



New Faces on Eastern Division Staff

by Jerry Sherman, Division Director

Remember all those articles from *Ski Patrol Magazine* (SPM), *Trail Sweep* (TS) and various web sites about changes to NSP? Well changes have happened, they are good changes and it is an exciting time to be involved in division leadership. I don't plan to bore you with any more discussion of the changes, but I do want to let you know about some changes in the Eastern Division Staff that are a direct result.

If you haven't already read about the changes to NSP and the BOD there are plenty of articles on the NSP web site (www.nsp.org) and also in SPM. You can read my most recent attempt to describe them at the division website (www.nspeast.org) click on Reorganization News.

By now you have received your fall issue of SPM. Be sure to read the information about candidates for the redesigned 13-member Board of Directors. The new BOD will have, as members, three of our finest including two of my assistant division directors.

Bob McLaughlin has served as an ADD for Ron Verblauw, Bill Sachs, and also for me. He was a member of the

G1 committee, was my first assistant, and was the source of several outstanding ideas including the Transition Team, Value Added, and the Program Management Refresher. I'm sure Bob will be an outstanding contributor to the new BOD.

Pamm Ferguson has been an ADD since I became division director. She supported three regions on the western end of the division as well as the S&T and Certified programs. Pamm was a strong supporter and participant in the Women's S&T clinics.

Both Bob and Pamm were selected by all of the members of the nomination committee from a field of over 33 applicants for the new BOD. Former Division Director and current National Chair Bill Sachs was also unanimously selected and will likely continue to lead our organization in that position. The new BOD is not representative, it is knowledge-based, much like the BOD of a large corporation, but we can still take comfort in the fact that three of the thirteen members call the Eastern Division home.

One of the reasons that this is an

exciting time for me is that I get to bring in some new folks as ADD's. I was very happy with the job that Bob and Pamm were doing, but I am always looking for people who are making an extra effort. I have asked all of my staff, both program supervisors and assistants, to be on the lookout for new talent.

In the past, most ADD's have been line officers...region directors or section chiefs, elected in their regions, who have done an above average job of coordinating the activities of program administrators and others. Over the past few years we have asked all line officers, program supervisor, and administrators to focus on making NSP programs available to every member. I am happy to announce that in keeping with that focus I have named two program supervisors to vacant ADD positions.

Dave Walker has served for many years as the Division S&T Supervisor. Dave can be credited with many innovations including the creation of a steering committee to help administer the program, a concept that we now have adopted in the OEC. Under

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Dave's leadership, Women's Clinics, Toboggan Enhancement Seminars, and Skier Enhancement Seminars have also become popular. Dave will continue as S&T Supervisor for a few months before turning the reins over to his successor, Randy McNeil. As an ADD, Dave will support S&T, Certified, and will be the liaison between the Eastern Division and the Pro Division. Dave will also support the Maine, New Hampshire and EMARI Regions. I have always enjoyed working with Dave and am very happy to have him as an ADD.

Marcia Mundrick, our current Instructor Development Supervisor, also joins my staff as an ADD. Marcia, an educator by profession, has always been an outstanding teacher of teachers whether we called it Phase I or Instructor Development. She is a former region director and is well known throughout the division. Marcia always asks the tough questions and looks at every issue from the average patroller's point of view. She will support the Genesee Valley and Western New York Regions as well as the Avalanche, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Nordic, and Instructor Development programs. At this time I have not identified her successor.

I am excited about the coming season. You will see some new faces involved with delivering NSP programs. If you feel you do not have opportunities to participate locally, contact your section chief, region director, or anyone on my staff and ask why.

I heard the weatherman talking about El Niño the other day. We all know that snowmakers from the northeast laugh in the face of El Niño. It is going to be a good year!

Eastern Division Transition Team Progress Report September 2002

At the 2002 Spring Officers' Meeting, Division Director Jerry Sherman introduced the nine patrollers selected to make up the division's transition team. The team is charged with identifying the guiding principles and being the "architect" to assist the division in any programmatic and/or structural changes occurring as the division deals with the changes at the national level. The team has met three more times since April and identified three areas of importance to its activity:

- program delivery
- the organizational structure best suited to accomplish program delivery
- the need for patroller/member satisfaction

At the fall meeting in Albany, Rick Andriole, team leader, and several other team members presented the line officers in attendance with a report on their progress. The ensuing discussion was positive and helpful to all. The team plans to meet in November to review the comments, suggestions, pros/cons, etc. that came out of the fall meeting.

The Transition Team would like to request your patience and your help as it continues to struggle with its task. Although the new national bylaws, already adopted, allow divisions to determine their own fate, structure, etc. the issues are still so nebulous it may not be possible for the team to have a clear plan for presentation at the spring meeting. However, that will continue to be our goal.

The members of the team will make every effort to communicate via *TRAIL SWEEP* or other means to keep people informed of our progress. In addition the team welcomes any input from patrollers, so please feel free to contact any team member listed below.

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Treasurer's Position

Bob McLaughlin's election to the national board, effective in January 2003 requires him to resign his position as First Assistant Division Director. Division Director Jerry Sherman has appointed Division Treasurer and Assistant Division Director Rick Andriole to the position.

Therefore the vitally important position of Division Treasurer is open and we are now asking for interested, qualified individuals willing to continue the excellent job Rick and his predecessors have provided to consider applying.

