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Division Director's REPORT

by John Shipman, Division Director



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TREASURER'S Report

by Mick Wheeler, Treasurer



The 990 reporting season was over as of June 30 and I want to thank the patrol and region treasurers for getting me the information to consolidate with the division finances for our annual report to the Treasury Department.

I had hoped to provide you information about the consolidated division finances at this time. Unfortunately, although our fiscal year ended on March 31, 2013 and I had innocently expected to have all regional 990s by the end of June for an August 15, 2013 filing completion, I just recently received the final regional 990. The final 990 report was received only after much cajoling and encouragement from our DD John Shipman and Finance Committee Chair Rick Knight.

As a result, I have had to require approval of a 90-day extension from the Internal Revenue Service in order to have appropriate time to complete the consolidations of the Regional 990s. I fully understand the challenges of completing the 990 forms by both the individual patrol treasurers and the regional treasurers. I am still the patrol treasurer at Willard Mt. Ski Patrol, and prior to being selected as the Eastern Division Treasurer, I served as the Eastern NY Region Treasurer for 14 years.

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As the weather cooled and we got our ski equipment together, we realized it was also the beginning of the holiday season. November brought us Thanksgiving and Hanukkah and many of our ski resorts opened for the season. The busy Christmas season and the New Year's celebrations followed and I hope the holidays brought you and your family special memories.

The Eastern Division calendar lists many programs and events scheduled for the 2013-2014 ski season. Be sure to check out the calendar as many programs are getting underway. Also, check out your region's website for locally scheduled program activities.

The Eastern Division Time Capsule commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the National Ski Patrol has been sealed. The 6" by 16" stainless-steel time capsule is located below a bench seat and is inserted inside the stone monument. The bench proudly sits outside the main entrance to the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum on Main Street in Stowe, Vermont. The inscriptions on the stone bench and time capsule are clearly visible to all who drive or walk by.

It has been an interesting procedure and learning experience to choose the items for the time capsule. The Eastern Division 75th Marketing Committee, headed up by Marty Silverman, advertised the concept of the time capsule, and requested submissions from around the country. A team of volunteers; a few National Board members, the Eastern Division Marketing Team and others, carefully read and reviewed all submissions. The list below will give you an idea of what the committee thought was appropriate, instructive, and interesting. The capsule will be opened in 2088, NSP's 150th anniversary year. All items were carefully put into archival folders and then placed into the capsule with oxygen (gas) and moisture-depleting packets.

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2012-2013 Donated Submissions to the Eastern Division

Time capsule

- Agenda for the 75th Stowe, VT celebration
- Time Capsule and stone bench sculpture and artist informational brochure
- Reports and photos of the highlights of the 75th Anniversary celebrations in Stowe, VT and Denver, CO
- NSP founder, Charles Minot “Minnie” Dole’s, induction into the NSP’s Hall of Fame
- Eastern Division’s *Trail Sweep* summer 2012 issue
- A list of 2012 Eastern Division Board members with their photos, including photos of 990 and 501c3!
- Division Director’s report after the Stowe and Denver 75th celebrations
- Eastern Division’s Who’s Who and a list of all regions and patrols
- Eastern Division’s 2012-2013 operating budget
- NSP map outlining the division boundaries
- 2012 Letter of Congratulations to the Eastern Division membership from Tim White, NSP Executive Director and Burt Mitchell, NSP National Board of Director’s Chair
- Various National pins and patches donated by the National Office
- 2012 OEC Instructor Guide
- 2012 OEC Refresher Workbook
- Current list and description of the educational courses offered by the NSP
- List of the educational conferences held at locations throughout the country
- NSP Mission of Service and Safety and “Who We Are” DVD—video on the “Life of a Patroller”
- *Ski Patrol Magazine*—Summer of 2012 and Winter 2013
- Ski Patrol Catalog—75th Anniversary Edition
- *Skiing Magazine*—Jan/Feb 2012 (Patroller Edition)
- NSAA Proclamation
- NSP Federal Charter
- NSP National and Eastern Division officers and staff
- 2011 National Financial Statement
- George Wesson, Jr. biography, Certified pin, and family letter
- National Appointment #13 Stewart Gillespie’s NSP patch, photo, and note
- Blue Hills Nordic information, maps, and flash drive from Dave Hodgdon
- 10th Mountain Division Resource Center Brochure
- Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum Newsletter about the NSP’s 75th Anniversary celebration and stone bench monument location
- 2012-2013 NSP Media Kit and Denver, CO Anniversary Gala Brochure and photos
- Pacific NW Division Administration Directory for 2012-2013

- SNY Region 1969 RAT Patrol (student patrollers), letter, and patch (RAT = Race And Tell)
- Jay Peak, VT photo of patrollers in front of their new patrol hut with a note and patrol patch
- NSP’s 50th Anniversary Celebration Brochure held June 1988 at the Sheraton Hotel, Boston MA

By the time you read this issue of *Trail Sweep*, the elections for the four open seats on the National Board of Directors and the Eastern Division’s Region Directors and Section Chiefs will be over. Congratulations to all those who decided to run for office and to those who were successful. The new leaders will make a difference in our national, division, and region organization.

Here’s to a fun and successful season. And, HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Ready for **CHANGE?** by Gerry Clark, Alumni Advisor Retain Your Ties— Become an NSP Alumni Member

WHAT IS AN ALUMNI MEMBER?

An Alumni Member is a special registration category for people who, for various reasons, decide to no longer provide emergency care or rescue services, but wish to maintain their relationship with the National Ski Patrol.

NSP created the Alumni Member category in 1977 as a way to facilitate contact with former members and keep them informed of national events and activities. Today, there are over 2,000 alumni and secondary alumni members affiliated with NSP.

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

By joining as an Alumni Member, you can continue your involvement with the largest winter rescue organization in the world and support the NSP on a new level. If you wish, you can continue to contribute to your patrol.

As an Alumni Member, you won't be required to fulfill any skill or educational requirements; however, you may decide to keep your instructorship current and serve as an instructor or in another capacity to local units of NSP. For more details, go to http://www.nsp.org/about/nsp_programs/alumni.aspx.

Several ski areas have already incorporated alumni patrollers in their operations and taken advantage of their local knowledge and experience. Alumni often attend ski patrol PR events, help recruit new members, provide administrative help, give safety talks, participate in other community service activities, and are a valued force within NSP.

