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Division Director Report

by John W. Shipman

Once again, Eastern Division patrollers have geared up for a new ski season. OEC refreshers have been completed at most patrols, the regions have developed and scheduled their programs, and the calendars are beginning to get crowded with patrolling activities. We are renewing old friendships and meeting new patrollers; all of us working side by side to refresh our skills and plan for the upcoming season by investing in our individual challenges and working toward future achievements.

However, by the time you read this report for *Trail Sweep*, you probably will be enjoying the new ski season and anticipating the upcoming holidays. Check out your region and division calendars for the programs and the events you are interested in taking or knowing more about. You can obtain additional information by contacting your region or division program advisor.

This is a time for renewal and the expectation of a successful and fun season for all of us, as well as recognition of an end of an era for many patrollers. An era ended when George Wesson, former Northern Vermont Region Director and founding member of the Certified Program, died on September 6, 2010 at 89 years old in Rutland, VT. For many decades, George was an active and influential member of the NSP in the Eastern Division and he will be missed by the large family of patrollers who knew him well.

NATIONAL UPDATE

Every year at this time it's election time! Time to vote for

the candidates of your choice for the National Board of Director's positions. In addition, there are fall region and section elections. I hope you all checked out the biographies and platform statements for the nine candidates who ran for positions on the National Board and that you cast your vote. Between 8-12% of eligible members vote for our national board reps. More of us need to exercise our right to vote and make an annual commitment to study the candidates and national issues. Our votes count and our future depends on our determination to stay involved and to be heard.

National's *Ski Patrol Magazine* has a new look. The winter catalog is separate from the magazine, not bound within. The magazine also has region and division news, so if you have something of interest, send it to national at spm@nsp.org. You'll find some new suppliers this year in the catalog; Head Skis, GoPro Helmet Cams, and Polarmax Base Layer products which will replace Duofold.

The 2010 NSP On-line Auction ran from November 25 through December 9, 2010. Items were available for preview on the national website. These included ski and stay packages at Snowbird, UT; avalanche beacons; helmets; goggles; and vacation packages in the Caribbean and Las Vegas, NV. The 2010 On-line Auction is part of an effort national has placed on raising money. National is looking elsewhere, beside its member dues, corporate sponsors and donations, to obtain revenue. Several of the National Fundraising Committee ideas have been instituted and some are currently being

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considered. The NSP Credit Card, NSP Cookbook, and Grants and Charitable Giving/Estate Planning are just a few.

Other national projects include a new member welcome packet sent from the national office. It will include a welcome letter, proud member sticker, 10% discount coupon for the Winter Catalog, and NSP sponsor pro deals. Recruitment and safety campaigns for 2010-2011 are underway with new posters (a female patroller in the handles of a toboggan and a male snowboarder) and decals. Patrollers gave some of the posters out at the annual Boston Ski and Snowboard Expo in Boston held November 11-14.

Eastern Division patroller and National Marketing Advisor, Dave Estes, is working on the NSP Logo and Brand Identity Project with the objective to define the visual symbol(s) that best reflect the NSP brand presence. The scope of the work includes surveying three target groups: corporate, resort, and NSP members. This important project, in part, reflects the way patrollers are seen and understood by the public, and the value we deliver regarding skier safety and education.

Lastly, the National office is working with the Division Directors to identify a list of information technology needs for e-mail and reporting requirements. When complete, specific communication details among division members will be possible as well as improved security and efficiency.

EASTERN DIVISION UPDATE

Pennsylvania's Act 37, a legislative bill written, in part, to augment the PA Emergency Medical System oversight and regulation within the state, focused some attention on the NSP and our activities regarding the NSP OEC program. After a number of meetings by the NSP Task Force, headed by NSP's Executive Director, Tim White, and with the State of PA EMS, PA Department of Health, PA Ski Area Operators and key legislators and their staff, the parties agreed to delete the NSP from the legislation.

In other legislative developments, helmet legislation has been proposed in three states: New Jersey, New York, and California. In New Jersey, an act passed concerning skiers/boarders under 18 years of age stating that they shall wear a helmet. The parent, legal guardian, or adult acting in a supervising position shall ensure

that the person under 18 wears a helmet. There will be a fine of \$25 for the first offense and a maximum of \$100 for subsequent offenses. Local law enforcement will enforce the law and liability will not be extended to the ski area operator (and by extension, to patrollers).

This will be the last issue of *Trail Sweep* sent via mail. It's going electronic! There are many reasons for the change and those reasons will be outlined in the *Trail Sweep* Committee report. Please be sure your email address is accurate and let the editor know your thoughts regarding the change in delivery. You can contact the editor at trailswEEP@yahoo.com.

As a result of a national survey and many positive comments within this division, the Women's S&T Program will continue to be developed and supported by this division to enhance positive patrolling experiences and meet individual needs through women's S&T clinics. Contact your region advisor for details.

National and Eastern Division Telecommunication Advisor, Dick Woolf, is on the job and ready to help individual patrollers and patrols with their telecom concerns. Some of these issues include patrol radio license or valid license issued to ski area management, help to patrols that need to replace radio equipment, and narrowbanding program frequencies which go into effect 1/1/13 as per FCC regulations. Dick will help sort out your technical questions and requirements.

The Eastern Division and the Western Massachusetts Region welcome a new patrol. Thunderbolt Ski Patrol, a member of the Lanesborough Department of Conservation and Recreation, joined our ranks last August. Thunderbolt is headed by Patrol Director Dave Childs.

NATIONAL OUTSTANDING AWARDS

Congratulations to all patrollers who were recognized and received awards this past season. Special recognition goes to three patrollers in the Eastern Division for being honored with an Outstanding National Award for the 2009-2010 season.

Gerit Lewisch/EPA Region

Outstanding Administrative Patroller Award

Butch MacQueen/WNY Region

Outstanding Nordic Patroller Award

Alexandra Rachel Bruce/CT Region

Outstanding Young Patroller





Treasurer's Report

by Alex Edwards

The information for the group return 990 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010 has been received from all regions and has been compiled into one total to report to the Internal Revenue Service. Some highlights from the return are as follows:

Total revenues	\$1,607,126
Total expenditures	\$1,538,784
Excess Revenues over expenditures	\$68,342
Total assets	\$1,555,319
Cash and investments	\$1,535,663
Contribution income	\$99,175
Gross fundraising income	\$659,280
Entities covered by return	187
Estimated volunteers	7,610

The return will be posted on the division website in the member section.

