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It's Been A Great Year

by Rick Hamlin, Division Director

National Issues Update

I am writing this article in November and you probably won't have it in your hands until December. Hopefully the story related to our efforts to achieve basic rights for all NSP members at the National level will be coming to a close as you read this.

Briefly, since the last *Trail Sweep* article, we met with the National Board of Directors to present our suggestions for change. There was an overwhelming member response to a petition asking for basic changes to the way our organization is run. We asked the National Board to hold a vote on these issues as required by the laws that govern our organization. When the Board refused to recognize the petition process, we were forced to ask the court to assist us, which they did by issuing an injunction against the National Board of Directors.

Since that point in mid-September, we have been able to reach an agreement between the National Board and all of the Division Directors to have the requested vote occur. By the time that you read this, you will have had a chance to review the

proposed changes and cast your vote to accept or reject them.

When the next edition of *Trail Sweep* comes out, I hope that we may report that the majority of members in all Divisions voted to accept the changes that will allow members a direct vote for our National Board of Directors and will revise the nominating process and Board term limits. In any event, we will keep you informed through the Eastern Division website, your Region Directors, and your Region chain of command, all of whom have been doing an excellent job of keeping you up to date on these very important issues.

And Now for Something Completely Different

My apologies to the Monty Python folks, but it seemed so completely fitting for this article. I would like to focus on some of the positive things that have been happening in the Division that may have been overshadowed by our efforts at the National level. Here are some things that you may have missed with all of the other information that has been circulating.

FIPS — FIPS stands for Federation Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski, or translated to English, the International Federation of Ski Patrollers. FIPS is an organization of patrollers from around the world who gather every two years for a "FIPS Congress" to share the camaraderie and skills of patrol work.

Patrollers from Canada and some past members of the Eastern Division discussed the concept of an international patrol organization back in the 70's. From those discussions, FIPS was formed. Today FIPS has members in many countries including France, Great Britain, Spain, Sweden, Argentina, Chile, Israel, Japan, Canada, South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand.

What does this mean for you? Well, recently the Eastern Division joined the Rocky Mountain, Intermountain, and Pacific Northwest Divisions in becoming associate members of FIPS. I had a chance to meet with their President and Treasurer early this summer to discuss membership and then they came and met with the Eastern Division Board of Directors

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in September to welcome us into their organization.

They are very excited about the Eastern Division joining them. Does this mean you have to pay dues, or have to attend meetings to maintain some form of credentials with FIPS? The answer is no, to both questions.

In terms of attending meetings, you don't have to, but you may want to consider it. The next congress will be in 2007 and will be held in the USA at Steamboat Springs. (2005's event was held in France.) The week-long package of housing, meals, lift tickets, airport transfers, etc. is offered at extremely competitive rates.

There have been a limited number of slots reserved for North America, so if you are interested in spending a week making friends with, and learning new practices from, some of the best patrollers in the world, you should register early. Registration forms and more information about FIPS can be found on the Eastern Division website under the "Links" page.

Eastern Division Enters the Modern Age

As every patroller knows, some of the equipment that we use to take care of the injured has changed very little since the founding of the NSP. There is no doubt that a patroller from the 40's would recognize how to use our tools with very little explanation required. One of the reasons changes have been evolutionary is that the equipment that we use works very well for its intended purpose.

However, on some fronts our equipment and techniques have seriously lagged behind. One of those areas relates to the methods we use to present information to patrollers in our education courses. For whatever reason, we have always seemed to lag behind the state-of-the-art curve. Certainly, we have all seen the notable exceptions of the neatly lettered flip charts and

the colorful overhead slides that grab your attention and get the point across clearly, but these are the exceptions to the rule and require much time and artistic flair to pull off.

Recently the Eastern Division took the big technological leap to help bring us up to date by purchasing several digital projectors for program use. Now coupled with the graphic capabilities available to every computer user, still images, text, and even video presentations will be within the reach of program instructors. This opens up some very exciting possibilities and should make the learning process for new and old patrollers alike much more enjoyable.

Medical Reserve Corps — In the wake of the natural disasters that have rocked several parts of the country, many members have asked how we as patrollers can use our training to help our neighbors in their time of need. The National office has recommended that members contact the Red Cross or other organizations, as NSP is not equipped to provide coordinated rescue assistance from the National level. The Eastern Division Board of Directors has discussed this topic at length and has directed me to investigate the possibility that the Eastern Division could be registered as a Medical Reserve Corps unit.

Some of the requirements for a MRC unit are that they keep track of their members' location and insure that their credentials are up to date, which we already do. There are about 7,200 active members of the Eastern Division, so we could provide a substantial resource, especially due to our geographic distribution. I will keep you all updated as we gather more information on this issue to present to the Eastern Division Board of Directors. Should you have thoughts or comments regarding the MRC, please pass them on to your Region Director.

Refreshers 2005 – By the time that you read this, almost all of the patrollers in the Eastern Division will have completed this year's refresher cycle requirements. Take a moment to thank the folks on your patrol who worked hard to deliver a quality refresher experience. Don't forget that along with planning and preparing to put on your refresher, they also had to go to their own instructor refresher.

As was the case last year, my refresher location was selected by a lottery. I would like to thank EPA RD John Pellicciotta, Patrol Director Jim Dailey and his OEC staff for inviting me to complete my requirements at the Blue Mountain refresher. *

A Time to Heal — A Time to Come Together

by Bob Scarlett, Legal Advisor

As each patroller knows, legal matters involving our organization have taken forefront this year. Two legal cases were filed addressing the issue of NSP's election procedures. Our leadership, both the NSP Board and the petitioning Divisions, being good leadership, were able to finally sit down and hammer out, through their representatives, a compromise to this core disagreement. Now, we move on and focus, together, on the healing process.

It does not matter who was right and who was wrong. It only matters now that we are patrollers; patrollers who love our organization and volunteer our time to promote ski safety. Patrollers who will go out in the cold to help an injured skier and spend countless hours training to make sure our skills can meet this challenge.

We are a proud organization with a great history. We have this common purpose willed to us by our founder, Minnie Dole, and that purpose binds us not only in the Eastern Division but in the Rocky Mountains, the far west and beyond.

You, as patrollers, now have, as a result of our new proposed bylaw changes, more participation and say in the management of NSP. You, as patrollers, now have more responsibility to carefully select our organization's leadership.