You MUST be computer literate with financial accounting programs in order to maintain the efficient method with which the division provides all the information and services for its various programs. The treasurer's position includes responsibility for division accounts payables and receivables, operating budget preparation and presentation at the Annual Spring Officers' Meeting, coordination of the preparation and submission of the 990 federal tax form for the division, and is chair of the division's investment committee.

Any interested patrollers are requested to forward their resumes or job histories to:

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Instructor Development

by Marcia Mundrick, Supervisor

Looking For a Few Good Men. . . . tors

What's a mentor? As you know, the Phase II program no longer exists. Instructor candidates will have a mentor to assist them through the training process. Assigned to a new trainee by the program's leadership, a mentor can help access lesson plans, assist the trainee with classroom management and paperwork, and help the trainee gain confidence in his/her teaching skills through observation and critique. Basically, you can be a knowledgeable friend that helps a new instructor to "learn the ropes." Your Instructor Development instructors can provide a mentoring guideline sheet to assist you through your mentoring activities.

Attention "experienced instructors" . . . "speaking the same talk"

You've heard by now that the Instructor Development course has gone through some changes. One change is the term 6-pack. New instructors will be calling the two parts in the heart of the lesson *content delivery* and *student activities* instead of input and output. I think the new terms better describe the purpose of those parts of the lesson.

Also, instead of evaluation, the title is now *monitoring and evaluation*, to emphasize that these concepts should be ongoing throughout the lesson. If you want further information, talk to the Instructor Development instructors in your region.

Alumni News

by Al Pels, Alumni Coordinator

If you are not registering for the coming season, consider joining the Alumni. Stay in touch with NSP! You will stay on the mailing list for *TRAIL SWEEP* and all other national and regional mailings. You can remain involved in many patrol activities – instruct NSP courses, work at Special Olympics, serve in the courtesy patrol, or perform administrative tasks.

To join, send me the application below with \$27.00. If you have 30 years of service, mark it on the application and the first year is free.

For further information, please contact me at: 24 Mill Rd., Hancock, NH 03449, 603-525-6688 or pels@top.monad.net

Name _____
Address _____ Phone # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
If re-registering as a member of Alumni Association, provide Registration # _____

NEW ALUMNI MEMBERS PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Last NSP Affiliation: Ski Patrol _____ Registration # _____
Region _____ Division _____ Last Yr. Registered _____
 Alpine Nordic National Appointment No. _____



Marcia Mundrick

I am a teacher in Rochester, NY and have been alpine patrolling at Bristol Mountain since 1977. Recently I have had the great pleasure of trying nordic patrolling with Genesee Valley Nordic, assisting with duties at one of their hills in the area. Over the years I have served the Genesee Valley Region on the awards committee, as OEC Administrator, and as Region Director.

For the division, I have been the

supervisor for Instructor Development and Optional Senior Electives. In 1986 I received National Appointment #6636 and was very honored to receive the division's Patroller of the Year in 1992.

I am currently an instructor in OEC, CPR, MTR, and Avalanche and in the past have worked as an OEC T/E and assisted the P.E.S. program.

I look forward to my new duties as ADD working with the talented group of people in the regions and programs Jerry Sherman has assigned to me.



Dave Walker

Early in my teenage years I applied to the Mt. Tom Ski Patrol in Western Massachusetts as a junior patroller. It was a teenager's dream come true, free skiing...all I wanted, and they even gave us lunch coupons when we worked. My parents had been on the patrol for several years before I was old enough to participate. The Mt. Tom patrol management decided to try junior patrollers to see if they would work out.

My first year was very trying because I was only able to squeak out about 80 days of skiing. To make matters worse the other five patrollers that participated in this junior trial year were girls. Imagine a teenager, with plenty of time on his hands, a pass that allowed free skiing anytime he wanted, working with five teenage girls...what an introduction into patrolling! It just wasn't going to get any better than that.

My patrolling career took me to Eastern Massachusetts where I worked for a couple of years at a small area called Pheasant Run. After they closed I took a patrol job at Wachusett Mountain where I am currently the patrol director. I was the assistant patrol director there for about fourteen years prior to taking the director's job.

I have been involved in many levels of patrolling including appointment as my region's ski and toboggan and first aid advisor (pre-OEC). As a member of the Professional Ski Patrol Association I served as president, secretary, and first aid chairman. I hold National Certified #372, PSPA certified #9005 and am an examiner in both organizations. For the last nine years, I have been the Eastern Division Ski and Toboggan Supervisor working with their steering committee to improve program delivery within the discipline. I have traveled all over the division and continue to be impressed by our patrollers whose dedication and enthusiasm makes this sport safer. I look forward to serving you as a newly appointed assistant division director

NEW ADD'S

Division Responsibilities

Each assistant division director is assigned programs and regions to oversee. This year, with the appointment of new ADD's the responsibilities have been realigned. Following is a list of the ADD's and the assignments.

