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Division Director's Report



Jim Woodrum
Division Director

Change.....Don't you just hate it?

So, maybe we should go back 10 years ago when times were better. The economy was strong, the country was thought of as a world leader, we weren't all consumed with electronic communication, we even used to talk to our children and neighbors, and on and on. Maybe we would be better if we went 20, 30, 40 years ago. Or perhaps we should go to the 1930's when the ski industry was just getting started after WWII and many of the 10th Mountain Division members were returning to the US and establishing ski resorts. Sure we could even strap on those ole wooden skis, put on our leather laced boots and get taken off the mountain on an ole corrugated tin roof. Or we could perhaps use those new shaped skis, with air bladder boots and foot beds with our brand new technical clothing that keeps the cold out and disperses the moisture being released after completing a difficult bump run at high altitude. Should we use the Green American Red Cross Book as our standard of training or do the pre-cordial thump? Surely we know more today about medical health, more efficient ski equipment, what medical procedures are more effective than others, etc. etc..

Well you know where this is going!

Change is good and is consistent. Our world is forever changing and we can resist it or embrace it. As I have travelled around the Division this fall I'm glad to see most folks have embraced the new OEC 5th Edition concepts. However, I'm a bit puzzled that not all patrollers have purchased the new book or electronic access necessary to have the information on how to perform the skills required of us. Here is the dilemma: In order for the National Ski Patrol to maintain our particular niche where we provide first aid and rescue serves at our local ski areas without EMS medical oversight and regulation we must maintain quality control over our knowledge and skills in Outdoor Emergency Car in the non urban outdoor environment. Unfortunately when we don't do that then issues pop up and the EMS community wants to regulate how and

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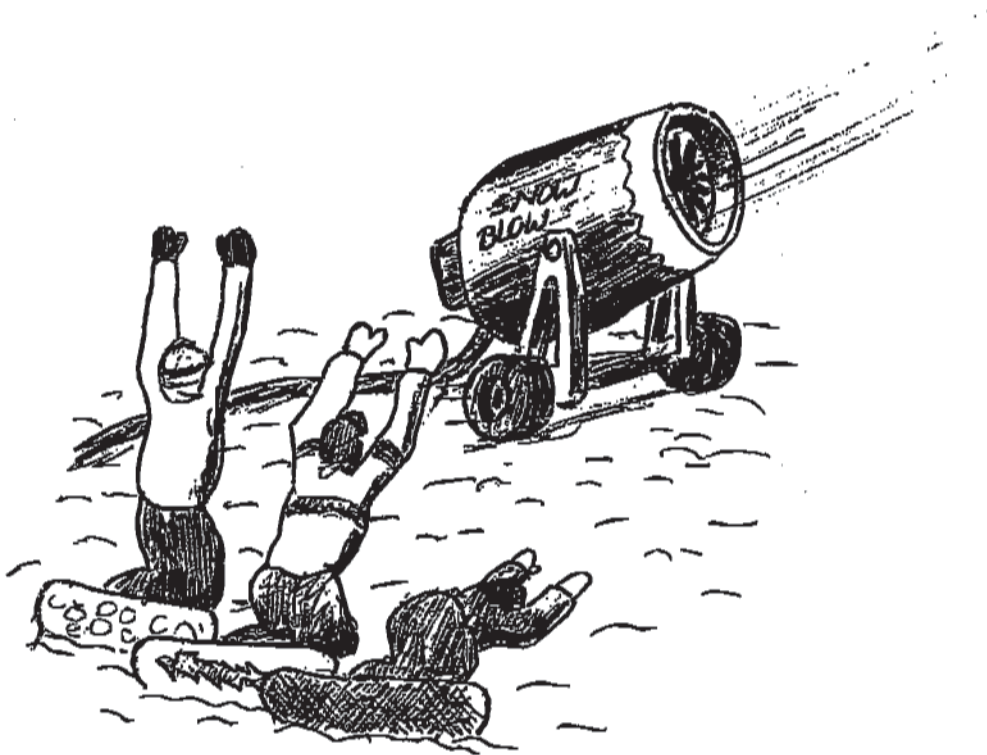
what we do in patient care!

Think about it this way: In the 1970's OSHA rules and regulation were promulgated, not because the government wants something to do, but the American worker was being seriously hurt, killed or contacting materials that caused long term health effects. If you have managed this type of regulation it was not unheard that regulation was written in the blood of the American Worker. Therefore, if we don't manage our knowledge and skills that standardizes our training in OEC there are others that stand ready to do that for us. Standardized skills and knowledge is of utmost importance to maintain our independence of the regulatory body that oversees patient care. When mistakes are made regulation is written to help provide guidance on how things shall be done! Change is inevitable and will forever be with us. We must learn how to assimilate change and adapt to the ways that are intended to make things better.

Did you realize that patrollers from the Central Division won 6 of the top 11 National Awards granted by the NSP? Did you also know that of the few remaining that the Central Division patrollers had 3 additional 1st National Runner Ups! That is incredibly the best performance that we can find on record. It was an honor and a pleasure to have the opportunity to recognize all of these award winners at our recent Fall Meeting. You can read all the information later in this publication and you will see even more information when the National magazine gets published. To all our National Award winners, National 1st Runner Ups, our Division Award winners, our members that received National Appointments, Leadership Commendation Appointments, Distinguished Service Awards, Lifetime Achievement s, Merit Stars, and all the other Awards that we presented; THANKS FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OVER THE LAST YEAR AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE FUTURE!

As the snow is just around the corner, we have great plans for you with all kinds of opportunities and educational events planned throughout the Division. Our leadership team wants you to take advantage of these opportunities to grow in your depth of knowledge in our programs and advancement in your credentials.

Kasten's Korner



Meetings, Refreshers, Clinics Start Year



Linda Murphy Jacobs
ADD

I would like to extend a big thank you to Bill Currier and his Ohio Region crew for hosting a wonderful Division meeting. There was a lot of variety in the offerings, from healthy recreation to NSP educational events. The rain even held off for those of us who wanted to shag golf balls into the woods!! The presentations at the general membership meeting were informative and the board was able to keep its head down and get its work done in a timely manner.

Refreshers, for the most part, are behind us, and many OEC classes are wrapping up before the snow falls. If you have the opportunity to help out at an OEC class, please take advantage of it. You don't have to be an OEC instructor to help out. You all, as OEC technicians, have the expertise that can make the lead instructors life much easier. It's a great way to get to know our "newbies", to keep your skills extra sharp, and to absorb some of the new information in the OEC text.

You can also help throughout the season as Patroller 101 classes get started. Many of these classes span a whole ski season. They are designed for more than just new candidates and can offer even veteran patrollers useful information.

Our Division STW 's are on target for the first three weekends of December. Our goals this year are to reach those patrollers who are responsible for training and evaluating our patrollers, from candidates up through Seniors. If you are interested in increasing your training "bag of tricks", then this STW format is for you. Registration is being managed on line again this year, making it all easier than ever. Our Women's clinic is moving toward the western side of the UP, hosted by North Central at Big Powderhorn. We will be adding a Friday night session, making this last weekend in January full of skiing, tobogganing, chocolate and sisterhood!! Watch for more details in this issue. Whether you choose to participate in one of our premier continuing education programs (senior-Certified) or to try a new mode of sliding, or just ski your schedule for your local area, I would like to thank each of you for what you give to our organization. We are all stronger because of you. Ski safe and have fun!!!

NSP Full of People Who Get It!



Dan Somalski
ADD

Well it is fall in the state of Michigan. We had our Northern Michigan Region OEC refresher last Saturday. The trees are coloring up. And the Lions are 4-0. What a fall.

I am having trouble writing this article because of my health situation. Many of you know I have cancer. I've had it for a year. These facts have forced me to think differently about many things during the past year. I like to ski! I love my family and friends. I enjoy going to work everyday. And I love National Ski Patrol.

Just the thought of that first lift ride and the anticipation of making those first turns give me the chills. I can't wait for that feeling of weightlessness that you get between turns. I love the skiing public, they leave most of their troubles home and are at the ski hill to have a great time.

My family and friends, (the ones who don't ski) ask me, "Are you going to ski this year?"

My answer, "if I am walking, I am skiing". My family and friends who do ski understand this fact. They know the feeling and the allure of sliding down a snow covered slope. They support

my efforts. They get it!

The folks where I work have been very supportive of me and what I need to do. It is amazing. They let me do what I have the energy for and let me slide on what I don't.

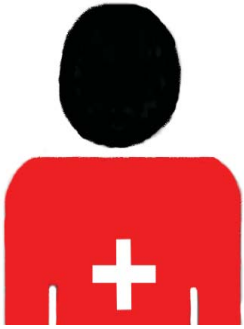
I am not in bad shape. My treatments have been going well for the most part. If you didn't know my condition, you

couldn't tell. People tell me "you look great"! I am still pretty strong. I haven't lost any more hair than normal baldness. I don't figure on cashing in any time soon. I plan on beating this thing. However, just having cancer forces a person to revisit attitudes and priorities. This is what I have done.

The National Ski Patrol is packed full of people who GET IT! They want to help but they want to give space. They don't treat me any differently than before. Every time I am at a function of the NSP whether it is my local patrol, region level, or division stuff, I get all choked up to be a part of such a great and dedicated group of people. I guess what I am driving at is don't take it for granted. Appreciate all of the people, situations, and opportunities every time they present themselves.

Se ya' on the white and slippery.

What Would You Do?



Anonymous Patroller

On Wednesday night, December 8, 2010, I was in Columbia, South Carolina, with several business associates. We had dinner and got back to the hotel around 9 PM. One of my associates said he felt a little uncomfortable after dinner and went to bed. He said he felt like his heart was racing and chalked it up to the caffeine in the mocha ice cream he had for desert. He did not think much about it since his college roommate has the same reaction any time he eats or drinks anything with caffeine in it.

About 3 AM, he awoke to go to the bath room and when he went back to bed, he could not get comfortable. He had a tightness in his chest causing some discomfort. When he sat upright, he felt significantly better. He also complained of nausea, sweating, and an ache in his upper left arm.

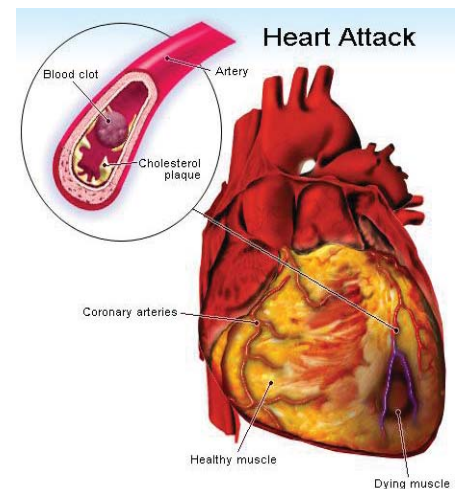
I suggested that he might be having a heart attack and he should consider going to the ER. He got out of bed, took a shower, shaved, got dressed, packed his bag and went down to the hotel lobby. He was going to wait for the rest of the team and go on about his business of the day.

I suggested to him that if he really was having a cardiac event, early intervention and care was critical in determining a positive outcome. He reluctantly agreed and at 5:06 AM called a cab and went to the ER. The ER hooked him up to an EKG and determined that he was in fact having an attack. At 5:50 AM, he was transferred by ambulance to the hospital that specializes in cardiac care.

He was taken directly to the cardiac catheterization lab where after checking out his heart, they found one clot which they suctioned out, and inserted a stent. By 7:30 AM, he was in a room resting comfortably, and only stayed in the hospital because the Cardiologist told him to lie down and take it easy because of the insertion site in the femoral artery. He told me that he had immediate relief and would have gone back to work if the Doctor had allowed.

Immediately after the cardiac event, he reported a degradation in his physical conditioning. Certain physical tasks, i.e. climbing a set of stairs, left him slightly winded. Before the event, that activity would not have phased him. Seven weeks after the event, he has returned to the gym, and spent 2 weeks in Colorado skiing, with only the normal shortness of breath one experiences going from sea level to altitude.