The division mascot 501(c)3 has posted some of her pictures from the summer on the website and invites you to go look at them.



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\$50,000 ALUMNI REFUND!

by Al Pels, Coordinator

For the past 10 years, National has sent a \$10.00 refund to the Eastern Division for each alumni we have had registered. Let's do the math...800 alumni minus 300 who have Lifetime Memberships comes to 500 @ \$10 refund each for 10 years. That comes to an amazing \$50,000! Half of this refund is available to the regions and half stays with the division.

Each year I notify the Region Directors that they are eligible to receive \$5 for each of their registered alumni. About half of our 15 regions have requested the refund each year for a total of \$10,000 for the past 10 years. The remaining \$40,000 has been used by the division to help fund two worthy programs; the Young Adult Program and the Memorial Fund.

So, if you are not registering as an active patroller this year, why not join the Alumni Program for \$27. It will keep you in touch with NSP and you will help support your region, Young Adult Patrollers, and the Memorial Fund.

For more details and an application check the division web page under programs.

History Was Made... What's Your Interesting Story?

by Ellie Jessum, Historian

In future issues of *Trail Sweep* I would like to feature stories about some of our rich history that patrollers would love to read about. Do you have one of those stories to tell? If you do, please send me your story. It can be anything to do with your work in ski patrol. Tell me about people you have met and how they made an impression on you. Serious events, funny happenings, you name it...just send it to me at EllieNSP@aol.com for consideration.

Of course, all of you are keeping your records to send to our archives. You aren't? Why not? I am hoping all those papers from way back in 19??, 50's, 60's, and onward are being saved to go to the archives. If you are not sure, send them. The archivist will know what is needed. Be sure if you send photos to write the name of the event, the date, and the names of the people on the back IN PENCIL. We still need information on our history to fill in the gaps.

Every patrol in Eastern Division should have a historian busy writing up the history of that patrol from inception to the present and should continue to update it. If you need any help, contact me.

2011 Level II Avalanche Course

by Chuck Boyd, Assistant Supervisor

Whiteface Mountain provides premier training terrain for advanced avalanche courses with its ample lift-served, side-country access to avalanche prone slides. Join us for the next Level II Avalanche Course, and improve your knowledge and understanding of avalanches and rescue operations. Anyone with aspirations of being an avalanche professional, or a patroller in avalanche-prone terrain or who spends a lot of time in the backcountry, should sign up now!

The 2011 Level II Avalanche Course is scheduled for March 17- 20 (Thursday through Sunday) at the Atmospheric Science Research Center and Whiteface Mountain, NY. Participants should plan to arrive Wednesday evening, March 16. The purpose of the L2 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 division website.

During the first two days of the course, participants will complete the first half of the program by attending a wide variety of presentations by industry professionals, NOAA, and our trained staff of L2 instructors, plus some outdoor activities that include a ski tour.

Two evening sessions include trip planning/navigation and a rescue simulator session. The simulator is an indoor mockup 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 ski to field exercises including snowpack and terrain analysis, rescue beacon use, and companion and organized avalanche rescue operations.

Accommodations during the course will be available at the Holiday Lodge (518-946-2251) near Whiteface with breakfast in their restaurant. Lodging will be at a group rate of \$79.00 per night, double occupancy. Reservations can be made online at www.adirondackholidaylodge.com.

Catered lunches will be available at ASRC each day at a very reasonable price, including trail lunches at the outdoor sessions.

Completion of both an L1 avalanche course and a mountain travel and rescue course, within the last three years is a prerequisite. Winter hiking experience with proper outdoor clothing and ski touring equipment, along with strong skiing skills are also essential. You must be able to ski the black diamond terrain at Whiteface.

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! To register for the Level II Avalanche Course, please complete and return the form below with a check made out to Chuck Boyd (\$200 for NSP members, \$250 for non-members) by March 1, 2011.

For information, contact L2 Avalanche Instructor of Record, Chuck Boyd at 860 508-5273 (chucklin2@gmail.com).

2011 Level II Avalanche Course

Whiteface Mountain, NY

March 17 - 20, 2011

Name _____ NSP Reg. # _____

Patrol _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please return this form with payment by March 1, 2011 to:

Chuck Boyd
IOR L2 Avalanche
1 Daventry Hill Lane
Suffield, CT 06078

MTR

by JC Cowell, Supervisor

How are your outdoor skills? Could they be better? Would you be comfortable spending a day, a night, or maybe two in the woods any time of year, under adverse weather conditions? Could you lead a search under those conditions?

If you have those skills and the confidence to use them then I hope you're part of the NSP Mountain Travel and Rescue Program. If you don't have those skills and would like an opportunity to be exposed to them then I encourage you to take one of the many MTR courses offered all across the Eastern Division. As of today there are 25 MTR courses registered in the Eastern Division.

Where can you find a course? Check the Eastern Division calendar at www.nspeast.org and your region calendar. If there isn't one offered near you tell your Region MTR Advisor, Region Director, or me that you would like one. If there is interest, there will be courses. You can also look to other regions for a MTR course or other divisions for that matter. This is the NATIONAL Ski Patrol after all.

If you're interested in more information about the program or in becoming an instructor please reach out to your Region MTR Advisor, Region Director or me and we will gladly steer you in the right direction.

Here is the description of the MTR Program from the NSP website:

Attendees taking Mountain Travel and Rescue (MTR) courses will learn a variety of skills, including nutrition and how the body performs in a wilderness environment, weather patterns, survival skills, working with group dynamics, an introduction to search and rescue, rope rescue skills, improvised toboggan construction, and land navigation with map, compass, and GPS. The MTR courses are taught in classroom and field sessions, including mock scenarios to ensure the attendees can apply what they have learned to real life situations.

Whether you are an outdoor enthusiast looking to expand your survival and travel skills in the backcountry environment or a ski patroller preparing for one of the worst possible scenarios a parent can face at a ski area (a lost child), the MTR courses can help you get prepared.

OEC 5e

by Bill DeVarney, OEC Supervisor

In the last *Trail Sweep*, I wrote about the rollout of the new OEC 5th edition. In case you didn't read it this link will take you to the issue: <http://www.nspeast.org/images/trailswpsummer2010.pdf>. The article can be found on page 9.

