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Service Through Education



Jim Woodrum, Central Division Director  
**CENTRAL DIVISION  
DIRECTOR’S NOTES:**

Congratulations to all our award winners this year. Many of the pictures of our recipients will be found throughout the newsletter and many on our website. We had a great celebration at the Fall meeting hosted by our Western Michigan Region team. Tony, you and your team did an outstanding job. Kalamazoo had a lot to offer and we took advantage of the opportunity.

As many of us will have completed the OEC refreshers by the time the newsletter reaches you we are now ready for action with the toboggan and ski clinics. The division clinics will be hosted again this year by Boyne Highlands and Granite Peak. Thanks in advance for being so helpful and resourceful that these clinics can take place early in the year. From this point all the region proficiency advisors will be taking back material to calibrate our teams again this year. Thanks to a team of leaders in the division we have produced an instructors guide and S&T DVD for use within the regions. John Keating led the effort and has done an outstanding job of pulling the message together for the Division. Thanks John and all of your team for another job well done. John credited all the support staff on the DVD.

Insurance! Something none of want to pay for but something none of us can afford to be without. A risk decision that each of us can personally make to protect ourselves. Most of the programs we teach through our registered courses supported by National programs, our instructors have an NSP umbrella policy that covers them in the unlikely event of an incident where someone gets hurt. Unfortunately the NSP doesn’t have a national program for teaching skiing maneuvers and therefore the opportunity to fill the gap with a policy from the NSP C Ski School. Its costs per year are inexpensive for the coverage we can get when teaching skiing maneuvers to our candidates and patrollers during SES, TES, ski alongs and evaluations. When performing these tasks at our local area most of us are covered by our local ski area insurance coverage. Most Patrol Representatives have already worked this with the local area management and should be prepared to answer any

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# Editorial Page

## Division Letter to MSAA Newsletter

Fellow members, the following is an article Jim Woodrum and I wrote for the Midwest Ski Areas Association. It will appear in the fall issue of the MSAA Newsletter. The article stresses the importance of a strong and close relationship between the patrol and the area, just as the area would have with any other department of their business. The patrol is their patrol and we need to make sure that we are there to help the area make the

guest's visit as safe and as enjoyable as possible.

Please read on, and review this idea with your patrol leadership. If we do not work diligently to strengthen, improve and grow our relationship with the area, everyone will suffer.

**Article appearing in the Fall 2007 MSAA Newsletter**

### Connecting With an Untapped Resource

As skiing has evolved over the years, so too has the relationship between the ski patrol and area management. The needs of the ski industry and its customers have also evolved with respect to the ski patrol. As a result, the expectations between the patrol, the ski area management, and the skiing customer should be reviewed periodically. Review of the ski patrols volunteer role includes the necessary attention to responsibility, liability, and government regulations. This allows the ski patrol to be proactive and maintain its positive impact on the ski area and its customers.

The first, and perhaps the most important, step is to draw the patrol into your organizational structure and management team. While your patrol may operate effectively and efficiently without much of your direct involvement, there are many improvements that can be achieved through closer ties. Your patrol and patrollers want to do the best job possible for you and your guests. Integration of the patrol leadership with the area management team can result in improved direction and utilization of resources.

Patrollers are on the hill and interacting with your guests continuously. This allows them to see your general operation more like your guests see it. Patrollers can be your eyes and ears on the slopes. They can provide valuable feedback on how the operation is working because they hear what the guests are saying and see what the guests see.

This opportunity is maximized when the patrol leadership is integrated into the area management team. YOUR patrol needs YOUR direction to better meet YOUR needs and drive in the same direction as the rest of YOUR team. The better you express these goals and objectives with your patrol leadership the higher the probability that they will meet your needs. Integration of your patrol leadership ensures they will understand your expectations. Then, the area goals and objectives can be clearly delivered to the patrollers and supported by their efforts.

Now is a moment in time when a strengthened relationship between the patrol and area management can be most beneficial. Prior to the start of the season is when most areas need to review, update, and /or develop area practices concerning terrain parks, over the snow vehicle usage, incident investigation, report writing, and documentation management. Your patrol leadership should be incorporated into your team for the most effective development of these plans.