I know this all to be true because I am the "Associate". The challenge that all of us face as highly trained first responders is walking the fine line between paying attention to the signs and symptoms of our training, and yet not being a hypochondriac. This is especially true if you, like in my case, try to take care of yourself by regularly exercising, eating right, and getting enough sleep. In spite of all of that, things do go wrong. When that happens, do not let your ego or denial get in the way of our training. Diagnose the signs and symptoms, and promptly seek proper treatment. If you do, you will significantly increase the probability of a positive outcome. I can personally attest to that.



2012 CENTRAL DIVISION ELECTION NOMINATION FORM

I _____, (_____) of _____ Region,
(Name) (NSP ID #) (Name of Region)

Nominate _____, (_____) of _____ Region for the
(Name) (NSP ID #) (Name of Region)
position of:

Region Director:

- NORTHERN MICHIGAN
- NORTH CENTRAL
- SOUTHERN

This form must be emailed or sent to the Division Election Coordinator (DEC) by January 26 (postmarked) of the election year.

MAIL TO: Ken Meldahl
Central Division Elections Coordinator
63 North Ave.
Fox Lake, IL 60020

Or nominate on-line at www.nspcentral.org

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30, 2012

Notice of Central Division Region Elections

Northern Michigan Region North Central Region Southern Region



Ken Meldahl
Division
Elections
Supervisor

In accordance with the current Policies & Procedures of the Central Division, an election for the position of Region Director for Northern Michigan, North Central and Southern regions will be held in the year 2012. The Region Director serves a three year term, administers the Region according to the Region's Bylaws and Policies and Procedures and reports directly to the Central Division Director.

Qualifications:

1. Must be a registered NSP member for at least five years
2. Must have served as a Section Chief, Patrol Representative, or National, Division or Region Program Supervisor/Administrator for at least two years.
3. Must be familiar with National policies and procedures as defined in the current NSP Policies and Procedures manual.
4. Must be familiar with the Region's policies and procedures, as applicable.
5. Must be registered in the Division as a Senior (Alpine, Nordic or Auxiliary) Patroller or Certified Patroller.

Responsibilities:

1. Supports and fosters NSP mission Statement.
2. Promotes and supports all NSP education programs within the Region to maintain the integrity of NSP training standards.
3. As a member of the Division Board of Directors, the Region Director is responsible for duties developed and designated by the Division Board of Directors.
4. Responsible for all aspects of the NSP programs and activities supported by the Region.
5. Promotes the financial support of the NSP and its programs.
6. Visits all areas with the Region during their term of office.
7. Submits an annual report to the Division Board of Directors.
8. Is responsible for communicating National and Division policies to Sections and NSP Registration Units, and is responsible for communicating NSP Registration Unit concerns to the Division Director and/or Division Program Supervisors.
9. Writes articles and reports for Division Newsletter.
10. Ensures that all Section and NSP Registration Units submit annual reports and financial reports in a timely manner.
11. Recommends individuals to the Division Program Supervisors, and in consensus with them, appoints individuals to serve as Region Program Administrators.
12. Monitors the performance and effectiveness of Region Program Administrators and recommends changes in concert with the Division Program Supervisor when appropriate.

Nomination Procedure:

Nomination may be made by any Region active patroller in good standing or by self nomination. The nomination form can be found in this issue of the RPN or can be downloaded from the Central Division website: www.nspcentral.org. Nomination forms must be received by the Division Election Coordinator before January 26, 2012. Nominees will be sent a "Candidate Information Sheet" that must be returned by February 9, 2012. All nominees must follow "Guidelines of Conduct for Candidates" found in the current Central Division Policies & Procedures.

ELECTION PROCEDURE:

The Division Election Coordinator will verify qualifications of nominees, notify nominees of any deficiencies and collect nominee's resumes and/or position statements which will be distributed to the electorate along with voting instructions by February 15, 2012. Ballots must be returned by March 8, 2012. Tabulation of ballots by the Division Election Coordinator and validated by the Election Review Committee by March 19, 2012. Election results will be announced to the electorate and posted on the Division website by March 27, 2012.

ELECTORATE:

The votes for the election of the Region Director shall consist of the following:

One vote for each Section Chief and Patrol Representative; one additional elector for patrols with 51 to 100 members, two additional electors for patrols with 101 to 150 members, and three additional electors for patrols with over 150 members. The number of members is based on the June 30th membership of the previous year.

Each elector must be an active member of that patrol with two or more years of service in the Division. The names, addresses and email of these electors shall be made available to the Division Election Coordinator no later than January 15, 2012. Compliance shall be the responsibility of the Region Election Coordinator, or the Region Director if no Region Election Coordinator is appointed.

Or

One vote for every registered member of the Region. If the one patroller one vote option is selected, the entire cost and operation of the election will be borne by the Region. The process and timing for the election must be pre-approved in writing by the Central Division Election Coordinator. The process will be monitored and certified by the Division Election Coordinator.

Whichever population is used, the election outcome will be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast. If a tie occurs, it will be broken by the Division Director.

For complete elections information, refer to the Central Division Policies and Procedures, Chapter 3 and Central Division Bylaws, Article 11.3 available on line at www.nspcentral.org.

**National Ski Patrol Central Division
GUIDELINES OF CONDUCT FOR CANDIDATES
DIVISION OR REGION ELECTIONS**

- I. All candidates shall be held personally responsible for all actions of their chairperson, workers, committees, etc. *(F09 P003)*
- II. For each election or run-off election, any candidate seeking the election office and those acting in behalf of the candidates are permitted a maximum of three contacts with the voters including phone conversations for the purpose of campaigning.
- III. The candidates' campaign literature or other contacts shall be restricted to:
 - A. Introducing themselves
 - B. Announcing their platform and intentions
 - C. Enhancing their own qualifications
- IV. No candidate, or those acting on behalf of the candidate, shall make or publish derogatory or inflammatory statements about his/her opponent's qualifications, ability, service record, or personal life.
- V. Candidates holding a Division, Region, or Section position during the time of their candidacy shall not be permitted to do any campaigning while attending any meeting, session or any other Registration Unit activity in an official capacity or where the cost of attendance in travel or living expense is reimbursed wholly or in part by the Division, Region, Section or Registration Unit funds. Nor shall any campaigning be allowed in any communication, verbal or written, which is reimbursed by Division, Region, Section or Registration Unit funds. No Division, Region, Section or Registration Unit funds shall be used to reimburse any candidate for campaign related expenses, i.e. all campaign expenses will be paid for by the candidate. *(F09 P003)(S11 P002)*
- VI. A copy of all campaign literature mailed or distributed by a candidate, or those acting in a candidate's behalf, and also an outline of any organized telephone campaign, shall be sent to the Election Coordinator and the Division Director.
- VII. Failure to comply with these guidelines can result in the removal of a candidate from the election. This action will be reviewed first by the Election Coordinator, then by the Division Legal Advisor, and finally by the Division Executive Committee, excluding any members who are candidates for the office in question.



Ski Area News as Reported by MSAA

Special to the RPN

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Chestnut Mountain Resort, Illinois continues their lodge renovations with the opening of the new "The Summit" bar and restaurant. Lots going on here, including their 1st Annual SUMMITFEST on June 25th, 2011. This outdoor musical event will take place under the tent at the Sunset Garden. A Summertime Fare of Live Entertainment.

Joe Greg and friends are trying to resurrect **Riverside Hills Ski Area** in Esterville, IA as a community venture.

Based on a signed letter of intent, **Telemark Partners LLC** will acquire the northern Wisconsin lodge and roughly 1,000 acres of land and move ahead with ambitious plans to renovate the aging building. The Partners plan to create an Olympic-level training center for cross-country skiers, mountain bikers and snowboard park.

Little Switzerland Ski Area in Slinger, WI which closed after the 2006-'07 season, will reopen later this year under new ownership Wayne Erickson, who operates the nearby Slinger Speedway, Erickson said he hopes to have portions of Little Switzerland, including a remodeled chalet and runs for tubing and snowboarding, open by late fall. He plans to spend more than \$2 million on his new business, a price that includes the cost of acquiring the real estate. Sunburst Ski Area in Wisconsin is undertaking a major chalet remodel.

Buck Hill Ski Area, Minnesota is adding new tower snowmaking; 2200 ft of new snowmaking pipe; regarding the snow-tubing hill and building a new storage building.

Powder Ridge Ski Area, Minnesota adds a new PB400 groomer.

Mont Du Lac, Wisconsin (adjacent to Duluth, MN) is growing by expanding their learning center including expanded ski and snowboard lessons and their Alpine Club. This summer they are adding a Camping Skills Program. Construction begins this spring on a Mountain Lodge, which includes a bar and restaurant, public restrooms, a great room and the owner's private residence. It has great views of the St. Louis River and Jay Cooke State Park. Expanded snowtubing rounds out the projects this year.

Cascade Mountain, Wisconsin is installing a new robotic ski and snowboard tuning machine in their newly remodeled tech shop. There will be more snowmaking, a renovated snowmaking pond and a new Prinoth grooming vehicle. Cascade Mountain welcomes new HR Manager Elizabeth Ziemke, and full time IT person Dave Woodald. Cascade Mountain will host MSAA's Flea Market at the Summer Meetings and Trade Show. See conference materials for details.

Devil's Head Resort, Wisconsin continues snowmaking upgrades and drainage pipe across the bottom of their slopes. Resort hotel rooms are being upgraded, with 48 rooms renovated since MSAA was there two years ago.

Boyne Resorts, Michigan is pleased to announce the launch of a new division, Boyne Adventures. Boyne Adventures offers the opportunity to discover exclusive travel and recreational opportunities at our resorts and around the world. Combining the experiences and resources of Boyne Resorts with a group of world-class partners, has created a unique selection of trips that range widely in their destinations and activities.

The **National Ski Patrol** has partnered With **Medline Industries** To Save Resorts Money on medical supplies. Working with Medline, America's largest privately held national manufacturer and distributor of health care supplies and services, NSP has begun an exciting new partnership to create a cost-saving Medical Supply Purchasing Program. This new NSP Medical Supply Purchasing Program offers both resorts and member patrols:

- Manufacture direct pricing
- Guaranteed fast delivery
- Easy online ordering

Contact Elaine Wanat at 1-800-323-1638 ext. 1726 or ewanat@medline.com for a free cost savings analysis.

SNOW SPORTS MARKET breaks record with \$3.3 billion in sales.

The snow sports market brought in a record \$3.3 billion over the full 2010/2011 season easily breaking the 2008/2009 season's \$3 billion dollar mark. Overall, snow sports sales were up 8% in units sold, and 12% in dollars sold. Leaner inventories kept prices strong throughout the season; equipment inventories finished the season 19% leaner and equipment prices were 10% higher than they were at the close of last season. In fact, retail margins finished the season up 10% for equipment, up 10% for accessories, and up 4% for apparel goods sold, according to Snow Sports Industries America.

HKD Snowmakers (HKD) and Turbocrystal Snowmaking Systems (Turbo) are excited to announce they have executed a Strategic Agreement for a merger of the two companies to be completed on or before June 30, 2011 to be called **HKD Turbo**.

Ski Snowstar, Illinois surveyed customers for their priorities and based on that survey are undertaking a number of summer upgrades, including:

- New security cameras
- New hill music and paging system
- New terrain feature layout
- New beginner area observation deck and new ski pole distribution system
- Enclosed cover for the teaching hill conveyor
- Re-making the parking lot to add 30% greater capacity
- More snowguns.

There is always a lot going on at this small area.

It appears that the **Minnesota Ski and Snowboard Industries Association (MnSno)** will be moving forward with the legislative portion of their effort to produce skier safety legislation in the 2012 session. While they have a great deal of support both in the legislature and the governor's office, the clock has run out for 2011's legislative session (which ended May 23). Time was our greatest challenge this year, and the draft legislation awaits the beginning of the January 2012 session. Minnesota has no specific skier safety legislation at this time.

PERFECT NORTH SLOPES, Indiana marks the end of their 31st season with a celebration and an end-of-season company party on March 16. All employees were invited to attend the private event held at Perfect North Slopes which included a buffet dinner, award ceremony and drawing for prizes. At the end of each season outstanding employees are recommended for the scholarships and awards by their supervisors. This season \$5500 in scholarships were handed out by Perfect North Slopes. This scholarship program is now in its 18th year, and has given a total of \$57,000 to deserving employees during that time. A total of \$17,000 in cash and prizes were up for grabs at the party. Employees won items including a 32" TV with blue ray player, skis, video camera, snowboard, cash envelopes, iPod, and much more. All employees received a commemorative 2010-2011 staff t shirt as they left the party.