Regardless of the scope of your involvement, becoming an Alumni Member enables you to contribute to the success of ski patrolling at both the local and national level.

If at any time you decide you want to return to patrolling, simply follow the registration requirements with your patrol.

OTHER BENEFITS?

As an Alumni Member of the NSP, you receive:

- Continued service years and member voting rights
- A subscription to *Ski Patrol Magazine*
- Access to NSP website at www.nsp.org
- *NSP Winter Catalog*
- You can easily change back and forth from alumni to active patrolling by following patrol requirements
- Opportunities to participate in NSP-sponsored events
- Your membership dues may be tax deductible
- You may be listed with your home patrol on their Secondary Roster

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Alumni dues are only \$27.00 annually, \$17.00 of which covers program administration costs; the remaining \$10 is returned to the Division with which the Alumni member is affiliated.

Active members who are lifetime members keep that status upon changing their membership status to Alumni Member. Patrollers who wish to become lifetime Alumni Members can do so for a one-time fee of \$550, which helps support the NSP Endowment Fund. The \$550 rate is for a limited time only; please check for details. Lifetime Members receive a Lifetime Membership Pin and a walnut-framed certificate.

How do you join? Contact your Region or Division Advisor for details and assistance.



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INSTRUCTOR

by Ellen Conrad, Supervisor

Development

Think back to a course that you took that you truly enjoyed. Chances are you enjoyed that course because your instructor was creative, full of enthusiasm, knowledgeable and enjoyable. NSP offers great programs, which are enhanced by great instructors. And, it all begins with the Instructor Development Program. Offering an Instructor Development Course at least once a year keeps the instructor pool stimulated and fed with new ideas. When was the last time your region offered an Instructor Development Course? If the answer is that they haven't offered an ID Course in over one year it is time to stimulate the instructor pool. Reach out to your Regional ID Advisor or contact me at Inconrad@roadrunner.com so we can make it a priority to run an ID Course in your region. Great instructors start with the Instructor Development Program.

WHAT'S 40 YEARS AMONG FRIENDS? EVERYTHING!

by Bill Marx, NSP #6144



After 40 years (22 at Holiday Valley, WNY) of active participation in the National Ski Patrol, I am transferring to Alumni status. I know that I will miss the camaraderie, teamwork, and friendships developed over the past 40 years. I am proud to have worn the Patrol Cross on the Rust, the Rust & Blue, and the Red & Black uniforms over these 40 years.

I had the privilege of being Patrol Director in 2002 when Holiday Valley was awarded the National Outstanding Patrol of the Year. I watched in pride when my daughter Kristen received her National Appointment #10716 (30 years after I received #6144).

The patrol system is an extended family. My wife married into the patrol and our two daughters were born into the patrol. It's been a family activity ever since. I attribute the girls' involvement (Kristen in patrolling and Nicole in achieving PSIA Level 3 in Adaptive Teaching in Aspen) to the mentoring of many fellow patrollers over the years. Their exposure to these role models influenced their volunteerism spirit.

The time spent in training and patrolling is

demanding. It's a commitment, but the rewards are worthwhile. With 19 years experience as a Region S&T T/E and seven years as the Region S&T Advisor, I know firsthand the feeling of accomplishment when assisting fellow patrollers to improve their skills. I encourage the newer patrollers and their families to stay involved as long as possible. Patrolling becomes an important part of your life...40 years for my family. A memorable 40 years!

Waking up the family at 5:00 AM every Sunday morning for many years and trekking to the ski slopes was their only option. That commitment provided countless memories of great family weekends together and the legacy continues. The dedication of patrollers at Holiday Valley is also noteworthy (18 years average compared to only 4 years national average). Newer patrollers, it's your turn to continue the tradition of extended dedication to the NSP. Become involved (be it training, committees, or leadership). You and your family will enjoy it and benefit from the experience. I know I have! See you on the slopes.

ALUMNAE and ALUMNI (twice)

ALUMNA, ALUMNUS,

Betty graduated from Sterling High School, she's an alumna (ah-LUM-nah) of S.H.S. Bob graduated from S.H.S too; he's a S.H.S alumnus (ah-LUM-nuss). Betty, Sue, and Jean used to work at Murphy's Hardware; they are all female alumnae (ah-LUM-nigh) of Murphy's. Bob and Bill played on Smith's Lumber softball team, they are male alumni (ah-LUM-nigh) of that team.

Also if all these kids had gone to Valley University, it's important to note that this group, collectively, of both men and women, are all V.U. alumni (also often just called "alums"). Similarly, former active patrollers now can register as "NSP Alumni" (NSP Alumni Program members).

Confusing? Don't blame me, blame the wonderful Latin language and its gender-specific vocabulary,

by Marty Huebner, National Alumni Director

which we find throughout the English language, especially in the legal, medical, scientific, and academic fields.

Latin used to plague me, too. During high school, I was fond of chanting this doggerel on nearly any occasion:

*Latin is a dead language,
As dead as it can be.
It killed all the Romans
And now it's killing me!*

Where can you use this knowledge? Here's an example: The next time some Ph.D. from some prestigious university brags "I'm a alumni of (fill in the blank)" you can gently chide him with, "That's not correct. You are an alumnus."

Senior Patrol Status

by Bob Bernatos, Senior Committee Chair

So you want to become a Senior? No, we are not talking about the over-the-hill, AARP type. We will all get there on our own someday. We are talking about challenging yourself to attain the next classification of patrolling.

Under the new Policies and Procedures adopted at National, once you pass your OEC test, you become a Patroller. You can then complete the S&T portion in either the Alpine or Nordic disciplines. Once you have done that your classification is either Alpine Patroller or Nordic Patroller.

The next phase is to move on to the Senior track. If you are a Patroller and wish to become a Senior Patroller, you need to complete SOEC (Senior OEC), ARM (Aid Room Management), and four other electives. So what is ARM? A course that is designed to focus more on the types of problems typically encountered while working in an aid room environment. A class was held at Roundtop Mountain Resort in EPA and was attended by six individuals. As a result, three became Senior Patrollers. Anyone can attend the class. Information on the Aid Room Management Module will be made available on the Division website soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

For patrollers who would like to attain Senior Alpine Patroller status, you must complete the SOEC, SOET (Senior Ski and Toboggan), and three electives. For Senior Nordic, you must complete SOEC, Nordic Senior Ski and Toboggan, and Mountain Travel and Rescue 2. MTR1 and Avalanche 1 are prerequisites for MTR2, so all elective requirements will have been met.