**Please See MSAA Pg. 3**

### Kasten's Korner



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# Editorial Page

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This message is not, has not been, and will not be a one way communication. The same message has been shared with the patrol leadership throughout the Central Division (Midwest). The NSP Central Division Director and leadership team are committed to improving the relationship, communication, and active involvement between the patrol and its area management. As the patrol leadership and your management team work closely together the evolving needs of our customers and guests will be met.

Jim Woodrum  
NSP Central Division Director

Chuck Martschinke  
NSP Central Division, MSAA Liaison

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questions you may have concerning local coverage when patrolling at your local area. Fortunately for our ski and toboggan instructors teaching a course outside their local ski area or where the area insurance doesn't cover patrolling, the NSP-C policy covers them. If you are teaching S&T you should make your own risk based decision and you may want to consider the insurance. Contact Jay Zedak for any additional information. It won't be long now before the snow joins us. Hopefully I will have the opportunity to make some turns with many of you during the coming season.

Jim



Central Division patrollers and board members enjoy camaraderie at the Awards Banquet during the Central Division 2007 Fall Division meeting in Kalamazoo. Plan now to join the Central Division in Milwaukee September 7 - 9, 2008. Watch future issues of the Rusty Parka News for more information and registration details.

## NSP National Elections Underway Now Vote Today

The NSP Board Elections will run from October 15-December 1, 2007.

With this election our Board of Directors will reach its full size and, for the first time in NSP history, will be comprised solely of members who have been elected directly by the NSP membership.

Four Board seats are open, and the applications and platform statements of each of the 16 candidates have been posted at [nsp.org](http://nsp.org). To read them, go to the NSP website home page, click on "Member Services" on the left hand side, log in to the member area, and then click on "Member News" in the upper left side of this page.

In the last two elections, the Central Division has voted at levels above the rest of the country, but our participation could still be better. We urge all NSP members to read through the candidate information and make history by casting your vote.



## Letters to the Editor

*Letters to the Editor must be submitted electronically to [tzimmerman@mitchellmetals.com](mailto:tzimmerman@mitchellmetals.com). The RPN reserves the right to publish and withhold letters based on content and length. Letters in excess of 250 words may be edited due to space limitations.*

### Central Division Patrollers

National Election October 15 through  
December 1

Vote Today

[www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org)

# Avalanche Opportunities in 2008

By: Dale Mihuta, Central Division Avalanche Supervisor

This year we are bringing avalanche opportunities right to your doorstep. We will have a traveling education group and local instructors teaching an Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue Course (AFR) in your region. The AFR course is a prerequisite to the Advanced Avalanche Course held out west. The AFR and the Advanced Avalanche Course (Level 2) are both Senior electives. To find out the times, dates and locations of avalanche courses in your region or nearby regions contact your regional avalanche advisor or con-

## Central Division Avalanche II March 14 -23 Utah

tact Kristi Olson at live2skimountains@hotmail.com.

This season we will again be in Utah for the Level 2 course. We have procured a large house located at the Canyons and the course will run from March 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have heard past complaints about this course being in conflict with other events. That is over now. There should be ample snow and fantastic skiing opportunities. No, we don't dig snow pits all day. Register now so that you can participate in a course that develops great camaraderie and experience. Join us. Just fill out the form below or contact darcy@zoomtown.com for details.

### Central Division NSP Level II Avalanche Enrollment Form March 14-23, 2008 Utah

Course fees are \$850 for students and \$750 for instructors. The fee includes transportation to and from airport, lodging, lift tickets. Deposit of \$350.00 is due by January 31, 2006. There are limited spaces so reserve early!

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_

NSP# or PSIA # or SSN for non-NSP participants\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Primary Patrol/Ski School:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Fax #:\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail:\_\_\_\_\_

Circle:      Ski              Snowboard              Telemark      other\_\_\_\_\_

Are you enrolling to complete an Avalanche Instructor Internship: Y   N

Level I   or II   (circle)

Date of AFR or Avalanche Rescue course:\_\_\_\_\_

Mail deposit and registration to: Darcy Hanley  
6050 Winnetka Court  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45236



# Central Division Fall Meeting Comes to Milwaukee

By: Thom Rabaglia, South Central Region Director

Plan now, and keep the long weekend of September 4th through the 7th open for the annual Division meeting and awards banquet.

