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Central Division Comes to Wausau

The Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet will be hosted by the North Central Region. It will be held September 8 - 10, 2006.

Learn more about some of what is planned by turning to page 16.

This promises to be a meeting you will not want to miss with activities for the whole family and special sessions geared to patrol-ers from all across the region.

Watch the summer issue of RPN for registration information.



Jim Woodrum, Central Division Director

CENTRAL DIVISION DIRECTORS NOTES:

All the ski areas are open and we are doing what we do best, patrolling! The vote was counted and our members now have the right to vote in future elections. That is what I also want to address in this article. We have another very important vote coming within the next couple of months, voting for candidates to become our National Board members.

I will not tell you how or who to vote for in this election, but I will ask you to consider a few very important issues. First, there two fundamental customers of the NSP;

- A. The outdoor recreational community and
- B. The NSP member

The outdoor recreational community is our ski area owners, NSAA, MSAA, equipment suppliers, EMS, PSIA, etc. Obviously we are the member and our needs are the credentialing needed to support the industry.

When we look at the new slate of candidates and read their write ups, please keep an open mind that we need those that address the needs of the member and can gain the respect of our outdoor community. If the industry doesn't respect our Board we

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will be in a position of declining value. When customers begin to make choices about our services relative to the value equation we have to bring them the best goods available. Therefore when you vote for a candidate look at it from the perspec-

tive of the industry partners we have and from the membership needs. Read the write up on each of our candidates and provide a balanced vote for the candidate that you feel will serve the global needs of all our customers.



We had two great calibration Senior Clinics for S&T at Boyne Highlands and Granite Peak in December. All region staffs are bringing the techniques and tools from the clinics to help continual calibration for our senior candidates. Our goal is to get us all on the same page for evaluation and therefore it doesn't make any difference what region a candidate takes his/her evaluation, it will all be the same. If you choose to be evaluated in a different region from your own there are some logistical steps a candidate must take to make that happen. Please refer to the CD website for the particulars.

Have a great ski season and hopefully I can get to meet a few more of you as we make some turns.

Jim Woodrum

Kasten's Korner

A newly added feature in the RPN is Kasten's Korner.

It is the creation of Gary Kasten. Gary is a member of the Granite Peak Ski Patrol in Wausau, Wisconsin.

When he joined the patrol, his drawing talent was quickly evidenced on the message boards in the patrol room. Several years ago he was asked to create a feature drawing for each issue of the North Central region newsletter, *Powder Lines*.

We are happy to have Gary's feature add some comic releif to life as a Central Division Patroller. We hope you enjoy.



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Where Does OEC Fit in to All of This?

By: Deb Endly, Div. OEC Supervisor

With all that has been going on in the NSP with the meetings, committees, lawsuits, people stepping down and then the elections, one wonders where does OEC fit into all of this?

The OEC program has been described as the “premier educational program of the National Ski Patrol.” Others have described the program as “the defining discipline of the NSP.” Pretty heady stuff for just one program! But when you sit down and think about it, OEC is the one program/skill that all patrollers have in common. If you are a patroller or a ‘certified,’ an ‘auxiliary’ or ‘senior,’ nordic or alpine, skier or boarder, we all need to complete the OEC program and refresh OEC each year! That is the one program that ties us all together no matter how or where we patrol.

So what is the state of the OEC program? First of all, you should know that your OEC Supervisors are just an e-mail or phone call away. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have a question about the OEC program. We strive to make communications a priority in the OEC program and I believe that we have succeeded in that respect. The Region OEC Program Administrators (ROA) are also available for questions/concerns. Contact information for either the Supervisors or ROA's can be found in the RPN Fall edition or on the Central Division and Region web sites.

A major change in the OEC program this past year has been the introduction of the OEC Standardized Testing. The standardized test was developed to address concerns regarding the inconsistent testing of OEC technicians across the Divisions. By establishing a minimum standard that all OEC technicians must achieve, we can ensure that the level of training and testing is consistent, which will improve quality assurance. Why such a push for quality assurance you ask? We must maintain a level of training and testing to keep the OEC program viable for ski areas to use. By showing that all OEC Technicians are tested and maintain a specific level of training, we are establishing our creditability to provide outdoor emergency care. The standardized test package is also a valuable

tool to the Instructor of Record for the OEC course. It is a big job to plan and to put on a successful OEC final. The test package outlines two options for testing OEC Technician Candidates. The size of the class, the number of evaluators, etc. will determine which option to use. We have also included standardized evaluation forms that outline what each candidate must complete/performance in order to obtain a passing score. A scoring system has been instituted which will reduce the subjective evaluation portion and reduce the stress placed on evaluators. Additional information in the packet includes information on moulage for the injuries found in the scenarios, information on the number of people needed to put on each scenario and ‘tips’ for everyone from the candidate to the evaluators.

Another change on the horizon for the OEC program is the 5th edition of the OEC text. There is a large group of patrollers currently reviewing the 4th edition for corrections that need to be made, including reviewing photographs and making sure that everything flows together. Another group of patrollers will be looking at the supporting materials to make suggested changes to coordinate with the new 5th edition. Look for the 5th edition to be published in or around June 2007. Of course each time a new edition is published, patrollers wonder why? What has changed in the world of OEC that requires a new book? The answer is the goal of maintaining a quality program and being the premier outdoor emergency care program. The OEC program must keep pace with the ever-changing medical environment in order to stay current and to be a viable program for ski areas. Every time the American Heart Association publishes a new book, we do not gripe about that! We accept that the changes as being for the better, and move on. This is the same attitude that we should implore with the publication of the 5th edition.

The OEC Refresher Committee will have a new face. That face belongs to Greg Bala, OEC Supervisor for the Intermountain Division and right hand to our National OEC Program Director, Larry Bost. Greg is a very dynamic person who wants the best for the patrollers. He thinks outside of the box to bring better refreshers to patrollers. This is an exciting addition to the already

hard-working Refresher Committee. Believe it or not, this committee is hard at work already planning the 2006 OEC refresher. Each year, this Committee tries to make refresher planning a little easier as well as giving instructors some excellent resources for developing refresher topic presentations.

On a more local level, the Central Division Senior Manual has added the Senior Emergency Management (SEM) portion which was rolled out at the 2005 Central Division Meeting in Detroit. By the time you read this article, the SEM season will be over for some and in full swing for others. We hope that you find this a useful tool for training and suggestions for additions/corrections should be directed to Chris Moe and her team. I want to personally thank Chris and her crew for their hard work in making this manual and in creating the best program out there. The work has received attention on the national level. Once again we here in Central Division are paving the way for others to follow.