This undertaking will take a lot of commitment on your part to accomplish.

The list of electives includes:

EDUCATION COURSES

- Instructor Development
- Mountain Travel and Rescue Fundamentals or Mountain Travel and Rescue 1
- Mountain Travel and Rescue 2 (required for Senior Nordic candidates)
- Introduction to Avalanche Safety and Rescue
- Standard or Level 1 Avalanche or Level 1 Avalanche for Rescue Personnel
- Level 2 Avalanche for Rescue Personnel
- Powderfall
- National Avalanche School didactic sessions
- National Avalanche School field sessions
- Skiing Enhancement Seminar
- Ski Trainer's Workshop
- Toboggan Enhancement Seminar
- OEC Enhancement Seminar (two modules equal one Senior elective)

LEADERSHIP COURSES

- Patroller Enrichment Seminar
- NSP leadership module, or equivalent course approved by the Board of Directors
- NSP instructor status (any discipline)

- NSP instructor trainer appointment (any discipline)
- Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) Certified Level II
- PSIA Certified Level III
- BLS CPR instructor or instructor trainer certification (American Heart Association, American Red Cross, National Safety Council, American Safety and Health Institute, or Medic First Aid)
- AED Instructor Course (AHA, ARC, NSC, ASHI, or Medic First Aid)

As you can see, there are many opportunities to complete your electives. All of the requirements to obtain Senior status are described in Appendix G of the current *National Ski Patrol Policies and Procedures*.

This undertaking will take a lot of commitment on your part to accomplish. If you think you can just show up at a Senior Evaluation and be successful, you are mistaken. You will need to practice the skills required so that they become second nature. You may have to travel to an area that has moguled terrain to practice skiing and toboggan skills. It is a goal that is attainable.

Currently 23% of Eastern Division patrollers are Senior. Mad River Glen in NVT leads the way with 85%. The Northern Vermont Region leads with 38%

Consider challenging yourself to improve your skills. The thing to remember is it is not just about the patch, it is what you learn on the journey along the way.

S&T and OET

...aka Outdoor Emergency Transportation

by Bob Bluff, Supervisor

By the time you read this article, the Eastern Division S&T Staff and Region Advisors will have had our fall staff meeting at Killington. Along with on-the-snow ski/ride and toboggan instruction training, other topics on the agenda included results of the survey sent to all patrol directors and representatives in the division, NSP Policies & Procedures, toboggan refreshers, toboggan instructor issues, the senior program, trainer/evaluators, patroller schools, video, the woman's program, and all other S&T/OET courses and scheduling.

A survey was sent out to all NSP Patrol Directors and Representatives throughout the country this fall. Out of 183 patrols polled in the Eastern Division 80 responded. The survey consisted of 10 questions covering:

- Registration of S&T courses,
- Senior Ski & Toboggan programs,
- Obstacles in hosting a TES,
- Evaluation and calibration of ski skills of new candidates,
- Tasks and satisfaction with number of toboggan ITs,
- Familiarity with Region or Division Supervisors,
- Role of Division and/or Region S&T Supervisors to assist their program,
- What they'd like to change about S&T at their hill.

In response to "What do you feel your Division or Region Supervisor can do to help enhance your patrol's S&T program and individual skills and have assistance with," standout requests by a number of Patrol Reps requested:

- More communications from the Division and Region level,
- More division-led training,
- More involvement from toboggan ITs with local toboggan instructors,
- Provide more guidance for toboggan ITs and toboggan instructors,
- Video training clips through You Tube or other means.

The Eastern Division S&T staff is committed to assist you in all of your Ski & Toboggan needs and will do whatever it takes to meet these requests. For program information and dates, please go to your Region or Eastern Division calendar or contact your Region S&T Advisor:

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CHOICES: DECISION MAKING IN OUTDOOR EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP & RESCUE

by Rick Shandler, National Nordic Master Program Administrator, Assistant National Nordic Program Director

This year the annual Eastern Division meeting for the Avalanche, Mountaineering, and Nordic Programs was held at Valley Forge National Historic Park hosted by Valley Forge Nordic Patrol. The theme of the meeting, Choices: Decision Making in Outdoor Education, Leadership & Rescue, was woven into all of the sessions.

The meeting literally covered a lot of ground. Following a delicious breakfast, EPA Region Director Bob Bernatos was gracious enough to stop in before his son's wedding to welcome the 50 participants from throughout the division who were in attendance. An acknowledgement was given to our event's corporate sponsors, which included Patagonia, Cascade Rescue, Go-Pro, Subaru, Smith Optics, and MSR. That was followed by a somber but uplifting tribute to long-time patroller and instructor Dick Gardiner from the CT Region who was tragically killed on his bike just a month before the meeting. We will miss you Dick!

We then quickly went through updates by program advisors Phil Galka and Chuck Boyd for Avalanche, JC Cowell for Mountaineering, and Greg France for Nordic to make sure that everyone was current on program changes.

Our keynote speaker, Kevin Johnson, National Nordic Program Director, then addressed the group. Kevin is a highly accomplished patroller, instructor, and former Northern Division RD. He is the Assistant Pro Patrol Director at Snow King in Jackson, Wyoming and served as Nordic Patrol Director for the 2002 Winter Olympics. His reflections and thoughts about decision making helped bring into focus the areas we were going to cover for the rest of the event.

After Kevin spoke, several awards were presented including National Recognition of, and presentation of certificates for, the inaugural Nordic Masters recipients numbers 001 through 008.

All of this led up to two terrific and interesting presentations. The first, by Les Blomburg, was on Heuristic Traps, which addressed some of the various ways that we process and often misinterpret information, especially when in groups. This information "misprocessing" can lead to poor decision making, which in turn can lead to fatal mistakes. Mark Renson then took the group on several simulated backcountry tours with deep dives into map work, navigation, trip planning, and hazard evaluation and avoidance. A bibliography was provided to attendees to continue their learning on these important topics.

We broke for an outstanding lunch and then went outside for an afternoon of field exercises, navigational challenges, and skills tests. The mixed group did a great job coaching each other and accomplishing all of the challenges put before them.

