\$ 1,370</b>	<b>\$ 37,833</b>	<b>322,065</b>	<b>\$ 342,449</b>



### CASH FLOWS FY ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	Year Ended March 31, 2006	Year Ended March 31, 2005	Year Ended March 31, 2004
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Change in net assets	\$ (20,384)	\$ 17,258	\$ 61,135
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Non cash changes in invested funds	(19,831)	(10,131)	(48,096)
(Increase) decrease in:			
Accounts receivable	4,099	(9,853)	(940)
Increase (decrease) in:			
Accounts payable	513	7,706	1,825
Net transfers between invested funds and operating cash	45,000	(15,000)	10,000
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>9,397</b>	<b>(10,020)</b>	<b>23,924</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchase of property and equipment	(9,323)	-	-
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(9,323)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>(10,020)</b>	<b>23,924</b>
CASH - BEGINNING	36,945	46,965	23,041
CASH - ENDING	\$ 37,019	\$ 36,945	\$ 46,965

### EASTERN DIVISION INVESTED FUNDS

	<u>3/31/05</u>	All Income	Deposit (Withdrawl)	Fees	<u>3/31/06</u>
Gage Wiley	79,329.38	5,738.68	85,068.06		
	-				
UBS General	67,711.53	3,953.92	(1,022.85)	70,642.60	
	-				
UBS Memorial	27,276.40	1,036.63	(150.00)	28,163.03	
	-				
ML	<u>129,940.85</u>	<u>12,220.85</u>	<u>(45,000.00)</u>	<u>(1,962.89)</u>	<u>95,198.81</u>
Total	304,258.16	22,950.08	(45,000.00)	(3,135.74)	279,072.50
		7.54%			
<b>2006 income summary</b>					
	<u>Total</u>	Interest Dividends	Holding Cap G / L	<u>Gain (Loss)</u>	
Gage Wiley	\$ 5,738.68	\$ 2,300.52	\$ 1,163.25	\$ 2,274.91	
UBS General	\$ 3,953.92	\$ 3,344.19	\$ 609.73		
UBS Memorial	\$ 1,036.63	\$ 1,179.76	\$ (143.13)		
ML	<u>\$ 12,220.85</u>	<u>\$ 2,484.62</u>	<u>\$ 14,815.83</u>	<u>\$ (5,079.60)</u>	
\$ 22,950.08	\$ 9,309.09	\$ 15,979.08	\$ (2,338.09)		

## REVENUES AND EXPENSES FY MARCH 31, 2006

	Alumni Program	Avalanche Program	Awards Fund	Certified Program	Instructor Development	Memorial Program	Mountain Travel and Rescue
<b>REVENUES</b>							
Program revenues		\$ 3,180		\$ 976			\$ 880
Registration revenue	\$ 5,590						
Contributions						560	
Fundraising							
Value increase (decrease) in invested funds							
Interest and dividend income Invested funds							
Realized gains							
Interest income							
Allocate to Student program							
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>5,590</u>	<u>3,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>976</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>880</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
Audit							
Advertising & Promotion							
Affiliation with FIPS							
Bank and investment fees							
Contributions							
Fundraising							
Miscellaneous							
Legal fees							
Postage							
Alumni refunds	2,085						
Stipend							
Scholarships		1,399				1,500	
Telephone							
Telephone - internet							
Travel	507	1,171	1,061				
Program expenses	171	3,244	1,622	1,673	244	427	343
Meetings							
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>2,763</u>	<u>5,813</u>	<u>2,683</u>	<u>1,673</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>1,927</u>	<u>343</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 2,827</u>	<u>\$ (2,633)</u>	<u>\$ (2,683)</u>	<u>\$ (697)</u>	<u>\$ (244)</u>	<u>\$ (1,367)</u>	<u>\$ 537</u>

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## EASTERN DIVISION MEMORIAL FUND

The history is to add contributions to the balance.  
Use only interest earned – cumulatively – for Grants.