Here in Central Division, planning is underway for the OEC IT Update clinic. It is the OEC Supervisors' hope that we can conduct the update clinic in conjunction with the Central Division Fall meeting. This was done during the 2004 meeting in Chicago and seemed to be a hit with everyone who attended. The 2006 meeting is being held in Wausau, Wisconsin the weekend of September 8-10th. I hope to have Greg Bala there as a speaker, which will give Central Division patrollers a great opportunity to meet and learn more about Greg and the direction of the OEC Program. Greg is an entertaining and interesting speaker and worth the trip to Wausau!. If you have suggestions for topics to be covered at the OEC IT Update clinic, please let me know. I want to make the Update clinic worth your time and make it a valuable tool for any OEC instructor.

The OEC Program has tried to stay non-political and maintain the quality level of the past. We also want to make it a stronger program to ensure that patrollers can provide the best care possible in the most efficient manner to the patients encountered on the slopes. That is where the OEC Program fits in, on the slopes!

Cross Region Goal Set by Division Senior Staff

By: Chris Moe, Division Senior Supervisor

Cross-Region Participation is the goal for 2006. Evaluators are encouraged to travel to other regions this season. This will serve to strengthen the evaluators' own skills and the program itself. So I open the arms of all the regions and welcome anyone to participate in other venues.

In addition to the evaluators, the Division also encourages candidates to travel to other regions if the date in your own region

does not work with your schedule. A candidate that elects to an evaluation in another region is required to receive the approval of both their own and evaluation region directors or delegate. There must be written documentation sent to both region directors that communicates that approval from each region has been granted.

The visiting candidate must be familiar with the region format and procedures and abide by any specific region and local protocols. Keep in mind that a candidate will

be allowed one attempt per season at any core component evaluation.

The senior program is a NSP educational program administered by each region under the guidance of the Central Division. Check out the calendar of events and plan accordingly. If you have not already checked out the Central Division Senior Manual on the Division web site, please do so today.

Have a great and safe ski season.

We are Agents of the Resorts We Patrol

By: Sherwin VanKlompbergen, Division Public Relations Supervisor

We must always know to whom we answer or for whom we work. It is not any different for us as patrollers. When are we the agents (employees) of the resort or of the NSP? The lines of definition and demarcation are critical in today’s litigious society. This was the primary focus of the Central Division at its Fall Meeting 2005 with presentations by Steve Over, Bill Sachs, Jim Woodrum, Chip Perfect of Perfect North Slopes, Chris Stoddard of NSAA, and Scot Gray from the insurance industry. While we are members of an association called the NSP which provides us with our credentials, we perform our safety and emergency care services as the agent of a given resort. This is especially important when we consider the issue of liability. I am sure that none of us wants to put our personal assets and future at risk while performing these services whether as a volunteer or professional patroller.

As an association, the NSP has great diversity in both the make up of its members and the type of resorts that we serve. We are motivated to join for a variety of reasons. Now, as we go through significant changes, we do not all think alike or agree on the positives or negatives of these changes. Emotions run high at times. Yet these differences and emotions do not change the importance of or the facts relating to the liability issues and particularly

who provides us with our liability coverage when we are engaged as patrollers in our tasks and functions.

Thus it is critical for each patroller to understand that, when they perform their patrol duties at a given resort, they are an agent or employee of the resort! So, before you patrol anywhere, you need to make sure that the resort, municipality, or whoever runs the resort, includes you as a patroller within their liability insurance coverage. Here are some simple facts.

1. A formal relationship between NSP and the NSAA was established in an agreement of understanding in the Joint Statement of Understanding, initially agreed upon in 1979 and revised in 1993. It states, “NSP neither directs nor is responsible for the day-to-day patrolling actions of its members; rather, the NSP’s role is to provide membership services to assist patrollers in fulfilling their obligation to area management.”
2. It is the responsibility of the resort to provide you as their agent or employee with the liability coverage to protect you in the performance of the duties that they assign to you from emergency care to chair evacuations to whatever other tasks are required.
3. It is also important to ask simple questions like who owns and insures the snowmobile that you drive at the resort or who covers you while doing candidate toboggan training? For example, if your resort does not cover you in this activity, have you registered it under Patrolling 101 or a TES? And there are many more similar questions that we all need to address.


4. Since our society has become increasingly litigious, it has become necessary for the NSP to become more specific in its definition of these issues in the interests of protecting its members from lawsuits.
5. It is true that our greatest protection against lawsuits is the performance of emergency care according to the ‘Standard of Training’ of our credentials. But this does not stop an attorney from naming you as an individual when he lists all people being sued. For example, it has cost one resort \$10,000 to get removed from a lawsuit in which they were named. They were named simply because they accepted a patroller to their patrol who was named in lawsuit based on his activities at his former patrol.

So who do you represent or work for when you sign in at a given resort? And does this resort include you, a patroller, within their liability coverage? It is clearly in your best interest to know the answer to these questions! When asked who you represent in patrol duties at a given resort, it is important that you answer with the name of the resort at which you are patrolling.

So let us continue to debate the issues vigorously and with all the passion that we can muster and look for common solutions to our problems but do so in a manner that treats with dignity and respect even those we disagree with the most. Above all, make yourself fully knowledgeable about your liability coverage and do not forget that we have one thing in common: we joined the NSP to provide safety and emergency care services for the resort at which we love to ski.

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Powderfall Offers Chance to Learn and Learn

By: Kevin McQuillan, PR and PD, Four Lakes Alpine Snowsports

I had the incredible opportunity in April to savor the many aspects of Powderfall 2005 at Snowbird as both an instructor and a student.

I was asked to teach three classes regarding Terrain Parks; Design, Maintenance and Documentation, Accident Investigation, and Channeling The Energy of The Riders Toward Positive Initiatives. I was also flattered to be invited to give the keynote address and used the opportunity to expand on the Positive Rider Initiatives to include Positive Patroller Initiatives, and with the PSIA Demo Team on hand, to also discuss Positive Instructor Initiatives.

The classes were also a great opportunity for me to learn what patrollers throughout the country were experiencing and doing in and with the Parks at their areas. I was able to spend time with the Operations person at Snowbird responsible for its Parks, who gave me a slot of time of his

sons based on our abilities according to the questionnaires we had completed before arriving. Each group was assigned a member of the PSIA Demo Team, the best of the best – the Top Guns. Our Demo Team instructor was a “newbie” to the Team but not to instructing.

While we all thought he was in his mid-twenties, by the end of Powderfall we were able to wheedle out of him his true age and that the “minor role” he had at Telluride wasas the Director of the Ski School!