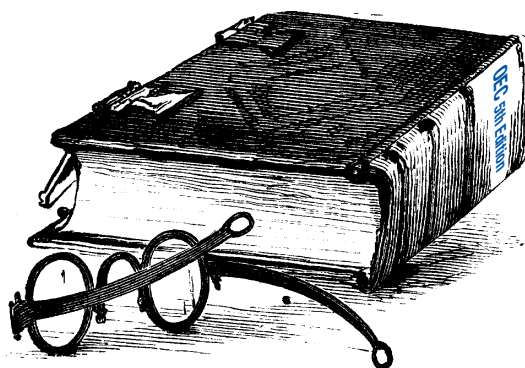
As we get closer to the rollout, here's a little more information for you. The 5th edition is still on track for the first quarter of 2011. The final reviews are currently taking place and during the first week of December the medical advisors and OEC supervisors met one last time and discussed the rollout phase. This is an exciting time in the life of 5e.

The book is filled with new information with many changes; some large and some small. Instructors of Record for classes starting after the book hits the street will have to be fully engaged in the text and instructor information to make sure that we are rolling out the latest in OEC skills and information.

The book price is still set at \$65.00 and because of the changes, everyone is encouraged to get a copy of the new manual. There will be an e-book available also. It will only be in digital format and printable only one page at a time. The price for the e-book is currently set at \$44. There currently is no CD version available to the public.

Instructors will have the opportunity to use the Brady website at no cost to get instructor manuals and information. The information will be available in digital format only with PDF and Word files posted to a secure site at no charge to instructors.

Finally, the next OEC refresher cycle will be dedicated to the 5th edition. So prepare for the fall early. Buy a book, study hard, and practice during the season. Look forward to taking the 5th and making it the greatest standard outdoor care manual in the world.



Nordic Program

by Greg France, Supervisor

The annual Fall A/M/N Instructor Refresher was held at Mast Hope Mountain in the EPA Region, September 18-19. From most perspectives, the annual meeting was a success. The food was good, weather cooperative, and the camaraderie was excellent. The refresher stations were relevant and gave the division advisor insight into the general strengths and weaknesses in the division's instructor base.

As instructors, or as patrollers, staying engaged with your patrol, region, or division programs is essential. The quality of our programs and your satisfaction with them are directly dependent on your feedback and involvement...especially now, as the National Nordic Program is developed.

The Avalanche, Mountain Travel & Rescue, and Nordic Programs will be opening an instructor and patroller information page on the division website at www.nspeast.org/programs. The link will carry technical articles for patrollers and instructors and will be updated monthly during the ski season. We will archive all articles for reference.

Check the Division Calendar for Nordicfest, March 5-6, 2011 hosted by the Genesee Valley Region. We are in the process of scheduling a Nordic Skier Enhancement in the Southern Vermont Region, the site and date to be determined.

And, don't forget to watch for updates on the National Nordic Program

Have a great season.

Nordic Master Program

by Greg France, Supervisor

Being a Nordic patroller makes you examine everything you carry with you. There's no "top shack" to deliver you a load of supplies in minutes. Yeah, ok, there's no lift; but there are no lines either! You need to be able to deal with extended stays, improvised shelters, sleds that can fit in your pack, rapid weather changes, OEC that may involve extended care, and a whole lot more.

"What do you have in your pack?" It's a question I ask myself as well as others I adventure with in the backcountry. With more and more ski areas opening up their backcountry or with Nordic patrols covering larger recreational areas, what you have with you can make all the difference, whether you are recreating or on duty. Most important is the thing that takes up the least amount of space and carries the most weight. What is it? Knowledge and training! As ski patrollers, we are offered incredible training opportunities (for little or no money compared to public courses) that help provide us with this most valuable yet intangible thing.

What's next? How about prevention? As skiers, we go to the back country to avoid crowds and lift lines, but, in order to get there and back safely we need to make some intelligent choices. Things we take for granted that other patrollers do for us in bounds are now our responsibility. One of the key things you learn in Level 1 and Level Aavalanche Programs is to do risk assessments in order to get there and back. It's mandatory to carry a shovel,

probe, and beacon. Owning them is only the first step. Learning how to use them, and then practicing, is what really counts. You learn how to conduct self-rescues (in case you slept through the risk assessment portion of the class) and organized rescues as either leader or member of the rescue team. There's great skiing to be had out there, but remember, getting back alive and bragging about your day is key.

What else is in your pack? What happens if you are delayed? Weather can change in moments; gear breaks; people get hurt. OEC can help with the last one but can you shelter and feed yourself should you have to spend the night? Can you navigate in a whiteout using a map and compass? Do you really know how that GPS works? Have you practiced? Do you have the 10 essentials?* All of these items are addressed in the MTR 1 and 2 classes. Check them out, they are loads of fun.

The Nordic Master Program is about synergy. Take all of the knowledge and training mentioned above, and like a famous chef says, "Bam! Let's take it up a notch or two." We add the ingredients and simmer them for a while. The result is a meal that will keep you warm, safe, and dry on your backcountry adventures.

So check them out...sign up for a class or two. Check out what's in YOUR pack and then come see what other things you can learn to enhance your patrolling and backcountry experience. Let the Nordic Master's program lead the way to more adventures. Let's go skiing!

- The 10 essentials: map, compass, sunglasses, extra food and water, extra clothes, headlamp/flashlight, first aid kit, fire starter, matches, knife, whistle, space blanket, and repair kit. Yes, there are more than 10 listed here, but you need to figure out what you can't live without!



Certified

by Dave Walker, Supervisor

This year's annual Certified Exam and Meeting will be held in New York at Gore Mountain. Plans are being made for housing and will appear on the division website or via email to members and candidates shortly.

Curious about the program? Come up and join us!

For all of you aspiring Certified patrollers, onlookers, and candidates, the Certified Program will be offering several "Introduction to Certified" clinics across the division. Preregistration is required at the email addresses shown below. Please don't make the mistake of showing up without letting us know that you are coming. Every event we run requires pre-registration. Precourses require prior approval before attending.

Applications for the Certified Program can be submitted any time of year (actually, the sooner the better). The application is on the Eastern Division website at <http://www.nspeast.org/images/certapplic.pdf>.