	Permenantly Restricted	Temporarily restricted			Fund Balance
	Contributions	Income	Grants	Net available	
31-Mar-03	36,713	20,024	(18,860)	1,164	37,876
Y/E 3/31/2004	<u>460</u>	<u>793</u>	<u>(900)</u>	<u>(107)</u>	<u>353</u>
31-Mar-04	37,173	20,817	(19,760)	1,057	38,229
Y/E 3/31/2005	<u>100</u>	<u>633</u>		<u>633</u>	<u>733</u>
31-Mar-05	37,273	21,450	(19,760)	1,690	38,962
Y/E 3/31/2006	<u>560</u>	<u>1,180</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>(320)</u>	<u>240</u>
31-Mar-05	<u>37,833</u>	<u>22,630</u>	<u>(21,260)</u>	<u>1,370</u>	<u>39,202</u>

**REVENUES AND EXPENSES FY MARCH 31, 2006 (continued)**

	Nordic	Outdoor Emergency Care	Reg. & Admin.	Ski & Toboggan	Student	Trail Sweep	National Issues	Board of Directors	Mgt. & General	Division Director	Total
<b>REVENUES</b>											
Program revenues		\$ 200		\$ 8,627							\$ 13,863
Registration revenue			72,068								77,658
Contributions									\$ 1,074		1,634
Fundraising									2,015		2,015
Value increase (decrease) in invested funds									(2,375)		(2,375)
Interest and dividend income Invested funds									9,309		9,309
Realized gains									15,979		15,979
Interest income									229		229
Allocate to Student program											-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<u>200</u>	<u>72,068</u>	<u>8,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,312</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>											
Audit			20						3,136		\$ 3,156
Advertising & Promotion									1,500		1,500
Affiliation with FIPS									4,455		4,455
Bank and investment fees			157						1,184	14	1,354
Contributions							47,393				47,393
Fundraising			175						424		599
Miscellaneous											2,085
Legal fees			10,200								10,200
Postage											2,899
Alumni refunds			686						1,284	880	2,850
Stipend											
Scholarships		2,329		1,529		1,027	818	4,964	56	1,010	14,471
Telephone	677	1,378		15,771	2,960	9,978			1,138		39,624
Telephone - internet							3,091	1,424	3,595	8,110	
Travel											
Program expenses											
Meetings											
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>677</u>	<u>3,706</u>	<u>11,237</u>	<u>17,300</u>	<u>2,960</u>	<u>11,005</u>	<u>48,211</u>	<u>8,055</u>	<u>14,601</u>	<u>5,499</u>	<u>138,695</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$(677)</u>	<u>\$(3,506)</u>	<u>\$ 60,831</u>	<u>\$(8,673)</u>	<u>\$(2,960)</u>	<u>\$(11,005)</u>	<u>\$(48,211)</u>	<u>\$(8,055)</u>	<u>\$11,630</u>	<u>\$(5,499)</u>	<u>\$(20,384)</u>

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Within five minutes of management's call to prepare for the evacuation the patrol had its members briefed, staged, and ready to respond. An experienced, trained cadet patroller led each group.

Once management gave the go ahead to commence the evacuation, the patrol responded flawlessly. Within seven minutes of the command to execute lift evacuation procedures the first patron was evacuated off the chairlift with four more within 20 minutes from the initial call.

Management was finally able to establish the source of the malfunction in the chairlift and was able to restore operability, but not before four groups of patrollers had rigged evacuation equipment and/or successfully con-

ducted evacuation procedures. The entire operation was conducted in an effective, rapid, and safe manner, with no injuries to patrons or patrollers while maintaining excellent communication between management, the patrol director, and cadet patrollers.

Chairlift evacuations are one of they key tasks for ski patrollers. The cadets and civilians patrollers of the Victor Constant Ski Patrol executed a flawless chairlift evacuation. The professionalism and commitment to excellence demonstrated by these patrollers reflects greatly upon them, the West Point Ski Patrol Club, the Victor Constant Ski Slope, and the United States Military Academy at West Point. \*





**DONALD L. HAMLIN**

The National Ski Patrol and the Eastern Division lost an innovator, leader, and friend when Don Hamlin died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on May 12, 2006.

Don's patrol career started at the Montrose Ski Bowl in Pennsylvania in 1943 as a Junior Patrolman. That he was to become an important part of the NSP was foreshadowed by his becoming an Advanced First Aid Instructor at the age of 17.