Organizers of **Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month (LSSM)** estimate that ski areas nationwide offered 60,000 + lessons this January—specific to the program. In addition, it generated an estimated \$4 million dollars in general media coverage for snow sports and about \$250,000 in gratis advertising provided by the industry trade media.

2011 NSAA Best Overall Marketing Program Up to 100,000 visits Award goes to Indianhead Mountain, Michigan
The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) named eight ski areas as the winners of its annual Marketing Awards. The awards are presented annually to ski resorts nationwide, both large and small, for their successful marketing programs that ultimately help grow the sports of skiing and snowboarding. New this year, This year's marketing awards recognize four ski areas that did a particularly effective job of incorporating the grass roots initiative into their operations.

Seven Oaks Ski Area, Iowa is excited to be celebrating 10 years of full service summer river floats on the scenic Des Moines river valley. Seven Oaks is a family owned and operated full service ski area, canoe, kayak and river tube outfitter that floats the scenic Des Moines river 7 days a week. This section of the river is beginner friendly and offers miles of wooded bluffs and deep ravines. Seven Oaks also offers paintball, camping, and First Friday After 5 evening events. The June theme is Jimmy Buffet's music.

Seven Oaks has For Sale: Ski tuning equipment, base grinder and edger- if interested in getting more info or pictures please contact Joel at joel@sevenoaksrec.com.

Also in Iowa, **Ski Sundown** is adding two new TechnoAlpin Snow Machines, a new Prinoth Groomer and hundreds of pairs of new rentals!

Wilmot Mountain, Wisconsin and **Coffee Mill**, Minnesota are both adding snowtubing this year! Coffee Mill has a new groomer ... and is also adding NASTAR!

And lots more is happening at **Wilmot Mountain** with a new paperless rental system. They are also, adding Super Pole Cat snow from SMI; remodeling their Tiffany Room servery and are renovating the rental building. They built a new pumphouse for more volume and efficiency in snowmaking.

The **Spirit Mountain Adventure Park** in Duluth, MN opened a new 9-hole Mini Golf Course designed by renowned local architect, David Salmela. According to Briana Johnson, Director of Marketing and Sales for Spirit Mountain, the Mini Golf Course joins the "Timber Flyer" Zip Line and the "Timber Twister" Alpine Coaster at the new Spirit Mountain Adventure Park. Located on Spirit Mountain just a short drive from the Main Chalet on Skyline Blvd., the Spirit Mountain Adventure Park is anchored by a central parking lot and Ticket / Concession Building that service all the Adventure Park attractions. The next recreation venue to open will be a 6-lane Snow Tubing Park in December.

Sunburst's T-Shirt Contest—Win a 2011/2012 Sunburst WI Individual Season Pass! Provide a T-shirt design following the guidelines contained in the Contest Rules & Waiver Form. Submit artwork and signed waiver and get a chance to win a Season Pass. The winning design will be used to print the Sunburst Season's T. Sunburst also unveiled a new website that they say is "cleaner, faster, easier to use and fully integrated with our social media channels, it's one of the many changes you will see for the coming season."

The **National Ski Patrol** once again has some recruitment material available FREE of charge for patrols to hand out; we just ask that you pay for shipping. There are three posters, as well as the "We're a Different Breed" stickers, available. These are great to hang in ski shops, grocery stores, schools, and hand out at trade shows and different on-hill events. To order, please call David Frick at 303-988-1111 ext. 2641.

Boyne Mountain Resort, MI is hosting its 3rd annual Skitoberfest on Saturday, October 1. The event celebrates the coming snowsports season with a summit featuring Olympic gold medalist, Seth Wescott, as well as an array of family fun, Michigan beer, wine and spirit tastings, and gourmet food in an Oktoberfest-style setting.

Head is a long standing SARA-BP supplier to many Midwest ski area rental shops for both hardgoods and helmets. This fall they are introducing a new Head Sanitizer for both boots and helmets. The product uses the same inert sanitizer as airlines use on the headrests of airline seats. Head tells us that it is safe for any helmet or boot and an application takes about six seconds.

SIA recently reported on some snowsports market research:

Snow sports market sales reached a record \$3.3 billion last season

- Apparel sales \$1.2 billion
- Equipment Sales \$902 million
- Accessories sales \$1.2 billion

2010/11 Season Stand-Out Trends:

- Alpine skis (flat skis sold without bindings) in the 80mm-110mm waist width category were up 74% in dollars sold on more than 74,000 units compared to 47,000 units sold last season.
- Women's ski sales increased 20% in units sold and 26% in dollars sold this season. Out of a total 419,000 alpine skis sold this season, 149,000 were women's models.
- Reverse camber snowboard sales were up 36% in units and 41% in dollars sold. In fact, 63% of all current season model boards sold this season have reverse camber.
- Americans fought the cold with insulated parkas this season and sales reflected cold and snowy La Niña conditions. Insulated parka sales finished the season up 24% in units sold and up 24% in dollars sold to \$394 million in total sales.

Crystal Mountain Resort, MI is installing a new chairlift from SkyTrac, Jan Leonard's new company.

Marquette Mountain, MI's staff has been very busy with projects this summer! A quick list of some of the improvements are...

- * Weasel Gulch cleared for earlier/later openings
- * Upper Rocket widened

- * Shaker widened for 50% park use
- * Whoopdee cleared for earlier/later openings
- * New Women's FIS Slalom ramp on Cliffs Ridge
- * New Terrain Park Rails
- * Now open until 8:30 pm nightly (December 19th thru March 11th)

New at **Caberfae Peaks**, Michigan: Mountain Improvements:

- 17 new low energy air water snowmakers that can make snow in temps that are 5 to 6 degrees warmer and require 63% less energy than the snowmakers they are replacing. 4 new portable snowmaking fan guns. 12 new fan gun snow-making towers
- Several snowmaking pipe installations and various electrical upgrades, increasing overall snowmaking capacity.
- Completed the widening of Smiling Irishmen. The $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long ski trail is now triple it's original width from top to bottom.
- Base Area improvements include: the new Beatie's Bar & Grill located inside the MacKenzie Lodge.
- And we have additional rental equipment: 1000 pairs of skis, 50 snowboards, 20 snowblades
- New Backcountry Dogsled Rides—Wiggi Mountainside Huskies will be offering scenic dogsled tours through the historic ski trails of Caberfae Peaks.
- Facebook Fridays
"Like Us" on Facebook, and receive a weekly deal to our resort every Friday, along with other news & updates
- January is Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month
Every Sunday in January, bring a family of 3 to the slopes from 4 pm to close for only \$49! Includes lift tickets, rental equipment & lessons. Add'l family members are \$15 each.

Bittersweet Resort, MI is installing a chairlift moved from a sister ski area, Alpine Valley Resort, WI.

Alpine Valley Resort, WI has undertaken a lot of changes and updates over the last several years. New this year is the resort's THIRD detachable chairlift from Leitner-Poma; along with remodeled hotel rooms; and a new maintenance building.

Alpine Valley Ski Area, MI is adding more snowmaking.

Chestnut Mountain Resort, IL has built a new restaurant—"The Summit" and installed a new 60x70 seasonal tent. Chestnut has a new 300' SunKid conveyor lift and have relocated their MultiLift handle tow. Fourteen guest rooms have been remodeled.

Tyrol Basin, WI has added 3 new rails for their terrain park (of course) and expanded and improved their parking.

Devil's Head Resort, WI has replaced snowmaking and drainage pipelines across the base of the slopes. In the lodge, Devil's Head has renovated the hotel lobby; hallways; indoor pool; and 23 hotel rooms along with the pro shop.

Sundown Mountain, IA has 2 new TechnoAlpin Snow Machines; 1 new Prinoth Bison Groomer; and hundreds of new rentals.

Coffee Mill Ski Area, MN plans to add snowtubing this winter; and has added an additional groomer to its fleet.

Wilmot Mountain, WI has

- a new paperless rental system
 - Added Super Pole Cat Snowmakers and ...
 - Built a new snowmaking pumphouse
 - Remodeled the Tiffany Room server
 - Renovated the Rental building
 - Added a new mascot: "Freddi the Yeti"
- And a new snowtubing area is in progress.

Snow Trails, OH adds a new trail to the trailmap, and a new rental building.

OEC Update



Karen Hadden
Division OEC
Supervisor

I cannot think of all the adjectives needed to describe the Division meeting in Ohio. AWE-SOME, WONDERFUL, EXCITING, FUN, GREAT and OUTSTANDING are a few that come to mind. The Ohio Region went above and beyond for the patrollers. All of us walked away so very proud of our award winners. We have so many valuable and outstanding patrollers in the Central Division. They not only took Central Division awards but half of the National awards. That is nothing short of amazing. They all pushed themselves beyond their comfort zone and demanded more of themselves. And along the way they have had an amazing trip. It was an honor to celebrate with them.

Personally I was humbled by the support given to the OEC 5th edition by the Region Directors. It was due to your support that we have been able to roll out the new text with few issues. Thanks to everyone who has embraced the new text. Our patients will have better outcomes and benefit from our new and improved skills.

The Central Division will be piloting the National Quality Management System starting with the Outdoor Emergency Care program. We are currently working to ensure it is ready to roll out to the Region OEC

Administrators as well as the Instructors of Record. We anticipate having the roll out done before the first OEC class is complete. Please stay tuned for updates.



Again, thanks to all for your support of a quality Outdoor Emergency Care program. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you as we complete our classes, refreshers and SEM evaluations. Good Luck to all.

As always, never hesitate to contact Kathy Glynn or me with any questions/concerns.

Treasurer's Report



Joe Hamel
Division
Treasurer

One year has come and gone since I was appointed to be your Treasure at the September 2010 board meeting. The first couple of months were like drinking from a fire hose, setting up a new bank account, filing our two IRS reports, coming up to speed with Quickens, expenses checks and understanding all the income and expense accounts. . Thank God you all were patient when I called for help. Much appreciated.

I got through the spring 2011 Board Meeting with all my body parts in tack, although at times I felt like I was in high school studying Latin. After a few false starts and help from the board members, I got through it.

The months flew by and low and behold it was August and soon the Fall Division meeting. It was a pleasure to put a face on those of you to whom I only had conversed by email or on the phone. For those of you whose paths I had crossed in my early NSP days, it was nice to get re-acquainted. Many thanks to Bill Currier and his Region folks for a wonderful weekend.

Rather than continue with my verbosity, let me bullet a few accomplishments and a couple of request:

- The Division year-end Financials and 2011-12 Budget by category are now posted at the Web site,
- IRS Form 990 for Central Division Inc., our investment account, has been filed,
- If you have expenses please use the Excel Voucher found at our Web site under "Bookshelf" Be sure to send a copy to your supervisor for approval.
- Those of you who have Income fees for your programs you will now be able to register participants online at the Division Web page, Thanks to Chris Raudabaugh, Don Loerch, and Dan Moss. Thanks for making my job easier!
- Mileage for Division travel continues at \$.32 per mile. Oh, don't forget MapQuest.

Finally;

“Live a good and honorable life, and then when you get older and think back, you’ll enjoy it a second time.”

The ABC’s of Ski Patrol Leadership

Synopsis of the keynote presentation, “Slopeside Leadership: The ABC’s of Ski Patrol Leadership” given by Ted Schick of Schick Corporate Learning to the attendees of the 2011 Western Region Ski Patrol Fall Meeting, Saturday, Sept 24, 2011 at the Edgewater Hotel, Duluth, MN.

Ski patrollers are all servant leaders. We ski, we train, and we show up—to serve. We serve our fellow patrollers and most importantly, we serve and care for our patients. Below is what I consider the ABC’s of our slopeside leadership:

1. You’re being watched. You are, you know. When you are in a position of leadership, people follow your every move. And as a ski patroller, you are leading. Leading you or leading others. When times are chaotic or stressful, stay calm. You are being watched. The people around you need you to be calm.

2. Be competent. Be tactically and technically proficient. None of us wants to serve next to a patroller that is unsure or worse, incompetent. Competency = Respect = Leadership. Work on your competency—it defines you.