ADD

Rick Andriole
Gerit Lewisch
Marcia Mundrick
Jim Smith
Dave Walker

Programs

Student, OEC, Treasurer
Show Booth
Avalanche, MTR, Nordic, ID
Traveling Booth, Auxiliary, Alumni
S&T, Certified, Pro Liaison,
Risk Management, Lift Evacuation

Regions

WMASS, SVT, NVT
NJ, EPA, CT, WAPP
GV, WNY
CNY, SNY, ENY
EMARI, NH, ME

Ski & Toboggan – The End of an Era

by Randy McNeil, Supervisor

As Dave Walker ends his tenure as Supervisor of the Ski and Toboggan program in Eastern Division, there needs to be some recognition for the job he has done. Dave has spent the last nine years building one of the finest programs in the National Ski Patrol System. He had a continued commitment to improve the program, a strong desire to develop new programs that would promote increased participation, and the patience to accomplish this while improving the consistency of the S&T program throughout the division.

The S&T program's responsibility, as handed down from national, is to deliver all of the programs outlined by them and to ensure the quality of these programs. Dave's approach was to listen to patrollers participating in these programs, determine what they felt would improve it, and make the necessary changes. These changes typically encouraged more participation and provided a positive experience without lowering the expectation of the program. Dave developed an active staff that could help evolve these programs by using each other as a sounding board, listening to the many ways possible to improve a program, and implementing the changes.

As we give consideration to the transition about to take

place in our division it would not make sense to change this program as it has been developed. We will maintain our steering committee, division staff members, and a working relationship with our regional S&T advisors. Dave's last stand was to bring a Women's Enhancement Seminar to every region. The women's program has made great strides through the efforts of Deb Daniels and this year Deb and Dave have launched a program to make this program available on a regional basis. We will continue to have Toboggan Enhancement Seminars in every region and we are asking if you are interested in these or any of our programs, to please contact us and see what programs are available close to you.

Here is a list of our programs, if you have any questions please notify your regional S&T advisor or feel free to contact me.

- Skier Enhancement
- Women Enhancement
- Toboggan Enhancement
- Tele Enhancement
- Trainer Evaluator Clinic
- Senior S&T
- Boarder Enhancement
- Ski Trainer Workshop
- Toboggan Instructor

Good luck to Dave with his new assignment as Assistant Division Director and thank you from everyone in the Eastern Division for the development of our S&T program.

2003 Election Nominations

by Don Page, Election Coordinator

In March of 2003 the Eastern Division will elect a Division Director for a two-year term. The incumbent, Jerry Sherman, has indicated that he intends to run for office again. The qualifications for division director include having been registered for at least five years, being registered in the division as a senior, and having served a term as a regional director or two terms as a section chief.

In a change from past years, there are no more NSP Board Representatives elected by the Eastern Division. Rather, the NSP Board of Directors now consists of but

15 members. Former Board Representatives from this division Pamm Ferguson and Bob McLaughlin have been elected to the NSP Board of Directors and will relinquish their Assistant Division Director positions in January of 2003.

Information on platforms and patrol histories for division director candidates will be published in the next issue of *TRAIL SWEEP* and on the division website.

Return the nomination form below to:
Don Page, Election Coordinator, 21 Alva St., East Greenbush, NY 01206 by February 17, 2003.

The name of _____ of the _____ Patrol

Address _____

Telephone No. _____ NSP Reg. No. _____

is placed in nomination for Division Directors. The nominee is qualified and will serve if elected.

Signed _____ Name (printed) _____

Address _____

Patrol _____ NSP Reg. No. _____

Certified

by Steve Barnes, Chair

As many of you have already heard the dates of the annual exam/meeting have been changed. The new dates are April 4, 5 and 6, 2003 at the same great location...Sunday River. Accommodations have been arranged at the Jordan Grand Summit Hotel. We will be operating primarily at Jordan Bowl. All lodging information will be on the division website under Certified/member news.

We also now have our own e-mail address: NSPCertified@aol.com. There is a PDF file on the division website of the certified roster. Please check it and send any updated contact information directly to this address. First it will make registration go faster and we will be able to have an updated roster available at all times.

As always if there are any interested patrollers who would like to attend to see firsthand what we

are all about you are welcome. Be prepared to get involved. Many people have come, helped, and then applied. Maybe as a follow up I'll hit the lodge this time!!

As for any interested patrollers who would like to apply, please be aware that the cut-off for applications is 30 days prior to the meeting, so March 4, 2003 is the drop-dead date. If you have been to a meeting you know how much planning and preparation goes into all facets of the exam...especially the OEC portion. The more lead-time Rick Hamlin has the happier he is. And Rick happy is a good thing. Applications can be gotten off the website.

I would also urge all Certified members to periodically check out the website. We would like to use this as the primary means of communication.



Senior EMM

by Bill Halsey, OEC Administrator

Plan to participate in a very worthwhile education program this season. What's in it for you? You don't get any free lift tickets, no bonuses – just the satisfaction of learning and improving your own skills and knowledge base.

Senior Emergency Management Module (previously known as Senior OEC) uses assorted scenarios to help you improve your skills in three major areas: Decision Making, Problem Management, and Leadership. It is ***not*** a higher level of Outdoor Emergency Care. We only have one level of care, and that is the standard set by our *Outdoor Emergency Care* text.

Talk to recent participants of the program. They will tell you that they learned and developed skills which help them to manage complex situations and to consider many more details than just OEC performance.

The Senior EMM program requires that you participate in a number of training clinics in which specially trained senior trainer/evaluators help you learn some advanced management skills. At the conclusion of a training schedule, a final evaluation is scheduled and it is nothing more than what has been practiced in the training clinics – it is a reinforcement of learned principles.

Improve your skills – add more value to your patrol with the learned ability to lead others – who knows, it could even assist you in your chosen vocational field.



