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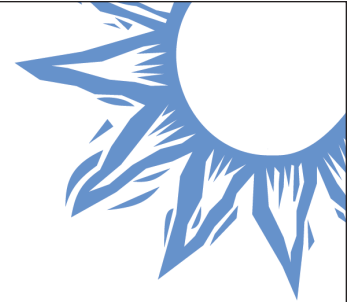
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What Did You Do This Summer?

by Rick Hamlin, Division Director

By the time that you read this, the leaves will have fallen from the trees and you have most likely started the annual fall pilgrimage to your favorite sources of ski and snowboard equipment to check out what equipment has made its way into the "must have" category for this season. You may have been to your refresher or are helping out at an Outdoor Emergency Care course and have started again to run into your fellow patrollers. If we are really lucky, early winter storms will blanket the east and we'll all be back on our mountains.

In any event, one of the things we always like to find out is how folks spent their summer. It's always great to hear that one of your patrol reached the summit of Mount Everest (two patrollers did this year, way to go Chuck Boyd, Ski Sundown, CT and Dave Watson, Smugglers' Notch, VT!) Some achievements may not be so exciting, but hey, re-roofing the house may have been a more

important goal for you, especially if you experienced the monsoon rains that hit much of the east this summer.

For me, my path this summer was neither to the top of the world nor to the top of my roof. I spent what seemed like the better part of the summer beating a path south to the Albany area. As you may recall, at the Spring Officers' Meeting this year, the voting members of the Eastern Division elected to completely replace the Division's bylaws. As a part of the many changes that are directed by these new bylaws, all of the Region Directors now form a Board of Directors serving the Division. This is a management body that the Eastern Division has never had before and is an important part of insuring that all of the division members have representation in its governance.

The bylaws also direct the selection of the committees that support the programs of the NSP within the division and how the division should operate. Because of the changes mandated in operational procedures, the board had many items to address so that there

would be a smooth transition and improvements in the way that we do things could start as soon as possible. At the Spring Officers' Meeting, the Board decided to schedule one meeting per month through the summer up to the Fall Officers' Meeting to insure that we got off on the right foot under the new bylaws and got all of the new management tasks taken care of.

Now that the stage has been set, let me get right to the most important point of this article. The Eastern Division is in excellent hands with your new Board of Directors. If you have ever served on any kind of committee, you know that it is often difficult to gain group consensus and make productive progress, especially when all of the tasks are new and there is no road map from previous management structures to guide the effort. Add to the equation that the Board is comprised of 15 members and one might expect the going to be a little slow at first. As the person tasked with setting the meeting agendas, I did, and I cannot tell you how happy I am to report that I was very wrong.

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Your board was productive and efficient in their efforts right out of the box. Agenda items that I would have bet a new pair of skis would have taken two meetings to get through were handled easily in one. I learned very quickly to maintain a running agenda list for at least one meeting ahead so we could make the most of our time together as the Board plowed through the issues. The 15 RDs who sit on the Board represent your regions very well and work harmoniously together. They were so productive, in fact, that we cancelled the meeting scheduled for August as they had completed all of the tasks that needed to be finished prior to the Fall Officers' Meeting. I could not have asked for a better board to work with.

So, what did get done over the summer? Here is a very brief synopsis of what your Board of Directors has accomplished since the Spring Officers' Meeting:

- All of the committees required under the new by-laws have been staffed. (See the list of all of the committees and their members elsewhere in this issue of *Trail Sweep*.)
- The Division website program calendars have been consolidated into one location in a more user-friendly format. Many regions have adopted this same format, or a format that makes finding events and the folks to contact easier than ever before. Many of the region calendars are also linked to other regions to help you find the programs you are looking for if they are not being offered in your own region. Many thanks go out to all the webmasters who help keep us up to date and informed.
- The Board has worked closely with the Division Treasurer to improve the way that we track program income and expenses. Previously reporting was done once per year, at the Spring Officers' Meeting. Now reports will be updated for the Board on a quarterly basis and Treasurer Jeff Barcus, at the Board's request, has added more detail to these reports.
- All of the Regions have identified their Alternate RDs. (These are the folks who will fill in for an RD, if they cannot complete their term.)
- An additional committee was created to support the Senior Program. They have been tasked with putting together information that will be available on the Division website describing what the program is all about and what steps are required to complete the process. The goal is to have a "one-stop shopping" place for all things Senior, and links to other information that a Senior

candidate might be looking for. This committee will also be responsible for the logistics of the Senior in a Weekend program.

- Contact was made with the National office to see if the database titles for the region officers below the RD level could be changed to reflect the actual titles now being used in a region if "Section Chief" was no longer being used. Final score on this request: National 1, Eastern Division 0. You may be called something else as an officer in your region, but to the computers at the National office you will always be a Section Chief. We'll keep working on this, as it impacts who gets mailings from the National office.
- Much sharing of region bylaws information has occurred. Many regions did not have bylaws and needed to create them so that the region issues around the new election process could be codified. Regions who have completed the process have shared them with those who will have to have bylaws in place by next fall when they hold elections for RDs. This has saved much effort at the region level.
- A process for communicating issues from the membership, up through the Region, to the Division and on to the National office, if required, was agreed upon.
- Photos of the Board of Directors members were collected and posted on the website so that you may recognize them when you see them and let them know how you think things are going.
- New Supervisors were appointed for both the MTR and S&T programs due to the previous Supervisors having to step down because of work commitments. Welcome Greg Banner (MTR) and Keith Pomeroy (S&T) as the new Supervisors when you see them and be sure to thank Mary MacQueen and Randy McNeil for all of the hard work that they have put into these programs.
- The RDs agreed to look within their regions for candidates to submit resumes for positions on the National Board of Directors. If you are interested, contact your Region Director.
- Since your Division Director has to attend a refresher each year to maintain his OEC card just like everyone else, it was decided that the DD's refresher location would be determined by a lottery. A patrol name from each region was tossed into a hat and the patrol that was selected and who has graciously agreed to let me attend their refresher is

2004 NordicFest

by Karlis Kopans, SNY Nordic Advisor/Event Organizer

Shawnee Peak, Maine. Perhaps I'll be seeing you at your refresher next year.