After reinvigorating our bodies and brains during the outside field work, we reconvened as a large group and had presentations on course management by Steve Devine and physical training and conditioning from Greg France. We debriefed the day and had drawings for door prizes, many of which were provided by our sponsors. A quick clean up and off we went to the campground.

The evening cookout, fantastic food and friends, and many informal discussions while huddled under a giant tent canopy brought the meeting to a celebratory conclusion.

I hope that you will join us for next year's AMN event and, if you are interested, please join us for one of the superb Avalanche, Mountaineering, and Nordic courses put on throughout the division.

CERTIFIED

by Bill Jordan, Chair



This year's annual Certified Exam and Meeting will be held at Whiteface Mountain in the Eastern New York Region. Whiteface offers great mid-winter skiing even late in the season and will challenge every level. Plans for housing will be announced shortly on the division website and via email to members and candidates. Curious about the program? Come up and join us!

This past summer we offered two certified events that were dubbed "Certified Boot Camps." One was held in Maine at HurriKane Cove on Long Lake in August. The second event was held in New York at Keuka Lake in October. Many thanks to John Kane and Jeff Baker for hosting these well-attended events. There were opportunities to practice low-angle rescue with a practical application, incident investigation, risk management, lift evacuation, and challenging OEC problems

For all of you aspiring Certified patrollers, onlookers, and candidates, the Certified Program will be offering several "Introduction to Certified" program clinics across the division. Pre-registration 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.nspeat.org/images/certapplic.pdf>. You can download, complete the application, and email it to Credentials Committee Chair Karl Johnson at johnson.building@verizon.net. Please be aware that the deadline for applications is 30 days before the exam. Submissions have to be made by February 20 2014 to be considered.

There is a program guide available on the same site that describes each part of the program. Training for the program starts whenever you are ready. Just email me at cert169@frontier.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 at certifiedpatrol@yahoo.com.

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There are solutions to eliminating the ongoing 990 delays. One is COMMUNICATION. I encourage all Region Treasurers to contact me with any questions or issues they have with the timely and accurate completion of the 990, including but not limited to delays you anticipate. I would also encourage the region treasurer to COMMUNICATE with the individual patrol treasurers and/or patrol directors to assist them any way you can.

I am also going to reiterate what our former Division Treasurer Alex Edwards requested from you all almost two years ago in the Winter 2012 *Trail Sweep*. I encourage you to help us solve this problem by doing one or more of the following:

- Identify and encourage patrollers with financial skills to be their patrol treasurer.
- Ensure that your patrol has a qualified treasurer to oversee your patrol finances (the money that they work with is your dues and needs to be managed effectively).
- Patrol Directors/Representatives find ways to work with your mountain management to give treasurers credit toward their required skiing days at your mountain.
- Patrollers cooperate with and thank your patrol treasurers and region treasures for their time and efforts.

The successful completion of any or all of the above will help your patrol and region treasurers to effectively complete their duties and responsibilities in a timely manner. The year-end Treasurer's report will be available soon on the website.

My contact information is available on the website and I welcome you to use me as a resource for your patrol or region. Thanks for listening and in the words of one of our long time Willard Patrollers, "Keep your slats waxed!"

ESAW **3rd Annual** Eastern Snow & Avalanche Workshop

by Jonathan S. Shefftz

The 3rd Annual Eastern Snow & Avalanche Workshop was held on November 9 in North Conway, NH, near the base of Mount Washington in the Presidential Range. This year's ESAW was once again a collaborative effort between members of the USFS Mount Washington Avalanche Center, led by Chris Joosen, and members of the American Avalanche Association (AAA), led by their representative Kyle Tyler. As with similar workshops in other regions, the presentations appealed to the attendee mix of snow professionals and enthusiastic recreationalists.

A record attendance of 145 filled up the entire gym of our host, the John H. Fuller Elementary School. This year's registration fee was supplemented with a \$500 grant from the American Avalanche Association, and registration fee proceeds over and above the hosting costs went to the youth-oriented White Mountain Avalanche Education Fund.

The program started with Rebecca Scholand, a Mount Washington Observatory meteorologist. In her 2011 presentation on upslope snow development, Rebecca remarked that she didn't care about snow after it falls on the ground. Since then, backcountry skiing has drawn her into our avalanche community, and her presentation covered a number of resources and protocols for improving our avalanche-related weather observations.

Ben Woodward, Chief Ranger of Maine's Baxter State Park and its Mount Katahdin, provided attendees with an alpine tour of that area, exploring the ramifications of the limited winter road access and the chal-

lenges of self-rescue (a sharp contrast to NH's Presidential Range). Bob Baribeau, from Mahoosuc Search and Rescue, summarized how Katahdin's "Tableland" snow farm loads up on the technical ice climbing routes and summer hiking trails, so avalanche risk is not exclusive to skiers seeking powder. With a limited number of on-site park rangers, long approaches, and only a weekend and holiday presence of formal rescue groups, self-rescue is often the only option (a rarity in the Northeast). Bob noted that the average visitor now has more technical gear than common sense. Although he sees more avalanche rescue gear among climbers, Bob also sees parties cutting down on time devoted to information gathering. Both of these presentations tied in nicely with the prior presentation on the importance of weather observations.

Doug Richmond, sporting a "Big Green" cap from his nearby alma mater Dartmouth College, assessed human behavior at the ski area boundary. Informed by his many years as the Bridger Bowl Ski Patrol Director, Doug provided a historical overview of some of the changes affecting the management of backcountry ski areas. According to Doug, a 1970's federal ordinance legally sealed off the ski area boundary. The legal status has since changed, as has interest in out-of-bounds skiing and the prevalence of ski touring gear. Doug's "favorite" incident included a helmet-cam video of a skier whose partner is avalanched, then takes out his beacon in order to review the back of the housing for the instructions on how to conduct a search.

A series of short sessions started with Julie LeBlanc, who updated us

on her presentation from last year on the avalanche forecast center in Quebec's Haute-Gaspesie (aka Chic Chocs), the only avalanche forecast center east of the Rockies other than our own Mount Washington. Once again, her Quebecois accent contrasted nicely with a bunch of American male presenters!