Certified Calendar

January 25-26	Intro to Certified/Examiners' Clinic Windham, NY
February 1	Precourse/Examiners' Clinic Windham, NY
March 1	Precourse/Examiners' Clinic TBA
April 4-6	Certified Exam and Annual Meeting Sunday River, ME

PSPA Calendar

January 15	Precourses Cannon, NH & Hunter, NY
January 29	Precourses Stowe, VT & Sugarloaf, ME
March 4	BOD Meeting TBA
March 5	S&T Exam Killington, VT
March 6	First Aid Exam Killington, VT
April 2	Spring Fling Wildcat, NH

Women's Ski & Toboggan Clinics

These events have become so popular that this year we're planning to run only one division clinic! But don't panic...almost all of the regions will be running local events. This will allow more women to attend with less travel and cost involved.

The division clinic will be held on February 1-2, 2003 at Bear Creek in southern VT. Attendance will be limited to 20 women so sign up early. The application for this clinic is on page 15 of this issue.

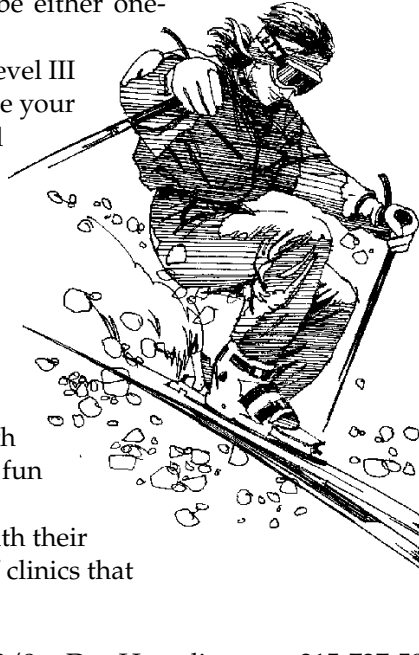
On the region level, depending on the needs of those attending, these clinics could be either one- or two-day events.

During these clinics a PSIA Level III instructor will help you improve your skiing and division trainers will work with you on your sled skills. It doesn't matter what your current skill level is ...there's something for everyone!

If you know anyone who has previously attended one of these clinics, ask them and they'll tell you not only how much they improved but how much fun they had doing it!

Here is a list of the regions with their contacts along with the dates of clinics that are currently scheduled:

CNY (Toggenburg)	3/8	Dee Hameline	315-737-5954
CT	TBA	Marjorie Thorpe	914-279-5636
EMARI	TBA	Edee McNamara	978-422-8016
ENY	TBA	Marielana Davis	518-734-6348
EPA (Montage)	2/23	Sarah Keating	570-679-2426
GV	TBA	Pamm Ferguson	585-473-1196
ME	3/22-23	Debbie Reynolds	207-846-6573
NH/Ski (Ragged)	2/23	Sharon Davis	603-293-7170
NH/Toboggan (Sunapee)	3/16	Sharon Davis	603-293-7170
NJ (Belleayre)	3/1-2	Becky Burnside	973-670-7821
NVT (Smugglers' Notch)	1/25-26	Linda Helms	802-644-1997
WAPP (Seven Springs)	2/1-2	Anna Toth	703-437-0597
WMASS (Bousquet)	1/11-12	Laura Tucker	413-499-1795
WNY (Holimont/ Holiday Valley)	1/25-26	Mary Lyn Boberg	716-942-6334



New OEC Text

Have you ordered your new *OUTDOOR EMERGENCY CARE* text yet?

This new 4th edition is by far the best version published. It has a totally new layout; each chapter opens with a case study to provide an overview of the chapter objective, assorted "tips" are highlighted, skill drills provide step-by-step explanations, vocabulary is identified and a list follows each chapter, and each chapter concludes with a "Chapter Sweep" which provides activities to reinforce important concepts. Also included are colored photographs showing patrollers in action and illustrations clearly reinforce the written text.

This text, as with prior versions, sets the standard by which we are credentialed and the quality level at which we should perform our patrolling duties.

Can you afford not to have the latest and best information available to maintain your knowledge base? If you haven't ordered your new text yet, do it now before you forget. If you have your new 4th edition, congratulations! Now open it and read it – you'll be pleasantly surprised to find that it is much clearer and easier to read than prior versions.



(Brain Teaser: Translate this!)





CALENDAR 2003



JANUARY 2003

- 25-26 **Patroller School & Intro to Certified**
Ski Windham, ENY
Gordie Bell / 717-637-7216
ggbell@blazenet.net
- 25 **Certified S&T Examiners' Clinic**
Ski Windham, ENY
Ted Davis / 518-743-4300
tedd@skiwindham.com

FEBRUARY 2003

- 1-2 **Women's Enhancement Seminar**
Bear Creek, SVT
Laura Tucker / 413-499-1795
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- 1-2 **Combined MTR & Avalanche Levels TBA**
Yawgoo Valley, EMARI
Greg Banner / 401-254-2689
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- 15-17 **Level 2 MTR Outdoor Session TBA**
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- 19 **Combined MTR & Avalanche Levels TBA**
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- 1-2 **Nordic Senior**
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- 1-2 **Level I Avalanche**
Pinkham Notch
Mt. Washington, NH
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603-466-2727
- 1-3 **Combined MTR & Avalanche Levels TBA**
WNY Region
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- 14-16 **Student Training Seminar**
Ascutney, SVT
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APRIL 2003