You can download the application, complete it, and email it to Credentials Committee Chair Karl Johnson at johnson.building@verizon.net. Be careful, the deadline for applications is 30 days before the exam. Your application must be submitted by February 24 to be considered. There is a guide available on the same site that describes each part of the program.

Training for the program starts whenever you are ready. Just send an email to cert372@yahoo.com and I will direct you to someone who can help get you started. Remember, everyone is welcome to come to the exam, but you must preregister: email certifiedpatrol@yahoo.com.

There are many training opportunities available year round. We don't need the snow to work on some of the components. This past summer we held a two-day event at Long Lake in Harrison, Maine where we worked on lift evac, low-angle rescue, and management and hill safety interviews. So, for those serious candidates, any time of year is the right time to train! Across the division, there are plenty of chances to train and improve your skills.



2011 Certified Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT/CONTACT
Sat, 1/8	Holiday Valley	Intro to Certified Roland Lunser, cert416@aol.com
Thurs, 1/20	Sunday River	Intro to Certified/Precourse Dave Walker, cert372@yahoo.com
Sun, 1/23	Cannon Mountain	Precourse (PSPA) Dave Walker, cert372@yahoo.com
Fri, 1/21	Hunter Mountain	Certified S&T Training & Precourse Justin Guth, jdguth@msn.com
Sat/Sun, 1/22-23	Windham	Intro to Certified** Brant Maley, skipatrol@comcast.net
Sat/Sun, 1/29-30	Elk Mountain	Intro to Certified** Bill Jordan, cert169@comcast.net
Sat, 2/12	Jay Peak	Certified Precourse Brant Maley, skipatrol@comcast.net
Thurs-Sun, 3/24-27	Gore Mountain	Annual Exam & Meeting Laura Tucker, certifiedpatrol@yahoo.com

**NOTE: Registration for the Intro to Certified at Elk Mountain and the Windham event are done online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/428705269>

2011 PSPA Schedule

Weds, 1/12	Sunday River	Precourse
Sat, 1/23	Cannon Mountain	Precourse
Weds, 1/26	Hunter Mountain	Precourse
Weds-Thurs, 3/9-10	Sugarloaf	Annual Exam

The contact for all PSPA events is:
Carl Chaplin
(carlc@rmspshq.com)

Radio Channel Narrowbanding...What does it Mean?

by Dick Woolf, Telecom Advisor

Of all the issues related to FCC regulations and licensing, the one topic that seems to confuse the most people is the FCC Narrowbanding Program that takes effect 1/1/2013.

In an effort to clear the air, disperse the fog, and simplify the complex, here is a simple explanation and analogy for narrowbanding. The FCC decided that there was a need for more two-way radio frequencies (channels) and, since modern, programmable radios were capable of more precisely controlling a frequency than older, crystalized radios, they would roll out a program to migrate radio users to narrowband channels. Today, most radio users are using wideband channels.

Narrowbanding has been around a while. It's been used in Europe and Canada. But since the United States is the world's largest two-way radio market, the change to narrowband necessarily impacts a huge number of users. The National Ski Patrol is definitely affected by this program. More on that later.

OK...let's say you own a shopping center. You have a parking lot, and you rent space to various stores, whose employees and customers park in the lot. Recently, some shop owners have complained that on weekends and holidays, customers can't find a parking place, and drive away. Sales have been negatively impacted. You need to find a solution.

After hiring a parking lot consultant, a thin fellow who drives a very small car, you receive the consultant's report. The recommendation is to restripe the parking lot, making each space half the width it is now. Make each parking space narrower, and voilà...you can double the number of cars in the parking lot. More parking spaces, more cars in the lot, more customers in the stores...well, you get the picture (lots of car door dents).

So that's what the FCC is doing — making each radio channel occupy half the amount of radio spectrum it uses now. You can't see the radio spectrum, but it's like the parking lot. Only a certain number of channels can fit. Make the channels narrower, and you can have more channels. More channels mean fewer radio users per channel, less channel sharing, less interference (maybe).

All radios legally offered for sale in the United States have to be certified by the FCC. Any radio submitted to the FCC since 1997 has had to be narrowband-compliant. That means it either had to be narrowband to begin with, or be programmable for narrowband operation. But what about radios certified before 1997? They are probably wideband only. The FCC assumed that most radios are replaced on a seven-year budget cycle, or at least were fully depreciated in that time period. That assumption might be correct for local governments and large businesses, but not for the ski patrol.

Ski patrol radios are typically used only seasonally, some for as few as four months per year. Many patrollers own their own equipment, and it's well known that personally-owned equipment is better maintained and lasts longer than "community property."

If a particular radio cannot be made narrowband, it cannot be legally used after January 1, 2013, regardless of its condition. And, there are compatibility problems if some radios on your patrol are wideband, and others are narrowband. These issues typically manifest themselves as audio problems.

What should you do now? Take an inventory of your existing patrol radios, including personally-owned equipment, and determine what has to be replaced on or before 1/1/13. Budget and save now, and start to replace the oldest, non-compliant radios. Do a few each year, so that when 2013 rolls around you're not up the creek without an antenna.

Full Menu for S&T

by Bob Bluff, Supervisor

Everyone loves a restaurant with a full menu and a terrific grill chef for that matter. As your new S&T supervisor, and known for my 'big' grill, that is just what my staff and I would like to offer you, a full menu of ski and toboggan training options. The Eastern Division S&T Staff has created an entire menu with appetizers, snacks, dinner entrees, desserts and aperitifs, as well as the beloved chocolate bar.

Are you a new patroller looking to improve your ski and toboggan skills? Are you ready to earn your senior pin? Do you want to develop your teaching skills in order to become a trainer/evaluator or gear up for certified? On the other hand, maybe you just plain want to have fun. Well, we've created a menu item just for you.

For starters, each region will offer ongoing ski and toboggan training conducted by local toboggan instructors at their mountains. Please encourage your new patrollers (and veterans wishing to sharpen their skills) to participate.

This year's menu will include regional offerings of ski and toboggan enhancement clinics. These events are open to any patroller and will provide level-appropriate instruction for basic patrollers, seniors-in-training, and current seniors who wish to learn new skills. These courses can also be used as electives for the senior program.