3. Accountability. Is there a place for accountability in volunteer work? You betcha! We are accountable for ourselves, each other and our patients. Hold our patrollers accountable who are not performing to their ability. Have those difficult conversations with them or the morale of the ski patrol team will suffer. Intervene early, intervene often.

4. Teamwork. Ski patrol is the epitome of teamwork. A popular recent trend is these “flash mobs”—seemingly impromptu orchestrated groups of people who break out in dance on a city street or in the mall. Ski Patrol is “flash teams!” From out of nowhere with a squawk of the radio, we’re there. The team composition is never the same and yet we click like we’ve known each other forever. Ski patrol teams support each other and never undermine each other and never ever, air our disagreement to the patient.

5. Recognition. In many cases, it’s all we got to appreciate our fellow patrollers. It sure isn’t for the money! Give praise and feedback lavishly. To make it meaningful, make the feedback and appreciation as specific and detailed—tell them why you appreciate them.

6. Develop and challenge your people. To grow your patrol, you need to grow your people. People stay committed when they find what they do interesting and challenging. Challenge them to do more than the usual. Challenge them to serve on a committee, mentor a new patroller, or be an instructor. To challenge them, ASK THEM! They just may surprise you and say yes.

7. Motivate! Right along with developing, we need to motivate our patrollers. Reach them with what matters to them. We serve to contribute for the personal satisfaction it gives us. Address those intrinsic motivators—the relationships, the purpose, the contribution. Give the feedback and appreciation flowing to motivate.

8. Teach and Mentor. The futures of our patrols are the new candidates for this year. Are we working to make them feel welcome? Have we set them up for success? If not already in place, consider a mentor program for this year’s class. Teach well and teach thoroughly. Done correctly and you’ve done #6 & 7 above!

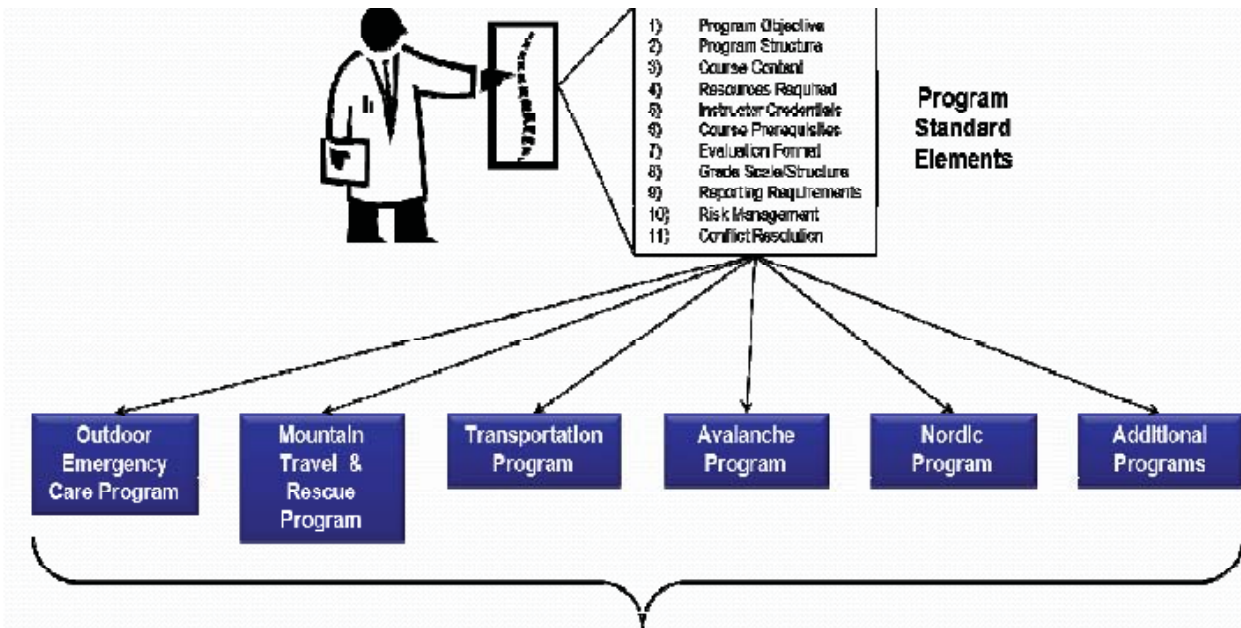
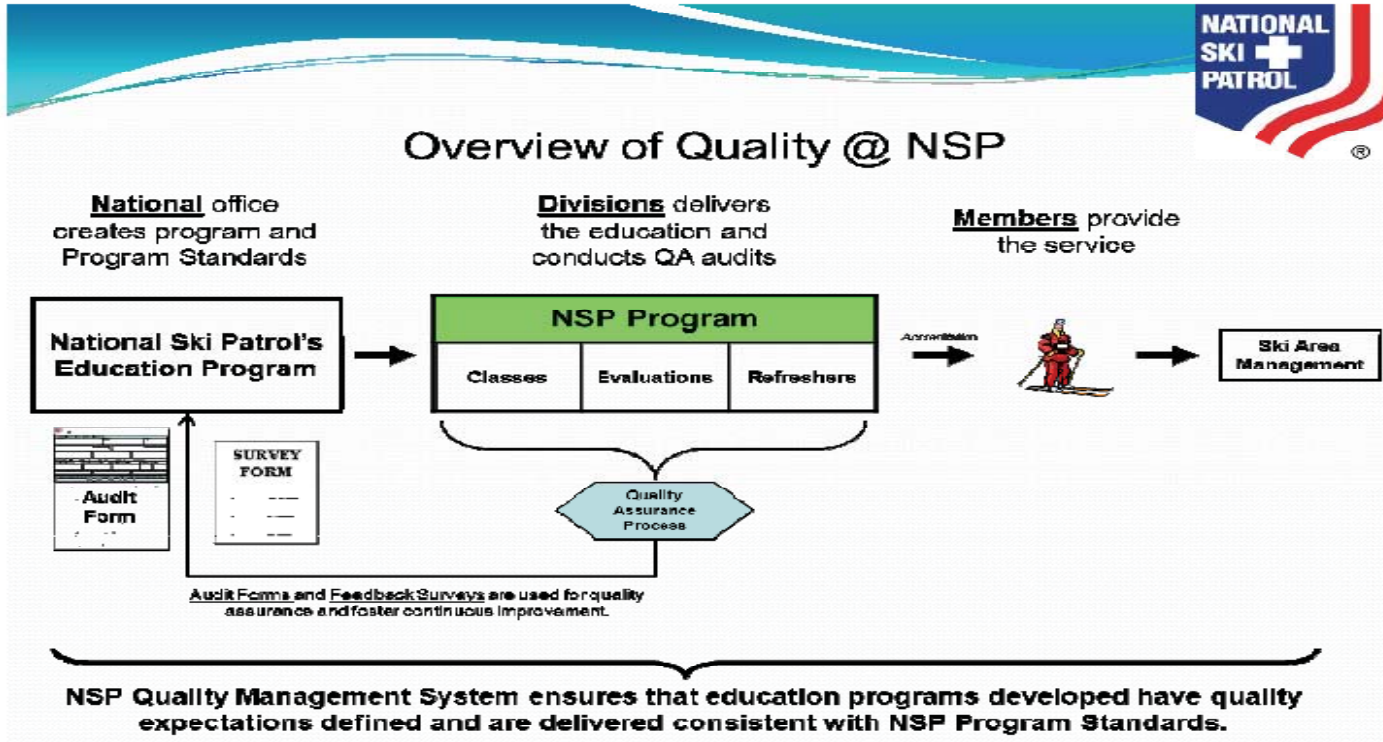
9. Take Charge! Act. Make decisions. Do. Lead. When you find yourself first on the scene of an accident, take charge. Be calm, be the leader, and do. Be thorough and consider your steps but remember, hesitation kills.

10. Have a vision. Communicate that vision. All leaders, even Ski Patrol leaders, do not have the luxury of living only in today. Have a vision for your patrol--- what’s changing and how are you adapting? Have a vision for yourself as well. Communicate that vision or the vision means nothing.

NSP Quality Management System

Jeff Cripps of Eastern Region worked with NSP to develop the Quality Management System that will be implemented this season in the Central Division prior to full NSP utilization. Central Division thanks Jeff for his dedicated effort to bring this program to reality. Following is a brief synopsis of the new NSP QMS program.

The National Ski Patrol is to be the premier provider of training and education programs for emergency rescuers serving the outdoor recreation community. It establishes a Quality Management System (QMS) that sets quality guidelines which ensure that the process of delivering NSP educational programs follow national standards. It also ensures that they are being taught by accredited instructors, are monitored through independent auditing and enhanced via continuous improvement measures.



The NSP 'Program Standard' is 11 elements that each Educational Program defines in their documentation to ensure the education is delivered in a uniform and consistent basis



11 Quality Elements of all Programs

- Program Objective
- Program Structure
- Course Content
- Resources Required
- Instructor Credentials
- Course Prerequisites
- Evaluation Format
- Grade Scale / Structure
- Reporting Requirements
- Risk Management
- Conflict Resolution

Women's Clinic Set for Early 2012



Sandi Hammons
Division Women's
Seminar
Supervisor

Ladies of the Central Division

We will be holding our Central Division Women's Clinic at BigPowderHorn, Bessemer, MI this season. January 28 and 29th, 2012 will be your best time on the snow. I can say that because, I have been at the clinic as participate for many years and a staff member for a couple more. It is a great weekend get away! Open to skiers/riders /telemarks disciplines.

Lodging has been arranged at Black River Lodge just 2 miles from the area. Transportation to the area is arranged. Cheryl Carr from BigPowderHorn is our liaison for and our event.

Our event will start on Friday, January 27th @ 7pm, Black River Lodge. This will be meet/greet/registrations with a boot fitting/suggestion for those that wish to participate. We will have light appetizers and beverages.

We will meet on Saturday at Big Powder Horn. I can't wait to see the area and ski/ride with all of you. Saturday Evening will include dinner at BigPowderHorn with our keynote speaker, Dana Zedak.

I ask those that wish to attend send an email to centraldivisionwomensclinic@gmail.com ASAP. Our clinic is limited to 30 participants. I will start a waiting list if needed. With your email, I will then forward you all of the information for registration and lodging. Cost for the clinic will be \$60 and it will be all done electronically. Your room reservations will be done through the Black River Lodge.

I look forward to meeting and sliding with all of you. Please mark your calendar and sign up for this fantastic weekend.

Division Ski School Membership On Line



Dan Moss
NSP-C PSIA Ski
School
Supervisor

Thanks to the efforts of Chris Raudabaugh (Div. Web) and Joe Hamel (Div. Treasure), and the writing efforts of Chuck Martschinke (past Div. Director and street corner guru), we bring you ON-LINE Registration!

I'm pleased to announce that by this printing we should be online at our Division website for fulfillment of your NSP-C Division Ski School Membership. Go to the Division Web site- <http://www.nspcentral.org/>, and follow the links to the NSP-C Division Ski School Application. You will receive a confirmation of payment and letter signifying your active membership into the ski school. November 1 is the expiration of last year's policy and thus the deadline for this year's renewal.

Please complete the application and pay online through a secured payment system. This is the same system that has been used for our Division Meeting Registrations and other Central Division education events. Each individual will need to register; there will be no batch/group registrations.

Your NSP-C Division Ski School membership has many benefits: camaraderie, a place to hang your hat as an Instructor, liability insurance coverage, and a hand-up in finding other members willing to come alongside you in your journey. The educational mission of the ski school is to help fellow patrollers to increase their ski/ride skills. Our resorts are counting on us.

The NSP-C Division Ski School membership insurance policy is a group policy of which our school is just one of many ski schools. The policy provides two million dollars of liability coverage when instructing patrollers in a class as a Ski/Ride instructor. Unique to this plan is that your coverage travels with you if you are instructing patrollers outside of your area. Our dues remain the same for the 2011-2012 year. If you are a Certified PSIA or AASI I, II, or III, your dues are \$55, non-certified is \$70.

If you have any questions, you can contact your Region Ski School Advisor for assistance.