To make sure that we continue, as patrollers, we need to work together. The ink is dry on the settlement agreement supported by all the Divisions and NSP. The future of patrolling is now firmly in the control of the membership. May we, as patrollers, accept this responsibility of nurturing and healing the organization that we love so much. We must come together and put our differences behind us, remembering, at all times that we are bonded together as patrollers.*

Windham Patroller School

Mark January 21-22 on your calendar and plan to attend the ever-popular Windham Mountain Patroller School. The school is just that...a fun, relaxed weekend of skiing with top of the line PSIA or patroller ski instructors for one day and another day of toboggan instruction from Certified patrollers. Any registered patroller, including auxiliary and candidate, can register for this event.

Windham has been very receptive to this school every year, and the staff has helped to make the school very successful. Additionally, the school instructors make it a practice to accommodate everyone from the newest candidate up to the experienced expert. Everyone can practice and upgrade their skills in a fun atmosphere.

Fun is also the word for the after-ski party on Saturday. The Windham Mountain food service people always put on a great feed with beer as a chaser.

All of the above and your lift tickets are included in the \$50 registration. You're on your own for room and board, but the Windham Lodging Service is very helpful. Just call: 518-734-9850 (local), 800-342-5116 (NYS toll free), or 800-833-5056 (out-of-state toll free).

Please pre-register using the registration form in this issue. If you have any questions contact me at 717-637-7216 or ggbell505@earthling.net. *



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An Open Letter About Awards

by Bill Boulter, Awards Coordinator

This is an open letter to all Patrol Directors, Section Chiefs, Region Directors, and most importantly to all Awards Advisors, whatever their level. Since there are some old issues and some new ones to discuss, I am glad you are reading this.

OLD ISSUES

1. It takes 45 days to process awards so now is not the time to send me a nomination for an award you want in early January. The 45 days is from the time National receives the award nomination not from the time you send it to me...LATE!

Please start your awards early and often.

2. The paperwork for the National Outstanding Awards is due, as always, on January 31st. That means you should be thinking of whom you would like to nominate now! Don't make me tell our

beloved DD that we didn't have nominations for all the categories or at least most of them. Eastern Division can't win if we don't enter and we should be winning. We have great patrollers.

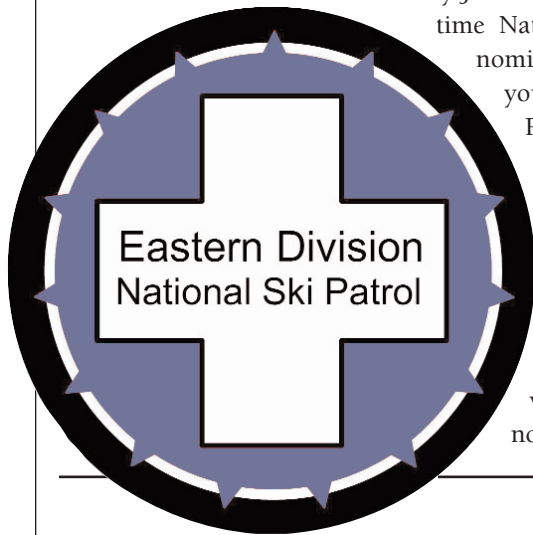
3. Please, please, please have your award nominations accompanied by a cover letter. I need to know your name and your region. I get too many awards from people I should know but don't. I can't remember my name some days, how can I remember who you are and where you come from? I guess I'm getting old.

NEW ISSUES

1. National requires a presentation date for your requested award. I need you to tell me in your cover letter when the award will be presented. This is now mandatory.

2. The National Awards Committee is now meeting on many issues. I am working at this level on some suggestions for new awards. If you have input or an idea please e-mail or snail mail me with suggestions. Positive suggestions only, the rest will be round filed.

I look forward to a year of numerous awards and working with all you hard working patrollers. Have a great year and keep me busy. If morale is down awards should be the way to bring it back up. *



Finance Committee Report

by Fred Leukroth, Chair

The Eastern Division Finance Committee has grown since the last issue of *Trail Sweep*. We welcome the participation of John Tuttle, from the Central New York Region.

Along with John, these are the members of the Finance Committee:

Jeff Barcus – WMR – *ED Treasurer*

Rick Knight – CT – *Committee Member*

John McManus – GV – *Committee Member*

Bob Scarlett – EPA – *ED Legal Counsel*

Fred Leukroth – WMR – *Finance Committee Chair*

The Eastern Division Board of Directors established the Finance Committee shortly after the creation of the board itself in the spring of 2004. Since that time, committee members have worked on establishing and implementing uniform financial procedures throughout the division.

Late this past summer, an extensive set of recommendations, covering everything from educational program budgeting and financial reporting to expense compensation, was presented to, and accepted by the board.

The Finance Committee's responsibilities now include those previously handled by the Eastern Division Investment Committee. Several committee members have extensive experience and expertise in the area of financial planning and investment. With the addition of expert guidance from widely recognized investment firms, the committee is engaged in the following efforts:

- Streamlining and reducing costs (fees/commissions) associated with the division's investments.
- Developing and implementing an investment strategy that preserves the division's resources while enabling it to enhance financial support of program delivery to patrollers.

The individual and group effort made by these folks is truly commendable. If you bump into any of them, tell them "Thanks." *

2005 National Avalanche School — Phase I

by Dick Gardiner, CT Region

I have wanted to attend the National Avalanche School for a number of years because I felt that my avalanche knowledge was not as direct as it could be. It is difficult to get first hand snow science information in the East, or to do the research oneself. But, the NAS could give it to me “from the horse’s mouth.” I could get the information from the people who do the research.

As an avalanche instructor I want to give my students the best, most current information. Attending the school makes that possible. Receiving the Eastern Division Avalanche Scholarship made attending a lot more feasible.

I did a little checking of my own, and found that during the 2004-5 season, out of 58 recreationists reported caught in avalanches in the US and Canada, 37 were killed. That is 66%. Even with all the devices and training available now, it is still better not to get caught in the first place. And, approximately 40% of those had some training! Our classes give us a chance to change those figures, and I hoped to find some ways to do that.

This year the NAS Phase I was held at Snowbird, from October 23 to 28. That’s five days of intense work; consisting of two lectures and a workshop every morning and afternoon. We covered all parts of avalanche work, from avoidance, to decision making, to control and prevention; with the workshops led by members of the faculty.

The faculty, outstanding leaders in the avalanche field, were people whose books you’ve read, like Jill Fredston and Bruce Tremper, and researchers such as Ian McCammon, and Doug Chabot. Others direct or work at forecasting centers in Utah, Colorado, and Montana and have extensive mountaineering and avalanche experience.