In keeping with the theme of "Service through Education" several educational events are being planned. On Saturday September 6, 2008, we will be presenting an Instructor Development class, an instructor continuing education class, a low angel rescue class and an avalanche basics class.

We will be offering a CPR refresher class that will be running all day. Come in, watch the video, take the test and perform the skills at a self-paced format.

We also plan to have a couple of guest speakers. We are hoping to have a

## Central Division Fall Meeting 2008



**September 4 - 7  
2008**

presentation on knee injuries and from the insurance perspective of risk management. Our host venue is the Milwaukee downtown Hilton. This location has an indoor water park with many fine restaurants and brew pubs within easy walking distance.

It is our hope to have the new Harley Davidson Museum available for our Friday night September 5th dinner. The museum is scheduled to open in June of 2008.

Our annual Divisional awards banquet will be in the Hilton ballroom on Saturday night. We plan to have a hospitality suite staffed by Mr. Jim Hubing serving his legendary long island ice tea. It is also our plan to have several excursions to nearby points of interest for non-patrol attendees. Also, remember the hotel has an indoor water park.

Mr. Mike Husar is our chair and he feels this will be the best event that South Central has presented.

# Certified Celebrates 25 Years in Central Division

By: Mike Longfellow-Jones, Central Division Certified Supervisor

The 2006-07 ski season began with 58 staff members and 14 candidates in the Certified program. Through the application and qualification process we accepted 4 new candidates into the program representing three Regions of the Central Division. New program Candidates are Kerry Aquino – Boyne Highlands Ski Area, William Capre - Wilmot Mountain Ski Area, Michael Langley – Snow Creek Ski Area and Don Loerch – Nubs Nob Ski Area.

This year's Certified Evaluation marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Certified Program in the Central Division. The event was hosted by Nubs Nob Ski Area, the same area where the first such event in Central was conducted during March 5-7, 1982. The entire team was honored to celebrate with several of the founding members and friends at our banquet held Saturday evening at Nubs. Original participants on hand included active staff members Rick Barber #165, Ed Davis #186, Hank Herlick #178, Dan Kleymeer #188, and Tom Worley #179. In addition we were proud to have Wayne Fairchild on hand as another participant of the original event.

Each of the founding members was recognized with a certificate and pin for their long standing efforts and contributions to the program, the Division and the NSP. In addition, the Nubs Nob Ski Area and the Area Manager James Bartlett were recognized for supporting the program through the 25 year history in the Division. Mike Husar #166, another active founding member, though not able to attend the event was very active in the event preparations. Mike designed a 25 year commemorative pin that staff members are proud to wear. In addition Linda Barthel, John Keating and other staff pulled together logo shirts, hats and wearable gear all in celebration of our proud journey and the special event.

For this 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary evaluation and annual meeting we recorded a best ever atten-

dance of 47 staff members, 16 candidates, and more than 30 supporters all of whom contributed to what was described as a well organized and successful event.

The three day event included a special cocktail reception hosted at the beautiful new home of Trudy and Beach Day and was enjoyed by all who attended. The three full days of evaluations resulted in fifty three individual program components being successfully completed by the well prepared candidates and staff. An annual business meeting and pizza party was held to conduct the on-going business and to celebrate the camaraderie of the team,



Finally, at the Saturday evening banquet, three patrollers were recognized with families and friends for having successfully having completed their Certified Program requirements. We are proud to both welcome and honor Rich Manteufel of Ski Brule # 670, Dan Moss of Mad River Mountain #669, and Greg Schoenman of Snow Trails #671.

During the banquet celebration Jeff Cripps put together an outstanding photo presentation capturing staff and supporters over the past several years in a variety of fun and unique evaluation settings. Clearly, everyone who attended will remember this event for years to come. Thanks to all who participated so very

much for your outstanding support, your special friendship, and your very important contributions to the NSP and the Certified Program.