- The Long Range Planning Committee Chair, Meg Smith, presented to the Board information on NSP member demographics to help us better understand membership trends, such as member age, etc. This helps to identify potential skier groups for recruiting and to recognize that we, as an organization, are getting older in average age. I am, in a small way, trying to counter that trend by recruiting my eldest daughter into the patrol family this year.
- Goals and objectives for each of the programs were discussed by the Board and noted by the program committee chairs.
- National OEC Supervisor Larry Bost was invited to meet with the Board. We had an excellent meeting with Mr. Bost and he brought the Board up to speed with a look at OEC issues from the National perspective.
- The Board approved an arrangement that had been suggested by Al Pels, the Alumni Program Advisor, which would allow him to transfer Alumni funds not being claimed by the Regions to the Student program. This will help to support the Division Student Training Seminar and to keep the costs down for the students.
- The Board discussed recertification fees for program instructors and evaluators. Of specific note was the cost for OEC Senior EMM T/E's to recertify. This issue went to the OEC Committee so that they could determine average costs and income for the events for the past year or so and come back with a recommendation to the Board.
- The Board agreed that it would be a good idea to replace the current Eastern Division logo with a new logo reflecting our new start under the current by-laws. (Read about the contest open to all members to submit suggestions for the new design elsewhere in this issue.)
- In addition to the Board and Board Committee meetings, Avalanche, MTR, OEC, Instructor Development, and Ski and Toboggan programs met at least once, and some multiple times, to get ready for the 2004-2005 season.

Next summer the Board will not have to meet as often and I look forward to the additional free time, but when it comes to making sure the Eastern Division is the best that it can be, meeting with your Board of Directors is a great way to spend a day.

Patrollers from around the division gathered in the Catskill Mountains from Jan. 30 through Feb. 1, 2004, to enjoy one another's company at the 2004 NordicFest. The NordicFest was hosted by the Southern New York Region and Mountain Trails Cross Country Ski Area, in Tannersville, NY, and supported by the NJ Region. Luckily, nature cooperated and provided the area with much awaited snow a few days prior to the event, as the mountain had not yet been able to open for the season.

The Mountain Trails Nordic Patrol, under the leadership of Patrol Representative Margaret Smith, made sure things ran smoothly over the course of the weekend. Janina Brigis, our host, at the Latvian Lutheran Church Camp in Elka Park, NY, provided lodging and meals.

Most patrollers arrived at the Latvian Camp Friday night and got a chance to relax, renew old friendships, and enjoy some Nordic ski flicks by the fireplace in the Guest House. Unfortunately, late Friday evening, a distress call was received from Dale Rodgers, our PSIA Level III Track/Skate and Nordic Downhill instructor for the weekend. Dale had broken down in Glens Falls on his way from Vermont to join us. He apologized for getting to the NordicFest late, but assured us that he would somehow make it down to us by morning. And, sure enough, one hour before breakfast, he rolled in. He had been up all night, working with the mechanic, to get his car back on the road. Kudos to Dale for his perseverance!

After a good night's sleep for all (except Dale) and a delicious breakfast, everyone headed over to Mountain Trails for the day's events. The focal point of the day was a Skier Enhancement Seminar in Nordic Track and Skate. Jim Florance, a PSIA Level II Nordic Track/Skate Instructor and also a patroller from the High Point assisted Dale. Together they managed to improve every participant's skiing in one way or another. Mark Shamus Hyer did a superb job grooming and tracksetting the area.

The following patrollers were presented with Certificates of Achievement for successfully completing the course: Butch MacQueen and Florence Vach of Alleghany SP; Bruce Hottum and Eric Endriss of Belleayre Mountain; Linda and Chuck Boyd of Connecticut Region Nordic; Greg France (NJ RD), Joni Hamilton and Greg Sella of High Point SP; Frank Wetherby, Robert Presutti and Ralph Rossi of Northfield Mountain; Jerry Timcik and Diane Murray of Hidden Valley; Mitch Kessler, Jonathan Silver, Margaret and Carl Smith of Mountain Trails; and Katharine Dodge, Jim Sampson, Rick Shandler, Eric Snyder and Peter Snyder of Upper Delaware.

At the end of the day, senior candidates spent some time building emergency toboggans with the help of instructors Pete Snyder (ED Nordic Advisor) and Carl and Margaret Smith. The rest of the patrollers were invited to join the Mountain Trails Patrol on sweep. Upon successful conclusion of sweep, Mountain Trails hosted a Happy Hour in the ski lodge, where we were joined by SNY RD,

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Jeffrey Gilbert. Mountain Trails' owner Rosemary Hyer and members of the Mountain Trails Nordic Patrol provided food, beer and wine.

After Happy Hour, dinner was served at the Latvian Camp. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to all who contributed to making the NordicFest a success. Following that, Nordic Instructor Jim Sampson from Upper Delaware presented an informative waxing clinic and a lively discussion ensued. We finished off the night by watching telemark films.

After Sunday's breakfast, NordicFest participants had the choice of continuing the senior clinic, telemark skiing at Belleayre Mountain, or reinforcing what they had learned in the previous day's clinic at Mountain Trails. Among other things, participants of the senior clinic had the chance to pull around the emergency toboggans they had made the day before and got to practice their map and compass skills.

Dale Rodgers provided our telemark skiers with a terrific Skier Enhancement Seminar in Nordic Downhill at Belleayre Mountain. The Belleayre patrollers, under the direction of Joe Strauss, were wonderful hosts, providing us with superb facilities and skiing. A North American Telemark Organization (NATO) clinic was also going on that day. Hence, patrollers got a chance to try out NATO's shaped telemark skis and plastic boots which contributed greatly to a wonderful day on the slopes.

The next NordicFest will be hosted by Hidden Valley Nordic.

2005 Eastern Division Level II Avalanche Course

by Chuck Boyd, *Ski Sundown*

By now you may have heard about the success of the Level II Avalanche Course at Whiteface Mountain in 2003 and read Roger Damon's article about it in *Ski Patrol Magazine*. Want to sign up for the next course?

The 2005 Eastern Division Level II Avalanche Course is scheduled for March 17 through 20 (Thursday through Sunday) at the Atmospheric Science Research Center and 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, March 16.

The purpose of the Level II course is to help prepare the patroller and backcountry user for all aspects of avalanche hazards and rescue operations. More information describing the course will be available on the Eastern Division website.