- 4-6 **Certified Test & Annual Meeting**
Sunday River, ME
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- 12-13 **A/MTR/N Continuing Education**
Highland Forest, NY
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- 25-27 **Division Officers' Meeting**
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S&T 2003

* FEBRUARY

- 1/2 **Womens Enhancement Seminar - Bear Creek**
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- 8/9 **Trainer Evaluator Clinic - Sugarbush**
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- 22 **Division Senior Evaluation (Snowboard Only)**
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* MARCH

- 1/2 **Trainer Evaluator Clinic - Greek Peak**
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- 15/16 **Student Seminar - Ascutney**
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- 4/5/6 **NSP Certified - Sunday River**
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2003 AVALANCHE/ MOUNTAIN TRAVEL & RESCUE/ NORDIC SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2003

- 1-2 **Level 1 MTR, Wachusett Mountain, EMARI**
Richard Townsend - 603-880-8394
r.l.townsend@worldnet.att.net
- 7-8 **Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue, Blue Mt., EPA**
Rich Hartman - 215-576-0914
rchrdhrtmn@hotmail.com
- 8-9 **Level 1 Avalanche, Green Mt. Club Service Ctr.,
Adirondack State Park, NY**
Roger Damon - 802-693-2301
rogdoris@sover.net
- 15-16 **Combined Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue or Mountain
Avalanche Awareness and Level 1 MTR**
Ski Sundown, CT
Dick Gardiner - 860-2301
dickgardiner@aol.com
- 15-17 **Level 2 MTR Outdoor Session, Adirondack State Park NY**
Greg Banner - 401-623-0473
gbanner@earthlink.net
- 22 **Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue Outdoor Session,
Ski Sundown, New Hartford CT**
Dick Gardiner - 860-693-2301
dickgardiner@aol.com
- 2/26 **Combined MTR Fundamentals or Level 1 MTR and Mountain
Avalanche Awareness or Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue
(depends on level of patroller participation)
Kissing Bridge, WNY**
Butch and Mary MacQueen - 716-354-9235
nitrogoldens@madbbs.com

MARCH 2003

- 1-2 **Nordic Senior Skier Enhancement Seminar, Highland Forest NY**
Pete Snyder - 570-698-6173
psnyder@ptdprolog.net or,
Holger Stave - 585-398-2868
hstave@Rochester.rr.com
- 1-2 **Level 1 Avalanche, Mt. Washington NH**
AMC Reservations - 603-466-2727
- 6-9 **Level 2 Avalanche, Whiteface Mountain, NY**
Roger Damon - 802-748-3630
rogdoris@sover.net
- 15-16 **Combined MTR Fundamentals or Level 1 MTR and Mountain
Avalanche or Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue
Outdoor Session (depends on level of patroller participation)
Kissing Bridge, WNY**
Butch and Mary MacQueen - 716-354-9235
nitrogoldens@madbbs.com
- 29 **Mountain Avalanche Awareness, Sterling Forest, Tuxedo, NY**
Meg Smith - 973-635-7576

APRIL 2003

- 5-6 **Level 1 MTR, Mountain Trails, Tannersville, NY**
Carl Smith - 973-635-7576
chsmith1@mindspring.com
- 12-13 **A/MTR/N Continuing Education, Highland Forest NY**
Butch and Mary MacQueen - 716-354-9235
nitrogoldens@madbbs.com

Student Patrol Seminar Ascutney Ski Area Brownsville, VT March 14-17, 2003

Again we're looking for student patrollers who want an AWESOME four days of skiing and hanging out with other students from the Eastern Division at Ascutney Ski Area, Brownsville, VT. This also goes for chaperones and trainers.

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

There will be two days of HOT competition or training, games, swimming and great skiing, But wait – you have some spare time? Take advantage of unlimited use of the indoor pool and hot tub and the game room.

This event will take place March 14-17, 2003. Be on the lookout for potential candidates and get them to fill out the application available in this issue and on the website. Sign up early. The reservation deadline is February 23, 2003.

If you have any questions contact Jerry Hyson at 978-464-5939 or Gerald.Hyson@mrc.state.ma.us or Dan Pascucci at 413-243-9887 or ems@berkshire.net.

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Dates, locations and contact people of the three T/E clinics offered this year are located in the S&T Calendar.

Patroller School:

If you are interested in improving your ski and toboggan skills we urge you to attend this weekend. You will learn some of the most advanced skiing and tobogganing techniques taught anywhere in the East. It will be a truly a worthwhile weekend.

Contact: ggbell@blazenet.net

Introduction to the Certified Program:

The Intro to Certified program is a first hand look at the Certified Exam run as it is at the annual meeting. Although abbreviated it touches on all facets of the test. You will come away knowing exactly what is expected of you. If you have ever been interested in the Certified program, you won't want to miss this.

Contact: Talyxst@aol.com

Please Note:

All Enhancement Seminars and the Patroller School count as a Senior Elective. The Women's Seminar counts as two Senior Electives.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 23, 2003

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

Please type or legibly print all information except for signatures.