What they had to endure to make the team was unbelievable – skiing ability, teaching ability, scenarios they had to improvise and presentations that they had to make. Bobby had the ability to listen to all of us (as different as we all were), watch us and then communicate to each of us in a way that clicked with each and every one of us.

It was a wonderful and exhilarating experience to put your trust in someone completely and watch the results. I wish we had been starting off the season, instead of ending it! No matter what Bobby skied,

At breakfast I had the opportunity, on different occasions, to join our National Director and some of the Board members and NSP staff. I learned a great deal about them personally – it was fun listening to them animatedly talk about their experiences patrolling at their various areas – and also learned about different aspects of the NSP. All in all, they are a group extremely interested in how to be the best patroller they could be. The NSP staff were wonderful to me and especially to my family and it was great to put faces to the names I had seen on the website, in the magazine or in emails.

Another great aspect of Powderfall was the boot fitting class and individual sessions. Jim Lindsay of Bootech in Aspen conducted a class on his theories of boot fitting and I was lucky to get his last time slot on Sunday for a personalized fitting. He spent almost an hour and half fitting my boots, customizing foot beds and other tweaks.

The first half hour included measurements and markings up and down my legs as to the before, and then based on his target goals for positioning and working with changing various planes, the after marks.

I stayed an extra morning to ski to try out my “new” boots and was amazed at not only how comfortable they were but how much less effort I had to put into my skiing, freeing me up to let my body follow Bobby’s teachings. Jim gave us a special rate at Powderfall and it was money well spent. I’m just itching to get out this winter and enjoy my new boots and lessons.

I not only made many new friends of patrollers from throughout the country and also from close to home here in the Midwest, but my family also had a wonderful time. They hooked up with one of the PSIA instructors who was out early for the PSIA clinic that started when we left. He took my wife and the boys and showed them around the area. The boys raved about the great unknown places Jim took them – and the subtle lessons he shared along the way.

I can’t wait for the next Powderfall and the opportunities that will be presented to continuing to grow as a Patroller and a skier. I hope to see you there.

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Participants in Powderfall 2005 enjoy a break from the slopes. Front row: from left to right (all Central Division) Bruce Droster, Lauri Droster, Craig Howard. Back row: from left to right Larry Fleming (Southern), Martha Cassens (Central) Bobby Murphy (Telluride Ski School Director), Kevin McQuillan (Central), Paul Thompsen (Southern), Bradley Strand (Central).

busy schedule to answer all my questions and respond to my comments.

I came away with pages of notes of ideas that I hope to be able to implement and pass on to others here in the Southern Region. I was well supported going in to the event by the NSAA Education Director, resources at Burton through the SmartStyle program I have been fortunate to work on, and also the PSIA/AASI website.

Anyone who would like a copy of the Terrain Park On-Line Resources I have assembled or any of the PowerPoint presentations I used, please call or email me.

On the first evening, all in attendance were divided up into groups of six to eight per-

son, crud, powder, bumps, steep and shiny – he always looked the same. He was even given his shot in the toboggan class and we were told that he conducted himself admirably. He told us afterwards that he had a healthy respect for what we did between the handles.

Each day, following the initial ski “lesson” (and snowboard lessons also) there were different “tracks” that included toboggan handling, avalanche control, more ski proficiency and indoor classes.

Evening meals were optional, as was the hilarious musical entertainment one evening. Meal times were a great time to meet other patrollers and I spent a lot of time listening (which some may find surprising) and soaking up the patroller atmosphere.



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NSP-C PSIA Ski School Roster 2006

FirstName	LastName	Patrol Name	Region	PSIA Level	Discipline
Linda	Murphy-Jacobs		Central Division	Level II	Alpine
Dave	Shreve	Alpine Valley	Eastern Michigan	Level II	Alpine
Catalin	Barbu	Mt. Holly	Eastern Michigan	Level I	Alpine
Leon	Lavene	Mt. Holly	Eastern Michigan	Level I	Alpine
Ty	Damon	Pine Knob	Eastern Michigan	Level I	Alpine
Glen	Taylor	Snowsnake	Eastern Michigan	Level II	Alpine
Jeffery	Blume	Granite Peak	North Central	Level I	Alpine
Tim	Zimmerman	Granite Peak	North Central	Level I	Alpine
David	Dahl	Granite Peak	North Central	Level I	Alpine
Charles	Jonas	Granite Peak	North Central	Level I	Alpine
Robert	Meyers	Marquette Mtn	North Central	Level I	Alpine
Jim	Grundstorm	Marquette Mtn	North Central	Level I	Alpine
John	Keating	Marquette Mtn	North Central	Level III	Alpine
Tom	Anderson	Marquette Mtn	North Central	Level III	Alpine
Michael	Cornell	Boyne Mtn	Northern Michigan	Level II	Alpine
Hank	Herlick	Nubs Nob	Northern Michigan	Level I	Alpine
Donald	Loerch	Nubs Nob	Northern Michigan	Level II	Alpine
Dan	Somalski	Nubs Nob	Northern Michigan	Level III	Alpine
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William	Currier	BM/BW	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
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Bob	Hooper	BM/BW	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Karen	Hooper	BM/BW	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
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Diane	Maslar	BM/BW	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Richard	McNitt	BM/BW	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Jeff	Stender	BM/BW	Ohio	Level I	Snowboard
Kathleen	Wyatt	BM/BW	Ohio	Level I	
Layton	Ives III	BM/BW	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Ernie	Strommer	BM/BW	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Jay	Zedak	BM/BW	Ohio	Level III/II	Alpine/Snowboard
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Chris	Dyer	BM/BW	Ohio		
Jon	Lester	BM/BW	Ohio		Alpine
Michael	Spector	BM/BW	Ohio		Alpine
D. June	Baldini	Clearfork	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Ken	Radke	Clearfork	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Clay	Braden	Clearfork	Ohio		Alpine
Jim	Vickroy	Mad River Mtn	Ohio	Level 1	Alpine
Chris	Raudabaugh	Mad River Mtn	Ohio	Level I	Snowboard
Troy	Southwick	Mad River Mtn	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Kimberly	Hiser	Mad River Mtn	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Kimberly	Hiser	Mad River Mtn	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Tom	Knickerbocker	Mad River Mtn	Ohio	Level I	Snowboard
Dan	Moss	Mad River Mtn	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Marie	Whitt	Mad River Mtn	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Mathew	Collins	Mad River Mtn	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Sean	McCarthy	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Fredda	McGoff	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
George	Allen	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Frank	Cleary	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Carl	Hilker	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Nordic
Greg	Schmit	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Beverly	Benzing	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
John J.	McGoff	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Orest M.	Melnyk	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Robert F.	Smith	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Darcy	Hanley	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Rick	King	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Sandi	Hammons	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Mark	Koch	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Pete	Oka	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Alpine/SB
Ron	Gerdes	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Bob	Rosselot	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
John	Cole	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level III	Alpine
Dale R.	Mihuta	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level III	Alpine
Tom	Worley	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio	Level III	Alpine
Mark	Misulich	Perfect North Slopes	Ohio		Alpine
Bryan	Loveless	Snow Trails	Ohio	Level I	Alpine/Snowboard
Dia	McDermott-Hall	Snow Trails	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Amy	Arnold	Snow Trails	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
Dick	Lehman	Snow Trails	Ohio	Level I	Alpine
James	Crowl	Snow Trails	Ohio	Level II	Alpine
Eric	Gesteland	Cascade Mtn	South Central		Alpine
Matthew	Schmitz	Sunburst	South Central	Level III	Snowboard
Kevin	McQuillan	Four Lakes	Southern		Alpine
Natalie	Faes	Villa Olivia	Southern	Level I	Alpine
Deborah	Robinson	Villa Olivia	Southern		Alpine
Robert	Robinson	Villa Olivia	Southern		Alpine
Corky	Kahn	Wilmot	Southern	Level II	Alpine
Charles	Martschinke	Wilmot	Southern	Level III	Alpine
Brian	Cobble	Wilmot	Southern	Level III	Alpine
Kenneth	Haverkamp	Snow Creek	Southwest	Level I	Snowboard
Noel	Derr	Snow Creek	Southwest	Level I	Snowboard
Dennis	Pike	Snow Creek	Southwest	Level I	Alpine
Mike	Eastman	Snow Creek	Southwest	Level I	Alpine
Dave	Rega	Sundown	Southwest	Level III	Alpine
Laura	Rega	Sundown	Southwest	Level III	Alpine
Jim	Andrews	Hyland Hills	Western	Level III	Alpine
Thomas	Gray	Spirit Mtn	Western		Alpine
John	Thomas	Welch	Western	Level II	Alpine
Erica	Krol	Timber Ridge	Western Michigan	Level I	Alpine
Kevin	Fultz	Timber Ridge	Western Michigan	Level II	Alpine
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☐ New Member Applicant