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Southern: Dave Malhiot	dmalhiot@yahoo.com
Western: Cindy/Jim McLeod	cjmcleod@d.umn.edu

The Division Ski Trainers Workshops are around the corner, see our Skills Development Advisor Don Loerch's article for details.

I'm looking forward to those first arcs and I hope you are too!

High Tech Instructor Development



Virginia Rodeman
Division Instructor
Development
Supervisor

We have finally made it to the world of technology! NSP has launched a new Instructor Development E-course. This method for class has made it more convenient for patrollers to take the course. As with anything there are a few growing pains but for the most part it is a way for many patrollers to take this class. It consists of the on-line part and a face to face teaching. After a patroller completes the on line part, he or she is then ready for the teaching part of this class and takes the certificate of completion from the online course to the class. (The teaching component has been a part of ID for about five years within the Central Division.) This face to face teaching is a regularly scheduled class registered by the instructor of record (IOR). One of the problems we have encountered is that not all students are ready to take the face to face class at the same time. It is necessary that anyone taking the class plan far enough ahead so they are finished when the face to face class starts. This is the first step in becoming an instructor. Mentoring begins once this class is over. Mentoring is discipline specific and can take any amount of time to complete.

The traditional class is still another way to take Instructor Development.

Stay tuned, now that we have joined the technology age, the E-course and book are about ready to be reviewed and rewritten.

NSP PEC 2012

Desire exhilaration, mental stimulation, and camaraderie? Attend NSP's 2012 Patroller Education Conference (PEC) at Copper Mountain, CO to get all of that and much, much more!

What is PEC? PEC is NSP's bi-annual event designed to help educate patrollers and improve their skills through 3 jam-packed days filled with instructional clinics, informative speakers, and of course skiing, food and fun!

When and where? PEC 2012 will be held at Copper Mountain, Colorado on April 12-14th, 2012. Not only can you ski Copper Mountain while you are in town, but within 30 minutes of Copper there are 7 other ski resorts. Come early and try them out!

What clinics will be offered? PEC has 10 impressive clinics to participate in to improve patroller skills, including Risk Management, Nordic, Certified, OEC, Toboggan, Women's Program, Instructor Development, MTR, Pro Patroller Round Table, and Avalanche.

How do I attend? It's easy! Registration begins October 1 via the NSP website at www.nsp.org. Copper is currently accepting reservations for discounted rooms and airport transportation! Call (866) 837-2996 to reserve your room today, make sure you mention National Ski Patrol Patroller Education Conference or PEC to secure the discounted room rate.

To book your airport shuttle please call Roberta Fish at 800-874-3170.

More questions? Contact Christine Albertson at the National Office at 720-963-2621.



MTR Planning for 2012 UP Experience



John Wachter
Division MTR
Supervisor

Well I just got back from the division meeting in Covington KY. I find myself repeating this alot but, what a great event filled with a wonderful group of people. It is always a pleasure to see every one again.

I have been talking with Bill Baer and Melanie Fullman, two MTR instructors from the U.P who are employees of the US Forest Service, officers of Gog. Co. Search & Rescue and long-time National Ski Patrollers. They each have 25+ years of experience living, working (and searching for folks) in Michigan, Idaho, Washington, and Alaska.

Once again we will be working with Melanie and Bill to provide an MTR2 / instructor development course in the rolling hills and incised valleys of the Bessemer Ranger District (Ottawa National Forest) on a tentative date of March 16-18-2011. We will be starting around 6:00 p.m on Friday and finishing up by 12:00 p.m on Sunday. In addition to working with other Patrollers, attendees will participate in field rescue exercises with the Gogebic County Search & Rescue unit. The class is designed to accommodate a range of outdoor skills, mixing various levels of previous experience.

Topics will include:

- From Here to There: a map & compass refresher that will cover topo maps, dead reckoning, and GPS
- Pigs in a Blanket (aka Emergency Toboggan Construction)
- That's NOT a KNOT! (knots refresher)

- Hangin' with Friends: a ropes refresher in a controlled environment (an unheated but wind-protected and illuminated barn)
- Proper equipment and clothing

There will be 2-3 field scenarios which will emphasize group learning. Effective search techniques, patient care, effective rescue, and communications will be the primary focus. There are no tricks; there is no test. Teamwork and communication = successful searches. Several participants will have chances for command positions with possible LAR (low angle rescue) needed to extract victims. A debriefing will be held at the end of each completed scenario to go over plus and minus of operation.

Due to terrain and snow conditions, participants should bring XC skis and/or snowshoes. Those wanting to camp, either in tents or self-made snow caves, should bring appropriate camping gear, clothing, and supplies for below 0° temperatures. Warm indoor shelter will be available. Friday dinner and possibly Sat. dinner will be group meals; participants will need to provide their own field meals and snacks. Anyone wishing to attend please let me know by Feb. 26-2011. Class space will be limited due to the nature of it and there will be a registration fee of \$20.00. If you are an instructor and would like to help out please let me know.

Hot Topics at Devil's Head



Jeannine Mogan
Division Patroller
101 Supervisor

This past August, ski area managers, employees and PRs from the Midwest traveled to Devil's Head resort for the annual Midwest Ski Areas Association conference. It was a great opportunity for Patrol Representatives to learn about the "hot topics" of the ski industry.

NSAA President, Michael Berry, reported that there is overall growth in skiing and snowboarding. The golf industry is interested in how we are able to keep and grow our customer base. Your customer service skills can make a difference in weather or not people who are new to the sport will return again and again. Do you include customer service training for your new patrollers?

Division Director, Jim Woodrum, made a well-attended presentation about OSHA inspections. Ski areas may come under greater scrutiny this year. This is a good topic to bring up with your area manager. Is there a plan in place for unplanned inspections at your area? If so, what is your role in the plan? Are you providing BSI training each year to your patrollers? Are procedures in place in your patrol room? Contact Jim if you want more information on this topic.

Mountain Guard insurance company held an important session on incident report forms. Do your patrollers know how to put their observations on a report in an objective manner? Do they know how to correct errors on the report? Do they know what types of items should and should not be included? Many ski areas have additional reports that are completed by lift operators for incidents involving lifts or tow ropes. This may be an opportunity for Patrollers to share their report knowledge with other employees at the area. Chapter 8 (Medical Communications and Documentation) in the new OEC 5th edition is an excellent resource.

Wells Fargo insurance company held an outdoor "on the slopes" session on incident investigation. Does your area have an incident investigation procedure in place? What is the role of the patrol? Is there an incident investigation kit? Is it well stocked?

All of these topics can be incorporated into your annual "local protocols" sessions. It is critical that your new patrollers also have a good understanding of the topics that are vital to the ski area operation. The Introduction to Patrolling program is a good place for new patrollers to explore these items. All Patrols in our division should be opening an Introduction to Patrolling program for their candidates.

Have a great season!

Skills Development Planning Busy 2012



Don Loerch
Division
Skills Development
Supervisor

Going, going, gone.....summer that is!

Moving into fall mode, I am very excited to report that your Skills Development team has been busy laying the ground work for another great season. We've been working hard planning a number of early season educational events guaranteed to sharpen your skills on the mountain. For starters, our traveling troop will be visiting three amazing venues in December. Mark your calendars for the one(s) closest to you: Trollhaugen, WI/ December 3-4, Boyne Highlands, MI/ December 10-11, Cascade Mountain, WI/December 17-18. Each of these Alpine Clinics (STW'S) is designed to jump start the season for region and local training staffs. We've even added a session this season to aid Senior Candidates on their journey. As always, please visit the Central Division website (www.nspcentral.org) to have a look at the specific programs offered and register on-line.

As we look forward to the season of 2011-2012, I'd encourage all of the wonderful patrollers in our division to set aside a few precious ski days for organized training events. Just as great athletes train for success, so must we. The challenge for many of us is finding the time. Not to worry, all that's needed is a quick look at your region calendar to discover an abundance of opportunities close to home. Make sure you grab one or more of your shift/patrol friends and have some fun at a Ski Trainers Workshop (STW), Ski/ Board Enhancement Seminar (SES) or Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (TES). They're out there you just have to look.

If that's not enough to consider, don't forget that our Central Division has one of the largest most active PSIA/AASI accredited ski/ride schools in this part of the country. Of which membership (in the NSP-C Ski School) is open to all patrollers (visit: www.nsp-cskischool.com Dan Moss - Director). Of course, PSIA/AASI certification is not a requirement to join and all are welcome to enjoy the benefits of belonging. By now you probably realize many of the ski school members are also region and local toboggan trainers completing the circuit of talent at your disposal. So as you can see, no matter what your goals for the upcoming season, we've got your back! You have a team at your local resort, region and division ready to support your efforts 110%.

Stay safe and we'll look forward to seeing you on the snow...

Toboggan Stuff



Tom Worley
Division
Toboggan
Supervisor

Summer is well behind us, the fall meeting was two weeks ago and yesterday was the first day of fall. Snow has started to accumulate out West and our season is rapidly approaching. Once again I am excited and eagerly anticipating our first day. With that said, we still have some things to finish from last year. If you are a toboggan Instructor Trainer (IT) and haven't sent your training log from last season to your Region Toboggan Supervisor you won't be reappointed. If you are a toboggan instructor (TI) you also need to send in your training log but your reappointment schedule is every three years.

NEW THIS SEASON: At the Fall Meeting, ALL IT's in the Central Division, including toboggan IT's, will be required to submit a season (training) goals document to their respective Supervisors. In our case that will be your Region Toboggan Supervisor. Once the season is over you will then send to your same Region supervisor a similar document listing your activities that show your fulfillment of your preseason goals. Your role as an IT is to teach teachers. Your Division leadership wants a little more management on your part. You will be required to submit this information each and every season as part of your annual IT requirements. If you fail to provide this documentation of your activities, both planned and actual, you will not be reappointed.

Please keep in touch with your Region Supervisor for more on this topic.

NEW TOBOGGON PUBLICATIONS: This past spring and summer the Division toboggan supervisors and others from around the Nation participated in the revision of the Patrollers Manual. According to our National Transportation Pro-

gram Director, Frey Aarino, the new Patrollers Manual is to be available yet this Fall.

Over the summer the same group submitted suggested changes to the Outdoor Emergency Transportation (OET) manual. This revision will be linked with a series of videos that will provide a much better representation of skills and techniques that were previously difficult to demonstrate in still photos. Dana Jordan, Cascade Toboggan President is a huge contributor in this new document and for the first time is supportive of handling the toboggan outside of the handles. More on this at a later date.

If you feel that there is something that should be included or should not be included in this new OET edition, please let me know and I will make sure that it is considered prior to the publication of this new written and video OET. Early indications are that this new OET manual will be a much better tool for our membership.

SENIOR TOBOGGAN “PREP” COURSE: This December, the three Division STW’s conducted by the Division Skills Team will include a program specifically for any patroller considering or planning on taking the Senior Toboggan portion of the Senior Evaluation this season. Division Senior Program Supervisor Jay Zedak and I will be providing this Senior preparation program. The intent is to provide in depth analysis of current skills and as necessary, guided practice intended to strengthen areas needing improvement. This will be a “hands on” course with small participant to instructor ratios. If you are interested, don’t delay signing up for this opportunity to get exceptional toboggan handling training for prospective Seniors. Go to the Division web site and get signed up ASAP.

TOBOGGAN ENHANCEMENT SEMINARS: Each patroller in the Central Division is challenged to keep their toboggan handling skills at the highest lever. The best way to do this is to participate in one or more Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TES) every season. Every patrol is recommended to have at least one TES each season for its membership. The only thing needed is to have your Patrol Representative contact your Region Toboggan Supervisor. Every patrol has at least one toboggan IT responsible for your area, even if you don’t have an IT on your patrol. That IT will coordinate with your Patrol Representative the time and date. All you have to do is show up. You will be with your fellow patrollers, on your hill with your equipment. Don’t fail to keep you skill at the highest level; it’s our commitment to our local area and the skiing/riding public that you serve. You represent your association and fellow members when providing an injured guest the prompt and safe transportation that they expect and deserve. Do it with skill and pride, you are a trained NSP professional.