The student body was equally impressive, consisting of ski patrollers, forest service snow rangers, and other avalanche workers. Most were in their 20’s. Of 158 students, 82 got a score of 90 or above on the final test. It gives me hope for the future. Phase II is outdoors on the snow, at various areas during the winter, and puts all the theory into practice.

Although everything covered was familiar to me, the amount of material and the detail it was covered in must have been overwhelming to anyone who hadn’t had an avalanche course. The workshops were

valuable in giving a little breathing room and a chance to let the material soak in. It was nice to find that we do a good job in covering that material in our courses here in the Eastern Division.

What I did pick up was a totality of attitude towards avalanche safety. They all want to get people out on the snow, but keep them on the right side of it.

I did pick up on a number of points, new, or with different emphasis. Here are some:

- Learn Bruce Tremper’s Ten Commandments – Rules for Conduct in Avalanche Country. They’ll keep you from bad judgment.

- In every incident there is a break point up to which error is reversible.

- There are layers of protection, which increase the chance of survival if they are used. The last is party self-rescue.

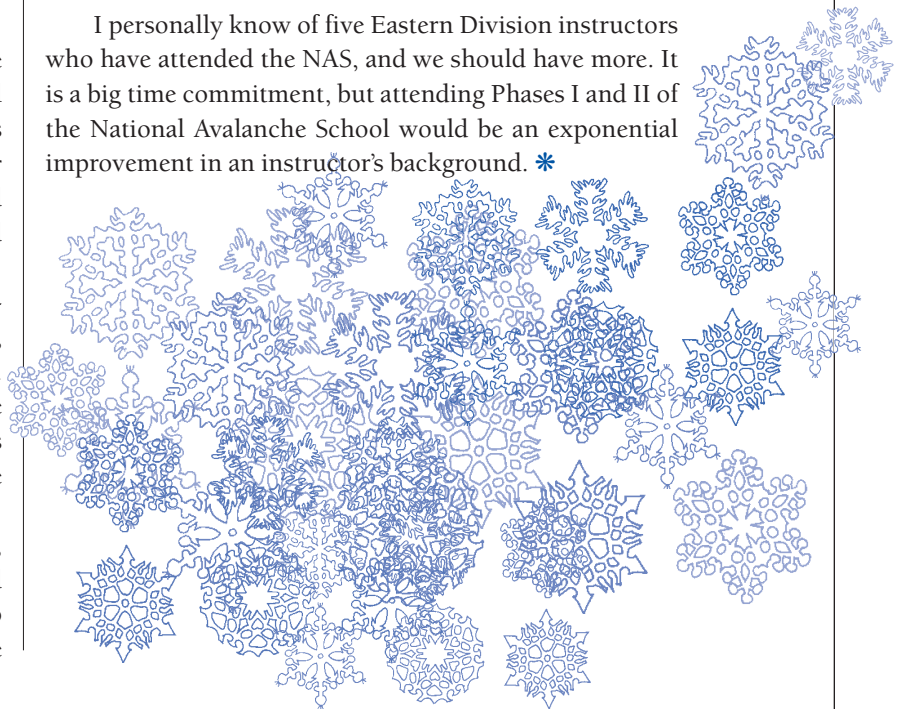
- Looking at structure, not just strength, of the snowpack will reduce false positive results from snow pit tests.

- Look for instability, not stability.

- Don’t dig your snow pit in the thickest part of the slope. Probe for the thin spots and dig more than just one. There is a lot of variability in snow.

It is important that our courses in the East give the proper emphasis to avalanche avoidance. Getting more people in touch with the avalanche school is a big step in that direction.

I personally know of five Eastern Division instructors who have attended the NAS, and we should have more. It is a big time commitment, but attending Phases I and II of the National Avalanche School would be an exponential improvement in an instructor’s background. *



Special Recognition



Don Hamlin Recognized for 60 Years of NSP Membership

by Al Pels, Alumni Supervisor

The National Ski Patrol recently recognized Don Hamlin's 60 years of membership by issuing him a Lifetime Membership certificate. Donald L. Hamlin began his ski patrolling in 1943 at the Montrose Ski Bowl in his home town of Montrose, PA. This would be the start of a patrol career that would encompass three regions and numerous patrol, region, and division positions. In some ways, he continues to influence the National Ski Patrol even as an Alumni member, father, and grandfather of current patrollers.

When work transferred Don to western New York, he served as the Patrol Leader of Glenwood Acres ski area, which is now a part of Kissing Bridge. As Patrol Leader, he instituted a program of intensive training of both new and experienced patrollers that would become a hallmark of his leadership within the NSP. He also served as Section Chief and then Region Director of the Western New York Region. In 1958, he received National Appointment #2265.

When his engineering career transferred Don to Northern Vermont, he accepted the position of Patrol Leader at Madonna Mountain, now known as Smugglers' Notch. From 1965 until 1980, he held this position and was, as a volunteer, the Patrol Leader for both the volunteer and paid staffs. Again, the concept of continual training was present. The goal of the training was to keep skills sharp, to build teamwork between volunteers and paid staff, and to insure that, whenever possible, patrollers were thinking about how best to care for the patient, not just how to apply the splint.

Along with their skills, members of his patrol also had to maintain excellence in appearance. Patrol uniform



truly meant uniform, as in everyone wore the same well-maintained attire. No one ever questioned who was, or who was not, a patroller on the hill. Not all patrollers thrived under what some might consider strict regimentation, and Gretchen Besser, the National Historian, references Don's Marine Corps background when she describes him in her excellent NSP history, "Samaritans of the Snow."

There is, however, no question that the patrollers who followed his leadership were part of a happy and very cohesive team that could truly be called a family. He also practiced what he preached and continued to learn new skills, which included earning the coveted mountain rescue Ram's Head from the Norwich University Mountain and Cold Weather Rescue training program. In addition, the patrollers that Don trained went on to train others, and they in turn others, a legacy which can be clearly traced, even today. During his tenure at Smugglers' Don also served as the Division First Aid Advisor. In this capacity, he helped to re-write the Senior Manual in the late 70's.