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Patrol Name: Region:

Level of PSIA/AASI Certification: Discipline: Alpine ☐ Snowboard ☐ Nordic Downhill ☐

Are you currently a Senior Skiing/ Snowboard/ Nordic Examiner in your Region at this time: YES NO

Are you currently a Toboggan Evaluator at Senior Exams in your Region at this time: YES NO

PSIA/AASI Membership #: Division: National:

*A copy of your current membership card & check must be enclosed with application.

*In the event that you upgrade your certification status during the ski season, a new copy of your card must be submitted as soon as possible.

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☐ To Instruct Senior Candidates this Season

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Tech Tips:

Acute Mountain Sickness

By: Rick King, Central Division Mountain Travel and Rescue Advisor

I don't know of many other groups that love skiing more than Ski Patrollers. With this love of skiing comes ski trips beyond our local areas during the late Fall, Winter, into Spring, and if you're one of the lucky ones some Summer skiing. These trips usually involve getting out to some really big mountains out west or in other countries.

Here are some things from the MTR manual to think about when traveling rapidly to mountains over 7,000 feet when coming from a normal altitude of around sea level. The effects of Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS) are due mainly to lack of oxygen, which injures body cells both directly, through interferences with oxygen requiring chemical reactions, and indirectly through the circulatory, respiratory, and nervous systems. Cold, fatigue, and dehydration may also play factors.

Consider AMS in anyone who is not feeling well at altitudes over 7,000 feet.

- Assess the vital signs, especially the pulse and respiratory rate and compare with other members of the party.
- Ask about headaches, nausea, vomiting, and shortness of breath.
- Assess the level of responsiveness and perception of pain to touch.
- Listen to the patient's chest for abnormal sounds such as rattles, wheezes, and bubbly sounds.
- See if the patient can pass a typical drunk driver test.

The most common practical problem seems to be distinguishing patients with moderately severe, early AMS or mild advanced AMS (that may improve with rest alone) from those with a potentially severe advanced form who require immediate evacuation to a lower altitude.

Symptoms appearing early on the first day of attaining altitude are more likely to be caused by acute hypoxia. A day or two of rest at the same altitude may be appropriate for mildly affected patients if their symptoms are not progressive.

- For a patient with advanced AMS, first recognize the problem and stop the ascent. Descend rapidly.
- Give the patient oxygen in high concentration, if available.
- Keep the patient in the most comfortable position
- Treat headache with mild analgesic.
- Give care for unresponsiveness.

For more information on Acute Mountain Sickness or additional mountain illnesses consider taking a Mountain Travel & Rescue course.

Southwest Region Reports Very Busy Fall

By: Melinda Mitchell, Southwest RD

Whew, what a fall we have had! It is snowing here and our ski area will open this weekend and I am so excited. OK, OK I know this will be old news when you read this so...

It has been a very challenging fall for the Southwest Region. It has been a region under renovation since last spring. The region staff approved a change in our organizational chart at that time which was designed to create more positions, less work, but more specific responsibilities for each position with more focus on some specific areas like MTR, Awards, ski school etc. We are a work in progress as we are still filling positions but I am excited about the possibilities for the quality of work that we can now produce.

I am also very excited about the planning we have engaged in for this season. For the first time in our region, we are offering multiple clinics throughout the region to allow more patrollers to participate in skill enhancement activities closer to home. Check the division web site for

dates and locations! What great opportunities!

The above changes and opportunities were almost over shadowed by another major issue in the region. Patrollers in the state of Iowa were challenged this fall by language in the state of Iowa administrative code that was interpreted as prohibiting patrollers from providing care as OEC technicians. The language was interpreted as requiring patrollers to be part of emergency medical service units and registered with these units to provide care as either first responders, EMT-B's or other level of approved care provider.

Thanks to the timely hard work of patrol representatives, ski area management and the state legislators who intervened on our behalf, the attorney general's office has now determined that patrollers may continue to provide emergency care services at the ski areas they serve without additional registration or licensure. The attorney general's office has submitted language for consideration by the legislature this winter to codify this change permanently. This change in conjunction with the inclusion of the ski patroller in Good Samaritan laws in the state will allow patrol-

lers to continue to provide services at the discretion of ski area management and also to provide services for which they are trained as needed to accident victims.