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

Accommodations during the indoor session will be at the Holiday Lodge (518-946-2251) near Whiteface with meals in their restaurant. Registration cost for the course for NSP members will be \$175 and \$225 for non-NSP members. Lodging will be at a group rate of \$69.00 per night, double occupancy, or there are two bunk rooms sleeping six and eight for single participants. Meals will be available at the Holiday Lodge and catered lunches will be available at ASRC each day at a very reasonable price, including trail lunches at the outdoor sessions.

Completion of the Level I Avalanche or Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue Course and Level I Mountain Travel & Rescue or Mountain Travel & Rescue Fundamentals courses within the last three years is a prerequisite. Winter hiking experience and proper outdoor clothing and equipment are also essential. Interested participants should understand that the outdoor field work is done in a winter mountain environment that involves physical exertion and sustained exposure to winter elements and hazards. Interested participants with physical or medical restrictions must consider these factors before applying.

Attendance is limited, so sign up early!



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270 PRO-DEAL PROGRAMS FOR NSP MEMBERS FROM BROFORM.COM!

BroForm.com has again offered membership to all currently registered National Ski Patrollers. For those of you who are new to the NSP this means members can access up to 270 pro-deal programs from a wide variety of manufacturers.

Products like beacons, backpacks, ski and snowboard outerwear/underwear, goggles, helmets and a whole lot more are available through BroForm.com at pro-deal pricing (30-50% below retail).

If you are interested (and why wouldn't you be?) contact John Shelly (js@broform.com or 877-420-2766) with your full name, email address, NSP registration number and the name of the area at which you patrol.

Check out www.broform.com although you won't be able to see discounted pricing until you are a registered member. This is a great and exclusive benefit for your involvement in the snow sports industry. Don't miss out!

Student Program Funded by Alumni

by Al Pels, Alumni Advisor

This year the alumni refund will fund the estimated \$2400 administrative expense of the Eastern Division Student Training Seminar. What a perfect match! Patrollers who are no longer active are supporting those just starting. Here are the details:

<i>Eastern Division</i>	773	Alumni Members
	-218	Lifetime Members (no refund)
	<u>565</u>	Pay \$27 annual dues to National
	565 x \$10 = \$5650	Refund from National to Eastern Division
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<i>Eastern Division Distribution</i>	\$2825	To Region Directors (\$5 per Alumni)
	\$2400	To fund Student Training Seminar
	<u>\$ 425</u>	Balance

This action by the new Board of Directors is a good example of how dues can directly help patrollers. If you are not re-registering this year, why not register as Alumni to stay part of NSP and also help student patrollers. For more information and an application, go to <http://www.nspeast.org/html/alumni.htm> or contact me at pels@top.monad.net.

Alumni events scheduled for this season:

12/18/04	EPA	Jack Frost Ski Area	Bob Barette	304-372-4163
1/14/05	NJ	Mountain Creek	John Phelps	570-296-2219
1/15/05	NJ	Hidden Valley	John Phelps	570-296-2219
2/7/05	EMARI	Wachusett Mountain	Carolyn Nally	401-783-7172
2/11/05	WMASS	Ski Butternut	Al Cramer	203- 426-9766
3/19/05	NH	Ragged Mountain	Clay Caddy	603-483-2142

To register for the Level II Avalanche Course, please complete and return the form below with a check for \$175.00 NSP members, \$225.00 non-NSP members made out to Eastern Division NSP by February 3, 2005. For information, contact Level II Avalanche Instructor of Record Chuck Boyd at 860-668-0521, lc2boyd@cs.com or Level II Avalanche Assistant Instructor of Record Rich Hartman at 215-576-0914, rchrdrhrtmn@earthlink.net.

2005 Level II Avalanche Course
Whiteface Mountain, NY
March 17 - 20, 2005

Name _____

NSP Reg. # _____ Patrol _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please return this form by February 3, 2005 to: Butch MacQueen
ED Avalanche Supervisor
1386 Braley Hill Road
Frewsburg, NY 14738



Greetings from the MTR Program

by Greg Banner, MTR Supervisor

I am the new Eastern Division Mountain Travel & Rescue Supervisor. I am hoping to add my own ideas to expand on the great work done before me by other supervisors and instructors throughout the division.

I will just highlight a few points here for everyone's benefit. MTR is an educational program but also has the capability of serving the individual patrols too. MTR instructors can help with local search and rescue planning, sled belay operations, and the other skills taught in the MTR program. Take advantage of these skills and contact your local instructors and regional advisor if you have any questions. Don't be bashful about asking them for assistance or presentations.

The goal for the division is to have an MTR

advisor/instructor in every patrol. While we have a number of instructors in the division, many patrols are not currently covered. We encourage every patrol director to pursue this goal so that the MTR program can be brought to patrol level. I encourage every patrol to identify someone now and get him or her thinking about how they can help patrol functions.

The next step is to get them into the classes and instructor-training program if needed. One per patrol is not an overly ambitious goal but it needs a push from the patrols to make it happen.

The MTR program for the year is moving forward and more courses are being added all the time. We have one MTR2 course and numerous MTRF/MTR1 courses being offered throughout the division. Check the division calendar for details and sign up as soon as you can.

Every region has an MTR Advisor. I encourage you to take any questions to them and get them to help you with your local needs. As always if there is anything you want to ask of me, feel free. I can be reached at 401-623-0473 or gbanner@earthlink.net. Regards and have a great year.