2003 STUDENT PATROLLER SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Last _____ First _____

Address _____ Nickname _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ DOB _____ Age _____

Patrol _____ Region _____ NSP # _____

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

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

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

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

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

Your status (check all appropriate)

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

To help us plan ahead please fill in the following:

I plan to: Clinic Compete | Clinic Compete | Clinic Compete
(Skiing, Toboggan, OEC labels above respective columns)

I plan to ski: Friday Monday

Arrival (date & time) _____

Arrival (date & time) _____

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

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FOR MINORS UNDER 18

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

Name of Minor _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Parent Work # _____

Physician's Name _____ Physician's # _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy/Plan # _____

Special Emergency Information/Instructions _____

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT - REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENT PATROLLERS

The undersigned, as a participant, or as a parent or guardian of a minor who is participating in the 2003 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar, in consideration for being allowed to participate in such event, hereby releases the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and the Eastern Division, Ascutney Ski Resort and any and all officers, members, volunteers, agents and employees thereof from any and all claims or liabilities of any kind whatsoever arising out my or such minor's participation in the 2003 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar. I/we further release and waive any rights, causes of action, or claims against said Ski Patrol or Ski Area, and any officers, members, volunteers, agents, and employees thereof which I/we may have arising out of any personal injury, property loss or damage, or any other liability incurred during skiing and related activities of the 2003 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar. As further consideration for being permitted to participate in the 2003 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar, I, or we on behalf of said minor, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and the Eastern Division, Ascutney Ski Resort and any and all officers, members, volunteers, agents, and employees thereof from all damages, judgments, expenses (including attorney's fees) and costs whatsoever arising out of any claim or demand by the said minor or by persons acting for or on behalf of said minor in respect of the aforesaid injuries or damages.

Participant (print) _____ Participant (signature) _____

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

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

A Brief Description of Programs Offered by the Eastern Division

Telemark Enhancement Seminar:

The telemark enhancement clinic is open to any patroller presently patrolling on telemark equipment, who wants to improve their telemark ski skills. This is not a "learn to telemark" clinic, but is designed for the patroller with the skills to presently patrol on telemark equipment. Mickey Stone, a former PSIA Telemark Demo Team member, teaches the clinic. The clinic begins on moderate terrain, where the basics of the telemark turn are reviewed and corrected. The clinic then quickly progresses to tougher terrain, concluding with moguls, steeps and trees. The clinic is a fun, fast, non-graded event. We have seen an approximate 70% return rate from previous clinic participants, which indicates the quality and value attendees place on the event.

Contact: kirbyvv@aol.com

Skier Enhancement Seminar:

This seminar offers an ideal opportunity for the patroller of any level to upgrade and hone their basic skiing skills. Skier Enhancement Seminars are typically one or two-day events, staffed by high level PSIA Instructors and provides ample practice in the following ski skills: long, medium and short radius turns on groomed and moguled terrain. It provides a non-threatening environment, with no scoring or grading, and is just a great way to learn and have some FUN. Its intent is to send you away with some new knowledge; tools and ideas that will help improve your skiing and could quite possibly take you all the way to the next level.

Contact: ericstrom@rcn.com

Snowboard Enhancement Seminar:

On Jan. 25 & 26 a snowboard enhancement seminar will be held at Bromley Mountain. This clinic is open to all snowboarding patrollers. An AASI instructor will ride and clinic with riders of varying levels. In the course of two days we will try to cover as many aspects of riding as possible (free ride, park, pipe, bumps etc.). Come and ride with us for the weekend, have a great time and maybe learn a new trick or two.

Contact: s2532w@froggernet.com

Toboggan Enhancement Seminar:

If you are interested in a session to improve your toboggan skills, or maybe just a "tune up," then a toboggan enhancement seminar may be right up your alley. A toboggan enhancement seminar is not a test, but a way to hone your skills, meet new people and learn some new techniques. Even if you come from a small area where the pitch doesn't require too much technique, there are ways to make the job easier on yourself. Often patrollers struggle transporting a sled to the base area and expend too much effort doing it. If you don't come and see for yourself, you will never know if you are working too hard. You may even get the fever to train for the next level! Watch for advertisements in your regional newsletter for dates and locations for these events.

Women's S&T Enhancement Seminar:

This clinic is for ladies only. The objective of the seminar is to provide a positive and comfortable learning environment where the participants can experiment and practice different ways of accomplishing various objectives in both free skiing and toboggan handling. A key theme is to discover your strengths and weaknesses and to develop strategies to work within your comfort zone.

Contact: LETLBT@aol.com.

Senior S&T for Snowboarders!!

Announcing a Senior S&T evaluation for snowboarders, given by snowboarders. This one-day challenge event will cover both the "riding skills" (what the two plankers call skiing skills), patroller skills, and toboggan-handling skills. Candidates who successfully demonstrate senior level skills will receive their Senior S&T credentials. Date of event: February 22, 2003. Location TBD. You must pre-register for this event, registrations due by February 8th, 2003.

Contact: s2532w@froggernet.com.

Trainer/Evaluator Clinics:

Regional Trainers are invited to Certify or Re-certify. Evaluation of your skills: in conducting a lesson (snippet) in sled, ski skills, and skiing as well as your skiing performance. Performance expectation Level 7 required to be successful. Come prepared to teach and ski. Region Advisor approval required to attend.

In Memoriam



LLEWELLYN "BUD" TUCKER

It is with deep regret that we report the sudden passing of Llewellyn "Bud" Tucker on June 15, 2002 at the age of 69.