Roger Damon, who has been teaching National Ski Patrol avalanche safety courses at Mount Washington since the mid-1960s, presented an update of his earlier ISSW paper on eastern ski resort avalanches. Our ski resorts' natural snowfall and typically scouring winds, further combined with high skier density, almost never allow for natural snow avalanches. Yet our snowmaking prowess can also make...avalanches. A December 2002 avalanche at 750-foot Holiday Valley (near Buffalo, NY) left a 2.1-meter crown, representing a crown face almost exactly one percent of the entire resort vertical drop – perhaps setting some sort of record? And preparations for the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics were evocative of a Monty Python scene:

"Everyone said I was daft to build a castle on a swamp, but I built it all the same, just to show 'em. It sank into the swamp. So I built a second one. That sank into the swamp."

For the downhill race course, Whiteface Mountain blew a massive amount of snow onto bare ground. Subsequently, the slope avalanched into the woods, leaving bare ground. In response, the ski area blew another massive amount of snow with the same result; another avalanche into the woods, leaving behind bare ground. Fortunately the third try was not another strike!

Last year, Dr. Eric Lutz, a snow scientist with the Dartmouth College Glaciology Group, had explained the art and science of snow penotrometry, taking us from the Ramsonde in the 1930s to the SnowMicroPen in the 1990. This year, Brint Markle, with his fellow MIT whizzes at their AvaTech Safety start-up, took workshop participants into the next era. As described by Brint, imagine if you could stick a sectional probe into the snow to immediately transmit a complete hardness profile to your phone, which would then be uploaded to a crowd-sourced geospatial map. And imagine if you could do that, pretty much right now. Brint and his team of snow science professionals will continue to conduct extensive field testing this avalanche season.

Another highlight to this year's ESAW was a presentation by Dale Atkins, past President of the American Avalanche Association. Dale focused on the concept of risk, and introduced us to VUCA: volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity. Dale's message included that the goal should be not to minimize risk but rather to minimize uncertainty. He closed on the thought that when faced with uncertainty, don't rely on decisions that require predictions.

Another series of short sessions started with a second session by Dale Atkins, this time on avalanche rescue. Dale is RECCO's Training and Education Manager, but his presentation encompassed all the types, phases, and equipment involved in rescue. His closing thought was that rescue gear puts you in a place to be lucky – but you don't ever want to rely on luck!

Next was Jeff Lane, one of Mt. Washington's snow rangers, who introduced us to meteorological variability on Mount Washington (and also announced a new free continuing education series scheduled for the second Saturday of every month). Cyrena Briedé, director of summit operations for the Mount Washington Observatory, assessed how well the summit above-treeline 24/7 observations correlate with conditions for the avalanche forecast areas down in the at-treeline glacial cirques.

Tim Brown, an instructor trainer for the American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education, had flown out to teach an instructor refresher course the following day. He explained the evolution and current usage of “avalanche problem” descriptors to communicate risk. With our local “arctic maritime” avalanche climate, wind slab is almost always our primary or even exclusive concern. But eastern skiers see more varied avalanche conditions than anyone else, since we're the ones always flying out to various western regions in search of better snow and bigger mountains. Therefore, Tim's presentation was especially important for anyone suddenly exposed to the avalanche bulletin format of different forecast centers.

Finally, up again was Doug Richmond to explain Bridger Bowl's avalanche program and operations. Despite those previously discussed snowmaking avalanches, and also Whiteface Mountain's lift-served access to avalanche-prone landslide paths, eastern ski resorts are pretty much immune from avalanche danger. Therefore, Doug provided a glimpse into a world that is not experienced locally.

Interspersed throughout the event were raffles of prizes donated by our sponsors, including American Alpine Club, American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education, ARVA, Backcountry Access, Black Diamond/Pieps, DPS Skis, Dynafit, Leki, La Sportiva, Marmut, Mountain Hardware, Off-Piste Mag, Petzl, Ortovox, Skimo.co, Sterling Rope, Toko, and Voile.

ESAW finally adjourned down to our second host, International Mountain Equipment for socializing plus vendor displays from AIARE, AvaTech Safety, BCA, BD/Pieps, La Sportiva, Marmut, Ortovox, Petzl, RECCO, Friends of the Mt. Washington Avalanche Center, and Sterling.

The following morning, an AIARE instructor refresher training was held at the 2011 ESAW venue. The group marveled at how the attendees at the first ESAW event were ever able to squeeze into that place only two years ago! And indeed we are now outgrowing our 2012 and 2013 venue, so plan to join us for the fourth-annual ESAW at the even larger “Theater in the Woods” in neighboring Intervale, NH November 8, 2014.

Jonathan Shefftz lives with his wife and mondopoint-size 16 daughter (still too small for “Tech”-compatible ski touring boots) in Western Massachusetts, where he patrols at Northfield Mountain and Mount Greylock. He is an AIARE-qualified instructor, NSP avalanche instructor, and AAA governing board member. When he is not searching out elusive freshies in Southern New England, he works as a financial economics consultant and has been qualified as an expert witness in state and federal courts. He can be reached at jshefftz@post.harvard.edu or just look for the lycra-clad skier training for his NE Rando Race Series.

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

Q&A about the Mountain Travel and Rescue Program

by JC Cowell, Supervisor

Blue Knob YAP Caleb Parnell *Saves a* LIFE

by Marty Silverman, WAPP RD

Caleb Parnell, a 17-year-old Young Adult Patroller from Blue Knob Ski Patrol, Western Appalachian Region, was awarded a Purple Merit Star at the Blue Knob refresher on October 20th.

He saved the life of a man who collapsed Sunday afternoon May 5th on the Hollidaysburg Area High School track where he and a friend were practicing football footwork drills. Both Golden Tigers football players, Caleb Parnell and Daniel Baker (not a patroller) rushed over to Jerry Jackson, 68, who Parnell saw had fallen to the ground.

An onlooker immediately called 911, but for the next 10 minutes, Jackson's heartbeat was in Baker's hands and his breath in Parnell's lungs. The teenagers acted methodically, with training they had never used in a real situation, to restore and maintain Jackson's pulse for about 10 minutes until paramedics arrived and transported him to the hospital where he underwent heart bypass surgery.

Caleb Parnell placed 3rd in both the Skiing and Overall categories out of 46 participants at the 2013 Division YAP Seminar at Smugglers Notch, VT last March. His friend Daniel Baker, who assisted with the rescue, was awarded a National Certificate of Appreciation.



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 and want to be a better all-around patroller then I encourage you to take one of the many MTR courses offered all across the Eastern Division.