Check the RPN and Central Web site calendars for Certified Qualification and re-certification clinic dates and events. The 2008 Certified evaluation is scheduled to take place at Marquette Mountain Ski Area on February 28-March 2, 2008. We hope you plan to come and join in on the camaraderie and see what the fun and program are really all about.

The Certified Program is not about a bunch of "good ol boys." In fact we currently have a dozen female staff and candidates involved in the program! The Certified Program is a National skills development and verification program that provides a readily identifiable resource of highly motivated, skilled, and knowledgeable patrollers to better serve the NSP, ski area management and the outdoor recreation community.

Certified staff interaction and leadership is again demonstrated by recent NSP appointments including the new National Education Program Director for Mountain Travel and Rescue, Certified Candidate Rick King, the two newest Central Division Region Directors, John Thomas and Derek Werner, the new Central Division Registration Supervisor, Sherwin VanKlompberg, the new Central Division Patroller 101 Program Supervisor, Jeannine Mogan, and finally the new Central Division Senior Program Supervisor, Certified Candidate Darcy Hanley.

The Certified team is all about working to make the NSP team an even greater resource to the members and ski areas we serve, so come see what we are all about! We are here in friendship to serve and support your NSP skills development!

*Congratulations to Mike Longfellow-Jones for his outstanding efforts in the Central Division Certified program and for being named Central Division Outstanding Program Supervisor for the 2006 - 2007 season.*

# Patroller 101 Introductions With Jeannine Mogan

By: Jeannine Mogan, Central Division Patroller 101 Supervisor

Central Division patrollers, let me introduce myself. My name is Jeannine Mogan, and my home patrol is Hyland in the Western Region. I am excited to be the new Central Division Supervisor for the Introduction to Patrolling course (Patroller 101).

The Introduction to Patrolling program is a great way to introduce your new patrollers to the core aspects of patrolling.

The training curriculum provides instruction in the fundamental skills needed to perform entry level patrolling duties.

### Basic Teaching Modules

- Risk Management
- Adapting to the Outdoor Environment
- Toboggan Handling
- Scene Management / Incident Command System
- Rope and Belay Skills
- The National Ski Patrol, Ski Area Management, and the Role of the Volunteer Patroller.
- Guest Services

‘Presented as a modular approach, this course should be supplemented by area-spe-

cific training in policy, procedure, practice, and equipment.’

Here’s how to get started:

1. Register the course.  
Go to [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org)  
“Member services” – log in  
“Register a course”  
Course type = “Introduction to ski patrolling”  
The IOR can be an instructor from any discipline.
2. Have candidates sign a waiver  
A copy can be found in the Introduction to Patrolling manual or the Central Division Policy and Procedures manual.
3. Teach the modules and area specific topics – You can find teaching ideas in the manual.  
Go to [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org)  
“NSP Education Programs”  
“Instructor Resources”  
“Transportation”  
“Intro-to-ski-patrolling.pdf”
4. Close the course  
Course completion records can be sent to you hard copy or by email

5. Give the candidates certificates of completion

The benefits of Introduction to Patrolling are:

- A registered Patroller 101 course ensures that your patrol’s toboggan trainers are covered under the NSP’s general liability policy while they instruct your candidates.
- A simple spreadsheet can help you better track your candidates’ progress through training.
- Your candidates will received the same messages about important topics as other candidates throughout the country.
- Your candidates will get a well rounded patroller education.

If you wish to use any of the modules as continuing education for current patrollers, it is not necessary to register the course.

Questions/comments – Email Jeannine Mogan [jmogan@threeriversparkdistrict.org](mailto:jmogan@threeriversparkdistrict.org)

# Toboggan Refresher Concerns?

By: Tom Worley, Central Division Toboggan Supervisor

We refresh and refresh: OEC, CPR, AED, chair evacuation, skiing and toboggan handling. We are relentless at making sure that all of our membership is up to date on nearly all of these skills. Many of our members complain of the time commitment for these refreshers. Regardless of the complaint of inconvenience or whatever, each member gets their refreshers in and eventually gets on the snow. When we finally get on the snow we then are confronted by the On the Hill refresher contingent. These ski and toboggan people are just as enthusiastic as our OEC instructors are at getting you refreshed on their disciplines.