The ski and toboggan main course will be delivered through five patrol school events this year. Held at Holiday Valley (WNY), Windham Mountain (SNY), Elk Mountain

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Trail Sweep Going Electronic!

by John Kane, Committee Chair

This issue of *Trail Sweep* will be the last one you will be receiving in your snail mailbox. We're going electronic! We sent both the summer issue and this current issue to all members two ways: USPS (snail mail) and e-blast from NSP with a link to the PDF on the division website. Starting with the 2011 Spring/Summer issue you will be accessing *Trail Sweep* online.

Why are we going in this direction? First, this will allow us to track how many members are getting the mail, how many are reading it, how many delete it, and how many return e-mails we get back (either because the member is blocking NSP, they have not updated their e-mail address, or they just don't have e-mail). In all categories, we will now be able to report on *Trail Sweep's* delivery performance.

We think that this is important as we are trying to get information to every member in the Eastern Division. With snail mail, we just don't have the capability to know who is getting it and who isn't. If it's undeliverable it goes in the post office round file. Secondly, we will be able to reduce the cost of the *Trail Sweep* program to almost half of what we are currently paying to reach every member.

Currently, *Trail Sweep* costs the Division approximately \$14,000 per year, or roughly \$1.55 out of our \$17 dues for each patroller every year. We are looking at significantly lowering those costs.

We have sampled many patrollers from around the division. We are aware that many patrollers still like receiving *Trail Sweep* in their street-side mailbox. A growing share of members appreciates our focus on saving money and maybe a few more trees along the way. Whatever your personal preference, it is impor-

tant to us. We will continue to monitor the delivery performance of this important newsletter so that we can make it possible to reach every dues-paying member.

This change in direction will also allow us to be more flexible and timely with important information if there is a need for that. We will no longer be limited to sending our patrollers information twice a year. We also will have the opportunity to work with the marketing committee to offer space for possible vendors with special deals only found in *Trail Sweep*. In short, this platform can offer many more opportunities for *Trail Sweep* and the members reading it.

While we are venturing in this direction, we will need your help to bridge some of the anticipated gaps that may occur. Please help us with a few simple steps:

1. Every member should sign on to the NSP website and verify their e-mail address. The Eastern Division *Trail Sweep* Editor will be using the information from the National Ski Patrol's database to e-blast all Eastern Division members (pro and volunteer).

2. Patrol Directors and Patrol Representatives: Please do your part to ensure that every member is getting *Trail Sweep*. You can do this by downloading the newsletter and making hard copies available in the patrol room. For those patrollers who, for some reason, do not or will not ever have e-mail, this may be the only way they will get it.

3. For all other potential gaps, please contact me, and the *Trail Sweep* committee, so that we may act quickly to close these gaps. We want to make sure that all members continue to have the opportunity to read *Trail Sweep*.

We appreciate all comments with regard to this action and for ongoing thoughts and considerations for making *Trail Sweep* the best ever.

Take the Challenge

by Gerry Clark, Special Olympics Liaison

Have you ever done something and left feeling better than you did when you started? Well, that's what Special Olympics are all about. Not only are you helping out a great organization but at the same time you are working with and assisting a group of thankful athletes. How do you know you are? Between the high-fives, hugs and smiles, you can't help but know.

It takes just one day to get hooked and you'll be back, again and again and again. Ask other fellow patrollers who have been volunteering for years at winter games as mountain guides or at fall games helping with the bowling venues or at summer games timing at track and field or scoring at bocce or refereeing at soccer or become a unified partner at golf with an athlete. There is so much we as ski patrollers can offer to Special Olympics, as well as so much we can gain as a person, and more importantly what we can give to the athletes of Special Olympics.

So I've placed the ball in your court, take the challenge and do just one day as a volunteer. It's a blast and you'll become friends with the athletes and to your surprise, your athletes will remember you.

To start the challenge, contact the Special Olympic office in your state or online.

CT www.soct.org
MA www.specialolympicsma.org
ME www.specialolympicsmaine.org
NH www.sonh.org
NJ www.sonj.org
NY www.specialolympicsny.org
PA www.specialolympicspa.org
RI www.specialolympicsri.org
VT www.vtso.org

Death by PowerPoint

by Flo Rutherford, ID Supervisor

How many of you have experienced a “near death” event while sitting through a PowerPoint presentation?

Wikipedia: “Death by PowerPoint” is a criticism of slide-based presentations referring to a state of boredom and fatigue induced by information overload during presentations such as those created by the Microsoft application PowerPoint.” We have all been there and experienced the death (or snooze) by PowerPoint.

PowerPoint is probably one of the most utilized methods in classroom learning. It serves as a great adjunct for talks where there are no hands-on skills to reinforce the learning. The downside of PowerPoint is that it can create a “class comatosis” where the students are reading the inside of their eyelids

Tips to avoid a “Class Comatosis” while presenting a PowerPoint presentation:

1. Rehearse ahead of time. Presentations are never perfect on the first time through!
2. Use the slide as the adjunct to your topic. The class should focus on you, the presenter.
3. Bullets don't kill but they can put you to sleep. Add simple enhancements for bulleted slides.
4. Don't read the slides! Most students can read faster than you can speak, anyway.
5. Avoid “cutsie” animations and clipart – they serve as a distraction.
6. “KISS” – Keep the slides simple – bold, simple, large font, add some color, don't overload it with information! Use another slide! They are FREE.
7. Use real photos – “A picture is worth 1000 words!”
8. Equipment failure is a BIG No-No. Provide for backups and be cautious when swapping laptops for different presenters. Think about using a flashdrive and load the presentation on the main laptop.
9. Be passionate and animated about your presentation. It will keep the class interested.
10. “The mind can retain what the butt can endure” – be aware of the time; don't exceed the time allowed for the presentation.

Remembering these tips will guide you in learning to use PowerPoint as part of your development as an effective instructor.

NSP Fundraising Programs

by Marty Silverman, RD WAPP

The National office, under the direction of Norris Woody, National Fundraising Chair, has put together a fundraising program to offset rising operating costs and to help keep your dues down. The NSP has raised enough money through programs like these in the last year to have a balanced budget. If not for these efforts, each patroller would have had to pay a \$4.86 dues increase this year.