Moreover, if a professional life and the National Ski Patrol were not enough to fill his waking hours, Don also was a founder of Essex Rescue, a volunteer ambulance corps serving communities outside of the greater Burlington, VT area. Here again, continual training was one of the keys to their success and well deserved respect from the emergency medical community. He also served as Chair of the Northern Vermont Red Cross Chapter and until recently served on the Vermont Board of Health capping a lifetime of volunteer dedication to community emergency service. *

Special Recognition

Donald G. Moore Celebrates 60 Years as a NSP Member

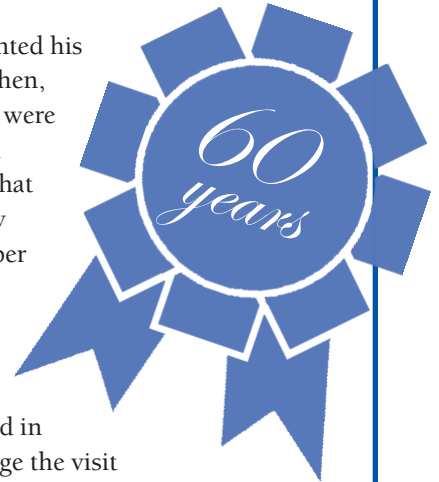
by Al Pels, Alumni Coordinator

On October 26, 2005, Division and Region staff traveled to St. Johnsbury, Vermont to recognize Donald Moore's 60 years as an NSP member. Mr. Moore joined the NSP in 1945 and patrolled at the Lyndon Outing Club and at Stowe. During his years as an active patroller, he held many positions, including Northern Vermont Region Director. A recipient of National Appointment #1110, he joins six other Eastern Division members who can claim 60 years of membership. Division Director, Rick Hamlin, presented Mr. Moore with a Lifetime Membership certificate and pin.

Also present were Mr. Moore's wife, Alice; Roger Damon (who is closing in on the 60-year mark) and his wife, Doris; NVT Region Director Christian Jaquith, and Division Alumni Supervisor Al Pels, and his wife, Betty. With Betty and Doris' years as patrollers included, the group stopped counting when the total number of years among them went easily past 200. Division Director Hamlin also presented Mrs. Moore with an Angel Pin and figurine to acknowledge that patrolling is certainly a family supported effort.

Over lunch, Mr. Moore recounted his Patrol service and described that then, as now, training and testing issues were a large part of his efforts as Region Director. He also said that he felt that it was very important to visit every patrol in the Region at least once per season, a philosophy to which current NVT Region Director Jaquith also subscribes.

Many thanks go to Roger Damon, an Eastern Division legend in his own right, for helping to arrange the visit with his neighbor, Donald Moore. *



Left to Right, NVT Region Director Christian Jaquith, Eastern Division Director Rick Hamlin, Lifetime Member Donald G. Moore, and Eastern Division Alumni Supervisor Al Pels.



2006 * CALENDAR

JANUARY 2006

- 7 **S&T T/E Pre-Clinic**
Bromley, VT
Frey Aarnio 802-457-4527
faarnio@aol.com
- 8 **EMM Clinic #1**
Camelback, EPA
Jeff Marks 717-697-8664
JAMskifoot@aol.com
- 14 or 15 **Avalanche Awareness Course**
Keene, NY
Roger Damon 802-748-3630
rogdoris@sover.net
Register w/ The Mountaineer,
518-576-2281 & ID yourself as a ski
patroller. Upgrade to AF&R w/ another
half day on following day.
- 14-15 **Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue**
Keene, NY
Roger Damon 802-748-3630
rogdoris@sover.net
Register w/ The Mountaineer,
518-576-2281 & ID yourself as a
ski patroller
- 15-16 **Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue**
Keene, NY
Roger Damon 802-748-3630
rogdoris@sover.net
Register w/ The Mountaineer,
518-576-2281 & ID yourself as a
ski patroller.
- 19 **Introduction to Certified Pre-course**
Sunday River, ME
Dave Walker 978-582-9644
cert372@yahoo.com
- 21 **EMM Clinic #1**
Ski Liberty, EPA
JAMskifoot@aol.com
- 21 & 22 **Introduction to Certified**
Ski Windham
Gordie Bell 717-637-7216
ggbell505@earthlink.net
- 21 & 22 **Snowboard Enhancement Seminar**
Wisp, WAPP
Bill Smith IV 304-788-0248
wispskibum@verizon.net
- 24-26 **MTR Level 2 Course**
Salmon Hills Outdoor Adventure Center,
Redfield, NY (WNY)
Butch MacQueen 716-354-9235
macqueen@madbbs.com
Cost \$90 for NSP members or \$110
for non-members.
Registration closes 1/6/06.
- 28 **Certified Pre-course**
Ski Windham, NY
Ted Davis
tdavis@windhammountain.com

- 28-29 **Snowboard Enhancement Seminar**
Ski Liberty, Fairfield, PA, (EPA)
Mike Jarriel 410-263-2813
mjarriel@bna.com
Class limited to 10
- 28-29 **Telemark Enhancement Seminar**
Wisp, WAPP
Bill Smith IV 304-788-0248
wispskibum@verizon.net
- 28-29 **S&T T/E Clinic**
Greek Peak, CNY
Keith Pomeroy 413-229-2277
cert515@yahoo.com

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- 4 **AFR Course**
Hidden Valley Ski Area
Phil Galka 973-515-0742
phillip.galka@bpu.state.nj.us
\$40. PDF Registration Form.
- 4 & 5 **Avalanche Level I Course**
Smugglers' Notch, NVT
Chuck Boyd 860-508-5273
lc2boyd@cs.com
\$100 Patrollers; \$130 non-patrollers.
Regis. deadline 1/30. Class limited to 25.
- 4 & 5;
5/31
& 6/1 **Avalanche Level I Course**
Hidden Valley Ski Area & High Point
X-C Area; Tuckerman's Ravine,
Mt. Washington
Phil Galka 973-515-0742
phillip.galka@bpu.state.nj.us
\$60. PDF Registration Form.
- 4 & 5 **S&T Enhancement Seminar**
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Bill Smith IV 304-788-0248
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- 11-12 **Snowboard Enhancement Seminar**
Belleayre Mountain, NY
Jeff Burgess 716-307-6110
s2532w@yahoo.com
\$70 fee.
- 11-12 **Telemark Enhancement Clinic**
Mountain Creek, NJ
Rob Armet 518-734-4250
rockrats@juno.com
\$75 fee.
- 11-12 **Telemark Enhancement Clinic**
Smugglers' Notch, NVT
Kirby Van Vleet 518-798-3962
kirbyvv@aol.com
\$75 fee
- 11-12 **S&T Women's Clinic**
Canaan Valley, WV
Doris Rollins 703-327-2382
drollins@gmu.edu
Est. fee ~\$20. Limited to 12 students