Do you have a specific interest in MTR? We offer MTR enhancement courses that focus on specific areas of the MTR curriculum. Some examples are Low Angle Rescue and Rope Handling; Land Navigation with Map, Compass, and GPS; and Search and Rescue.

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.

I look forward to seeing you in the woods with a pack on your back and a compass in your hand.

Here is a description of the MTR Program from the national 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.

Are You Ready for the Young Adult Patroller SEMINAR



by Craig Larson, YAP Supervisor

Ready or not, it's coming. Winter always comes. By the time you read this I'm sure that winter will be here...in full force.

While sitting around the dinner table the request came. I could hear it in the tone of voice that this was going to be good. "Dad," my six year old said inquisitively, "I need to borrow your ski patrol pack."

"My pack? For what?" I asked. I was a bit surprised by the request. My children very rarely ask to borrow an item that is not a toy, let alone my pack with all its medical contents. "What do you need my pack for?"

"Show and tell at school. Can I? Can I, please?" he whined. I could see the excitement on his face and hear the anticipation in his voice. "Sure, but you have to follow my rules."

When Hayden returned home from school the next day with my patrol pack in his backpack, he had a smile wider than a skier did on a powder day. "How was your day?" I questioned him as we walked up the long driveway. "It was GREAT. I showed off my pack and all the things in it. I couldn't remember the names of all the things. The kids looked and I kept showing and telling and they looked and it was awesome." His excitement spilled over as he rambled faster than his mouth could keep up. "I'm ready Dad, so ready."

"Winter will be here soon. We'll be skiing in a few weeks" I tried to convey. I was not prepared for what he said next. "Dad, I know winter is coming. I know I'll be skiing soon, but I'm ready. Ready to be a patroller...JUST LIKE YOU."

Are you ready? I am ready...ready to make fast turns down the face of my favorite trail, ready to take a sled through the biggest bumps on the mountain, ready to travel throughout the division as regions host Young Adult Patroller days, and ready to help you practice and hone your patroller skills.

I hope that by March 14, 2014 you will be ready...ready for the Eastern Division Young Adult Patroller Training Seminar that will be held at Sugarloaf, Carrabassett Valley, Maine,



March 14-16. With the only above-tree-line skiing in the east, Sugarloaf offers over 1000 acres of skiing and riding fun.

Want a bargain? Here's what you get by attending the Eastern Division Young Adult Patroller Training Seminar:

- Three nights of lodging (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
- Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday
- Dinner on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- Lift tickets
- Free skiing on Friday and Monday
- Hands-on skills clinics
- Patroller skills competitions
- Mystery events
- Free swag/prizes
- New friends, lots of fun
- And more, all for \$375.00.

Here's what attendees from last year's division seminar had to say:

"What a great event. I learned more and was pushed harder in one weekend than any other ski days on my home hill. Worth every penny. I'll be back next year!" (first year YAP attendee)

"This event gets bigger and better each year. I enjoy each time I step onto the snow to patrol. This event is my weekly patrol duties on steroids. I look forward to attending each year...the training, the competition, the friends, and of course the fun" (third year YAP attendee)

Get your applications in early, by February 10, as we can not guarantee that late registrations will have space and late fees will be enforced this year. If you are a Young Adult Patroller ready to learn and showcase your skills fill out the attached registration form and put it in the mail along with a check no later than Feb. 5. I can be reached at larsonfloorcompany@yahoo.com or 508-365-7540 with any questions. See you at the 'Loaf'.

EASTERN DIVISION YOUNG ADULT PATROLLER SEMINAR REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 10, 2014 – NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 1, 2014

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 \$375.00 check made payable to NSP Eastern Division to:

Craig Larson, 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 or 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 _____	FREE SKI MONDAY _____
ENHANCEMENT TRACK _____	COMPETITION _____
ARRIVAL Date _____	DEPARTURE Date _____
YAP ___ STUDENT ADVISOR ___ ADULT CHAPERONE ___ S&T TE ___ OEC TE ___ OEC INSTRUCTOR ___ TOBOGGAN INSTRUCTOR ___	
<i>TICKETS WILL BE GRANTED TO THOSE WHO CHECKOFF FREE SKIING FOR THE ABOVE DAYS. YOUNG ADULT PATROLLERS WILL BE ENROLLED IN THE COMPETITION GROUP UNLESS CHECKED OTHERWISE.</i>	

Advisor/Chaperone attending with Young Adult Patroller _____
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

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

Patrol Director OR 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 2014 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 2014 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 2014 Eastern Division Young Adult Training Seminar. As further consideration for being permitted to participate in the 2014 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 _____ Date _____

AWARDS by Jerry Sherman, Advisor

Over the last two years, we have recognized 300 patrolers for their long tenure and above-average service with the Eastern Division Patroller Achievement Award (EDPAA). For many years, former Eastern New York Region Director and current Division Historian, John Beach, promoted the idea that a large percentage of our members fall through the cracks of the NSP awards system.

At the Division Annual Meeting in April 2012, officers and awards advisors adopted the EDPAA. This award is meant for long-tenured members who frequently go above and beyond but have not had the desire nor opportunity to assume leadership positions. Leadership is the key component or requirement for NSP Appointment Awards.

Receipt of this award does not prevent a member from receiving an Appointment Award in the future but members who have received either a National Appointment or Leadership Commendation Appointment are not eligible. There is a description and nomination form for the EDPAA on the division website. Since the pin and patch have the presentation year on them, there is a deadline for nominations. For the current ski season, that deadline is April 1. Nominations submitted on the current form, found on the website, must be signed by the Patrol Director or NSP Representative, and be sent to Region Awards Advisors.

Here is a list of the current Region Awards Advisors. Their contact information can be found on Region websites or contact your Region Director.

CNY	Jeff Paston
CT	Tim Appleton
EMARI	Deb Foss
ENY	Bob Doolittle
EPA	Steve Buzzard
GV	Rick Micoli
ME	Denise Pascucci
NH	Paul Gangi
NJ	Sue-Ellen Helmacy
NV	AJ Hudacs
SNY	John St Amand
SVT	Leslie Kelley
WAPP	Eva Kunkel
WMASS	John Sober
WNY	Terry Decker

You can also contact me at any time with questions about the EDPAA or any NSP award. Some minor changes were made to nomination forms for all NSP Awards. The best way to be sure you have the current form is to download it from the NSP website. All current forms have 2013 in the bottom right-hand corner. Refer to Chapter 12 of the NSP Policies and Procedures to learn more about the Awards Program.