IT RECERTIFICATION: Two seasons ago the formal toboggan IT recertification program began and was available at all the December STW’s conducted by the Division Training Staff in the 2009-10 & 2010-11 seasons. All IT re-certification events will now be conducted by the Region toboggan staff from each Region. If you did not take advantage of the past toboggan IT recertification opportunities you will have to participate at one within your Region. Your Region Toboggan Supervisor will have the dates and locations he has arranged. Contact him for all of the details.

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR TREF YET? Every alpine ski patrol is expected to have their own TREF. If you haven’t had a TREF you are not fulfilling what your Region and Division leadership has requested as well as what each and every area manager is expecting. The TREF is critical in keeping you literally in touch with a on the hill skill and responsibility. Make sure you take part in a TREF at the beginning of every season!

What is a TREF? TREF is the NSP acronym for the Toboggan Refresher program that needs to be registered and conducted at the beginning of each and every season. Make sure that it happens for you and your fellow patrollers at your area.

Have a great season.

Common Thread Among Senior Patrollers

In preparing for my 2nd year as the Central Division’s Senior Program Supervisor, I interviewed many patrollers involved in the Central Divisions Senior Program. All Seniors interviewed had stories to tell. The question posed was this, “What motivated you to achieve senior status?” From candidates to seasoned examiners, some common threads hold us all together . Skills. Leadership. Family.

See if you can relate to them too?



Jay Zedak
Division
Senior
Supervisor

SKILLS. I found this topic something I could personally relate to. Some patrollers said, “ I did IT for the challenge” or “it seemed like the next step in developing my skills”. For some of us it is simply the thirst for new knowledge, acquiring new skills, or enhancing old skills. This year the senior Alpine Snowboard Examine teams will be using a new score cards that will hopefully enhance the examiner’s skills to better evaluate the riding candidate. What better way to develop our skills than to have an honest assessment from our peers within the NSP?

LEADERSHIP. This topic was also a common thread but not without controversy. Whether the patroller I was talking to received their senior pin in the 70’s or just last year, their seemed to be some drama involved and yet all were thankful they had the experience. Like any family we have some strife but strong leaders have come from those willing to stretch themselves and grow, on and off the snow. One woman who received her senior pin after testing for 5 straight seasons said it best, “If I wasn’t taught how to be a leader after that, I don’t know what leadership is!”

FAMILY. Some people I spoke with literally became seniors because their parents were, or some other bio-logical family member. BUT, “patrol family” was a common theme with every-one. Memories were created and stories treasured for years after. Some story’s were bound with secrecy and not to be shared in this publication....losing keys, cars, and little Debbie’s? So to respect and honor those requests I’ll only share the smile that comes from thinking of “patrol family” from all over the division.

SKILLS. LEADERSHIP. FAMILY. Were you able to relate? I can say for myself that, I jump into the 2nd year of having the privilege to be the Central Division’s Senior Program Supervisor with a renewed sense of commitment to these 3 common threads. I will continue to learn and enhance my own SKILLS, do what I can to encourage LEADERSHIP in all my fellow patrollers, but most of all I look forward to a season of memories with my “patrol FAMILY!”

“New” Snowboard Senior Eval Form

Location: _____
 Instructor/Examiner: _____

Snowboarding Performance Evaluation

Date: ____/____/____

Groomed Slope Snowboarding	Performance Grading Scale: (+) Exceeds Objectives (-) Meets Objectives (0) Fails Objectives			
Slope selection should be more/to most difficult terrain based on evaluation day conditions and be appropriate for the skills being evaluated. Slope selection should be more to most difficult.	Candidate 1	Candidate 2	Candidate 3	Candidate 4
1. Demonstrate rounded turn slope -medium is bigger than short and the long are bigger than the mediums. Mediums are approximately 45' in width. Some skidding is acceptable in short and medium turns.				
2. Demonstrate efficient mix of short, medium and long radius turns.				
3. Perform "switch riding" using a variety of short, medium and long radius turns.				
4. The rider is relaxed and maintains balance throughout the turns.				
5. Performs run in a series of turns as connected arcs - no traverse.				
6. Demonstrates an adaptive balance to terrain changes throughout the run.				
OVERALL Groomed Slope Snowboarding: PASS OR FAIL [P] [F]				
Steep Slope Snowboarding	Performance Grading Scale: (+) Exceeds Objectives (-) Meets Objectives (0) Fails Objectives			
Slope selection should be more/to most difficult terrain based on evaluation day conditions and be appropriate for the skills being evaluated. Slope selection should be more to most difficult.	Candidate 1	Candidate 2	Candidate 3	Candidate 4
1. Performs a fall line descent maintaining quite upper body. Turns are initiated with the legs and feet adding appropriate amount of torsional flex to the board.				
2. Performs turns demonstrating a range of turn sizes, shapes and techniques.				
3. Performs short turns with very little traverse where skidding is allowed.				
4. Maintains consistent and controlled speed.				
5. Maintains active balance with center of mass moving down the fall line and adapting to/matching the intervalled terrain.				
6. Demonstrates proper use of leg flexing during turn initiation and leg extension in the shaping/controling portion of the turns.				
OVERALL Groomed Slope Snowboarding: PASS OR FAIL [P] [F]				

Location: _____
 Instructor/Examiner: _____

Snowboarding Performance Evaluation

Date: ____/____/____

Mogul Snowboarding	Performance Grading Scale: (+) Exceeds Objectives (-) Meets Objective		
Terrain: More Difficult / Smooth	Candidate 1	Candidate 2	Candidate 3
1. The descent should be a series of linked turns demonstrating effective control while selecting a route down the fall line.			
2. Shows a competent technique to negotiate terrain.			
3. Performs consistent turns while maintaining a constant speed of descent.			
4. Performs controlled direction changes, use of edges and pressure to complete turns.			
5. Demonstrate balance, stability and control.			
OVERALL Score For Mogul Snowboarding: PASS OR FAIL (P) (F)			
Fundamental Riding Skills	Performance Grading Scale: (+) Exceeds Objectives (-) Meets Objective		
	Candidate 1	Candidate 2	Candidate 3
1. Aligned Stance			
2. Overall Balance			
3. Body Movement: Rotation			
4. Body Movement: Flexion/Extension			
5. Board Performance: Rotation			
6. Board Performance: Edge			
7. Board Performance: Pressure			
8. Board Performance: Torsional Flex			
OVERALL Score - Fundamental Riding skills: PASS or FAIL (P) (F)			
FINAL SCORE FOR ALPINE SKILLS EVALUATION: PASS or FAIL (P) (F)			
*COMMENTS:			

Certified 30th Anniversary in 2012



Mike Longfellow-Jones
 Division Certified Supervisor

This coming ski season marks the 30th Anniversary of the Certified Program in the Central Division. Nub's Nob, in Northern Michigan Region, was host to the first Central Division evaluation back in 1982. That first evaluation was conducted under the scrutiny and with the support of the Eastern Division. Examiners included George Wesson, one of the founding fathers of the NSP, and Bill Hubbard, past Eastern Division staff who went on to become one of the Central Division's Certified program supervisors when he relocated to the Midwest.

Our own Tom Worley headed up the group and several other current staff members including Hank Herlick, Ed Davis, Dan Kleymeer, Rick Barber, and Mike Husar who were there as participants with Tom. Bill Campbell was the Northern Michigan Region Director at that time and was instrumental in supporting the event along with Nubs Nob management staff Jim Bartlett and Jim Dillworth. Rick Barber #165, and Mike Husar #166, were the only patrollers successful at that that first event, but all of the staff mentioned above went on to earn their Certified status.

The 2012 Certified Evaluation is planned to for March 1 - 3, 2012 at Perfect North Slopes, in Law-

renceburg, Indiana! I encourage you to come out and witness some of the event if you have any interest in what the program is all about. We are about fun, we are about camaraderie, and we are about professionalism and skills focused on serving the NSP, ski area management and the outdoor community!

Other Certified Clinic dates:

Jan. 7 & 8, Qualification and recertification clinic @ Perfect North Slopes

Jan. 16, Qualification and recertification clinic @ Nubs Nob

Jan. 21, Qualification and recertification clinic @ Marquette Mountain

Jan. 21, Qualification and recertification clinic @ Lutsen Mountain

Jan. 29, Qualification and Certified Program Awareness Clinic (only) at Chestnut Mountain

Time to Think Avalanche



This season you will have the opportunity to take the Level 1 Avalanche course, a Level 2 prerequisite course, at each of the Divisional Ski and Toboggan Clinics. This course will enable you to attend the Level 2 course. We will also offer a Division sponsored Level 1 course at Mt. Bohemia on January 28th and 29th, 2012. Contact your divisional representatives for reservations and more details.

S & T at Trollhaugen 12/3/2011 thru 12/4/2011

Boyne Highlands 12/10/2011 thru 12/11/2011

Cascade Mt. 12/17/2011 thru 12/18/2011

Dale Mihuts
Division
Avalanche
Supervisor

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The avalanche group this season will offer two Level 2 courses. For the first time we will offer a Level 2 course within the Central Division. The course is being finalized and will be held at Mt. Bohemia and surrounding areas. The dates are from Feb. 12th through the 18th. For more information on this course contact David Hartman at whd@acd.net.

The second Level 2 course will be held in Utah from March 10th thru March 17th. For more details on this course contact Harold Park, Assistant Divisional Avalanche Advisor. The numbers on this course will be limited so please respond promptly to reserve your spot. You will have the opportunity to train in avalanche terrain. We will also be doing route finding and backcountry trip planning. You will learn to evaluate, test and mitigate avalanche hazards. This course prepares you for travel in the side country and backcountry environments.

There will also be training available in your respective regions. Contact your regional avalanche advisor or regional director for more information. Listed below are some contacts:

David Hartman, Northern Michigan, whd@acd.net

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Think lots of snow and we'll see you out there.

Patrollers Aid in Car Crash- Story of True Heroism

Special to the RPN

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It was a normal, quiet Saturday morning when Mt. Hood Ski Patroller, Jodie Jeffers was out walking her dog on June 4th, 2011. She and 10 other patrollers were among 200 patrollers attending patrol training events over the weekend at a local Inn near Mt. Hood, Oregon. However, that normal, quiet Saturday instantly changed into a life-threatening situation for two men.



About 300 yards from the Inn, the two men were driving down the road. They lost control of their vehicle, catapulting them and their Subaru into a small stream - flipping and hitting several large rocks along the way. One of the men was ejected from the vehicle, hitting his head and torso before slipping into the creek. Both of the crash victims sustained life-threatening injuries that, without immediate medical attention, could have quite possibly resulted in the loss of their lives.

Jodie and 2 other bystanders were the first to respond on the scene. One of the bystanders elevated the ejected victim's head out of the water. Soon after, Jodie and the other bystander soon came to aid in lifting the victim out of the water. Jodie called the Inn to have other patrollers notified of the accident. Then, she immediately started providing first aid to the crash victims. Within minutes, 11 ski patrollers with varying backgrounds and expertise were collaboratively providing Outdoor Emergency Care skills to the two men. The patrollers utilized the knowledge and skills gained from trainings such as: Scene Size Up, Initial Assessment, Bleeding, Hypothermia, Head Injuries, Spinal Precautions, and Shock, among many others.

After about 30 minutes, local EMS arrived at the scene. A double Life Flight was on their way and arrived approximately 60 minutes later to take the men to nearby medical facilities.

"All came together in an even flow and voices were low and calm," stated first responder Jodie Jeffers.

"Those looking on must have thought the patrollers knew each other well and have trained together often." Little did they know that these ski patrollers had not met each other's groups until that very morning. Still, they worked calmly and naturally as they proceeded to apply the lifesaving Outdoor Emergency Care skills they all knew.

The knowledge and skills these patrollers possessed from Outdoor Emergency Care, combined with braveness and heroism can be considered a main contributor to the two men surviving.

A special recognition goes out to all the ski patrollers who assisted these two individuals in need of emergency care. You are incredible individuals and represent true heroism to its full definition.