Most of us get our skiing practice in annually by doing what we all love, skiing. The toboggan practice is whole other issue. Some of our membership has not really worked on a toboggan for years. Yes, we are all supposed to take an On the Hill refresher each year. Yes, we are supposed to be capable of handling a toboggan on any hill under any condition at any time at our home area. For most this is a given. However there are a few of us that need a little help handling a toboggan. We here in Central have a program for these members that is somewhat unique. No one wants to be singled out or recognized for under performance. Human nature prevents most of us from taking part in programs that may draw negative attention to us. Because

of this trait we here in Central have developed The New Toboggan Experience. This program is designed to help us get top quality toboggan handling instruction on an individual basis at our home area.

Please, don’t go through another season without taking advantage of this program if your toboggan handling skill is less than you would like it to be. If you would like a private toboggan-handling lesson at your area at a time convenient for you then The New Toboggan Experience is available and the best part at absolutely no cost to you. All you need to do is ask your Patrol Representative to contact your Region Toboggan Supervisor and he will take it from there.

# New Name for a Great Institution

By: Tom Anderson, Central Division PSIA Liaison

Say what? Did I just read ...*Snowboard* Hall of Fame ...you say?  
Yes, you have read right. The US National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, located in Ishpeming, Michigan, (right here in the Central Division), has entered into a new era of providing a home for the recognition of individuals who have moved this sport from infancy to the main stream. Not an overnight decision, in fact, one that took a number of years to reach.

“With this decision the snowboard world will have a place to honor the hero’s of the sport”, states Frida Waara, Board Member from Marquette, MI. “The Hall of Fame has been home to the founders of organized skiing, in-

dustry visionaries, equipment inventors and now it looks forward to making room for the sport of snowboarding”, she continues to say.

In my past role has the division ski and toboggan training supervisor, I watched the ar-



rival of snowboards onto the scene and eventually into the patrol. Our training manuals have been updated and we have “Snowboard Advisors” across the division and nation.

One momentous occasion (at least for me), was at a national training seminar where we

alpiners were asked to literally trade hats (remember the hats that looked like octopuses?) and get on snowboards to “experience” the feel of having two feet nailed to a single board. About the only thing that I experienced that afternoon was the revelation that it would certainly take me more then a day to get the hang of it. I have always admired the unbelievable carving action of the board. I have also witnessed the evolution of the shaped ski due to what seems like a - why did it take so long - idea to change what we now ski on.

Changing the name of a 52 year old national institution was not easy but one that will certainly bring the recognition to a sport that has given us all, no matter what equipment we ride on, reason to stay excited and involved in ski *and* snowboard season after season.



# Educate, Alert and Inspire with PSIA Credit

By: Tom Anderson, Central Division PSIA Liaison

As any one who helps lead one of our Division programs can attest, when RPN Editor Tim starts banging the drum for articles, it becomes a challenge as to what to write that will educate, alert or inspire our fellow division patrollers concerning the program for which we are responsible. So here goes an attempt to do all three!

Education part of my article...

My role has NSP/ PSIA liaison is to communicate the needs and wants of patrollers involved in Ski & Snowboard instruction back to the Central Division PSIA staff and our own board of directors.

To date we have accomplished the establishment of a for education credit program specifically for NSP/ PSIA dual members. This program is called Patroller Development. Those that have this dual membership have a requirement, much like the annual OEC refresher, to partake in a continuing education program either annually or every other year. The Patroller Development course can be set up to meet either one of these.

Before we could offer such a course we had to come up with the curriculum, guidelines

and, in general, the selling of the program to both boards (NSP-C & PSIA-C). We worked for a number of seasons to get this accomplished. We have the overwhelming support of these boards. We have the curriculum and guidelines.

Next we worked with the PSIA Education Staff to fine tune elements that meet the PSIA Ed credit requirement. Perhaps most importantly we developed the drills and skills that will help our ski and snowboard school members on a personal level as well as help them when they in turn are the instructors back in their home regions and patrols.