From the Ski Bowl in Montrose, his next stop was Glenwood Acres, NY (now a part of Kissing Bridge) where he eventually became not only the Patrol Leader, but also a Section Chief and ultimately the Western New York Region Director.

In 1958 he received National Appointment #2265. When his job as a Civil Engineer moved him to Vermont, he became the Patrol Leader at Madonna Mountain (now Smugglers' Notch) from 1964 to 1978.

Don also served as the Eastern Division First Aid Advisor and in that position, helped to rewrite the Eastern Division Senior Manual. Don's legacy of quality skills training still exists in the Division as the many Patrollers that he had trained continue to train others.

He is survived by his wife and past Smugglers' Notch Patroller Peg Hamlin, son and Smugglers' Notch Patroller Rick Hamlin, daughter-in-law and past Smugglers' Notch Patroller Kathleen Laverty, granddaughter and Smugglers' Notch Patroller Allison Hamlin, and granddaughter Ariel Hamlin. His career in the NSP was more fully chronicled in the last issue of *Trail Sweep* as a part of his Lifetime Membership award after 60 years of membership in the NSP.

*Rick Hamlin  
Division Director*

**LARRY ATHEN**

Pennsylvania's Blue Knob Ski Patrol lost a good friend, an accomplished skier, and a dedicated patroller. Larry died on January 27, 2006 after a courageous two-year battle with cancer. He was 62.

A Senior patroller, Larry was a valued member of the patrol for over 25 years. He was the first Blue Knob OEC Instructor, a Senior S&T Examiner, and a Student Advisor in the Western Appalachian Region. Larry served as an Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Executive Board Member. He was recognized as Blue Knob Patroller of the Year in both 1982 and 2005, and was awarded National Appointment #7643.

Larry was a semper fi Marine, loving husband, devoted father, guiding scout leader, inspiring youth football coach, and a dedicated patroller. He led by example. No task was too small or too large, and he always worked with a sense of humor. His boundless energy and enthusiasm were

inspirations for others to achieve higher levels of dedication and excellence.

Larry loved his family and motivated his sons to become ski patrollers. Six days before Larry died, he rallied to make one last ride to coach his third son's toboggan handling skills. He always tried to complete his mission and make a difference. He believed that life was all about effort and people. He loved being a part of an organization that served and helped people and he loved the National Ski Patrol. We are fortunate to have walked beside him and although his journey has ended, he passed the torch to us all. Semper Fi!

Larry is survived by his wife Marianne and his sons Scott, Eric, Michael, and Andrew.

*Michael Calabrese  
Blue Knob Ski Patrol*

**ANGELO CATALDO**

New York's Woods Valley Ski Patrol lost a dear friend and a dedicated patroller on December 26, 2005. Ang was 74 years old and held National Appointment #6934.

Angelo was known for his tremendous work ethic, patience, and class. He was born in Rome, New York on August 15, 1931 and lived there his entire life. He worked in the family concrete business for over 50 years, retiring as secretary/treasurer, and he was still going to the office at the age of 70.

When the business was sold, Angelo started a new career as a bus driver. He loved driving and being around people, especially kids. He drove both school buses and tour buses and was particularly excited about driving adult groups to NYC.

His passion for work carried over to the ski patrol. He was a founding member of the Woods Valley Ski Patrol in 1964 and served as Patrol Director in the late 60's. He was generally the first patroller to arrive in the morning taking care of the little

details that make the patrol run smoothly. With over 41 years on the patrol Angelo served as a role model to all of the patrol for his hard work and dependability. Ang kept in top physical condition with daily visits to the Rome YMCA and, during the off season, cycling. It was common for Ang to exceed 5,000 miles per season. His energy was boundless and his joy for life an inspiration to those who knew and loved him.

Angelo was predeceased by his beloved wife, Lorraine (12/2004), and is survived by his daughters Denise (Richard) and Debra, and son Dennis, as well as grandchildren Christian, Michael, Matthew, and Hayley. A memorial fund has been established in his honor proceeds from which will be used to build a hill top patroller building.

*Paul Gatley, APD  
Woods Valley Ski Patrol*

## WILLIAM HEILMAN

William E. "Bill" Heilman died peacefully at home on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 surrounded by his family. He was born on September 7, 1924 in Pittsburgh, a son of the late Joseph L. and Margaret Hughes Heilman.