This causes me to reflect on how much what we do is impacted by the actions of others. As patrollers who serve within a special niche, we need to stay vigilant, monitoring the actions of our state legislature and other administrative bodies for actions that could impact our ability to serve the skiing public. Patrollers in conjunction with their patrol representatives and area management need to stay alert to changes that could threaten our ability to provide the services we currently do for Midwestern ski areas.

I for one have now added an additional responsibility to my collection. In addition to traveling around the region promoting participation in skill enhancement seminars and other training events, I will also be monitoring legislative activity in the State of Iowa this winter to assure that changes are made in the administrative code and monitor activity in other states to try to avoid a similar event within the Southwest Region.

A Patroller You Must Know

By: Ken Meldahl, Southern RD

One of the responsibilities of a Region Director is to acknowledge the accomplishments of the patrollers in his region. I don't think this is written anywhere



Southern Region Director presenting Frank Shapira the Meritorious Service Award for 37 years of outstanding service as the Chairman of the Speaker's Bureau.

Franklyn (Frank) Shapira is one such individual. Frank has chaired the Southern Region Speakers Bureau over the past 37 years. Initially, this program was called the Safety Committee, which in 1974 became the Speakers Bureau. The purpose of this program is to inform the skiing public all about NSP and the importance of ski safety.

Frank organized all the speakers' activities and engagement. These presentations were made to schools, clubs, churches, business groups, scouting groups and anyone else interested in the NSP.

Over the years, Frank has accumulated a cache of informational handouts, safety tips, posters, signs and movies. Although recruitment was not the prime purpose of this program, there are many patrollers in the Southern Region whose first contact with the NSP was through Frank Shapira.

Frank has held this position in the Southern Region for 10 different Region Directors. Although he has resigned as chair of this program, he continues to be an active patroller and OEC instructor. He is currently a member of the Villa Olivia Nordic patrol and has been patrolling at Indianhead Mountain.

It was indeed an honor and privilege to present Frank Shapira the National Meritorious Service Award and to tell a little of his story to the Central Division.

but it is something that I feel is a very important part of the job.

Although you may have seen mention of this in the last issue of the RPN, I just recently had the privilege of recognizing one such individual. The Meritorious Service award is to be given to active members of the National Ski Patrol who have completed extraordinary and outstanding leadership as a region or division staff member.

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Division STW’s Launch New Season of Training

By: Linda Barthel, Skills Development Supervisor

The 2005 division workshops were greeted by Mother Nature with perfect conditions for the first time in several seasons.

As we looked for a new westside venue this fall Granite Peak in Wausau WI opened it’s doors. Big thanks goes to North Central Region Director Dave Dahl and Granite Peak PD Tom Hynes. The facilities were outstanding and we look forward to returning year after year.

Boyne Highlands launched the division workshops on December 10th-11th. The event coincided with the PSIA-C division event. This allowed for NSP and PSIA-C



Mike Longfellow-Jones runs the sled in the on-hill portion of Teaching the Teacher.

Central Division Instructor Development Supervisor, Ginny Rodeman working with Chris Moe put on a great clinic in “Teaching the Teacher”. The objective was to revitalize the teaching skills of the seasoned alpine toboggan instructor. The group participated in both classroom and on hill exercises. This session met with great suc-



Dan Somalski, past division toboggan supervisor shares his expertise at the Boyne Highlands STW.



Jay Zedak and Tom Anderson address Ski Instructors and Senior Candidate Evaluators mid-slope at Granite Peak during the December Division STW. This session concentrated on the latest ski expectations for Senior Candidates and calibrating Senior Evaluations through out the Division.

cess and there are thoughts in place to develop it further for the alpine disciplines.

It is the ongoing desire of the division staff to continue to work with the regions in developing and enhancing the alpine programs.

As the region administrators return home with their new tools look for improvements in your local programs throughout the division.



During the indoor session the Teaching the Teacher group experiment with difficulties of sensory deprivation while trying to instruct their partner. The indoor session at Granite Peak was held in the 10th Mountain Chalet dedicated to the 10th Mountain Division of WWII. A number of members of the 10th Mountain Division called the slopes at Granite Peak their home hill.

interactions and provided opportunities for teamwork development.

The division alpine staff worked diligently to provide the participating region staff members with top of the line programs.

Tom Worley, our newest member of the alpine training team, is now in the handles of the division toboggan program. His crew focused on “What it Looks Like & How it’s Done”.

As he entered his new role as NSP-C/ PSIA-C liaison Tom Anderson passed his director’s baton to Jay Zedak. As the new director of the NSP-C Ski School Jay recruited an outstanding team of NSP members with PSIA III certification. They put on a great clinic of skiing and error recognition. Jay also enhanced the session with a demonstration of the power of video analysis in skiing enhancement.



Following one of the lessons the Teaching the Teacher group share ideas in teaching styles and feedback in the great outdoors at Boyne Highlands.

New Outstanding Nordic Patrol Rep Award

By: Greg Reese, Div. Awards Supervisor

In the summer of 2005, the Central Division decided to create this new award.

Central Division has a total of 23 Nordic Patrols with 146 primary patrollers. National does not count secondary patrollers for purposes of the award.

“The NSP identifies the patrol representative as the individual responsible for NSP member registration and the person responsible for ensuring that NSP courses are available to the members. The *patrol director* or *patrol leader* is the resort’s patrol department head that manages all day-to-day patrol operations and does whatever management requests. Whether the *patrol director* or *patrol leader* is selected or appointed by management, or resort management allows its patrol to select that person, the *patrol director* or *patrol leader* is a manager for that resort. Sometimes the same individual is both the *patrol director* and *patrol representative*, but the distinction remains. The National Board changed the name for the NSP registration unit leader to Patrol Representative in June of 1998 to reflect the differences in responsibilities between the two very different functions.”

(NSP Policies and Procedures page 74 Section 6.4.3C August/04 Patrol Representative Responsibilities to the National Ski Patrol)

1. Serves a term in accordance with ski area policies and, if applicable, NSP pa-

trol bylaws (see Bylaws, Article III, Section 6).