Thank You:

Washington Summit East ■Darel (Scotty) Meyer

Michigan- Boyne Highlands ■Mike Longfellow-Jones ■Bob Anderson ■Tim Ronda ■Don Smith

Oregon Wy East Region (Mt Hood) ■Terry Neidermeyer ■Margaret Usher ■Jodie Jeffers ■Larry Cahill ■Kathy Lee ■Jim Trett

Mt Bohemia's Search and Rescue Dog Ben



Mt. Bohemia's avalanche dog Ben takes time out from his busy schedule of activities to refresh for the upcoming season. Ben and the crew at Mt. Bohemia rely on volunteer patrollers from throughout the Central Division to help fill patrol schedules. To learn how you can enjoy enjoy time at one of the Central Division's most unique alpine operations please contact Lindsey at 213-420-5405.

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*Please call:
Lindsey
231-420-5405*

Region Reports



Derrick Werner
Eastern Michigan
Region Director

New Patrollers

Alpine Valley East: Doug Anderson, Tammy Engle, Cecilia Gollan, Kathleen Gradowski, Eric Lucas, Trevor Toth; Apple Mt.: Pete Belej, Brandon Thompson, Randy Keith; Mt. Brighton: Steven Votaw, Henry Loria, Kevin Decker, John Herlocker; Mt Holly: Jim Balla, Tom Black, Tim Bright, Chris Carpenter (Dual certified) ski and snowboard, Dawn Holcomb, Wayne McIntyre, Frank Pfeifer, Chris Prior, Steve Roberts, Greg Roehm, Eric Wheeler, Brad Withorn; Pine Knob: Vickie Denny, David Farris, Dan Jovan, Maya Kivac, Dean Krauss, Mike Malanga, George Moore, Jason Verbrugge, John Taylor-----Dual certified by adding Snowboard

New Seniors: Marilyn Gilin, Alpine Valley East; Howard Haselhuhn, Mt. Brighton; Susan Haynes, Mt. Brighton

Service Awards

10 Years: Susan Nichols, Stephen Pawlowski, Natalie Martinez, Scott Hope, Linda Criswell, Bruce Thill, Edward Arner, Jeffery c. Jurcak, Micheal J. Rhadigan, Robert Carpenter, Cindi Hartmeier, Douglas Harmala, Susan Haynes, Lisa Niemi, Ben Schwendener, Rita Walson, Kenneth Lilje, Michael McHenry; 15 Years: Ed Cunningham, Joan Davey, Chris Fechter, Craig Groulx, Matt Stilson, Jack Hooker, Chery Kilyk, Rebecca Robb, Claudia Applegate, Steve Eick, Wayne A. Lumsden, Michael A. Schons, Barbara Armstrong, Karen Brietzke, Brad Carlson, Ted Cosgwell, Mike Hiler, Marian Laughlin, Jay Stubblefield; 20 Years: Larry Abramowski, John Bach, Mara Gamalski, Jane Williford, Perry Burchfield, Barbara Starr, Patrick Throop, Linda Barthel, Steven Bernier, Chris Budziak, Chris Sulewski, Dawn Carroll, Michael Harper, Donald Blames, Kenneth Bartlett, Sharon L. Hazen, Darrin S. Mallard, Gerald L. Stefano, Donald E. Wilson; 25 Years: Pamela King, Bruce S. Adams; 30 Years: Larry Kovacs, Kevin Pussehl, Jim Hensley, Murdoch J. Hertzog, James Meloche; 35 Years: Henry Hyek, Susan K. Rausch; 40 Years: Ron Treichel, Douglas Gorton, Charles v. White. Carol J. Ferguson, George Hemingway; 45 Years: Carol J. Ferguson, George Hemingway; 50 Years: Gregg Reese, Earl J. Schnur

Patrollers Cross

Ron Cousineau, Sean Howell, Kris Libeau, Stuart Gaft

Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller: Sharon Burrell of Pine Knob; Outstanding Alpine Patroller: James Roell of Pine Knob; Outstanding Instructor: Carl Parkins of Pine Knob; Outstanding OEC Instructor: Steven Fuller of Mt. Holly; Outstanding Patrol Representative: Jon O'Dell Independence Oaks; Outstanding Patrol Class "A": Independence Oaks Nordic, Jon O'Dell Patrol Representative; Outstanding Patrol Class "B": Pine Knob, Pamela King Patrol Representative

National Appointment

Mark Kuehl , National # 11188; Ronald Cousineau, National # 11190; Catalin Barbu National #11192; Gordon Couture, National #11194



North Central Region

David Dahl
North Central
Region Director

Summer is over and it's now officially "Refresher Season" Be sure to check Powderlines to find a refresher near you! Many thanks to all of our OEC trainers and testers and other volunteers who are working extra hard this year to incorporate the changes in the new OEC Fifth Edition. Remember that the OEC Fifth Edition is available online and

is needed to complete this year's refresher.

Kudos to the Ohio Region for hosting an outstanding fall meeting. The North Central Region would also like to congratulate all of the Division outstanding award winners, especially those from our region:

Minocqua Winter Park Patrol - Outstanding Central Division Nordic Patrol

Michael Thomas (Marquette Mt) - First Runner-up Young Adult Patroller Central Division

Thank you to Steven Beil, from Indianhead Patrol, who has agreed to be the Central Division Telecommunication Supervisor.

One change to pass along from the Division meeting: The NSP membership vote on removing the Auxiliary Membership classification was 39% yes, 30% no and 31% no opinion. The name change will go into effect when the next annual NSP Policies and Procedures is published. Auxiliary will be removed as a classification title. Current "Auxiliaries" will be "Patrollers". "Senior Auxiliaries" will become "Senior Patrollers".

The North Central Region Fall Board Meeting will be held on October 15th at Ski Brule, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (Central Daylight Savings Time) – a reminder to all patrol reps – this is YOUR meeting, so join us and share your comments/suggestions for the upcoming season.

North Central Region will be hosting the Central Division Women's Clinic at Big Powderhorn Mountain on January 28-29, 2012. Registration information is on the Central Division website, www.nspcentral.com. Sandi Hammons is the coordinator for this event. This will be a FUN event for women patrollers, from first year basics to Nationals -- all skill levels and all ages are welcome! (Did I mention – NO MEN?)

Don't miss out on any of the great opportunities NSP has to offer - become a Senior Patroller – or a OEC instructor - or an S&T Trainer/Tester. These are just a few of the ways we can become involved beyond our local patrol levels. Please contact me if you need more information.

Looking forward to a great ski season – if only all this rain were white and powdery! See you on the slopes!



Bob Lechtanski
Northern Michigan
Region Director

Northern Michigan Region

It's hard to think snow and patrolling when it 80 degrees and the fall colors are at their peak! But that is exactly what the instructors and patrollers of NMR have been doing for some time now. Beginning with the OEC Fifth Edition Up-date sessions for instructors in July and August and continuing through the last few weekends participating in OEC Refreshers, many NMR patrollers have been preparing for snow. Thank you to all the dedicated OEC Instructors and Supervisors who made this refresher with the new 5th Edition material easy to understand and enjoyable to attend.

At the Central Division Meeting and Awards Banquet we honored many of our fellow patrollers and patrols. I would like to congratulate several individuals and a patrol from Northern Michigan Region who were honored at the banquet. Chris Moe-Herlick from the Nub's Nob patrol was selected as the Central Division and the National Outstanding Instructor. The Otsego Ski Patrol was selected as the Central Division and the National Outstanding Small Ski Patrol. Sharon Crockett from the Nub's Nob Patrol was the Central Division 1st runner-up in

the Outstanding OEC Instructor and Dave Hartman from Boyne Highlands was recognized with the Central Division Supervisors Award in the Avalanche division.

We have always known that we have some of the best patrollers in the National Ski Patrol (NSP) protecting the skiing public right here in the Central Division. This past spring other patrollers attending a training program in Oregon got to witness four of our patrollers in action. The four Northern Michigan Region patrollers from Boyne Highlands Mike Longfellow-Jones, Bob Anderson, Tim Ronda and Don Smith along with seven others jumped into action to give emergency care to two men who were involved in a serious one-car accident. Without the care given by these 11 patrollers both men probably would not be alive today. On September 24th at the Northern Michigan Region OEC Refresher Bob Anderson and Don Smith were awarded Blue Merit Stars and Mike Longfellow-Jone and Tim Ronda were awarded Yellow Merit Stars for their actions during this incident. Congratulations to Mike, Bob, Tim and Don for their dedication and devotion to saving others!

There is a full calendar of events scheduled for this up-coming season. I hope to see you out on the slope at these events when the snow finally arrives.

Have fun and be safe.



Ohio Region

Bill Currier
Ohio Region
Director

Hello again from the OHIO Region. It seems like just yesterday that we all got together in Cincinnati for our Fall meeting. I hope you all had a great time. I sure did. The use of toboggans as ice trays in the hospitality suite was very innovative. What a neat way utilize equipment in the off-season!. The river boat ride on Friday evening was great event attended by more than 100 patrollers, family and friends. Saturday's activities were capped by an awesome banquet and keynote speech by Chip Perfect. He gave a motivational speech, and I hope you all took something away from it. Thanks to John McGoff and his planning committee for putting on an exceptionally fine event.

The Ohio Region Fall Meeting was held on Sunday, Sept. 18 at the Clear Fork resort. Clear Fork plans to re-open this coming season. The Patrol is in the process of rebuilding its membership and re-certifying patrollers for the season. The new owners have already made a lot of improvements and are planning to offer skiing, boarding and tubing. Plan to visit the area and ski a shift with the Clear Fork Patrol. I know they will welcome you, and you will enjoy a day of central Ohio fun in the snow.

Plans for the upcoming season including refreshers, open houses / ski swaps, OEC classes, on-hill training and our SEM in March, 2012, are already being rolled out. Much of our energy this season will be focused embedding the OEC 5th edition into our OEC program and supporting the roll-out of the new QA program. Again this year, we are committing a large number of resources to our ski/board and toboggan training events with the goal of further enhancing our patroller's skills and image in the eyes of area management and their customers. We already have Region STW's, SES's and TES's planned for each area as well as clinics featuring PSIA/AASI instructors.

The Certified program continues to grow in the Ohio Region. Last season, the 1st two ladies from the Ohio Region, Darcey Hanley, formerly from Perfect North Slopes and now National Education Director, and Sandi Hammons, PNS Patrol Representative, achieved certified status. This season the Division Certified Exam will be held at Perfect North Slopes in March, 2012.

We are looking forward to a successful 2011/2012 season and hope to see many Central Division patrollers at the various events that we have planned.

Have a safe and enjoyable season.



Western Michigan Region

Dave Johnson
Western Michigan
Region Director

Our Region is made up of three Sections, six Alpine Patrols, and one Nordic Patrol. It consists of 500 plus Patrollers and 26 Alumni members.

Last year was a great year with plenty of snow and sunshine. We are well into our OEC 5th edition roll out. All our OEC refreshers are scheduled or are taking place at this time. Candidate classes are underway in Section I and II.

We have several TES clinics scheduled through out the Region. This is going to be a transitional year for us as we have a new Region Director, several new Board Members, and a new Section Chief in Section III. Section I will be holding elections for Section Chief. We are looking forward to a new and exciting ski season.

Western Region

I'm excited that the Ski Patrol season is in full swing. The roll-out of the 5th addition is allowing me to learn a few new skills. I'm starting my planning for my personal skill development and working with other members of the NSP to help them develop their plan. I hope you have started your personal skill development plan. If you look at the greatest superstar, even they have a development plan to stay on the top of their game. So I urge you to create a development plan and commit to it.



**John "JT"
Thomas
Western Region
Director**

This plan can be as simple as attending a SES or TES. Maybe you attended one session last season. Did you continue to work on the pointers you received? Do you need new pointers to continue your journey? Please don't stop the your journey to personal improvement and check in with your coach so the journey can continue.

The other item that I'm excited about is "Change". Will there be change in our NSP lives? I know you can plan on it. What will that change will be? I cannot tell you. However if you have ever read the book, "Who Moved My Cheese" by Dr. Spencer Johnson, you would know that you should expect change and embrace change as it WILL happen. The person that accepts the change will be further ahead than the person that fights the change. Does that mean that we should just blindly accept change? The answer is no. However we need to look at the change and make the best possible solutions that we can WITH the change.

I look forward to seeing you on the snow and hope that we all have a safe and productive season.