National Appointments

Robert Lunn	10014	NVT
John Feeley	10120	NVT
Michael Skroski	10122	NVT
Barbara Ryder	10124	NVT

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Jeff Gilbert	SNY
Wesley Kryger	VP/GM Greek Peak

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Pat Blenk	SNY
William Blenk	SNY
Karlis Kopans	SNY
Linda Edlinger	SNY
Selby Feldman	SNY
Joseph Lauterstein	SNY
Rosina Montana	SNY
John Puppolo	SNY
John Raftery	SNY
Hildy Rosenberg	SNY
Robert Schwartz	SNY

Carl Smith	SNY
Meg Smith	SNY
Joe Strauss	SNY

PURPLE MERIT STAR

Rob Fielding	WMA
Al Mason	WMA

BLUE MERIT STAR

Ryan Courtemanch	WMA
Frank Field	WMA
Len Surdyka	WMA

YELLOW MERIT STAR

Robert Hamilton	SNY
Bryon Call	WMA
Jeff Bassett	WMA
Lori Bassett	WMA

PATROLLER'S CROSS

Jesse Raymond	SNY
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50-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Manny Schweitzer	SNY
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It's That Time Again!

by Bill Boulter, Awards Advisor

The leaves are turning and falling, the sky is gray and gloomy, and the smell of snow is in the air. I personally have already done my OEC refresher and now wait for skiing to start. Oh no you think, another letter from Bill Boulter about ski patrol awards. He will tell us, once again, about getting award applications in on time and getting the outstanding awards started so the January 31st deadline can be met. He will probably bore us with another plea for more awards for the deserving patrollers in our regions and sections, if there is still such a thing as a section anymore, and he will make a plea for better letters and forms.

But no, this letter is much different. The Division Awards Advisors are meeting via telephone conference this year with the National Awards Advisor to talk about the "New National Mission Statement" and what it means to awards for our Division and the National

Ski Patrol in general. I personally see the National Ski Patrol putting much more emphasis on education and program delivery. This could be a good thing or it could be a bad thing depending on your point of view. Awards, in my humble opinion, will be more important than ever for several reasons. They will be part of the glue that bonds patroller to patroller and helps keep this organization together. Awards look past the politics of an organization and provide what members need most, recognition of the achievements of the individual.

What is our job as patrollers? To treat injured guests and get them safely off the hill and to insure their recreational environment is as safe as possible. The practical skills...that is our job. The National Ski Patrol is the patroller. This is why awards are so important. An award recognizes the individual, the patroller, not the organization. Do your job. Award a record number of patrollers from your hill with the recognition they deserve.



2005 Intro to the Certified Program and Patroller School at Ski Windham

by Gordie Bell

The Introduction to the Certified Program and Patroller School will run concurrently on January 22 and 23, 2005. The Intro to Certified is for registered patrollers who are interested in the Certified Program.

During the Intro Program there will be a presentation on the application process where an applicant's patrol history is reviewed by the Certified Credentials Committee prior to acceptance into the program. Then each of the modules in the Certified exam are discussed and demonstrated on the snow as required. These include skiing, toboggan handling, first aid problems, avalanche rescue, lift evacuation, low-angle rope rescue, hill safety and management interviews. The outstanding feature of this school is the great terrain at Ski Windham. There is little doubt as to what is required to become certified after these two days of clinics.

The Patroller School is open to all registered patrollers, including auxiliaries. Come and work on skiing and toboggan-handling skills. Expert ski instructors and certified ski patrollers work with you to improve your skills in a relaxed atmosphere. Everyone wears civilian garb, and the idea is to have fun, meet new friends, and play with old friends. Come have

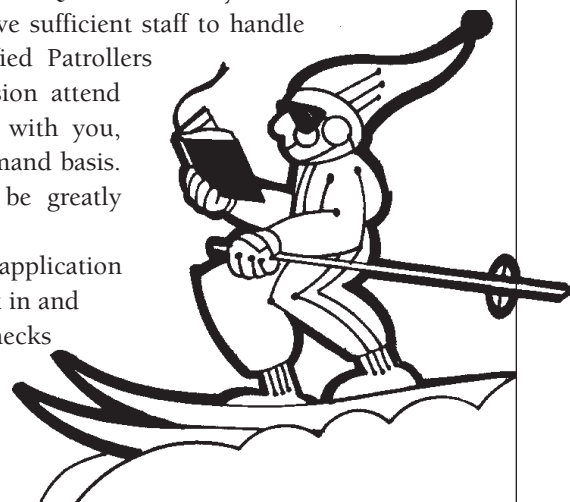
fun...and expand your horizons.

Ski Windham is a wonderful area with varied terrain that permits beginners to not be intimidated and expert terrain that is a challenge for the experts.

On Saturday after skiing we have a pizza party. Ski Windham's food service puts on quite a feed with beer and soda for the participants of both events. This gives everyone time to socialize and talk about the day's successes and improvements.

You can get all this for a registration fee of \$50. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED. Put yourself in my position. I must have sufficient staff to handle the participants. Certified Patrollers from all over the division attend this weekend to work with you, but they come on a demand basis. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

There is an S&T application form in this issue. Fill it in and send it to me. Make checks payable to Eastern Division-NSP.



Certified

by Steve Barnes, Chair

First, I would like to recap the March '04 meeting/exam at Smugglers' Notch, VT. While the weather didn't entirely cooperate, the Smuggs' Ski Patrol and area management did! I would like to thank Dave Sills, the Smugglers' Notch Patrol Director for being so accommodating, and Smugglers' Notch in general for making sure we had adequate terrain available to accomplish everything we did and excellent accommodations.

We were also honored to have Leslie Carter, the Southern Division Certified Chairperson, attend and provide input and get ideas to take back to her division.

At the end of the weekend we awarded three patrollers with their Certified numbers;

- 624 Justin Guth, Blue Mountain
- 625 Matt Lancto, Windham Mountain
- 626 Jim O'Connor, Nashoba Valley

Congratulations on a job well done!

We also awarded Rob Armet of the Ski Windham Patrol with Lifetime status. Rob has been an active member of the Certified Program for over 20 years, and holds Certified number 182. Rob currently runs the Lift Evacuation and Low-angle Rescue modules of the Certified exam. He is also an S&T and OEC Examiner. Over the years Rob has held a number of positions within Certified including S&T Chairman. Congratulations Rob!!

This year's meeting/exam is slated for Sugarbush, VT. Because Easter falls on an early date this year, we will be holding the test April 1-3, 2005. More information on lodging and pricing and packages will be on the website as soon

as they are confirmed. Please check at nspeast.org under Programs/Certified.

As always anyone interested in learning more about the Certified Program is encouraged to go to the website, which contains all the information you need to get started in the application process. Or you could contact your Regional Certified Advisor, any Certified patroller, or me directly at 603-433-9055. I would also encourage everyone to attend one of the Intro to Certified events being held this year at Ski Windham or Sunday River. These fun and informative events are being organized and run by Gordie Bell and Dave Walker.