The following programs are part of this fund raising effort:

NSP REWARDS VISA CARD

You can get the NSP Rewards Visa card with patrollers running a toboggan that you'll be proud to use. (People keep asking if that's me on the card.) A percentage of every dollar spent with the NSP Visa card goes back to the National Ski Patrol to support our organization. Last year the NSP received \$25,000, and the Eastern Division got \$4,000. The NSP Rewards card earns points for everyday purchases. You can redeem your points for merchandise, or 1% cash back, or choose travel on any airline with no blackout dates. And, there's no annual fee. For details, visit www.nspeast.org.

NSP COOKBOOK

You probably saw the call for recipes from National for the NSP Cookbook. Well, it's here, and just in time for the holidays. It's a great stocking stuffer, gift for your friends, or for yourself. The cost is just \$18, and the profits (about 1/2 of the price) benefit the NSP. Check <http://www.nsp.org/about/cookbook.aspx> for details.

ON-LINE AUCTION – NOV 25 TO DEC 9

There were great deals, bargains, and some really cool stuff at the second annual NSP on-line auction. Last year I got lift tickets to several Lake Tahoe ski resorts for less than half the regular price, some old ski posters, and a patch from an old ski hill. All of the items were donated, so 100% of the money went to the National Ski Patrol.

MAKE A DONATION LINK – RAISE A MILLION DOLLARS ANNIVERSARY FUND

National has been working toward raising a million dollars in a 5-year plan (from the NSP 70th anniversary in 2008 to our 75th anniversary in 2013) by soliciting donations from corporations and individuals. You can donate via credit card or PayPal through a link on the NSP homepage.

MINNIE DOLE MEMORIAL FUND

This fund is often used when someone wants to make a donation in memory of a former patroller. Money can be designated for National, Eastern Division, or your own patrol. NSP donations of more than \$600 are noted on a NSP Plaque.

FRIENDS OF NSP

If a friend or family member would simply like to make a donation to the NSP to support your efforts, they can donate to the “Friends of NSP.” For just \$20, the donor gets an NSP pin, car decal, newsletter, and recognition on the NSP site.

For more information on all of these programs, visit www.nsp.org.

AWARDS

NATIONAL OUTSTANDING

Administrative Patroller	Gerit Lewisch	EPA
Nordic Patroller	Butch MacQueen	WNY
Young Adult Patroller	Alexandra Bruce	CT

NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

Chris Pringle	10986	EMARI
Donna Kirby	11008	SNY
Dan Pascucci	11018	ME
Dick Schreiner	11026	EMARI
Sheila Daly	11028	EMARI
Larry Hassman	11060	EPA
Ron Helm	11062	EPA
Bob Bernatos	11064	EPA
Roland Gaumont	11084	ME
Doug Zercher	11086	SVT
Gerry Desjardins	11088	ME
James Wackell		ME

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

David Coakley	CT
Bill DeVarney	EMARI
Jerry Hyson	EMARI
Greg Heath	EMARI
John Gyger	ME
Art Harmon	SVT
Terry Randolph	SVT
Mort Abramson	SVT
Manny Yvars	WMA
Labrador Mountain	CNY

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

John Flynn	CT
Dick Townsend	EMARI
Bob Volmut	SVT

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Yellow Merit Star	
Donna Bouchard	CT
Guy Oakes	CT
Nina Santini	CT
Bruce Smith	CT
Susan Ballek	EPA
John Stinsman	EPA

PURPLE MERIT STAR

Bruce Landi	CT
Dick Ohanesian	CT
Lou Marchi	EPA
Jacqueline Bennett	ME

BLUE MERIT STAR

Greg Cantwell	CT
Tom Flynn	CT
Kevin Gurskis	CT
Ron Salonia	CT
Evan Bassarab	SVT

GREEN MERIT STAR

Matt Miller	SVT
Garrett Lange	SVT

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David Kelleher	EMARI
Thomas Lehman	EMARI
David Ramage	EMARI
Richard Wester	EMARI
Jay Joyce	WMA

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Snö Mountain Ski Patrol	EPA
Elk Mountain Ski Patrol	EPA

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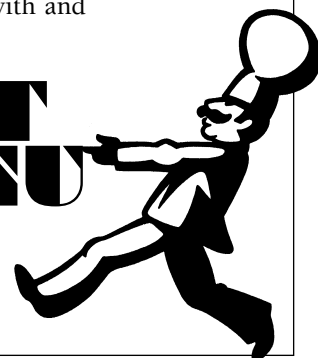
(EPA), Sunday River (ME), and Killington (SVT). All events offer a full complement of training options. Each event will provide focused group instruction catering to basic, senior, and trainer/evaluator and instructor/trainer so that you can eat and digest the skills you want and need. Additionally, all of the patroller schools, except Killington will offer a dedicated session for those interested in the Certified Program.

Finally, this year the women's program will offer the chocolate lover's bar extraordinaire. Jane Williams and Sarah Keating (new to the steering committee) will lead the charge in offering a number of women's programs focusing on specific toboggan and ski issues germane to female patrollers. They will be supported in WNY and WAPP by Denise Kaus and Kristen Russo who were

recently asked to step up to the Eastern Division Staff and assist in their respective regions. Chicks on Sticks (or Lady Godivas) will be offered throughout the division in WAPP, WNY, EPA, SNY, SVT, and ME. For a full schedule and contact information please check your region's website, or reach out to Jane at Laurelhlh@aol.com or Sarah at sarah.keating@Keystone.edu. I know they are looking forward to working with and indulging in chocolate with all of you.

Everyone loves to eat and this year there is no excuse not to. Put your order in now! We've got a full menu of offerings that should please everyone's palette. I look forward to skiing and tobogganing with many of you this season.

S&T MENU



Come Join in the Fun!

Several Eastern Division Patroller Schools are scheduled for this season. This 2-day program, available to all patrollers in the Eastern Division, will feature several venues designed to meet the needs of the individual patroller.

The first venue will be the traditional format, which consists of one day skiing with a PSIA instructor and one day with an NSP Alpine Toboggan Instructor doing toboggan skills. This venue is for the Candidate, Auxiliary, or Basic Patroller. The emphasis is on a fun, stress-free learning environment.

The second venue will be for patrollers taking the Senior S&T exam. We will show the senior candidate the "whole test" in a positive non-testing environment. This will provide the patroller with individual feedback about their strengths and the areas in which they may need a little extra help. This clinic meets the requirements for a Senior Clinic, counts as a Senior Elective, and counts towards National Continuing Education.