Why Do We Ski at Tussey, There's No Gondola?

by Jeff Banks, Penn State Outing Club Patroller

I read *SKI Magazine* and I don't like it! Sure Lindsey Vonn is on the back cover and every other page has a phenomenal picture of incredible skiing in exotic locations but where is the article about our little mountain? I can dig it, who doesn't love Ms. Vonn, the outrageous skiing off of the Big Sky tram and the ethereal views from the base of Chamonix.

The problem is I don't live in France and my mom doesn't give me enough allowance anymore to save up for ski trips out west. So, since our mountain is apparently not *SKI Magazine* article worthy, why do we ski at Tussey Mountain?

I ponder this question as I sit in the roost after running training sleds on icy Tuscarora (Jon Eckess made me do it) this past Tuesday evening. It is not just because Eric Vorwald looks fantastic in his custom Patagonia outfits or because we love skiing with Brian Younkin, who is the best skier in the southeastern portion of Centre County, well actually the best in just the north-western section of the southeastern portion of Centre County.



It is primarily because our patrol has interesting people who have developed camaraderie over the years and we like to have fun skiing regardless of the conditions. When I started the patrol I only knew a few patrol candidates from my cohort and I felt a little intimidated with my limited experience compared to the seasoned patrolers.

Over the years though, I am sure that many of us have had a similar experience developing friendships and gradually feeling like a part of a Tussey Mountain Patrol family (or at least like a step-family that we see on weekends). I think that we have a good mix of old school and new school and yes, even the snowboarders aren't bad to have around as long as they stay on their side of the mountain.

Even though we don't get 500 inches of powder or have slope-side condos and the terrain sometimes resembles a frozen glacier or an oatmeal mush bowl more than a ski area, we do have a nice little fun mountain that is close to home and more importantly a place where you can always find a friendly ski partner. It's been a great season so far and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

2013 AWARDS

National Appointment

Lisa Kling	11368	NH
Chris Rousseau		NH
Dennis Whitney	11360	GV
Bill Teamerson	11370	GV
Jeff Welch	11386	GV
Pam Thompson	11390	GV
John St. Amand	11414	SNY
Bob Doolittle	11434	ENY
Rick Shandler	11450	EPA

Distinguished Service Award

Robert Drew	GV
Geoff Feltner	GV
Mike Long	GV
Nick Schiavetti	GV
Don Strine	GV
Peter Kaufmann	NH
Hildy Schoonmaker	SNY
Robert Volmut	SVT

Meritorious Service Award

Paula Knight	CT
Bert Ebeling	CNY
Alex Edwards	ENY
Bonnie Andre	GV
Jeff Baker	GV
John Lawson	GV
Marie Osypian	GV
Richard Stearns	GV
Gina Wyffells	GV

Yellow Merit Star

Jeremy Lessard	EMARI
William landola	EPA
Sarah Keating	EPA
Doug Rice	EPA
David Weiss	EPA
Howard Wyandt	EPA
Mark Bowker	GV
Marie Osypian	GV
Cathy Rague	GV
Eric Washburn	GV
Sue Wickson	ME
Ann Gotham	NVT
Mitch Kessler	SNY
Elizabeth Herman	WAPP
Diane Murray	WAPP
Tim Parnell	WAPP
Dale Smith	WAPP
Greg St. Clair	WAPP

Purple Merit Star

Ted Fendick	CNY
Frank Martinez	CNY
Dan Warfield	CNY
Paul Schipritt	CT

David Bonomo	EPA
Adam Olsen	EPA
Robert Rosenthal	EPA
Jonathan Sullivan	EPA
Harold Herschlag	ME
Cathe Neuberger	NVT
Patricia Banks	SVT
Kenneth Fischer	SVT
Patrick Mooney	SVT
David Weiss	SVT
Caleb Parnell	WAPP
Jenn Windham	WAPP

Blue Merit Star

Fran Falvey	EPA
Peter Gadd	ME
Alan Garber	ME
Caleb Garone	ME
Ryan Kirkey	ME
Michael St. Laurent	ME
Katherine Volinger	ME
Costas Corystas	NVT
Greg Premo	NVT
Richard Caplan	SVT
Steven Cohen	SVT
Sindy Hassig	SVT
Michael Magnetti	SVT
Drew Renter	SVT
Chad Ginter	WAPP
Joe Wadlinger	WAPP

Patriot Star

Bob Hubbard	CT
Bob Ackerson	SNY

Patroller Cross

Janet Hogelin	ENY
Ester Trakinski	ENY

Patroller Achievement Award

Eric Brauer	CNY
Ron Buckley	CNY
Don Dent	CNY
Sue Gillis	CNY
Theo Gilmore	CNY
Ronny Gingerich	CNY
Peter Hrabchak	CNY
John Irwin	CNY
Robert Marsh	CNY
Paul Martellock	CNY
Leland McCarthy	CNY
Tom Murch	CNY
Craig Powell	CNY
Richard Sanford	CNY
Dan VanNess	CNY
Marshall Berger, Jr.	CT
Scott Dawick	CT

Steve Firth	CT
Nathaniel Florian	CT
Joel Helfer	CT
Brian Lamont	CT
Joseph Lopez	CT
Warren Markey	CT
Guy Oakes	CT
Mark Pahmer	CT
Alisa Phillips-Griggs	CT
Bruce Smith	CT
Mark Vining	CT
Richard Andriole, Jr.	EMARI
Brian Belson	EMARI
Bob Bentley	EMARI
Craig Bolton	EMARI
Michael Boyer	EMARI
John Caron	EMARI
Tracy Dowd	EMARI
John Dowd	EMARI
Peter Elleman	EMARI
Kim Fletcher	EMARI
Craig Garland	EMARI
Dennis Gauvin	EMARI
William Lawton	EMARI
Thomas Lehman, Sr.	EMARI
Kevin McDonald	EMARI
Andrew Miller	EMARI
William Murray	EMARI
Bill Provencher	EMARI
Janet Read	EMARI
Jeff Rice	EMARI
Merrill Robbins	EMARI
Brad Schultz	EMARI
Mike Seward	EMARI
Irene Walczak	EMARI
Ingrid Shuttleworth	EMARI
Phil Webb	EMARI
Jay Brousseau	ENY
Lee Burns	ENY
Tom Carrol	ENY
Ross Fenn	ENY
Gail Kenney	ENY
Gregg Pulver	ENY
Dave Robinson	ENY
Rick Schroepel	ENY
John Tracy	ENY
Don Ward	ENY
Steve Grove	EPA
Tom Jensen	EPA
Frank Kocsis	EPA
Frank Mason	EPA
Greg Mohr	EPA
Bill Ramsey	EPA
Rick Ruby	EPA
Kate Belaskas	GV
Anne Boise	GV
Kim Buell	GV
Mary Jo DeBolt	GV
Pat Fluharty	GV
Mark Haboian	GV
Al Kraus	GV
Mike McManus	GV
Ron Perrin	GV