Those of you planning on applying this year need to get all the required information (application, letters, etc.) to Roland Lunser, the Credentials Committee Chair, no later than March 1, 2005. Any application, or part of an application, that arrives after that date will have to be tabled and the entire application will be considered for the 2006 exam. Unfortunately we need that much time to process each application and set up the exam so it runs efficiently.

A reminder to all of the current Certified members, please check the website for re-certification information. If this is your year make arrangements to attend a function where you can be re-certified. Any NSP Certified event or PSPA event will do. If there is even the remotest possibility that you will be unable to re-certify the year you are due please let Peter Neefus, the Re-certification Chair know so he can issue you an extension. Any Certified patroller who doesn't re-certify on time will be moved to "inactive" status.

I hope everyone has a great season and I look forward to seeing everyone at one event or another. If there are any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at 603-433-9556 (h), 603-433-9055 (w), talyxst@aol.com, or certifiedpatrol@yahoo.com. You can also contact any Certified member or the Certified Advisor in your region.



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Intro to Certified at Sunday River

An Introduction to the Certified Program will be offered at the Sunday River Ski Resort on Thursday, January 20, 2005. The program will consist of a demonstration and explanation of each of the components of the Certified Exam including: skiing, toboggan, OEC skills and bystander problems, lift evacuation, hill safety and management interviews, avalanche, and low-angle rescue. The program will start promptly at 8:00 AM in the South Ridge Base Lodge, 2nd floor. Participants should expect an extended day. There is no charge for this program; however, participants should be prepared to purchase a reduced price lift ticket. Please contact Dave Walker at 978-582-9644 to register.

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Kissing Bridge Ski Patrol Trains S.M.A.R.T.

by Dr. Dan Barletta, Kissing Bridge SP

The acronym S.M.A.R.T. stands for Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team. This team provides volunteer support to First Responders.

During the 2003-2004 ski season, Diane Smith, the Kissing Bridge Ski Patrol Representative was asked to assist SMART of Erie County, NY. The team was in need of the type of outdoor emergency care training the ski patrol is well known for. In keeping with the mission of the National Ski Patrol, Diane saw this as an opportunity to increase knowledge of the ski patrol and its outstanding and award-winning training programs not only to this organization but also to the community at large.

SMART provides volunteer support to First Responders. The front line personnel in SMART are based out of the Erie County Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine. SMART is dispatched with a physician with special expertise in disaster management and emergency services operations.

Nineteen members of SMART participated in training exercises during two weekends in January 2004. The Kissing Bridge Ski Patrol's Training Officer Al Hohl, Assistant Training Officer Franny Calkins and Trainer/Evaluator Berny Calkins coordinated the training sessions.

During these training sessions, the Kissing Bridge patrollers provided knowledge in all aspects of outdoor emergency care. Areas covered included dealing with backboards, working in cold and snow, and low-angle rescue.

The ski patrol team demonstrated a number of typical scenarios that could be encountered at any ski area in the country. The first scenario involved a skier hitting a tree sustaining possible head and neck injuries. The patrollers demonstrated to the SMART team our extrication and backboarding principles. This was followed by an example of low-angle rescue from a ravine and transport via the conventional toboggan.

The second scenario involved demonstrating treatment of multiple injuries. The victim took a tumble while learning to ski and sustained multiple injuries, including a dislocated shoulder and boot-top fractures in both legs. The blanket roll shoulder support and "sun valley" quick splints were the equipment involved in treatment of the injured skier. The victim was later taken to our aid room for further stabilization with cardboard.

The use of the equipment gave the SMART team a new vision of use for ordinary and readily available items.


The patrol received very high praise in follow-up surveys with the SMART Team. Some of the comments they

Ski on Bode's Run at the EDSTS

by Jerry Hyson, Student Patroller Supervisor

Here's your chance to ski on the mountain where Bode Miller, 2004 FIS World Cup GS Champion, is Director of Skiing. Try out the expert trail named for him...Bode's Run.

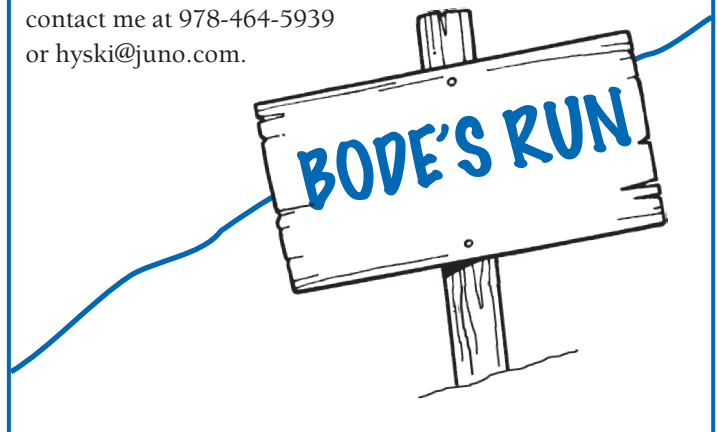
This year's Eastern Division Student Training Seminar will be held March 17-21 at Bretton Woods, NH. With a summit elevation of 3,100 feet, a vertical drop of 1,500 feet, 101 trails and glades, 434 skiable acres, and an average annual snowfall of 200+ inches there's something for everyone.

The application is on the facing page. 

Please note that there is a registration deadline of Friday, February 4, 2005. Registrations received late will automatically be charged a late fee of \$50 if there is still availability as space is limited.

As the years progress, the cost of this event continues to grow. We try to keep costs down and registering early will help us in this endeavor. This year the fee is \$260 thanks to the generous contribution made to the Student Program by the Alumni Program. Let's show them how much we appreciate their support by showing up in record numbers.

If you have any questions please contact me at 978-464-5939 or hyski@juno.com.



received went as far as stating the site location of the training session was a separate exercise in itself since the SMART Team had to truck up the hill just as any candidate patroller does during their training year.

The SMART Team has already expressed interest in continuing this event in upcoming years and the Kissing Bridge Ski Patrol looks forward to this continued interaction. They have asked that the patrol send its patrol representative and training officer to attend one of their training sessions at the Erie County Fire Base Training Center This visit would allow the patrol to evaluate the SMART Team so future training session can be planned for the next winter season.