Featured Sponsor Suppliers:

National Ski Patrol has created two different safety tools available to patrollers and resorts for this coming ski season. Check out the **National Ski Patrol Public Service Announcements (PSA)**. NSP has worked with **Epic Productions**, based in Breckenridge, CO, to create these entertaining and informative 1 to 2 minute videos on four different safety messages including ski area signage, clothing and terrain park safety. NSP has developed this safety tool for you to use in recruiting, training and at your resort. Check all four of them out at <http://www.nsp.org/slopesafety/psa.aspx>

The other tool developed for you and the public is the **NSP Snowsmarts Safety Quiz**. This fun interactive quiz is available on the NSP website and takes only a few minutes. Questions are designed for all levels and are brought onto the screen by a patroller. After answering the five short questions in each ski level, participants can be entered into a drawing for some fantastic gear. Add the link to your patrol website and share the message of safety with your resort guests. <http://www.nsp.org/slopesafety/slopesafetyquiz.aspx> Parents are always looking for cool ways to ingrain safety into their child's head!

NSP lip balm is also available again this year thanks to our NSP Sponsor Natural Ice. Please call David Frick at 303-988-1111 to order your supply today. Quantities are limited. Hand the NSP lip balm out in lift lines and in the first aid room during safety week this year!

NSP First Aid Kits are also available for patrols to hand out during safety week! Give as prizes for events or sell as a fundraiser for your patrol. Email Christine Albertson for more details.

Looking for ways to save your patrol money this season? Check out the money saving opportunities available through the **NSP Medical Supply Purchasing Program** with Medline. Medline is a direct to you manufacturer of medical supplies for your patrol room so they can offer up to 70% savings off your current patrol room order.



Call Elaine Wanat from Medline to get a free cost analysis and compare. Medline is the owner and distributor of the Curad brand, so their standards are high. They have been in business for over 30 years. Snowbird Ski Patrol works with Medline and has saved hundreds of dollars this past year. For more details on the NSP Medical Supply Purchasing Program go to <http://www.nsp.org/about/medline.aspx>



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Scenes from CD Meeting in Cincinnati



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Central Division Awards 2010-2011

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The following awards were presented at the Fall Central Division Banquet and Awards Ceremony held in Cincinnati, Ohio in September.

Awards Information Compiled by Gregg Reese

Ohio Region Certificates of Appreciation

Kim Garrett, Mike Reed, Brian Smith, Dana Zedak, Lori Ringley, Bruce Heichelbech, Cheryl and Chris Raudabaugh, Mark Koch, Denise Keller, Clara and Jim Hilgefert, Bethany and Stephan Jarboe, John McGoff Co- Chairman, Fredda McGoff Co-Chairman, Mike O'Hara Co-Chairman, Bill Currier Region Host



The Infamous Black Demerit Star

Brian Cobble for Absence Without Leave from the Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet in Bloomington MN September 9-12, 2010



Division Director Award

Each year, the Division Director has the opportunity to recognize a special patroller who he feels has given above and beyond to the Central Division this past season. This year, Jim Woodrum wants to recognize a very special patroller who has helped the Central Division immeasurably, Tim Zimmerman, for outstanding service to the Central Division and its programs for all the work he has done as Editor of the Rusty Parka News.



Meritorious Service Award

The next patroller honored was recognized for his tireless efforts and devotion to the Central Division and the National Ski Patrol by Jim Woodrum and Bob Scarlett our National Legal Counsel bob Scarlett.



As Central Division Legal Advisor for the past six years and a vital member of the NSP Legal Committee during trying times, the National Ski Patrol proudly awarded the Meritorious Service Award to Kevin McQuillan, Four Lakes Ski Patrol, Southern Region

Distinguished Service Award

Central Division mentioned two of our patrollers who received their Distinguished Service Awards this past spring.

The first patroller has been a member of the NSP since 1972. She is an instructor in OEC, Toboggan, and Instructor development. She has been a past Patrol Director, Region Director, and very long term Central Division Assistant Director including our current Assistant Division Director.



Linda Murphy-Jacobs Nubs Nob Ski Patrol Northern Michigan Region

The next patroller recognized joined the NSP back in 1987. This patroller is an OEC Instructor and Toboggan Instructor. He has been a Section Chief, long term Central Division Toboggan Supervisor, and is also one of our current Assistant Division Directors

Dan Somalski Nubs Nob Ski Patrol Northern Michigan Region

The following individual recognized is not a patroller, but has greatly supported the NSP and its programs.

This individual became a ski instructor almost 30 years ago in 1982. By 1984 he was his area's ski school director. As Ski School director, he immediately established a close working/learning relationship with the ski patrol that he has continued to this day.



Later in his career, when this individual became Director of Operations for Snow Sports at his area, he continued that close relationship with the National Ski Patrol. He still regularly attends Patrol Board meetings and from the beginning has been an enthusiastic contributor and supporter of the OEC Program.

This individual has continually encouraged the interaction of his patrol in hosting numerous Region and Division testing and training events.

For his numerous contributions to his area patrol, his region, the Central Division, and the National Ski Patrol as a whole,

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol were are proud to present a Distinguished Service Award to Mike Mettler, Director of Operations Snow Sports of Perfect North Slopes

Central Division Lifetime Achievement Award

This award recognizes a lifetime of dedication and leadership that truly personifies the fundamental purpose of the Central Division and the entire National Ski Patrol.

Our first recipient for this award started patrolling 50 years ago in the fall of 1961. He was awarded his National Appointment in 1972, almost 40 years ago, and his Distinguished Service Award in 2004. Over the years he has received many Yellow Merit Stars and other accolades for his service to his patrols in long term leadership capacities as Assistant Patrol Rep and Patrol Rep, and also his service to Region and Division in long term leadership roles as Assistant Region Director and Region Director.



The Central Division was very pleased and honored to present the Central Division Lifetime Achievement Award to Bill Campbell, Nubs Nob Ski Patrol, Northern Michigan Region.

The next Lifetime Achievement Award honoree is a patroller who also joined the NSP in the fall of 1961 and from the start was extremely active supporting the NSP and its programs. He received his National Appointment over 40 years ago in 1970 and was also awarded his Distinguished Service Award in 2004.



This patroller whose career started with a bang has to this day continued being a major supporter and leader in the NSP.

Here are just a few of his many accomplishments- he has served 18 years as Assistant Division Director. He has served 17 years as National Board Rep- the longest tenure of any NSP member, ardently supporting the Junior Program, the fledgling Certified Program, and the Central Division women's events.

Five years ago he volunteered to head up the Central Division Alumni Program, a position he still holds. We recognize Beach Day, Nubs Nob Ski Patrol, Northern Michigan Region

Division Director's Program Award for Outstanding Service to a Central Division Program

Avalanche- Dave Hartman, Boyne Highlands, Northern Michigan Region, Dale Mihuta Supervisor; Patroller 101, Darcy Hanley, Perfect North Slopes, Ohio Region, Jeannine Mogan Supervisor; MTR, Bill Schick, Perfect North Slopes, Ohio Region; Dave Zeager, Boston Mills Brandywine, Ohio Region, John Wachter Supervisor; OEC, Cliff Carlson, Highlands of Olympia, South Central Region, Kathy Glynn Supervisor; NSP C Ski School, Natalie Faes, Villa Olivia, Southern Region, Dan Moss Supervisor; Toboggan- Cindy McLeod, Spirit Mt, Western Region, Tom Worley Supervisor; RPN- John Wachter, Chestnut Mt, Southern Region, Tim Zimmerman Supervisor; Awards- Ken Meldahl, Wilmot Mt, Southern Region, Gregg Reese Supervisor; Certified Program- Guy Day, Boston Mills Brandywine, Ohio Region, Mike Longfellow Jones Supervisor; Instructor Development- Janet Glaeser, Boston Mills Brandywine, Ohio Region, Virginia Rodeman Supervisor; OEC- Dave Baumlein, Snow Trails, Ohio Region, Karen Hadden Supervisor; Senior- Chris Raudabaugh, Mad River Mt, Ohio Region, Jay Zedak Supervisor; Skills Development- Dale Mihuta, Perfect North Slopes, Ohio Region, Don Loerch Supervisor; Women's Event Coordinator, Lori Cobble, Wilmot Mt, Southern Region, Sandi Hammons



Central Division Outstanding Instructor Trainer

Cliff Carlson, Highlands of Olympia, South Central Region and Dave Baumlein, Snow Trails, Ohio Region

2010-2011 CENTRAL DIVISION OUTSTANDING FIRST RUNNERS-UP

First Runner-up Young Adult Patroller- Michael Thomas, Marquette Mt, North Central Region; First Runner-up Auxiliary Patroller- Larry Proctor, Caberfae Peaks, Western Michigan Region; First Runner-up OEC Instructor- Sharon Crockett, Nubs Nob, Northern Michigan Region; First Runner-up Administrative Patroller- Tim Weinand, Sunburst, South Central Region; First Runner-up Paid Patroller, David Chlebeck, Buck Hill, Western Region; First Runner-up Alpine Patrol Rep- Sandi Hammons, Perfect North Slopes, Ohio Region; First Runner-up Alpine Patroller- Scott Young, Three Rivers, Western Region; First Runner-up Instructor- Tim Troutt, Sunburst, South Central Region; First Runner-up Nordic Ski Patrol- Independence Oaks, Jon O'Dell, Eastern Michigan Region; First Runner-up Large Alpine Ski Patrol- Perfect North Slopes, Sandi Hammons P.R., Ohio Region



TRADITIONAL OUTSTANDINGS

Central Division submitted eight patrollers and three patrols for consideration for National Outstanding.

Two of our nominees won National Outstanding 1st Runner-up

Six of our nominees won National Outstanding

Outstanding Alpine Patroller

This patroller joined the NSP in 1992 and became a senior Alpine patroller in 1995. He received his National Appointment in 2000. This patroller is an OEC Instructor and Alpine Toboggan Instructor as well as being an IT in both disciplines and a Level II PSIA.

Skiing for two Alpine Patrols, this patroller has averaged over 240 hours yearly of on hill duty hours over the past several

seasons. This is remarkable since he has also been serving the NSP as a highly active member of the National OEC Refresher Committee helping develop the refresher materials and writing scenarios for the "You are the Patroller" portion.

That is not all - during this time he also served as a two term Region Director, only retiring from his position in 2010.

His devotion to the NSP is known throughout the Central Division and the Central Division was proud to recognize as the Central Division Outstanding Alpine Patroller for the 2010--2011 season from the South Central Region, Thom Rabaglia of Cascade Mountain and Devils Head Ski Patrols

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol were further pleased to present Thom with a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of his outstanding service as Central Division Outstanding Alpine Patroller

Outstanding Administrative Patroller

Our next Outstanding winner joined the NSP in 1990, became a senior in 2004 and received his National Appointment the following year in 2005.

Despite averaging over 130 hours of on hill duty, the patroller has also taken the time for the past four years to serve in many administrative capacities. He is an OEC Instructor and IT, an Instructor Development Instructor and IT, and a Nordic Ski and Toboggan Instructor. In the past four years he has been recognized at Division by receiving the Division Director's Program Award for his work in the Instructor Development Program and also the Division Director's Program Award for his service to the Nordic Program. This patroller currently serves as his Region's Instructor Development Supervisor.

The Central Division was pleased to honor as the Central Division Outstanding Administrative Ski Patroller for the 2010-2011 season from Western Region, Robert Iverson of Three Rivers and Viking Nordic Ski Patrols.

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol were further pleased to present Bob with a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of his outstanding service as Central Division Outstanding Administrative Ski Pa-

Outstanding Nordic Patrol

The next honoree was a ski patrol that began in 1990. This Nordic patrol of twelve patrollers serves an area of almost 45 miles of trails.

During the past few years, this patrol has demonstrated its leadership by supplying an Assistant Region Director, Region Nordic Administrator, Region Senior SEM Administrator, and 3 OEC ITs as well as a Toboggan IT.

This work has not gone unnoticed. This Nordic patrol and its patrollers have received many awards in the past few years such as Central Division First Runner-up Nordic Patrol and Central Division Administrative Patroller.

For the 2010-2011 ski season, the Central Division was proud to recognize as our Outstanding Nordic Patrol: Minocqua Winter Park Nordic- Betty Adams Patrol Representative

The National Ski Patrol judging committee also awarded Minocqua Winter Park a Unit Citation for being chosen Central Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol.