2. Maintains good rapport and communication with area management or the public lands administrator.

3. Serves as an officer within the NSP division in accordance with division bylaws and policies.

Region	Patrol	Primary Patrollers
Eastern Michigan	Independence Oaks	6
	Pine Haven	7
North Central	Copper Country Nordic	2
	Minocqua Winter Park	7
	Nine Mile Park	11
	Superior Nordic	4
Northern Michigan	N. Michigan Nordic	1
Ohio	Ohio Nordic	2
	Cuyahoga Nordic	6
	Buckeye Nordic	2
South Central	Blue Mounds	7
Southern	Norsk	1
	Des Plaines River	9
	Nomads Nordic	3
	Indigan	2
	Villa Oliva Nordic	12
	Glacial Park	13
Southwest	Eagle Creek	5
	-	-
Western Michigan	W Michigan Nordic	7
Western	Wild River	1
	Viking Nordic	14
	Northwest Nordic	12
	Hiawatha	5
Totals:	23 Patrols	139 Patrollers

4. Supports and fosters the NSP mission statement. Ensures membership compliance with NSP national education requirements.

5. Collects and forwards NSP member registration fees in a timely manner in accordance with division policy.

6. Coordinates the course administration and distribution for all Outdoor Emergency Care education and continuing education records with the responsible instructors of record.

7. Provides timely and accurate communication of NSP policies to NSP members.

8. Maintains administrative and financial data and all other records for the NSP registration unit.

9. Submits annual reports and financial reports as required by division policy.

Outstanding Patrol Representative point system
5 points for ski patrol service

15 points for service time on and off hill
5 points for NSP training courses completed
5 points for NSP training courses taken
10 points for NSP leadership positions held
5 points for NSP awards received
15 points for support of NSP
10 points for contributions to skiing outside of the NSP
10 points for relationships with cooperating agencies
20 points for the letter of recommendation

All regions are asked to nominate an Outstanding Nordic Patrol from their region.

The current Patrol Representative form from the Policies and Procedures is to be used, but the word “NORDIC” is to be penciled in below the portion of the form that lists the Patrol Rep category.

Notes From the Trailhead: Consider Liability

By: Rick King, Central Division Mountain Travel and Rescue Supervisor

By the time this article comes out we all will have logged many hours on the hill. Hopefully more on skis, than on our knees working with patients. We will have also conducted several Mountain Travel & Rescue (MTR) courses with some very high turnouts. This sets the Central Division up for being on track for growing the program this season and ready to dive into more courses later in the season. Thank you to the following patrollers for getting an early start on the programs: Marty Monsma, Michael Kojetin, Robert Kowalski, Ray Martodam, Sandra Stringer, and Tim Troutt. I know there are a lot of others involved that make these programs happen; kudos to you as well.

One area that I would like to address stems from our wonderful Central Division meeting in Detroit this fall. Liability, the new big L word. When teaching courses, be it MTR or other courses, follow the skills and course direction that are in each course

topic. For instance when teaching Low Angle Rescue (LAR) techniques in a clinic or MTR course, there are many ways and tools that can be used to set up a LAR. If it is not in the MTR manual from NSP or approved by NSP, those conducting the course or clinic are put outside the liability safe zone. If you are working outside the safe zone, check with local area protocols to make sure you are covered by local area protocols. Remember we don’t work for the NSP, but for the ski area.

This brings us to an update on the LAR Guidelines manual. We have received a lot of great feedback from our team of revision editors and are close to putting a finished product out for approval from NSP. The LAR Guidelines is a manual using the protocols and information from the NSP Mountain Travel & Rescue manual and puts them into a detailed step by step overview of the lowering and raising techniques involved in Low Angle Rescues. Once again, these are guidelines. There is always more than one way to do things. If your local area

has different protocols, follow the protocols that have been approved.

If you have any questions or interests in MTR or any of its components, see the local MTR advisor or myself. We love to hear from you. Thanks for the note Glenn Sheathelm! I can be reached at 513-624-6308 or rkingpatroller@yahoo.com.



CALENDAR 2005-2006

Awards

December		
1	O	Postmark deadline, Nat'I, LCA, SDA Nominations, Dick Nau
11	O	National Review Board Meeting, Nau/Raudabaugh
January		
24	WM	Awards due to section
February		
7	WM	Awards due to Region, National Appointment nominations due
8	NC	Awards Due - Stars, Appointments, Outstandings, DSA, Carolyn DeJongh
11	S	Awards nomination deadline
18	NC	Awards Committe Meeting, Wausau, Carolyn DeJongh cdej@charter.net
22	EM	Region Awards Meeting, Ty Damon, tdamon@gmrworks.com
22	S	Region Awards meeting
24	W	Awards Deadline for March Committee, Mary Engstrom
25	O	Ohio Region Awards Review, Snow Trails, Greg Schoenman
March		
2	W	Region Awards Committee Meeting, Hinckley, Mary Engstrom
April		
4	NC	Awards Party, Dan Dalquist
10	NC	Awards due, Bravo, Cert of Appreciation, Carolyn DeJohgh
21-23	NC	NC Region Banquet, Waters of Minocqua, Section 4 host, Joe Rohling
28	W	Awards Deadline for May Committee Meeting, Mary Engstrom
29	O	Region Meeting & Awards Banquet
29	S	Region Banquet
May		
5	W	Region Awards Committee Meeting, Mary Engstrom
6	WM	Region Awards Banquet, Section I, Mike Bender
13	EM	Awards Banquet, Jerry Rodeman, rodemanix@aol.com
20	NC	Granite Peak Pig Roast & Awards Party

Avalanche

January		
28-29	NM	Avalanche Fundamental & Rescue, Crystal Mountain, toddmorgan@hotmail.com
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February		
4-11	Div	Central Divsion Avalanche II Course, Utah, Kim Garrett
11-12	WM	CANCELLED Avalanche Fundamental & Rescue, Timber Ridge
March		
11-12	W	Avalanche Fundamental & Rescue, Kristi Olson

Certified

January		
1		Applications due to Mike Lonfellow-Jones
7-8	O	Qualification and Recertification Clinic, Perfect North Slopes, Guy Day
14	C	Qualification and Recertification Clinic, Marquette Mountain
15	SC	Qualification and Recertification Clinic, Cascade Mountain
14-15	O	Certified Mini Clinic, Guy Day
22	WM	Qualification and Recertification Clinic, Nubs Knob
February		
5	W	Qualification Clinic (only), Welch Village
10	SC	Qualification Clinic (only), Chestnut Mountain
March		
2	C	Recertification Clinic, Marquette Mountain
2-5	Div	Certified Evaluation, Marquette Mountain, Guy Day

Deadlines

December		
1	WM	Nominatins for Sec. I Chief
1	Div	Registration Packets
15	Div	Rusty Parka News
January		
15	NC	Powderline Deadline, Tim Zimmerman
February		
13	S	Southern Cross
27	EM	Downhill Edge Winter Deadline, Bob Knox, knoxr@acm.org
March		
10	O	Downhill Deadline, Max Davis
19	WM	Blue & Gold Deadline