STUDENT PATROLLER SEMINAR REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 4, 2005

Registrations received late will be automatically charged a late fee of \$50, if there is still availability, as space is limited

Fill in completely and return with a \$260 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.

Last _____ First _____
Address _____ Nickname _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Male Female
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: Skiing Toboggan OEC
 Clinic Compete Clinic Compete Clinic Compete I plan to ski Friday Monday
Arrival (*date & time*) _____ Departure (*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 2005 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, Bretton Woods 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 of my or such minor's participation in the 2005 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 2005 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar. As further consideration for being permitted to participate in the 2005 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, Bretton Woods 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)

Just Ask!

by Doug Holler, Industry Rep

Looking for an updated workshop? How about seeing what others do in a certain case? Ever wonder how other places do things? Well, why not ask your regional rep to get a division workshop in place for just such a demonstration, knowledge exchange, seminar or workshop?

Lot's of questions...we have answers! Nobody knows it all and maybe you can win friends and impress other patrollers with how you do what you do best!

Contact your regional or divisional advisor for a particular area of interest to get yourself and your patrol up to speed and back on the cutting edge of the newest and coolest techniques, protocols, and procedures.

One way to get more involved is to tell them what you need or want!

Instructor Development Committee Report

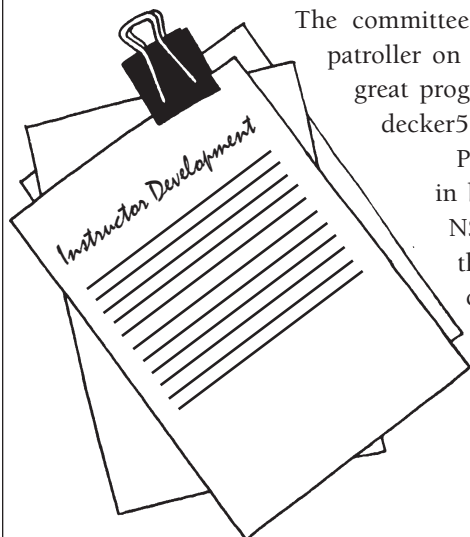
by Jim Decker, Chairman

The Division Instructor Development Committee is up and running after numerous email communications and a face-to-face meeting in Albany on September 18. The committee is working on addressing the immediate needs of one or two regions and also the longer-range goal of how to improve the delivery and quality of Instructor Development courses.

A new Instructor Development manual, *Instructor Development, Training the Adult Learner*, is now available for \$19.50 in the latest NSP catalog. Noel Rios continues as the program supervisor.

The committee welcomes input from any patroller on ways to improve an already great program. Contact Jim Decker at decker5151@aol.com.

Patrollers who are interested in becoming instructors in any NSP program must first take the Instructor Development course. Course offerings can be found by contacting your Region ID Advisor or going on line to the Region and/or Division websites.



Welcome Back to Winter

by Keith Pomeroy, S&T Supervisor

As I see the snow falling outside my window I realize that the water is already hitting the fans at the mountain. My skis are waxed and sharpened just waiting for the initial white ribbon of New England hardpack to open. It is an exciting time to be involved with the Eastern Division and the changes that empower the membership to let us, the members, do the things that we want to do to get the training and experiences that we desire to make us better patrollers.

I have stepped into a new position this year and look forward to the possibilities that accompany it. The Women's Enhancement Seminars are going strong and are being offered at the regional level. The number of snowboard and telemark clinics has been increased; hopefully these programs will be available closer to you and spark an interest in giving them a try. Few of us have the luxury of having trainers in all disciplines available at our home mountains. These programs give us the opportunity to interact with different trainers as well as getting us onto different terrain on other mountains.

I look forward to hearing from people on how these programs can be improved as well as ideas for new programs to help our membership reach their goals. This is your ski patrol and we are here to help you in any way we can. There are many wonderful people out there ready to assist you with an avalanche of programs. If you want something at your mountain or in your region that is not scheduled, let us know, we will make it happen.

I'm honored for this opportunity to be the new Division S&T Supervisor. I follow a long line of talented, capable supervisors who have served the division well. My patrol career began in 1986 at Ski Butternut in WMASS. I professionally patrolled at Vail from 1992 to 1998 and am happy to be back in the east. On my return I became involved in the S&T program and have had the opportunity to work in all facets of the program. I hope that my experience continues to enhance the program and I look forward to meeting many of you in the future.



Eastern Division Logo Contest

by Steve Schopfer

Chairman, Eastern Division Marketing Committee

At one of the many Eastern Division Board of Directors' meetings this last summer, it was proposed that the newly formed Marketing Committee be assigned the task of developing a New Eastern Division Logo.

Naturally, my first thought was to use the many talents of the entire Eastern Division membership to see how creative we can really be. This is the part where I need your help.

Many of you patrollers probably do this type of thing for a living. The only two caveats are that the design incorporates the concept that there are 15 regions in the Eastern Division and that there should probably be a cross of some sort representing our history. The design should be easy to reproduce as a patch or pin, and also be able to be embroidered onto a parka. The logo should probably not contain more than four colors including the background, otherwise production costs get very high.

The deadline for this contest is February 1, 2005. Please assist the Eastern Division in our efforts to continue with the successful re-organization that was started at the Spring Meeting in 2004.

Send your conceptual ideas to Steve Schopfer, 123 Viewpoint Road, Cogan Station, PA 17728 or better yet, e-mail as an attachment to Steve.Schopfer@lcrms.com.

Killington 2005 Patroller School

This the first year for a patroller school at Killington. It is scheduled for February 26 & 27. The school is for all registered patrollers and is a relaxed way to improve your skiing and toboggan-handling skills. We are limiting the school to 32.

You will have the opportunity to work with expert ski instructors one day and top toboggan instructors the next. Please wear plain clothes - no patrol parkas. Talk to your friends. Come and have fun.

Killington is great place to accomplish this. They have the most varied terrain in the east, which permits anyone to work at any level and not be intimidated. And, there's plenty of challenge for the expert.

On Saturday after skiing, we will have a pizza party with beer and soda. This will give you the opportunity to socialize and talk to the instructors about the day's successes and improvements.