- 11-12 **S&T T/E Clinic**
Smugglers' Notch, NVT
Keith Pomeroy 413-229-2277
cert515@yahoo.com
- 12 **EMM Evaluation**
Blue Mountain, EPA
Jeff Marks 717-697-8664
JAMskifoot@aol.com
- 12 **S&T Women's Clinic**
Hidden Valley, NJ
Debbie Cowell 973-764-1594
drc@warwick.net
\$20 fee
- 18 **MTR-1 & MTRF Course**
New Hartford, CT
Richard Gardiner 860-693-2301
dickgardiner@aol.com
- 18 & 25 **AMM and AFR Course**
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- 2 & 3 **S&T T/E Clinic**
Jiminy Peak, MA
Keith Pomeroy 413-229-2277
cert515@yahoo.com
- 10-12 **Senior Weekend, for WAPP and
EPA Regions**
Seven Springs Resort,
Champion, PA, WAPP
Bob Snoby 814-539-3490
rsnobeas@atlanticbb.net for
WAPP candidates;
Jeff Marks jamskifoot@aol.com
for EPA candidates.
**NOTE: No Senior electives will
be offered.**
- 17-20 **Student Seminar**
Jiminy Peak, Hancock, MA
(WMASS)
Jerry Hyson 978-464-5939
hyski@juno.com
Registration Form due by
February 12. See the Student
Page for more info.
- 24-26 **Certified Exam**
Cannon Mountain, NH
Dave Walker 978-582-9644
cert372@yahoo.com
- 24-26 **MTR Level 2 Course**
Salmon Hills Outdoor Adventure
Center, Redfield, NY (WNY)
Butch MacQueen 716-354-9235
macqueen@madbbs.com
Cost \$90 for NSP members or
\$110 for non-members.
Registration closes 1/6/06

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NOTE: For additional Women's Seminars, see back page.

Mountain Check

by Bob Scarlett, Legal Advisor

Okay, I am ready to go. I checked the car's oil, tire pressure is okay, skies are waxed, and patrol jacket and pack are in the car. Oh yes, I forgot one thing, I did not check the mountain.

More and more, we, as patrollers, need to check the mountain. We, as patrollers, know that we ski as "agents of the mountain" and that NSP provides us our outdoor emergency care educational training. We also know that when we patrol at a mountain, we are never patrolling on behalf of NSP. We patrol as "agents of the mountain."

This fact protects you, as individual patrollers. Most ski areas maintain insurance policies, which include voluntary members of their patrols. These policies provide insurance protection for our patrollers. You should not only check yourself to confirm your understanding of the role of NSP, but you should also make sure that your ski area understands its role and relationship with NSP.

Such a firm understanding is important for your own legal protection. Such an understanding goes beyond just insurance, it goes to the basic relationship a patrol has to a ski area. The better the relationship with the ski area, the better the ski area understands that the patrollers are its agents and that the patrollers are not controlled by NSP while they are exercising their patrol activities.

This understanding makes for a smoother relationship between the ski patrol and its ski area. But remember, this is a two-sided street. If the relationship is not good, it is not just the ski area's fault. Usually, it is found that it is also the patrol's fault by failing to communicate and understand management's needs.

Patrollers work together with area management to improve the snowsport experience. Patrollers work together with area management to improve the safety of the skiing and riding public. Patrollers work together with management to improve the legal protection of patrollers.

So, if you are a patrol leader, remember that it is your responsibility to sit down with management and make sure that there is a clear understanding between the patrol and management of the role of a patroller at the ski area. If you are a regular sled puller, make sure that your patrol's leadership understands the need to check the mountain. *

Avalanche Program Update

by Butch MacQueen, Supervisor

As the forecasters are talking about the first few flurries of the season, the avalanche instructors are organizing new courses for this season. Meeting places are reserved and the instructors are preparing new presentations for the varied topics to be covered. There appears to be more interest in this program than we have seen in recent years.

This year we, in the Eastern Division, will have greater resources than ever before. The program now has two sets of equipment available for loan to the regions for their avalanche courses. This equipment includes ten new transceivers and ten new folding probes. Together with the equipment previously available, all participants will have ample opportunities to experience "hands-on" activities in our courses.

Many eastern patrollers can find themselves in need of the knowledge and skills taught in the avalanche courses because of increased interest in backcountry touring in the western areas. But, one does not have to venture west to get into avalanche country. The Whiteface and Mount Washington areas are best known in the Eastern Division as avalanche terrain but many ski areas in the east have experienced avalanches in various degrees over the past few years. Even the man-made snow can present a "clear and present danger" as has been shown several times.

If you are interested in one of these courses, use the division website, www.nspeast.org, to find the calendar of scheduled courses and who to contact for complete information. These courses are top quality and the instructors make them enjoyable as well. And yes, while you are skiing someday, you could be handed a probe pole and asked to help in a search. Wouldn't it be nice to be prepared to help in such an incident? *

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OEC

by Ed McNamara, Administrative Supervisor

Hi fellow patrollers! I hope everyone had a pleasant summer and fall. I know you can't wait for the snowflakes.

I am sure that most of you have completed your OEC refresher by now and I hope you enjoyed the format this year. It was modified somewhat from the last two years by the National Refresher Committee after reading the comments from patrollers on their program evaluation sheets. All of those sheets were actually read by the committee. Your opinions are valued so please take the time to put down what you really think about the refresher program.

This has been an extremely busy fall for me. I deployed to New Orleans for two weeks with my Massachusetts Disaster Medical Assistance Team #2 and ended up working triage and treatment for two weeks at the New Orleans Airport. While I was there I worked on a daily basis with Paul Brooks, a patroller and Division OEC Supervisor from Alaska. I returned from New Orleans, had a week off, and shipped out to Texas (Hurricane Rita) for two weeks.

This time I returned home two days before the National OEC conference in Colorado. Bill DeVarney, Assistant Supervisor, and I represented the Division OEC group at this conference. One of our topics was how to get the NSP more involved in National Disaster Response Programs. I'll try to have more on this topic in future issues. I know that many of you have asked how to get involved and our Division Director, Rick Hamlin is working that issue.

In addition we spent time on the following:

- revisited the National OEC challenge policy,
- reviewed the development of the OEC 5th edition and plans to make it available in 2007,
- discussed the new OEC practical final exam,
- discussed the need for additional OEC scenarios,
- discussed the need for a National OEC Instructor Trainer program,
- reviewed the need to assure quality management within all of the NSP programs.

The days were long with time to visit only during meals. We even had meetings after returning from dinner both nights. Overall, it was a great meeting.