A 1942 graduate of Westinghouse High School, he served as a B-24 pilot in WWII, part of the 5th Army Air Corp, 43rd Bomb Group, 63rd Squadron stationed in the Philippines and Okinawa, Japan. He earned a business degree from the University of Pittsburgh and successfully operated Heilman Painting and Contracting for 50 years.

He was an active member of the Seven Springs Ski Patrol for the last 40 years. His passions as an avid snow skier, tennis player, bicyclist, and water skier was instilled in his six children and 15 grandchildren.

He was a member of Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church for 46 years and the American Legion. A favorite activity was delivering Meals on Wheels.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Lou (Mistick)

and six children; Sue Heilman of Lancaster; Steve Heilman (Kay) of Gibsonia; Mary Beth Markovich (Tom) of Irwin; Kristina Weaver of Grapevine, TX; Janet Boger (Donald) of Murrysville; and Kerry Hartley (Rich) of Annandale, VA. Also surviving him are 15 grandchildren; Annika, Zach and Hannah Andersson; Megan, Kristen and Corey Heilman; Chad, Lauren and Jennifer Markovich; Lyndsey Weaver; Travis, Jared, and Carter Boger; and Drew and Luke Hartley and a brother, Regis (Dee) Heilman and sister, Peg Castle.

Bill was interred with full military honors accorded at Twin Valley Memorial Park, Delmont, PA.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to be made to: Murrysville Meals on Wheels, 3202 North Hills Road, Murrysville, PA 15668.

*Guy Lombardo, SC  
Western App Region*

## NYE E. WILLIAMSON

The Greek Peak Ski Patrol lost one of its original members on May 25, 2005 with the passing of Nye Williamson. Nye, who was 71 years old, passed away at University Hospital, Syracuse NY after fighting a valiant battle with cancer for several years.

Nye joined the GPSP in 1963 after perfecting the art of a perfect ski turn as a Greek Peak Ski Instructor from 1959 to 1961. Nye received National Appointment #5628 in 1980 and an NSP DSA Award in 2004. Nye retired from the GPSP in 2004 due to health issues.

As one of the original members of the patrol, Nye spent a lot of his time over the years upgrading the facilities and equipment. The patrol, like many in those early days, was a little less than state of the art. The patrol facilities, "a chicken coop and retrofitted wooden toboggans," evolved to the present day era of cascade sleds, quick-splints, and a building with indoor plumbing. Nye spent many volunteer hours and money with his fellow patrollers making equipment and the present day building that house the patrol.

Nye was a graduate of the University of Tennessee and served in the U.S. Army Reserve. In 1958, Nye joined his father operating a print shop in Cortland, NY. He worked along side a small group of dedicated longtime employees that included his son Briggs and daughter in-law, Christine. Of course, Nye could always be counted on for the patrol's rush-printing job. Somehow the billing statement to the patrol always seemed to get lost.

Nye had an ever-present smile on his face and was quick

with a joke and a kind word for everyone he met. Nye put on a brave show and kept that smile and positive attitude when friends from the patrol visited him in the hospital near the end of his battle with cancer. When cancer first struck Nye, he had to have his right index finger removed, which as a right-handed person and a printer was not a small event. Friends worried about how to greet Nye after the amputation, but in typical fashion for Nye, friends were met with that big grin and a laughing, "give me four."

Nye had many interests outside the patrol and liked to split his time between his home in Homer, NY and a residence on Henderson Harbor, Lake Ontario.

Nye's activities included Sigma Chi fraternity, Cortland Juniot Chamber of Commerce, Exchange Club of Cortland (past president), Cortland Country Club (past president), and Skate Creek Club in the Adirondacks.

Nye is survived by his wife of 45 years, Joan Hollister Williamson; his son Briggs (Christine); his daughter, Wendy (Paul) Olson; and his grandchildren Trevor and Parker Williamson; and Hollister and Stewart Olson.

Nye was a member of that ever-shrinking number of patrollers from the past who laid the foundations for the modern day patrols. He and the members of his generation of patrollers deserve our respect and admiration for their contributions to NSP and the ski industry.