The third venue available is designed for those patrollers who are planning on becoming Alpine Toboggan Instructors of Senior S&T Trainer/Evaluators. Emphasis will be placed on teaching and training effectively. If you are interested in becoming a T/E or a local Alpine Toboggan Instructor, come join us and we'll get you on your way to teaching at your own mountain.

The fourth venue is an Intro to Certified Program. This venue will provide the interested patroller a broad overview of the Certified Program. Over the course of two days we will be running sleds, providing a hands-on Certified OEC clinic, and introducing you to other modules of the Certified Program. Please sign up early as this venue will be limited to the first 12 patrollers who sign up.

And, what is a Patroller School without a Saturday evening après ski Patroller School Party! Join in the fun and talk with other attendees sharing what you have accomplished for the day.

There is a listing of all the scheduled Patroller Schools and other S&T events on the back page of this issue along with contact information. To find out what venues will be offered at each of these events, how to register, and the cost involved get in touch with the listed contact person.

Don't forget to keep checking the Eastern Division calendar for additional, current information on all S&T events.

Thanks for supporting the Eastern Division Patroller Schools. We look forward to having you for a fun and exciting weekend!

Come YAP to Sugarloaf

by Jerry Hyson, YAP Supervisor

We are excited to announce that this year's Young Adult Patroller Seminar will be at Sugarloaf Mountain Resort in Carrabassett Valley, Maine. With a vertical of 2820 feet, Sugarloaf offers over 900+ skiable acres of skiing/riding fun. Check it out at www.sugarloaf.com.

Included are great lodging, great food, great skiing, great friendships, and a full schedule of fun! The seminar officially kicks off on Friday evening at dinner but skiing and riding are available that day to those that arrive early. Free skiing and riding are also available on Monday for those who can stay. We conclude the official event with an awards banquet on Sunday night.

Want a bargain? Here's what you get for your \$325:

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

NEW THIS YEAR

We are pleased to announce that this year we will be offering a separate Enhancement Track that will focus on the three skill areas offered in the Competitive Track; Skiing, Toboggan, and OEC. This track will have separate awards and we will focus on helping young adult patrollers hone their skills to a higher level. The Division S&T and OEC Advisors that help us run these events have committed to provide staffing to this track so that each participant will have a positive experience.

Please note that the application form has been changed. Patrol directors and advisors please encourage your students to participate in this year's event. Your students will enjoy a big mountain experience and have great training. Send your registrations in early. Any registrations received after the cut-off date are subject to a late fee. We anticipate a large group this year and cannot guarantee that late registrations will have space available. The registration form is also available on the division website at: <http://www.nspeast.org/html/youngadult.htm>

I can be contacted at hysonski@gmail.com or 508-459-9078 if you have any questions.



EASTERN DIVISION YOUNG ADULT PATROLLER SEMINAR REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 18, 2011 – NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 1, 2011

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

Fill in completely and return with a \$325 check made payable to NSP Eastern Division to:

Jerry Hyson, Box 387, 46 Brooks Road, Paxton, MA 01612

Please type or legibly print all information except for signatures.

Last _____ First _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Age _____ Male Female

NSP # _____ Mountain _____

I understand my commitment and responsibilities to the National Ski Patrol while I am attending this seminar.

Young Adult Patroller Signature _____

TO HELP US PLAN, FILL IN THE FOLLOWING;

FREE SKI FRIDAY

ENHANCEMENT TRACK

ARRIVAL DATE/TIME _____

FREE SKI MONDAY

COMPETITION

DEPARTURE DATE/TIME _____

TICKETS WILL BE GRANTED TO THOSE WHO CHECK OFF FREE SKIING FOR THE ABOVE DAYS.
YOUNG ADULT PATROLLERS WILL BE ENROLLED IN THE COMPETITION UNLESS CHECKED OTHERWISE.

Advisor/Chaperone attending with Young Adult Patroller _____

Advisor/Chaperone attending with Young Adult Patroller Signature _____

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

To help with staffing please check your status (check all that apply)

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

The above named Young Adult Patroller is a registered member of NSP and approved for the seminar.

Patrol Director/Young Adult Advisor (Print/Signature) _____

REQUIRED 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 _____ Emergency Contact # _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Physician's Name _____ Physician's # _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy/Plan # _____

Special Emergency Information/Instructions _____

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT — REQUIRED FOR ALL YOUNG ADULT PATROLLERS

The undersigned, as a participant, or as a parent or guardian of a minor who is participating in the 2011 Eastern Division Young Adult Training Seminar, in consideration for being allowed to participate in such event, hereby releases the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and the Eastern Division, Sugarloaf 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 2011 Eastern Division Young Adult 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 2011 Eastern Division Young Adult Training Seminar. As further consideration for being permitted to participate in the 2011 Eastern Division Young Adult 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, Sugarloaf 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 _____ Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

BERNARD McMANUS

On May 15, longtime patroller, Bernie McManus, 75, died of complications from a head injury received in a fall in Eagle, CO, where he lived with his son. Bernie started his 45-year career in the ski patrol as an alpine patroller at Chadds Peak near his West Chester, PA home, later transferring to Spring Mountain after his area closed.

He was the first patrol leader of the Keystone Trails Nordic Patrol, which later merged with the Upper Delaware Patrol, also in EPA. Both a senior alpine and a senior Nordic patroller, he held National Appointment 8570, and was on the active roster of the Upper Delaware Nordic at the time of his death. He was also a long time member of the Buck Ridge Ski Club.

His contributions to the EPA Nordic Program, and as a mountaineering and avalanche instructor, were well known. He was the region's mountaineering advisor for many years, bringing his humor and entertaining style to the program. His basement was a veritable archive of the progression of the sport over the last half century and he was always ready to loan or to cobble together some equipment for anyone who needed it.

I first met Bernie in 1979 on a very long trip to the Vermont State Ski Dorm where the "Green Mountain Summit" was held; laying the groundwork for what has become the Eastern Division's Nordic Program. We shared many trips, including climbing into Tuckerman Ravine, none of them uneventful as Bernie had a youthful exuberance about any task...and the reckless abandon to go with it.