I mentioned the new OEC practical exam. The new format is now included when you register a new OEC course. The exam was beta tested in the EMARI Region in the Eastern Division this spring and in one other Division out west. After some modifications at the National meeting, it is now ready to be used. If you are an Instructor of Record for an OEC class, feel free to give your supervisor a call if you need help setting up your practical exam when using this format for the first time.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my Assistant OEC Supervisors who make my job much easier. They are all talented, hard working, and competent OEC administrators and are doing a great job within their respective regions. I know I speak for all of them when I say that if you have a question or need help, send us an email or give us a call. We are here to support you, the patroller!

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This past summer I received a number of questions related to the OEC program and I thought I would toss them out to all of you to review and give you my responses.

Q. I have a friend that wants to be a patroller but cannot find an OEC class, what should they do?

A. Have them contact the ROA in the region where they live and if there are no OEC courses available consider the E Course option that allows them to take much of the course via email.

Q. I have been told that even if I don't complete a refresher course I can still patrol at my mountain. Is this correct?

A. That is entirely up to your mountain however your national OEC requirement is that you complete the appropriate refresher cycle, have a current CPR card and demonstrate your skills annually. It could be a potential liability issue for your mountain if you patrol without having completed the national OEC requirements for that year.

Q. What is "On Scene"?

A. It is the new magazine published by the National Ski Patrol. It is dedicated entirely to issues related to the Outdoor Emergency Care program. To date we have received numerous positive comments about this magazine and you can expect to receive it again in the future. The articles were top notch and it is a credit to the national team of volunteers and office staff that put it together.

I hope you all have a great holiday season and lots of snow this winter at your areas. If there is a specific topic or issue you would like addressed in *Trail Sweep* please let me know and I will try to accommodate you. *



Certified Program

by Dave Walker, Chair

Last year's exam was held at Sugarbush North (Mt. Ellen) Vermont the first weekend of April. Special thanks to our host mountain, Patrol Director John Hammond, and the Sugarbush patrollers. Without their help, it would have been difficult for the program to be as successful as it was. At the end of the weekend, the Eastern Division had four new Certified Patrollers:

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

Congratulations to these new members.

There are five events planned for this year's Certified Program. The first one of the year is at Sunday River in Maine on January 19, 2006 (yes, that is a Thursday). It will be an introduction to the Certified program as well as an "official" pre-course for those who are serious about the program. Pre-registration is required and attendance will be limited.

This event is unusual in that we will run most of the Certified events: skiing, toboggan, OEC practical, OEC bystander, avalanche, low angle rescue, lift evacuation, and hill safety and management interviews. The only events that we will not hold are the written exams for OEC and avalanche. Some events will be presented in their entirety and some in an abbreviated format just to give the participants an idea of what to expect at the exam. Last year's event ran from 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Expect a long, challenging, tiring day. Register with Dave Walker at cert372@yahoo.com

The second event of the year is scheduled at Windham Mountain in New York on Saturday and Sunday, January 21 and 22, 2006. This is an Introduction to the Certified Program and it will not count as a pre-course. It is an opportunity for interested patrollers to see what the program is all about on typical certified terrain. (See another article by Gordie Bell in this issue of *Trail Sweep*.) Register for this course by filling out the registration form in this issue of *Trail Sweep*.

The third event, a Certified pre-course, will be held at Windham Mountain on January 28th. The contact person is Ted Davis at tdavis@windhammountain.com. Pre-registration is highly recommended.

The fourth event is another pre-course that we will schedule geographically according to applications received by the credentials committee. The committee chair is Roland Lunser (cert416@aol.com). We will schedule this event at the nearest qualifying mountain as close as possible to the majority of applicants to the program. Keep checking the calendar

on the Eastern Division website (www.nspeast.org) to see the timing and location for this event.

The last event of the year will be the 2006 Certified Exam and Annual Meeting scheduled for March 24-26 (Friday through Sunday) at Cannon Mountain in New Hampshire. If you are serious, submit an application and take a pre-course to test your skills. If you are curious, come join us and observe three days of testing. That will certainly remove any doubt that this program will challenge every skill that you have learned as a patroller and even some that you have yet to learn. Interested parties should contact Jeff Baker at bakernsp@rochester.rr.com

2006 CERTIFIED EVENTS

INTRODUCTION TO CERTIFIED PROGRAM

1/19/06 Sunday River, ME
Dave Walker, 978-582-9644, cert372@yahoo.com

1/21-22/06 Windham Mountain, NY
Gordie Bell, 717-637-7216,
ggbell505@earthlink.net

PRE-COURSES

1/19/06 Sunday River, ME
Dave Walker, see above

1/28/06 Windham Mountain, NY
Ted Davis, tdavis@windhammountain.com

TBD One additional pre-course to be scheduled

ANNUAL EXAM

3/24-26/06 Cannon Mountain, NH
Dave Walker, see above

2005-2006 PSPA EVENTS (ALL HELD ON WEDNESDAYS)

EXAMINERS CLINIC

12/14/05 Loon Mountain, NH

PRE-COURSES

1/11/06 Hunter Mountain, NH

1/11/06 Saddleback, ME

1/25/06 Loon Mountain, NH

1/25/06 Killington, VT

ANNUAL EXAM

3/1-2/06 Killington or Sugarbush, VT

These dates are firm but some locations may change. For information on PSPA events or to verify locations contact Janis Albrecht (janisporter@earthlink.net) or Dave Walker (see above). *



JOHN H. BEVERAGE

On July 25, 2005, John Beverage, a WWII Navy Veteran, died unexpectedly at his home in Clarence, New York. John was 84 and had served the NSP with great dedication and devotion for more than 40 years.

John was born in Southbridge, MA and had lived in the Buffalo area most of his adult life after being transferred there in 1950 by the American Optical company. He transferred back to Massachusetts and to New Hampshire for a few years before returning to Western New York for good in the 1980's.

He retired from Warner Lambert, the successor to American Optical, in 1986. His work as a product manager took him around the world-teaching doctors to use ophthalmic instruments.

John served on the Kissing Bridge Ski Patrol for 42 years, having taken up skiing in his early 40's. This past winter he skied with his granddaughter and great-grandchildren and looked forward to getting back on the slopes with them again.

John served the Glenwood Acres Ski Patrol, and its successor patrols, Kissing Bridge North, and Kissing Bridge. He received National Appointment No. 4124 in 1973, the Patrol Director's Award in 1998, and the National Ski Patrol Distinguished Service Award in 1999. A first aid instructor and examiner since 1982, John helped train many new patrollers.