Roger Slade	GV
Ken Streb	GV
Jeff Tallon	GV
Rick Walzer	GV
Len Buckland	NH
Dennis Caraviello	NH
Brian Delahanty	NH
Walter Hoecklele	NH
Don Messier	NH
Jan Brinkman	ME
Julia Delano	ME
Don Emerson	ME
Tom Griffin	ME
Rex Rounds	ME
Bill Whitcomb	ME
Alan Clark	NJ
Roger Copt	NJ
John Crandall	NJ
Cynthia Griffenkranz	NJ
Peter Lux	NJ
Bill Necel	NJ
Eli Tepperberg	NJ
Christopher Cioppa	NJ
Donald Duthaler, Jr.	NJ
David Mason	NJ
John Ott	NJ
Georgia Caroussos	SNY
Phillip Kirby	SNY
John Jaeger	SNY
Ken Parent	SVT
Carl Lundgre	SVT
Jim Mithoefer	SVT
Hank Beebe	WAPP
Kimberly Bellas	WAPP
Ray Butchko	WAPP
Tom Chapas	WAPP
Gigi Dreskler	WAPP
William Flather	WAPP
Robert Schilling	WAPP
Scott Graham	WAPP
John Houston	WAPP
James Jacob	WAPP
Lisa Kennedy	WAPP
Sam Harold	WAPP
Charles Eric Greve	WAPP
Jack Hauser	WAPP
Ted Janus	WAPP
Richard Linzer	WAPP
Kim Metheny	WAPP
Wendy Snyder	WAPP
Eric Speedy	WAPP
Robert Stark	WAPP
Doug Stercho	WAPP
Samuel Strohm	WAPP
Anna Toth	WAPP
Robert Weitzel	WAPP
Rex Channell	WMASS
Joan Duris	WMASS
Judd Ellmers	WMASS
Barry Leckonby	WMASS
Mike Zinchuk	WMASS

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National Certificate of Appreciation

Northfield Mt. Nordic SP WMASS
 Jeffrey Lozman ENY
 Ski Roundtop Ski Patrol EPA
 Roundtop Mountain Resort EPA
 Irv Naylor (founder of Snowtime) EPA

Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving Event

Collin Brousseau ENY
 Daniel Baker WAPP

50 Year Service Recognition Award

Tim Politis ME
 Bill McCombe WMASS

Service Recognition Award

Walter Carlson 55 Years NH
 Bill McCombe 50 Years WMASS

**EASTERN DIVISION
 OUTSTANDING AWARDS**

(These were not published in the previous edition since they had not been presented yet)

Outstanding Instructor	Mike Wess	WAPP
Outstanding OEC Instructor	Ron Baker	ENY
William Gross Memorial Trophy	Jenna Jarriel	EPA
	John Rollhauser	EPA
	Kevin Scallan	EPA

In Memoriam

IRA M. PIKE

Ira Mark Pike, 72, of Mendon, VT died of cancer at home in the care of a family friend on December 30, 2013.

Born in Newark, NJ, to Morris and Lillian Pike on November 18, 1941, he graduated from West Orange High School in 1959 and attended Fairleigh-Dickinson University, joining in the family electrical business.

Being an avid golfer, skier, and visitor to the Rutland area, Ira decided to move to Mendon in 1972 where he practiced as a master electrician and owner of Pike Electric.

Over the years, Ira served multiple terms as a selectman for the Town of Mendon and also served the towns of Mendon, Bridgewater, Killington and Chittenden as their state representative in Montpelier. He was a justice of the peace and a well-known and respected voice of confidence and fiscal responsibility.

Ira served on the board of the Rutland-Regional Rescue Squad and on the patrol and the ski school at Killington. He rose through the ranks serving as a Senior T/E, Division S&T Steering member, Certified #38 and Certified Examiner. His exceptional skill handling a toboggan led to him being chosen as a patroller for the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, which he would have attended but for a broken leg suffered while on vacation in Austria.

Ira is survived by his two sons, Hunter and Cameron; his brother Herb; and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Volunteer Otter Ski Patrol at Killington. A memorial service will be held around Memorial Day.

JOHN WALDO

John Waldo passed away on October 8, 2013 at the age of 92. John was a member of the Catamount Ski Patrol in Hillsdale, New York for 40 years where he served as an OEC Instructor, CPR Instructor, and S&T Examiner for most of those years. He also served as Assistant Patrol Director for 22 years. John was awarded National Appointment #4592 in 1975.

Born in Albion, NY on October 30, 1920 John served in the Army in World War II, then graduated from the University of Buffalo Dental School and practiced in Columbia County, NY for over 40 years. He was a deacon of the West Copake Reformed Church, a Cub Scout leader and assistant Scout Master of Hillsdale Troop #126. He was proud to have three generations of Eagle Scouts in his family.

John loved skiing and patrolling and was active with training in and out of patrol. He instructed Red Cross CPR and EMT courses in his community. He was also instrumental in the construction of the first Summit #1 and Summit #2 patrol stations at Catamount Ski Area.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Dr. Irma Waldo, who was also a member of, and medical advisor to, the Catamount Ski Patrol. Also surviving are four children: Dr. Doug Waldo, John T. Waldo, Wendy Garfield, Dr. Amy Allen; 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Over the years, when not patrolling or making repairs to equipment, he could be found hiking the mountain during the off-season. John's enthusiasm and dedication made him an outstanding member of his patrol and the National Ski Patrol. He will be remembered by all who knew and respected him.

*Fred Harder
 Catamount Ski Patrol*