The registration fee is only \$50. Fill out the program registration and send it to me. If you have any questions you can reach me, Brian Bishop, at 570-253-3094 or brianb18428@peoplepc.com.

Pre-registration is required so we have sufficient staff. We will try to keep the groups small so everyone is accommodated and gets plenty of personal attention. Let's make this first year a success.

In Memoriam

Bernard Klein, 1926-2004



Bernie Klein was one of Southern New York Region's more distinctive patrollers. He was a mainstay of the Southern Catskill Section, serving as the Patrol Director at The Pines in the Catskills for many years during the 1980's. Later, he was the Winter Sports Director at the Concord. Bernie was a long-term patroller in the Southern New York Region. He died October 6, 2004.

Not only was he a skier and active in NSP, he was also an avid sportsman. He was a Wild Life Rehabilitator and a member of the National Rifle Association. He was the founder and president of the Sullivan County Radio Control Model Airplane Club.

Wild Life Rehabilitator seems clinical but has its light side. Dave Kaplan, former PD at the Concord, describes the intensity of Bernie's interaction with a vulture. One fall day at a first aid refresher at Holiday Mountain a vulture

settled down on a fence post close to some patrollers practicing first aid. Bernie sidled over to the vulture. Dave Kaplan told me that the bird could only be described as nuzzling Bernie, vulture style. Then, the vulture flew away. Bernie explained to the patrollers that he had raised that vulture from a chick. Later, Bernie said that fall day was the last time he ever saw that particular vulture. When Bernie died, feeding and finding homes for his birds of prey, mostly owls, was a big issue for his daughter.

Although Bernie was born in Brooklyn, NY, he lived for a long time in Fallsburg, NY. A WWII veteran, he served in the United States Army Air Corp. He retired from the U. S. Postal Service as a Postmaster.

Two daughters, one granddaughter and several nieces and nephews survive him. His wife, Lillian Aaron Klein, predeceased him.

Meg Smith, SNY RD



TAKE NOTE

Senior Emergency Management Module

by Bill Halsey, OEC Supervisor

Are you interested in improving your skills in caring for the customers we serve? The Senior EMM component may be just what you are looking for. Contact your patrol director and let that leader know that you are interested and ask them to steer you to the region trainers.

While the training and scenarios are largely OEC based, the principles are Leadership, Problem Management and Decision Making. These are skills that we help you to fine tune, and they will serve you both in the patrolling world and in your workplace.

The program is designed to be a training and continuing education-based format. You will attend practice clinics or sessions with experienced, trained Senior Trainers. You will be expected to demonstrate the objective skills in leading a number of scenarios, and you must demonstrate basic OEC skills to any OEC Instructor.

In addition, you will write your solutions to a few written scenarios. Then, as a last step, you are asked to submit an original scenario for future test bank use. These are the prerequisites to participating in a final evaluation. However, by participating in the practice clinics, you are well prepared to demonstrate your newly learned skills.

Each region plans and schedules training and evaluations. If too few candidates enroll in any region, we encourage participation with a neighboring region.

In March, the Division will sponsor the second Senior-in-a-Weekend event. Electives will be offered as well as the Senior Ski, Toboggan, and Emergency Management Modules. However, to participate in the final evaluations, each candidate must complete the training portion of the program prior to the formal weekend event. More information will be available on the division website so if you are interested go to www.nspeast.org for details which will be published as soon as they are finalized.

Tyler Davis

by Steve Schopfer, RD WAR

I last saw Tyler two years ago when he was inducted into the Pennsylvania Winter Hall of Fame that has its headquarters at Camelback Ski Area. He was in remarkable health and humor. Guy Lombardo, Western SC of the Western Appalachian Region and a close friend of Tyler's, recently related a skiing experience with Tyler last season. Tyler and Guy were skiing at Seven Springs, their home area. Tyler took off at a high rate of speed with Guy in hot pursuit. Tyler crested a small knoll, managed what Guy describes as a "360," landed hard and stopped. When Guy caught up with him, he had one of those "all-knowing smiles" on his face and a twinkle in his eye. Guy recalls that Tyler then said, "that will be about enough for today, let's go in and get something to eat." Not bad for someone who is 92 years young!!

I will always have a special place in my heart for Tyler Davis. He epitomizes what the National Ski Patrol is all about at every level...patrol, section, region, division, and national. He has done it all. Tyler has probably skied at more ski areas in the world than any ten people I know.

Tyler was one of the Senior First Aid and Ski and Toboggan Examiners that tested me in 1974. He taught the Circle A and Circle M courses that I attended in 1975. He taught part of the Level II Mountaineering Patch Course on Mt. Moosalaki, NH that I took in 1976. The biggest mistake I ever made was in 1979, when I was hiking up Mt. Washington with Tyler as part of the three-day Level II Avalanche Course. I was in halfway decent shape, but in trying to keep up with Tyler, I quickly realized that I was again out-classed.

He was very soft spoken, but when Tyler Davis talked, everyone listened. He didn't talk from theory; he spoke from the wisdom that is only gained by experience. When someone uses the phrase "Been There, Done That!" I can only think of Tyler Davis.

Tyler has had an impact on many patrollers... I know because I'm one of them.

Tyler recently took a fall at home and has had to spend some time recuperating at the Lafayette Manor in Uniontown, PA. I ask that the Eastern Division give back to a gentleman who has given so much to the system. I'm sure he'd enjoy hearing from those he's touched over the years. Wish him a speedy recovery: Tyler Davis, 32 McCormick Ave, Uniontown, PA 15401.