When work needed doing, John raised his hand first. A skilled administrator, he served as Assistant Patrol Director and Patrol Director for the Glenwood Acres Ski Patrol. From awards to equipment to safety, John participated on numerous committees, never seeking credit for his work.

Known for his keen analytical mind, he taught himself to use a computer at the age of 82 and kept in touch with his granddaughter and her family via email almost daily. He delighted in his three great-grandchildren and had visited with them during the two weeks before his death.

After he retired John began working along with his son-in-law, Gordy, at the Buffalo area Habitat for Humanity. They preferred working on the renovation of older homes and specialized in designing and installing kitchens. Last fall Buffalo Habitat for Humanity honored them for their contributions.

He enjoyed camping and hiking and as a younger man took many backpacking trips in the Adirondacks and New England with his oldest daughter Nancy. A founding member of the Foothills Trail Club, he helped them build and maintain many trails in the Western New York area.

John, a good listener with the ability to get quickly to the heart of an issue, was always generous with his help. He never lost his enthusiasm for learning and pursuing his many interests.

A true gentleman, John loved life, family, and friends. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, the former Liliose Savage, two daughters, Nancy Crafts (Gordon) and Deborah Czechowicz (Greg), both of Clarence; a granddaughter Jessica Ferguson (Brian) of St. Augustine; a sister Elizabeth Beverage of Fort Pierce; and his three great-grandchildren, Daisy, Emma, and Wrigley also of St. Augustine.

He shaped our patrol, adding value to our job of dealing with patients. John's smile, his counsel, and his commitment to any task will long be remembered and greatly missed. *

Diane Smith

Patrol Director, Kissing Bridge Ski Patrol

KENNETH HANSEN – 1927-2005

Kenneth Hansen, a retired safety engineer for Peerless Insurance Company died March 6, 2005, at home. He was a member of the National Ski Patrol from 1975 until he passed away.

Ken was always involved in community organizations starting with the Civil Air Patrol and the Boy Scouts and ending with the Monticello, NY Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and the Holiday Mountain Ski Patrol. In between, he served on the council and sang in the choir at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Jamaica, was president of the Sperry Ski Club, a scoutmaster in Keene, NH, and on the Hogback, VT Ski Patrol.

John was award the Purple Merit Star in 1977 for his part in saving a young man's life while a member of the Hogback Patrol

All who called him a friend will sorely miss Ken's happy smile and his willingness to serve.

His loving wife Babette, at home; his daughter Karen and grandson, Tyler, of New Jersey; and his son, David, and daughter-in-law, Cynthia of San Jose, CA, survive Ken. *

Selby Feldman

Holiday Mountain Ski Patrol



A Few Good Instructors

by Noel Rios, ID Supervisor

For many years, it has been an objective of this program to have at least two Instructor Development (ID) instructors in every region. Well, we have achieved that goal. There are now five regions with two instructors, ten regions with two or more instructors, and one region with 12 instructors, for a grand total of 65 instructors. That's progress!

Now if we could have all these instructors teaching at least one ID course per year, we would consider ourselves wildly successful. Over the years we have averaged at least 15 ID courses a year adding over 100 potential new instructors to the division instructor roster. Think what we could accomplish if we move that average to about 18 or 20 ID courses per year?

This summer we purchased a Hitachi computer projector and screen, which is available to all ID instructors in order to assist them in presenting the course.

Recruitment continues to be an ongoing need. The regions need more ID instructors who are active, and more Mountain Travel & Rescue instructors. Patrols need more OEC and S&T instructors. And, we all need more time!

Unfortunately, we have all the time there is, no more and no less! It's just what we do with that time that makes the difference. Wouldn't it be great if each one of us could entice another patroller to become an instructor?

The whole process really starts at the patrol level. Patrol Representatives need to look at all their non-instructor patrollers and encourage some of them to get involved as instructors. Patrollers need to step up also and declare they are able and willing to become instructors. Most of us respond very well when asked to do something. We are all so busy it's hard to volunteer.

However, if you ask a patroller, or if you tell a patroller how he or she can contribute to the patrol, you might be surprised at how many will make the time to take the ID course and start on the path toward becoming an instructor. They're just waiting to be asked! *

Killington Ski & Toboggan Enhancement Clinic

This will be the second year for our S&T Enhancement Clinic (formerly called patroller school). Scheduled for February 4-5, this clinic is open to all registered patrollers and is a relaxed way to improve your ski and toboggan handling skills. We limit the class size to 32 patrollers and last year it filled up quickly.

You will have the opportunity to work with expert ski instructors one day and top toboggan instructors the next. Talk to your friends, talk to some of the folks who were there last year, come, and have FUN.

Killington is great place to accomplish this. We have the most varied terrain in the east, lower levels will not be intimidated, but there will be plenty of challenge for the expert. Participants should wear plain clothes, please, no patrol parkas.

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

The registration fee is \$70, which includes your lift tickets, instruction, and the party afterwards.

We will try to keep the groups small so everyone gets special attention. In order to provide sufficient staff pre-registration is required.

Fill out the program registration form in this issue and send it to me. If you have any questions contact me at 570-253-3094 or brianb18428@peoplepc.com. *

Bio

Bill DeVarney/OEC SUPERVISOR



I have been involved with the Wachusett Mountain Ski Patrol since 1984 and have been an active member of the training staff since that time (ID, WEC/ OEC, toboggan). I have served as an instructor and instructor/ trainer in both the OEC and Instructor Development programs since 1986 and 1988 respectively.

In 1986 I attained Senior status. Over the last 20 years I have served nine as a team leader or hill captain and 17 years as the EMARI Phase I/Instructor Development Advisor. Currently I am serving as the Eastern Division Assistant OEC Supervisor covering the regions of Maine, New Hampshire, Western Mass, and EMARI.

I have had the honor of being named the EMARI Patroller of the Year and the Eastern Division Instructor of the Year. In 2000 I was awarded National Appointment #9170.

In my professional career I am a Health and Safety Manager with a Fortune 500 company. I also serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Central Massachusetts Safety Council and have previously served ten years with the National Safety Council Executive Committee for Health Care. I hold the designation of Certified Safety Professional and have been a CPR instructor and EMT since 1983. *

STUDENT PATROLLER SEMINAR REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 12, 2006

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 \$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.

Last _____ First _____ Nickname _____
Address _____ Male Female
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____ DOB _____ Age _____
Patrol _____ Region _____ NSP # _____

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.