Bud was a 43-year veteran of the NSP and had worked at Mount Greylock, Brodie Mountain, Berkshire East, and Otis Ridge Ski Areas. His involvement had been both long and dedicated since its inception in 1959. He served as Brodie Mountain Patrol Director twice, 1966-1979 and 1997-1999.

During the 1965-66 season Bud served as his region's first aid advisor and in 1968 he stepped down from the patrol director's position to become the Berkshire Section Chief of the Western Massachusetts Region.

It was in Bud's nature to be constantly involved in all facets of patrolling and he led by example. He continually strove for improvement advancing through the senior and certified programs and serving as both an S&T and OEC trainer/evaluator at the patrol, region, and division levels. He received his Circle A and Avalanche Patch in 1968 and went on to become an instructor in the program.

In 1970 he achieved PSPA Certification and during the 1971 season, in the second year of its administration, Bud passed the Certified Exam receiving certified number 18. He became a valued contributor to the program serving as both its secretary and co-chairman. In 1999, the Certified Program honored Bud with Lifetime membership status.

Bud was recognized by his peers and received many honors for his dedication to the NSP. In 1968, Minnie Dole presented Bud with National Appointment #3250. In 1985 he was awarded the Western Massachusetts Region Director's Award for the outstanding volunteer in the region and in 1987 received a Yellow Merit Star.

Bud graduated from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Science in 1954 and was employed at Crane & Company, Dalton, MA for 37 years, retiring from the Quality Control Department in 1995. He was a member of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry and served on the Executive Committee for the Berkshire Section.

From 1954-1957 he served in the Army subsequently transferring to the Coast Guard Reserve. He retired as a Commander in 1993 and was a member of the Reserve Officers Association.

An avid sailor and sports car enthusiast, Bud was a member of the U.S. Power Squadron, Pontoosuc Sailing Club (past commodore), Shennecossett Yacht Club, and the Sports Car Club of America. He received his competition license in 1965.

Bud is survived by his wife, Laura; children, David, Carol, Edward, Michael, and Karen; stepchildren, Wendy and Ward; grandchildren, Nathan, Sarah, Michael, Stephanie, and Courtney; and sisters Lucille and Grace.

Family and friends gathered at Brodie Mountain in New Ashford, MA on September 28, 2002, in remembrance of Bud. His quiet manner, his willingness to help other patrollers, and quest for NSP excellence will be missed by his family, friends, and the Eastern Division patrol community. Donations in Bud's name may be made to the Eastern Division Memorial Fund, c/o Dave Nelson, 2 Terrace Road, Boonton, NJ 07005

*Paul Tracy
Eastern Division OEC Supervisor*

BARBARA CHANDLER HODGSKIN (1929-2002)

Barbara "BOO" Hodgskin, started skiing with the patrol in 1969. Initially, Boo was an instructor for the Tiny Tots program at Labrador Mountain when she began training as a patroller. She was also a member of the first EMT class in New York State and became a Red Cross First Aid Instructor. Her patrol career included FA/PEC/WEC Instructor, Senior Patroller, Senior First Aid Examiner and Instructor, Trainer/Evaluator, Chief-of-the-Hill, and Patrol Board Member-at-Large. Boo received National Appointment #4594 in 1975 and a Yellow Merit Star for assisting in saving a life during a patrol rescue. This year she was awarded the prestigious Distinguished Service Award, the first in the history of the Labrador Mountain Ski Patrol.

Year after dedicated year, Boo worked tirelessly at refreshers, clean-ups, hosting West Point cadet patrollers, maintaining the most patrolled hours, championing our fundraiser "RoundUp" and becoming a known face to many on the hill and mentoring incoming candidates. Boo has done so much for our patrol that we wouldn't be what we are now if it hadn't been for her.

If you've ever skied at Labrador, you might know that Boo and her husband Hodge had a ski house on the hill at the top of the Badger Chair. All were welcome at Boo and Hodge's winter home to share a hot cup of coffee and talk about skiing. Boo's tracks were usually the first seen on the hill, meandering out of the woods from her cottage, making perfect s-curves on her way down to start the day. She was tireless, devoted to the skiing and boarding public, dedicated to the national patrol she served, and loved by her fellow patrollers.

Her family sent us this note which best describes her: "Boo was laid out in her rust and blue patrol parka, which coincidentally was matched by the magnificent floral arrangement sent by the patrol. Boo was always so proud to be part of the Labrador Ski Patrol in large measure because of the dedication and commitment of its patrollers. It was her kind of thing. She was never happier than to make First Tracks down Badger before the lifts opened on a frosty, winter day with maybe a dusting of powder from the night before. Whenever you make First Tracks anywhere, think of her. She won't be there, but her spirit will."

Donations in Boo's honor may be made to the Hospice Foundation of Jefferson County Inc., 425 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13061 or to the National Ski Patrol, 133 S. Van Gordon St., Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80228.

*Labrador Mountain Ski Patrol
Truxton, NY*

Eastern Patroller Skill Competition

The third annual Patroller Skill Competition will be held at the Montage Ski Area on Saturday, February 9, 2003. The registration fee is \$40 per team (after February 1 the fee is \$50) with the team consisting of three patrollers of any classification and one patroller to evaluate the OEC scenarios and assist on the race course, three patrollers of any classification and one patroller to evaluate the OEC scenarios and assist on the racecourse.