Something for Everyone

2005 S&T 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 event.

Last _____ First _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail (required) _____

Patrol _____ Region _____ NSP # _____

Status (check all that apply): Candidate Auxiliary Patroller Senior Certified Candidate
 Certified Ski Snowboard Telemark

• TRAINER/EVALUATOR TEACHING CLINIC (*pre-registration required*)

- Jan. 8 - Bromley, VT
- Feb. 5 - Greek Peak, NY
(contact for both: Frey Aarnio, P.O. Box 201, North Pomfret, VT 05053-0201, 802-457-4527, faarnio@aol.com)

• TRAINER/EVALUATOR CLINIC (*must have Region S&T Advisor's approval*)

- Jan. 29-30 - Elk Mountain, PA
(Bob Bluff, 11 Village Lane, Bethany, PA 18431-5927, 570-253-5556, bluff@ptd.net)
- Feb. 12-13 - Cannon Mountain, NH
(Steve Barnes, 76 Summit Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801-5427, 603-433-9556, talyxst@aol.com)
- Mar. 5-6 - Gore Mountain, NY
(Kirby Van Vleet, 19 Amethyst Drive, Queensbury, NY 12804, 518-798-3962, kirbyvv@aol.com)

• INTRO TO CERTIFIED

- Jan. 20 - Sunday River, ME (fee will cover discounted lift ticket)
(Dave Walker, 495 Burrage Street, Lunenburg, MA 01462, 978-582-9644, cert372@yahoo.com)
- Jan. 22-23 - Ski Windham - \$50
(Gordie Bell, 210 Baugher Drive, Hanover, PA 17331-4006, ggbell505@earthlink.net)

• PATROLLER SCHOOL

- Jan. 22-23 - Ski Windham - \$50
(Gordie Bell, 210 Baugher Drive, Hanover, PA 17331-4006, ggbell505@earthlink.net)
- Feb. 26-27 - Killington - \$50
(Brian Bishop, 440 Swamp Brook Rd., Hawley, Pa. 18428, brianb18428@peoplepc.com)

NOTE: Contact each seminar coordinator for pricing.

• SNOWBOARD (*to be announced on the Division website*)

• TELEMARCK

- Jan. 22-23 - Sugarbush, VT - Enhancement Seminar - \$75
(Mike Skroski, 28 Summit Road, Warren, VT 05674, 802-583-3069, mskroski@wcvt.com or mskroski@northernpower.com)
- Jan. 29-30 - Whiteface, NY - Enhancement Seminar - \$75
(Kirby Van Vleet, 19 Amethyst Drive, Queensbury, NY 12804, 518-798-3962, kirbyvv@aol.com)
- March 5-6 - Mountain Creek, NJ, Enhancement Seminar - \$75
(Kirby Van Vleet, 19 Amethyst Drive, Queensbury, NY 12804, 518-798-3962, kirbyvv@aol.com)

• WOMEN'S S&T ENHANCEMENT SEMINARS

- Jan. 29-30 - Seven Springs, WAR
(Anna Toth, 2325 Players Pond Lane, Reston VA 20191, 703-437-0597, anna.toth@oracle.com)
- Jan. 29-30 - Shawnee Peak, ME
(Helena Quintana, 4 Russell Road, Cumberland, ME 04110-1430, 207-781-3424, dqp3@aol.com)
- Feb. 5-6 - Dartmouth Skiway, NH
(Laura Tucker, 23 Narragansett Avenue, Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-499-1795, muthrtucker@yahoo.com)
- Feb. 5-6 - Holimont/Holiday Valley, WNY
(Mary Lyn Boberg, 9906 Burns Hill Road, West Valley, NY 14171, 716-942-6334, luckydiamond99@yahoo.com)
- Feb. 12 - Mountain Creek, NJ
(Becky Burnside, 31 Lakeshore Dr N.W., Lake Glenwood, Sussex, NJ 07461, 973-875-6601, beckster@nac.net)
- Feb. 26-27 - Montage, EPA
(Sarah Keating, RR1, Box 173, Union Dale, PA 18470, 570-679-2426, sarah.keating@keystone.edu)
- Feb. 26-27 - Saddleback, ME
(Helena Quintana, 4 Russell Road, Cumberland, ME 04110-1430, 207-781-3424, dqp3@aol.com)
- March 5-6 - Bolton Valley, NVT
(Maria Stadlmayer, 1251 Camel's Hump Road, Duxbury, VT 05676, 802-244-5603, mabo99@hotmail.com)



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Senior in a Weekend

A program sponsored by the Eastern Division

From Thursday, March 10 through Sunday, March 13, 2005 a joint effort by the Eastern Division Ski and Toboggan, Outdoor Emergency Care and Instructor Development programs will offer qualified candidates the opportunity to complete the NSP Senior Program in one three-day weekend. Whether you are ready to be a Senior or you just want to check out the program, this weekend is for you.

Evaluations in the two core components, Ski and Toboggan and OEC/EMM, along with three electives, will be offered. If you have ever considered the Senior program but felt you didn't have the time, this might be your opportunity. Since this is a pilot program, only 15 candidates will be accepted. Prospective candidates must complete all required application forms and have them signed off by both their Region S&T and Senior OEC/EMM advisors. Applicants must submit their completed applications to the Program Coordinator, Richard Andriole, no later than Monday, February 10, 2005. (Application forms are posted on the Eastern Division website www.nspeast.org.)

Candidates will have the opportunity to work with some of the best trainer/evaluators the Division has to offer as well as a top-notch PSIA instructor. The electives offered will be Skier Enhancement, Toboggan Enhancement, and either Instructor Development or OEC Enhancement. The Instructor Development and OEC Enhancement will be offered in the evening and will run at the same time.

All candidates will be expected to participate in both the OEC/EMM and S&T evaluations.

Practice your skills, do some pre-work for the OEC/EMM evaluation, come with a great attitude and you can leave Sunday afternoon with your Senior classification and patch. Required prerequisite activities for the OEC/EMM evaluation are listed on the website.

The weekend includes a very nice package of three nights lodging, five meals and three lift tickets. Candidates are required to pay an additional \$50 to help defray the cost of the PSIA instructor.

We will need plenty of help during the OEC evaluation portion. All patrollers who are willing to help us out for a few hours for the OEC/EMM evaluation are welcome to take advantage of this three-day package. Can't make it out west for Powderfall? Come to "Senior in a Weekend" for some great spring skiing and socializing with fellow patrollers.

Keith Pomeroy, Eastern Division S&T Supervisor, and his staff will be conducting the S&T evaluation as well as the Skier Enhancement and Toboggan Enhancement Seminars. Bill Halsey, Eastern Division OEC Administrative Supervisor, and his staff will be conducting both the EMM Enhancement Seminar and the OEC/EMM evaluation. Noel Rios, Eastern Division Instructor Development Supervisor, and his staff will offer the Instructor Development training. You may contact any of these folks for information or questions. Their emails and phone numbers are listed on the Eastern Division website under Officers or Programs. We look forward to seeing you in March.