The one task that was also accomplished, and in my experience one of the more "fun parts", was the introduction of patrolling duties and tasks to the PSIA Ed Staff selected to help lead these courses. After much risk management discussion these very experienced PSIA instructors got in the handles of a Cascade model one hundred for the first time ever.

"Oh, I've seen you guys run these, no problem" and "What do you mean it will push me down the hill" were comments heard as we stood at the top of a mild run at Marquette Mountain.

The always confident smile (PSIA teaches this!) turned into a nervous "holy cow what I am I doing this for" half grin. When it was all said and done these instructors gained a pretty good idea of what it means to stand in our boots all day, ski and snowboard with unusually heavy packs on and yes what it is like to be pushed down the hill by a loaded toboggan.

Here is the alert part of my article....

Our NSP-C Ski and Snowboard School is ready to help with your PSIA Education Credit requirements. Look for a scheduled course or if you have the minimum numbers of interested dual members drop us a line to get one set up in your local region.

And finally the inspire part ....

All of the advisors, supervisors and instructors can only help facilitate the courses and programs. The rest is up to you to take advantage of all that is available. We truly have the best education programs in the industry, both on and off the hill. If you are not taking advantage of all that is offered you are certainly not getting your money's worth.

Drop me a line with any questions and have a great brand new season!

# Division Auxiliary Program Promotes New Focus

By: Rose Dejarnette, Central Division Auxiliary Supervisor

The Auxiliary Program started in 1966, 41 years ago. Since that time the Auxiliary Program has made quite a few strides focused on program improvement.

1989 marked a movement to develop a program for advanced placement of auxiliaries through leadership experiences. The first auxiliary senior program pilot was launched in 1990 with the program nationally adopted in 1993.

Additional improvements to the Auxiliary Program since that time include uniform changes, granting of patrolling privileges, as well as an awards program.



Rather than focusing on what an auxiliary patroller cannot do, let us focus on what they can do. Auxiliary patrollers can do everything

any other patroller can do with the exception of ski and toboggan tasks. Many auxiliary patrollers do ski and can be first responders to incidents on the hill if area management is in agreement.

All patrollers should be recognized for their strengths, no matter what the skill classification. As we begin to focus on the auxiliary patrollers' strengths and encourage them to excel through our leadership programs, we as an organization will reap the rewards our auxiliary patrollers can bring.

If you are interested in more information on the Auxiliary Program, please visit the Central Division Web site at <http://www.nspcentral.org> and click on the link to the Auxiliary program.

# Recipe for Success: The Senior Program

By: Darcy Hanley, Central Division Senior Supervisor

It was my pleasure to attend the Division meeting in Kalamazoo and initiate myself into my new role as senior supervisor. The senior program is a program that every patroller in the Central Division should be proud of! The amazing dedication, knowledge, excitement and information that surround this program is an accomplishment.

Now I put a challenge to every patrol representative, every Region Director and every patroller (yes that includes snowboarders, teleskiers, auxiliaries and alpine) to get involved in the senior program. Information about the Senior program can be found in

the Senior manual that is located on the Central Division website [www.nspcentral.org](http://www.nspcentral.org)



Every patroller can get involved. The senior patroller candidate needs mentors and champions to help them along the way. The region senior administrator needs help with running tests, and providing information about region events. Many of you may want to become

senior evaluators. Ask about the process. Or maybe get involved with the many electives that a candidate is allowed to take.

The senior candidate is sitting front and center in your refreshers, or maybe has just asked how to become a senior. Encourage that! These are our futures leaders in the patrol. They may be the next supervisor for Avalanche, or OEC or MTR, etc. This is your talent pool! This is where your excitement, participation and ownership of the patrol sit.

The season should start with an acknowledgement of the senior program. Questions can always be sent to your local patrol representative, or your region contact. Make a point of answering, "How Do I Become a Senior?"

# Calling All Ladies in Central Division

By: Anne Blaedow, Central Division Women’s Seminar Supervisor

The 2008 Division Women’s Clinic is heading to Southern Region on January 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. We want you to join us at “The Nut”. The Ladies clinic is a weekend for women, by women. Our staff of dynamic women has been running these clinics for 7 years and participants rave over the female oriented weekend. We ski, toboggan, talk, eat and learn from each other. There are many techniques that we will share with you to help give you more skill confidence on skis and with a toboggan. Finesse, strategy and technique rule here.