Each team member will receive a T-shirt and lunch. The event planners hope to up the prizes once again and to possibly include an AED along with the Cascade Toboggan and cash.

Last year's competition saw Team Roundtop take the first place trophy cup, a Cascade Toboggan and \$500. Their team consisted of one certified patroller, Brant Maley, and two student patrollers, Krista Bensele and Ian Shedder. You may recognize these students' names because Krista took first in skiing and Ian took first over all at the Division Student Patroller Competition last March. The defending champions Team Jack Frost came in a close second taking home \$200 and Team Montage finished up in third with \$100.

The rules have not changed much from the first year the competition was held. Each competitor will lead a basic OEC scenario. There are NO extractions, unresponsive, uncooperative, or multiple patient scenarios. The leader and his/her team will be evaluated on:

- 1) scene hazard control
- 2) introduction to patient
- 3) body substance isolation
- 4) patient survey
- 5) identification of injuries
- 6) SAMPLE history
- 7) base line information
- 8) applied OEC
- 9) patient handling
- 10) time used (20 minute maximum allowed).

The timed race will be two runs with an empty sled and two runs with a loaded sled down a NASTAR-style course. These rules may be modified by the event planners to adjust for weather, conditions, or the number of teams competing. For additional information contact Jake Felix at 570-947-8082 or jake@albright.org or Tom Kneiss at 570-489-7153 or trkneiss@hotmail.com.

Eastern Patroller Competition Registration Form

Patrol _____ Team Name (Optional) _____

Team Members:

(1) _____ T-shirt size _____

(2) _____ T-shirt size _____

(3) _____ T-shirt size _____

Evaluator _____ T-shirt size _____

Team Contact:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Make registration checks out to Montage Ski Patrol and mail to:

Tom Kneiss, 1015 WLE, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Program Registration Form

Return this form with a check for the appropriate amount, made payable to NSP Eastern Division, to the contact person listed below the event you plan to attend. Please make a separate copy of this form for each program.

Name _____ NSP Reg. # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Patrol _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

Patrol _____ Region _____

NSP # _____

Required Signature If Necessary (see below) _____

Status (*check all that apply*)

- Candidate Auxiliary Patroller Senior Certified Candidate
 Certified Ski Snowboard Telemark

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I would like to register for:

- Patroller School *or* Intro to Certified – Ski Windham, Jan. 25-26 – \$50
(Gordie Bell, 210 Baugher Drive, Hanover, PA 17331-4006, ggbell505@earthlink.net)
- Snowboard Enhancement Seminar – Bromley, Feb. 1-2 – \$75
(Jeff Burgess, 324 North 5th Street, Olean, NY 14760, S2532W@froggernet.com)
- Division Senior Evaluation/Snowboard Only – Feb. 22
(Jeff Burgess, 324 North 5th Street, Olean, NY 14760, S2532W@froggernet.com)
- Women’s Enhancement Seminar – Bear Creek, Feb. 1-2 – \$75
(Laura Tucker, 23 Narragansett Avenue, Pittsfield, MA 01201-1021, 413-499-1795, letlbt@aol.com)

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S&T T/E Clinics (*Region S&T Administrator signature is required along with one toboggan per three attendees*)

- Sunday River, Jan. 11-12
(John Kane, 121 Cranberry Drive, Halifax, MA 02338, 617-293-5421, kanejohn@earthlink.net)
- Sugarbush, Feb. 8-9
(Doug Shaw, 963 Creamery Road, Williston, VT 05495, 802-879-7408, theyrocptn@hotmail.com)
- Greek Peak, Mar. 1-2
(Bob Bluff, 11 Village Lane, Bethany, PA 18413, 570.253.5556. bluff@ptd.net)



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2003 Level II Avalanche Course

The 2003 Eastern Division Level II Avalanche course has been scheduled for March 6 through 9 (Thursday through Sunday) at Whiteface Mountain, NY. The course will run four consecutive days in order to minimize time and travel commitments for those involved. Participants should plan to arrive Wednesday evening. The purpose of the Level II course is to help prepare the patroller for all aspects of avalanche rescue operations.

During the first two days, participants will complete the classroom program by attending a wide variety of presentations and activities, and by direct involvement in a rescue simulator session. The simulator is a mock-up of a rescue problem designed to provide realistic situations and decision-making typically encountered in avalanche rescue operations. The next two days comprise the field portion of the course. Participants will be involved in field exercises including snowpack analysis, rescue beacon use, and avalanche rescue operations.

The Level I Avalanche or the Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue (formerly called Basic) course and the Level 1 (also formerly called Basic) Mountain Travel and Rescue course are required as prerequisites. Winter hiking experience and proper outdoor clothing and equipment are essential. Interested patrollers must understand that a significant outdoor exercise is done in a winter mountain environment and those with physical or medical restrictions must consider these factors before applying.

Attendance is limited. For registration information on the Level II Avalanche course please complete and return the form below, or contact Roger Damon at 802-748-3630 or rogdor@sover.net by February 10, 2003.

2003 Level II Avalanche Course

Whiteface Mountain, NY

March 6 - 9, 2003

Name _____ NSP Reg. # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Patrol _____

E-mail _____

Please return this form ASAP but no later than February 10, 2003 to:

Roger Damon
25 Spring Street
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819-2511