Meetings

January		
11	WM	Region Meeting, Branns, Tony Wolfer
March		
8	WM	Region Meeting, Branns, Tony Wolfer
31	Div	Spring Meeting, Chicago
April		
21-22	W	Region Bd of Governors meeting, Tom Gray, Jeannine Mogan
May		
3	EM	Spring Meeting, Genesys, Ty Damon, tdamon@gmrworks.com
15	S	Southern Cross
30	EM	Downhill Edge deadline, Bob Knox, knoxr@acm.org

Mountain Travel and Rescue

March		
17-18	NC	MTR 1, overnight camp out, Steve Konkel
20	EM	MTR F&1 class, Mt Brighton, Chuck White, cvwhite@kettering.edu
25-26	O	MTR Level II, PNS, Gerdes

Nordic

January		
7	W	Mesabi E. Invitational x-c race, Giants Ridge
9	NC	Telemark Clinic, Blackjack, Betty Adams
9	Div	Division Telemark Clinic,, Dave Squires
14	W	Seeley Hills Classic x-c race
21	W	Pepsi Challenge x-c race Giants Ridge
February		
11	W	Region Nordic Workshop, Dave Squires
12	W	Mora Vasaloppet x-c race, Renee Johnson
18	W	Minnesota Finlandia x-c race, Bemidji, MN
25	W	American Birkebeiner x-c race, Renee Johnson
March		
3	NC	Nordic Jr. Olympics, Haughton, Barb Wheeler bawheelerski@msn.com, Patrollers needed
4	NC	Lakeland Loppet, MWP, Patrollers Needed, Betty Adams
12	NC	Great Bear Chase, Patrollers Needeed, Barbara Wheeler

OEC

December		
3	NC	OEC Final Mt. Ripley, Dan Dalquist
3	W	Spirit Mountain Basic Candidate OEC Evaluation, Bob Mitchell
March		
8	EM	OEC Class begins, Mt Holly, Mike Case, casem@meijer.com
May		
6	WM	OEC IT staff meeting (Before Region Meeting), Karen Hadden
Oct		
21	WM	OEC IT staff meeting, Brann's, Grand Rapids, MI, Karen Hadden

Other events

January		
7	O	Ski Along/Patrol Info Session, Mad River Mountain, Jim Vickroy
February		
3-5	EM	Motown Winter Blast@ Superbowl, Detroit, Ty Damon, tydamon@mac.com
4	O	Ski Along/Patrol Info Session, MRM, Jim Vikroy
4-5	O	Clear Fork Winter Fest, Todd Vermilya
4-5	NC	Badger State Winter Games, Wausau, Joe Rohling, SteveKonkel
25-26	O	Winter Carnival, Snow Trails, Scott Kinnamon
March		
4	O	Ski Along/Patrol Info Session, MRM, Jim Vickroy
4	O	Alumni Day, MRM, Jim Vickroy
12	O	Carnival, PNS
April		
13-17	Nat	POWDERFALL, Chamonix, France, www.NSP.org
May		
20	NC	Minocqua Fat Tire Bike Race, Patrollers Needed, Betty Adams

Refresher

January		
4-6	NC	On hill refreshers, Granite Peak, Tom Hynes
5	O	Frosty Refresher (makeup date) Snow Trails, Scott Kinnamon
7	O	Frosty Refresher (makeup date) Snow Trails, Scott Kinnamon
7-8	W	Sr. Hill Examiniers Clinic, North
8	EM	Make up Chair Evac, Snow Snake, Roger Crockett, rcrock07@aol.com
11	EM	EMR Sr. Ski & Toboggan, Derek Werner, derek.werner@usa.net
14	NC	Nine Mile Nordic S&T Refresher, Steve Konkel

Senior

December		
1	EM	Sr. Application deadline, Derek Werner, derek.werner@gmrworks.com
10	O	SEM Clinic, Boston Mills, Cheryl Raudabaugh
15	W	Sr. Registraion Deadline
18	W	Sr. Hill Precourse, Jane Mausser
January		
7	S	Emergency Scene Mgt Evaluation
12	W	Sr. Hill Pre course, Session 2A, Buck Hill, Jane Mausser
14	W	Sr. Hill Pre course 3, Coffee Mill, Jane Mausser
14	NC	Sr. OEC Leadership Clinic, Tom Hynes, Evaluator Clinic
15	EM	Sr Candidates Ski & Tob pre-test Clinic, Pine Knob, Derek Werner, derek.werner@gmrworks.com
19	W	Sr. Hill pre course 2B, Buck Hill, Jane Mauser
22	W	Sr Hill precourse 4 Andes Tower Hills, Jane Mausser
29	MW	OEC Recertifciation Clinic, Bittersweet, 7:30 AM, Karen Hadden
29	WM	SEM Workshop, Bittersweet, 8:30 AM, Karen Hadden
February		
1	EM	Sr. OEC Scenario Skill Sign offs, Ellen Burchfield, ejburchfield@dow.com
4	W	Sr. Hill Precourse 5, Wild Mountain, Jane Mausser
5	WM	Sr. Hill Workshop, Crystal Mountain, Jackie Bottomley
11-12	SW	S&T Evaluation, Mt. LaCrosse
12	W	Sr. Hill Evaluation, Jane Mausser
18	W	SEM precourse, Kathy Glynn
24	WM	SEM Calibration, Cadillac Area, Karen Hadden
25	NC	Sr. OEC Evaluation, Blackjack, Tom Hynes
25	WM	SEM, Caberfae, Karen Hadden
26	NC	Sr. Proficiency,/Toboggan, Blackjack, Don Close, don@mtu.edu26
WM		Sr. Hill, Crystal Mountain, Chip Knappen
25-26	O	S&T Evaluation, PNS, Bill Harkins
26	NM	Region SEM evaluation, Boyne Mt, Aren Fairchild
28	W	SEM precourse, Kathy Glynn
March		
11	W	SEM Evaluation, Kathy Glynn
12	EM	Sr Scene Mgt Evaluation, Pine Knob, Ellen Burchfield, ejburchfield@dow.com