His passion for skiing and other outdoor activities was equaled by his other passion, music. With a master's degree in music education, he taught music and was the band director at Chichester Junior High School and at Hilltop Elementary in Boothwyn, PA until his retirement. An accomplished trombonist and vocalist, he played professionally, as well as sang in his church choir.

Despite health issues over the last few years, Bernie continued to be an active member of the Upper Delaware Nordic Patrol, returning east each fall and spring for refreshers and activities. Last fall, when asked if he was ready to go alumni he replied, "Why?" "Why not?" "Pride," he said. "I'm proud to be a patroller. I'm still going; I can still contribute, so that's why not." Bernie got his wish. He died with his boots on, giving almost half a century of dedicated service to an organization he embraced as family.

Bernie is survived by his daughter, Theresa; his son, Bernard; and three grandchildren, Kaitlyn Nicole, Bernard Almon, and Lillian Adelle, all of whom are avid skiers; his sister, Marilyn A. Camp; and his brother, Brian E. McManus. His former wife, Diane Popma, a past patroller, also survives.

*Sandi Scull, #7035
Upper Delaware Nordic Patrol*



GEORGE F. WESSON

George Frye Wesson Jr., 89, of Rutland, VT died September 6, 2010 following a brief illness. He was born in Worcester, MA July 4, 1921 the son of George and Ellen (Nystrom) Wesson. A former resident of Stowe, VT; Waitsfield, VT; and Claremont, MA; he had been a resident of Rutland, VT since 1963.

Raised in Worcester, he attended local schools graduating from South High and the Worcester Poly Tech with a degree in engineering.

Following graduation, he entered the US Army and served with the 10th Mountain Division during the Second World War. At the time of discharge had earned the rank of Staff Sergeant.

At the time of his retirement, he was Engineering Supervisor for Building and Construction at Killington Ski Resort, having participated in the construction of the ski area. He served as their first Ski Patrol Director. Prior to that he served as Ski Patrol Director at Mount Mansfield, Sugarbush Resort, and Thunder Mountain Ski Area (now Berkshire East).

He was a member of the National Ski Patrol since its formation in 1938, serving for a time as the NVT Region Director, and was one of the five founding members of the Certified Program. At the time of his death, he was among the NSP's oldest living and most honored members. He was also among the founders, an early member, and one of the most dedicated supporters of the Professional Ski Patrol Association (PSPA) and a strong supporter and significant contributor to both the New England Ski Museum and the Vermont Ski Museum.

George was active in scouting and served as a Scout Leader and as a Senior Scout Advisor in Stowe, VT. He was a Mason and Past Master of the Stowe F&AM Lodge and also was a member and trustee of the Stowe Community Church, and a member of the Grace Congregational, United Church of Christ in Rutland.

His survivors include four daughters, Janet Whitney and Rebecca Ross of Rutland, VT; Laura Wesson of Bellows Falls, VT; and Jennifer Hood of Arvada, CO; and a son, Andrew Wesson of Rutland, VT; a sister Eleanor Wesson of Worcester, MA, five grandsons, two granddaughters, and two great granddaughters and one great grandson.

His wife Nancy (Raymond) Wesson predeceased him on March 19, 1998.

George will be missed by his family and many friends. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1 Kennedy Drive, Suite L8, South Burlington, VT 05403 or the American Lung Association of Vermont, 372 Hurricane Lane, Suite 101, Williston, VT 05495.



Eastern Division Memorial Fund

by Marty Silverman, RD WAPP

The Eastern Division Memorial Fund is another good fund to donate to in memory of lost patrollers. The funds stay within Eastern Division. The donation is saved and only the interest is used to assist bright young patrollers within the division with a grant toward their college education. This year, three students, Andrew Doolittle of Catamount Ski Patrol, ENY; Colin Ronald of Bristol Mountain Ski Patrol, GV; and Andrew Athen of

Blue Knob, WAPP were awarded scholarships. For more information on how you, or your patrol, can make a donation in the name of a patroller you've lost this year, visit the Memorial Fund page of the Eastern Division website at <http://www.nspeast.org/html/memfund.htm>. If you are a promising young patroller in need of college funds, you can go to the same site to apply for a scholarship.



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It's Your Chance to Train – 2011 S&T Programs

These are all the events available at press time. Please check at <http://www.nspeast.org/html/calendar/htm> for details. The events at Elk Mountain and Windham Mountain will have electronic registrations. Make sure you check what day these dates fall on, they're not all on weekends.

INTROS TO CERTIFIED

- Jan. 8 – Holiday Mountain, WNY (Roland Lunser, cert416@aol.com)
- Jan. 20 – Sunday River, ME (Dave Walker, cert372@yahoo.com)
- Jan. 22-23 – Windham Mountain, NY (Brant Maley, Skipatrol@comcast.net)
- Jan. 29-30 – Elk Mountain, EPA (Bill Jordan, cert169@comcast.net)

PATROLLER SCHOOLS

- Jan. 8-9 – Elk Mountain (Roland Lunser, cert416@aol.com)
- Jan. 21-22 – Sunday River, ME (Steve Suomala, bigstevensp@hotmail.com)
- Jan. 22-23 – Windham Mountain, NY (Brant Maley, Skipatrol@comcast.net)
- Jan. 29-30 – Elk Mountain, EPA (Bob Bluff, bluff@ptd.net)
- Feb. 5-6 – Killington, SVT (Brian Bishop, brianbishop@mail4me.com)

WOMEN'S ENHANCEMENT SEMINARS

- Jan. 22 – Sunday River, ME (Jane Williams, laurelhll@aol.com)
- Jan. 29-30 – Bromley, SVT (Colleen Volmut, colnbob@myfairpoint.net)
- Feb. 5-6, Saddleback, ME (Denise Pascucci, dpascucci@questolutions.com)
- Feb. 5-6, Holiday Mountain, WNY (Denise Kaus, neecce@netsync.net)
- Feb. 26, Blue Mtn., EPA (Sarah Keating, sarah.keating@keystone.edu)
- Feb. 12-13, SNY (Kim Terwilliger, skiwtb20@yahoo.com)
- Mar. 6, Wisp, EPA (Kim Bellas, kabellas66@hotmail.com)
- TBD – NH (Sue Kelly, SKELLY3@partners.org)

NOTE: Contact each seminar coordinator for additional information.