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

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 | 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 2006 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, Jiminy Peak The Mountain 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 2006 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 2006 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar. As further consideration for being permitted to participate in the 2006 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, Jiminy Peak The Mountain 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) _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian (print) _____ Parent/Guardian (signature) _____ Date _____
(Required if participant is under the age of 18)



Jiminy Peak, Hancock, MA March 18– 21, 2006

Awesome time! The best Student Seminar ever! These were the comments of last year's participants about the Eastern Division Student Seminar at Bretton Woods. Check out the pictures on the Division website <http://nspeast.org/html/stusem.htm>. This year we will be at Jiminy Peak in Western Mass.

Each year, the Eastern Division holds this excellent event for student patrollers to compete or clinic in OEC, ski, and toboggan skills. Included are great lodging, great food, great skiing, great friendships, and a full schedule of fun!

The Student Seminar officially kicks off on Friday evening (those that come early can enjoy a day of skiing) and concludes with an awards banquet on Sunday night where we honor the competition winners.

Because of the generous contribution from the Eastern Division Alumni, we are still able to offer the event for the low cost of \$250. For this, you get:

- Three nights of lodging (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
- Dinner on Friday, breakfast and dinner on Saturday and Sunday, and breakfast on Monday
- Lift tickets
- Division evaluators and instructors
- Mystery events
- Lot's of fun!!!

Please encourage the students at your mountain to participate in making this year's event the best ever! Just fill out the registration form and mail in by February 12th. If you have any questions please contact Jerry Hyson at hyski@juno.com or (978) 464-5939. *

What do YOU want from S&T?

by Keith Pomeroy, S&T Supervisor

Last year I invited everyone to try to attend a ski or toboggan seminar. Whether you were on telemarks, snowboards, or skis; wanted woman specific training or wanted to become a trainer/evaluator...there was something available for you. If you have not found a seminar that interests you, or is nearby, here's another suggestion. Why not try joining in the senior program?

Even if you are not interested in becoming a senior the skills learned and practiced at the clinics are essential to everyday patrolling. Most regions are very focused on the senior program and have a great group of trainer/evaluators that work hard with everyone that attends.

You're already are a senior? Hmm...why not use it as a refresher? Technology has changed and the way we ski certainly has. If a clinic is coming to your home mountain jump in, check out what they are teaching. Hearing tips from different trainers can make the breakthrough you have been looking for.

How about becoming a trainer\evaluator? You will be assigned a mentor that is on the regional staff to work with at clinics and to help you improve your skills as well as teaching abilities.

There are many clinics out there to help you improve your skills, or to just try something new. Whether it is hearing a different instructor, getting on different terrain, or to just getting away, improving your skills and abilities helps you to keep fresh, and helps everyone on your patrol when you return and share your experiences.

See you out there! *

Snowboard Enhancement

We're going to have a Snowboard Enhancement Seminar this season at Belleayre, NY. It's scheduled for February 11-12 and is open to all snowboard patrollers.

This will be two days of riding with an AASI Level III instructor. Belleayre has great terrain and over the course of the two days we will work on riding the steps and through the bumps and trees. We'll practice riding switch, play in the park and pipe, and do whatever else the group wants to cover.

It will be a great opportunity to improve your riding and possibly you'll learn a new trick or two.

If you have any questions please contact me, Jeff Burgess, at 716-307-6110 or s2532w@yahoo.com. *





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Something for Everyone – 2006 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 program.

Last First
Address
City State ZIP
Phone E-mail
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. 7 – Bromley, VT
(Frey Aarnio, P.O. Box 201, North Pomfret, VT 05053-0201, 802-457-4527, faarnio@aol.com)

Intro to Certified & Pre-course

- Jan. 19 – Sunday River, ME (\$20 fee will cover discounted lift ticket)
(Dave Walker, 495 Burrage Street, Lunenburg, MA 01462, 978-582-9644, cert372@yahoo.com)

Patroller School or Intro to Certified

- Jan. 21-22 – Windham Mountain, NY - \$50
(Gordie Bell, 210 Baugher Drive, Hanover, PA 17331-4006, 717-637-7216, ggbell505@earthlink.net)

Patroller School

- Feb. 4-5 – Killington, VT - \$70
(Brian Bishop, 440 Swamp Brook Rd., Hawley, Pa. 18428, brianb18428@peoplepc.com)

Snowboard Enhancement Seminar

- Feb. 11-12 – Belleayre, NY - \$TBD
(Jeff Burgess, 324 N. 5th Street, Olean, NY 14760-2320, 716-307-6110, s2532w@yahoo.com)

Telemark Enhancement Seminars

- Feb. 11-12 – Belleayre, NY – Smugglers’ Notch, VT – \$70
(Kirby Van Vleet, 19 Amethyst Drive, Queensbury, NY 12804, 518-798-3962, kirbyvv@aol.com)
Feb. 11-12 – Mountain Creek, NJ – \$70
(Rob Armet, 518-734-4250, Evergreen Estates Rd, Jewett, NY 12444, rockrats@juno.com)

NOTE: Contact each seminar coordinator for details and pricing)

Women’s S&T Enhancement Seminars

- Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 – Bousquet, WMA
(Jaime Pomeroy, 84 Cook Road, Sheffield, MA 01257, 413-229-2277, jkpomeroy@netzero.com)
Jan. 28-29 – TBA, CT
(Marge Thorpe, 483 Gage Road, Brewster, NY 10509-4815, 845-279-5636, mtothf@earthlink.net)
Jan. 28-29 – Dartmouth Skiway, NH
(Laura Tucker, 23 Narragansett Avenue, Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-499-1795, muthrtucker@yahoo.com)
Feb. 11-12 – Canaan Valley, WVA
(Doris Rollins, 25665 Tremaine Terrace, South Riding, VA 20152-6303, 703-327-2382, darollins@adelphia.net)
Feb. 18 – McCauley, CNY
(Dee Hameline, 3523 Mohawk Street, Sauquoit, NY 13456-2601, 315-737-5954, Hameline@dreamscape.com)
Feb. 12 – Hidden Valley, NJ (Skier Enhancement only)
(Deb Cowell, 30 Breakneck Road, Vernon, NJ 07462-3172, 973-764-1594, drc@warwick.net)
Feb. 25-26 – Montage, EPA
(Sarah Keating, RR1, Box 173, Union Dale, PA 18470, 570-679-2426, sarah.keating@keystone.edu)
March 4-5 – Bromley, SVT
(Pat Meredith, 802-362-1767, patm@sover.net or Colleen Volmut, 802-824-8114, colnbob@optonline.net)