05/06 CALENDAR Continued

Testing/Training

December		
9-11	Div	Ski/Snowboard Trainers Workshop - Eastside, Boyne Highlands
17-18	Div	Ski/Snowboard Trainers Workshop-Westside, Granite Peak
18	EM	Ski Trainers Workshop, Mt Holly, Tim Gaffney, tobogganrunners@usol.com
18	NC	Toboggan Instructor Update, Granite Peak, Tom Hynes
January		
7	EM	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, Apple Mt, Tim Gaffney, tobogganrunners@usol.com
7	NM	Instructor Clinic, Boyne Highlands, Aren Fairschild, afairchild@freebornpeters.com
7	WM	Ski Trainers Workshop, Caberfae, Chip Knappen
7-8	O	Ski Trainers Enhancement Workshop, PNS, Moss/Schmidt
7-8	SW	Snowboard Enhancement Seminar, Hidden Valley
8	EM	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, Snow Snake, Tim Gaffney, tobogganrunners@usol.com
8	WM	Instructor Calibration Clinic, Caberfae, Chip Knappen
14	EM	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, Alpine Valley, Tim Gaffney, tobogganrunners@usol.com
14	NC	Region Alpine S&T Clinic, Brule, Jim Grundstrom
14	W	Wild Mountain Candidates Hill Test
14-15	SW	Ski Enhancement Seminar, Snow Creek
14-15	O	Ski Trainers Workshop/Toboggan, BM/BW, Moss/Schmidt
14 or 15	O	Ski Enhancement Seminar, BM/BW, Dan Moss
20	O	Ski Enhancement Seminar, Mad River Mountain, Troy Southwick
21	Telemark & Snowboard Enhancement Sem.,	Mike Schons & Scott Hope, mas2@dcx.com
21	NM	Toboggan Enhancement, Aren Fairchild
21	O	Ski Enhancement Seminar, Clear Fork, Ken Radke
21-22	WM	Ski& Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, Nubs Nob, Chip Knappen
21-22	SW	Snowboard & Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, Seven Oaks
22	EM	EM3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation, Mt Holly, Mary Gaffney, skiharley@usol.com
25	NM	Basic Evaluation Section 2, Otsego, Aren Fairchild
25	NM	Basic Evaluation Section 3, Aren Fairchild, Schuss Mt
27-29	Div	Women's Clinic
28	O	Ski Enhancement Seminar, Alpine Valley, Dan Moss
28	O	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, PNS, Schmidt
28-29	SW	Ski Enhancement Seminar, Mt. Kato
28-29	S	Alpine Reg. Ski Enhancement Sem, Chestnut
29	O	Ski & Board Enhancement Seminar, Snow Trails, Scott Kinnamon
February		
2-4	SW	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, Great Bear
4	O	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, BM/BW
4	O	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, MRM
5	EM	EM 1 Basic Ski & Tob Evaluation, Alpine Valley, George Gilin, geogilin@hotmail.com
5	NC	Basic Alpine S&T Evaluation, Section 4 Granite Peak, Joe Rohling
5	NM	Basic Evaluation, Section I, Boyne Mt, Aren Fairchild
5	O	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, Snow Trails
11-12	O	Ski Enhancement Seminar, PNS, Dan Moss
12	SW	Basic Hill Test, Hidden Valley
18	EM	Telemark & Snowboard Enhancement Sem, Mike Schons & Scott HOpe, mas2@dcx.com
19	EM	EMR 2 Basic Ski & Tob Evaluation, Mt Brighton, Jerry Rodeman, rodemanix@aol.com
19	EM	EM 3 Basic Ski & Tob Evaluation, Apple Mt, Mary Gaffney, skiharley@usol.com
19	SW	Basic Hill Test, Seven Oaks
21	SW	Basic Hill Test, Sun Down
March		
4	SW	Ski Enhancement Seminar
14&16	O	Instructor Development Course, Brandywine, Glaeser/Shima
18	NC	Basic Alpine S&T Evaluation, Mt Ripley, Dan Dalquist
18	NC	PSIA weekend, Marquette Mountain, Bob Meyers, rmeyers@wpsr.com
April		
2	EM	Instructor Evelopment, Apple, Ellen Burchfield, ejburchfield@dow.com



FOUR Score Coma Scale

By: Chris Wolf

For several years now, when caring for patient's neurological injuries, OEC providers have held up the APVU scale as our personal gold standard. Occasionally we use the Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) for more consistency and more accuracy. The GCS is superior to the AVPU in providing a better overall picture of the patient when transferring the patient to a higher level of care.

The GCS is widely considered to be the gold standard of coma scales, primarily because it is fast and simple (albeit with a confusing scoring system), and it has withstood the test of time. It is used all the way from the field to large hospital systems.

As with the AVPU, there are many shortcomings with GCS, however. In short, the largest complaint, other than confusing scoring, is the inability to accurately and consistently score patients with airway management.

A new scale, the FOUR score, has been recently developed. Dr. EFM Wijdicks, a Mayo Clinic neurologist, devised and tested the scale, finding that it is as fast and simple to use as the GCS scale, but provides a more complete picture of patient status even with airway management. Current studies are under way to verify the original results and to prove that the FOUR score is a better scale to use for allied health care providers.

This new coma scale uses four categories (motor, eyes, respirations and brainstem reflexes) with zero to four points in each category. No more guessing which category gets which number of points.

Will any scale replace the OES standard-bearer, AVPU? Probably not, simply due to the ease of use and ease of teaching the AVPU scale to patrollers with non-medical backgrounds. Shold you try the FOUR score in situations when you might otherwise use GCS? Definitely. It is just as easy to use and learn and provides a more comprehensive picture of patient status. Raise your bar, try the FOUR score.

To learn more about the FOUR score measurement log on to the Mayo Clinic web site at www.mayoclinic.org or download comments from Dr. Wijdicks at www.mayoclinic.org/news2005-rst/3023.html

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2006 Division Awards Meeting

September 8 -10

Wausau, WI



Plan now to attend the 2006 Central Division Meeting and Awards Banquet in Wausau, Wisconsin. There will be activities for all patrollers and family members.

Patroller Education Courses
Visit one of the first Alpine Ski Areas in N. America
Take in Wausau's famous Artageous Weekend
Visit the Historic Pedestrian Mall
Enjoy the Spectacular Wisconsin Scenery

The Jefferson Street Inn in downtown Wausau will serve as headquarters for the Central Division board meeting and the Annual Awards Banquet.

The hotel is Wausau's newest full service luxury hotel and is offering Central Division patrollers a special rate for the weekend.

Watch for full details and reservation information in the summer issue of the Rusty Parka News.



Easy Access

Enjoy easy access to Wausau and Central Wisconsin via the Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) offering connections through Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

Artageous Weekend

The Central Division Meeting and Awards Banquet coincides with Wausau's famous Artageous Weekend activities. Enjoy the festival atmosphere. Listen to live bands in the downtown area. Tour the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum as it kicks off the world renowned Birds in Art Exhibit. Enjoy artists as they work their craft in the Arts Block region of downtown. Trolleys will run between venues for easy access to the sites and sounds of Artageous Weekend.