*John Megivern  
Greek Peak Ski Patrol*

**BARBARA B. MARCKX**

Barbara Marckx, age 67, of Endwell, NY, a member of the Greek Peak Ski Patrol, died in July 22, 2005 after battling cancer for ten years.

Barbara had been a member of the Greek Peak Volunteer Ski Patrol since 1992 and had attained her senior status in 1998. She was the co-instructor of record for the annual OEC refresher, an OEC trainer/evaluator, and served as an assistant patrol leader for several years.

Barbara wore all these hats throughout the ten years of various cancer treatments. At times, unable to work on her skis, she would work her shift in the radio and aid room.

She never asked for or expected any pity. She would simply tell you when she wasn't feeling well enough to be "on the hill" and say that she wanted to work inside.

She helped train several new patrol classes in OEC along with Carole Rehkugler, who said after training the 2006 candidate class, that there was a big void left with Barbara's passing. John Gerty who has been the OEC Instructor of Record for many years and worked with Barbara, said as much when he

said he missed her organizational skills and eye for detail.

An in house Greek Peak Ski Patrol Award will be presented to OEC Instructors showing excellence in teaching to commemorate Barbara.

Barbara was a professor and tutor of nursing at Broome Community College for 24 years. She was actively involved in the American Association of University Women and donated her time to inmate support counseling as well as many other community and social activities.

Her passion for the arts and outdoor activities was only surpassed by her love for her sons and her husband. Her husband, Joseph (a ski instructor at Greek Peak), and sons Brian and Kevin survive her.

Expressions of sympathy in Barbara's memory may be sent to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, Tex. 75265-0309.

*John Megivern  
Greek Peak Ski Patrol*

**SALLY HELWIG**

Sarah Lewis Helwig, 80, died on January 24 at her home in Severna Park, MD following an eight-month bout with pancreatic cancer. She was the wife of former Eastern Division Director George Helwig.

Born November 16, 1925, in Briarcliff Manor, NY, she was the daughter of the late Harlow and Marjorie Lewis. She attended Briarcliff schools and received a BA degree from Wells College, Aurora, NY, in 1947. Following graduation, she worked at Columbia University and later at a New York publishing house until her marriage in 1950.

Although a full-time homemaker over 55 years of marriage, she enjoyed many hobbies and outside interests. Her "green thumb" gardens bloomed continuously from early spring until late fall, and there were always bouquets or shoots for planting to be shared with friends and neighbors. She was an expert knitter and took delight in helping others to get started or to unsnarl their knitting problems. Brooks Brothers in New York sold her custom-made argyle socks.

She was a bridge enthusiast and played regularly with several groups, including Thursday bridge at The Community Center, which she organized four years ago. She also played mah jongg. A lover of classical music, she regularly attended BSO concerts and often took music classes at the Community College. She was also an avid reader.

Sally enjoyed cross-country skiing and for a number of winters completed the necessary first aid training to join her

husband as a Nordic Ski Patroller. Her experience as crew on the family sailboat led to membership in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, first in New England and more recently with Flotilla 16, Station Annapolis. She was crew qualified for Chesapeake Bay patrols and did boat safety inspections. In good weather, there was always time for a 10-mile bike ride on the B&A trail.

Sally enjoyed a wide range of travel from camping trips throughout the Northeast to almost yearly trips to Europe since her husband's retirement in 1986. Having spent many summers on Cape Cod as a child, her love of the ocean and beaches continued over the years and kept the family within easy reach of sand and sea.

Sally leaves her husband of 55 years, George L. Helwig; and three children, Anne H. Adams, of Washington, DC; Karen H. Olsson of Chargin Falls, OH; and David L. Helwig of Durham, NC. There are four grandchildren. She also leaves a brother, Willmot E. Lewis, of West Dennis, MA.

Sally's ashes were interred at Saint Mary's of the Harbor Church, Provincetown, Cape Cod, MA, where she and George were married on Sept. 2, 1950.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Severna Park Community Center, PO Box 691, 623 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd, Severna Park, MD 21146

*Sandi Scull  
Upper Delaware Nordic Ski Patrol*

## Memorial Scholarship Fund

by David Nelson, Advisor

On December 1, 1975 a committee was formed to set up an Eastern Division Memorial Fund to provide a means of honoring and remembering Patrollers and Friends of Skiing. Their names are engraved on plaques, which are displayed at Eastern Division events throughout the year.

Contributions to the fund are accumulated and the interest generated by these monies is used to provide scholarship assistance to patrollers who are furthering their education.

The fund has grown to over \$38,000. To date we have handed out \$22,500 to 63 students. I receive thank you notes from the recipients of the scholarships. The students think of this as winning and consider this an honor.

At this time, the fund is growing more slowly. We need your help!

At the Spring Officers meeting this past April, Division Director Rick Hamlin asked all Region Directors to stand up and let everyone know who had passed away

this past season. Over 30 names were announced but only two of these names have been added to the Memorial Plaques. It would be wonderful if more names could be added. Donations of any size will add names to the plaque. No donation is too small.

Our patrolling friends deserve to be remembered forever. They put so much into the NSP and into helping the skiing public. We should not forget them.

These plaques are on display at various areas and the Eastern Division Outstanding Patrol of the Year has one. There is a list of all of the names on the plaques on the Eastern Division web page under the Memorial link. After a donation is made, a letter of sympathy from the Division is sent to the family. The letter explains how the Memorial Scholarship Fund is set up. Please help this program grow.

This year three patrollers received a scholarship: Kimberly Klauber from Mohawk Mountain, CT; Jenny Burtchell from Big Rock Resort, ME; and Patrick Morin from McCauley Mountain, CNY

For more information on this program and an application for a scholarship go to the Division web page and click on the Memorial link. \*

## Mountain Travel and Rescue Program

by Greg Banner, Supervisor

### 1. Key Personnel:

- a. Program Supervisor - Greg Banner
- b. Program Assistant Supervisor - Butch MacQueen
- c. Program Committee Chair - Burt Mitchell

**2. Annual Summary:** There were eight courses during the year. The programs were completed by 89 students. There are 64 instructors of which 10 are instructor/trainers. Five new instructors were appointed during the year. At Division level the emphasis has been to expand the program more into the northeastern part of the Division. This has been supported by the I/T and instructor staff, which has volunteered to assist the northeastern regions. Along with the Avalanche and Nordic programs, a division-wide instructor meeting and continuing education program was conducted in March.

**3. Program and Project Plans for 2007:** Efforts will be made to continue to expand the program in NH, VT, and ME. In conjunction with the Avalanche and Nordic programs, we hope to be able to offer some expanded continuing education classes. The program will try to offer at least one MTR2 course during the year.

**4. Patrol emphasis:** Every patrol should have some basic information from which to conduct an extensive lost person search if necessary. These are the next steps if someone can't be found and the patrol must go to the stage where they actually begin conducting ground searches along the edge of the ski area. MTR instructors can help with this planning and a format for this plan is already available (contact the Division Supervisor). Every patrol should maintain some basic information to go to this stage if necessary. \*

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## Practice Made Perfect

*by Major Daryl Collins, USMA Testing Officer*

On the evening of 10 January 2006, at the Victor Constant Ski Slope, United States Military Academy at West Point, the main chairlift malfunctioned. The malfunction caused the chair to stop, stranding patrons. Victor Constant management sent an order to the ski patrol via radio to prepare for a chairlift evacuation.

Cadet ski patrollers, candidate patrollers, and contract civilian patrollers jumped into action. Cadet patrollers had been pre-staged at the top of the mountain in accordance with their Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for quick response

to regular slope injuries and incidents. Once alerted for the evacuation, patrollers from the summit and the base proceeded down and up the lift line to brief the patrons.

Other cadet patrollers at the bottom of the hill gathered for a mission briefing. Because the cadet candidate patrollers were still in training, they had not executed a real-time chairlift evacuation. Cadet Sam Perlik, with the assistant of Cadet Brandon Gilles, quickly unpacked one of the equipment bags and gave an impromptu class in chairlift evacuation techniques.

While the class was given to the candidates, Victor Constant Ski Patrol Director, a contract civilian, Bobby DiBenedetto, proceeded up hill on the patrol snowmobile to account for the number of patrons on the lift.

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