Most importantly, we learn that other ladies love the National Ski Patrol too. There are “ladies in high places” that attend this clinic along with brand new Patrollers! Whether you are a Basic or Senior patroller, you’ll have a wonderful learning experience and we encourage you to join in the fun!

Snow time is part of what this weekend has to offer. Our Saturday night program includes

dinner, fun prizes and a hands-on seminar on a variety of subjects. Past Activities include: Movement Video analysis, Boot fitting, alignment, Health and Fitness, Avalanche Transceiver Workshop and lots of mentoring and socializing. Chocolate is among the favorite topics for the weekend.

Participants can choose to spend their two days in PSIA lessons or Toboggan handling. You can earn both a Ski Enhancement and Toboggan Enhancement seminar credit if you do a day in each area. Some participants spend two days either skiing or toboggan handling. The choice is yours!

When asked what past participants like most about weekend, the responses included:

1. Camaraderie
2. It’s awesome attending an all women event
3. I gained confidence boarding with a toboggan and I met lots of excellent patrollers

4. All the helpful tips and friendly “laid back” feeling
5. I felt inspired to improve and actually believe that it’s possible.

This event is open to skiers, telemarker and boarders. Registration is a first come basis. Send in your registration form and \$60.00 fee. Clinic fee includes the two day lift ticket, PSIA/ NSP instruction and materials.

The Saturday night dinner is a “potluck” style with the main entree provided by the staff. Lodging is on your own and information will be e-mailed when registration is received. Please include your check with your registration made payable to NSP Central Division.

We can help you find roommates if necessary. Optional Long sleeved shirt is available for \$25.00. (2.00 more for XXL) Clinic hours are 8am – 8pm Sat and 8am – 2pm on Sunday.

## Women’s Seminar 2008 Registration Form

Join us at Chestnut Mountain January 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2008!!

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

City:\_\_\_\_\_State:\_\_\_\_\_Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Name:\_\_\_\_\_

NSPS #:\_\_\_\_\_

Skiing terrain you want this weekend:    Groomed       Steep       Bumps

Patrol Level:    Auxillary w/5 yrs patrolling experience       Basic       Senior

Senior Candidate

I plan to:    Ski    Snowboard       Telemark

Roommates planned:\_\_\_\_\_

My personal goal for the weekend is:\_\_\_\_\_

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Optional Shirt Size: Med    Large    XLarge    XX Large    for \$25.00  
(Long sleeve embroidered shirt)

Send registrations to Anne Blaedow    W258N6882 Victoria Circle    Sussex, WI 53089.  
Questions? Please call Anne at 262-617-8809.



# 'Tis the Season for Instructor Development

By: Virginia Rodeman, Central Division Instructor Development Supervisor

I hear patrollers say, "Well, it was a good 'season,' but I'm glad the 'season' is over." What "season"?

It occurs to me that there really isn't a "season" for ski patrol. If I look into the calendar, I see that our education programs run all year. As a matter of fact, we appear to be in the "season" for instructor development and OEC classes. This season usually starts in the spring and ends in the fall.

Regardless of the "season," someone is prepared and teaching skills for courses. Why not get involved? Instructor Development classes are the first step. Find one close to you and discover what it is all about.

Instructor Development is the first step on your way to becoming an instructor. It could be described as the "nuts and bolts" of the task. You will learn about the environment, types of learners, levels of learning, the objectives and a six pack (if you take the traditional class).

It is not a teaching class. If you remember the Phase II classes did that, but there is now a mentoring process in which you work one on one with an instructor until you are ready. That may be two times or it may be six times until you feel comfortable.

When you are comfortable an IT comes to observe you. After that, you are on your way to working in what ever discipline you prepared: Toboggan Handling, Mountain, Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, OEC, Instructor Development, or Nordic. Enjoy your "season."



## Region Reports



### N. Michigan

You know the snow season is fast approaching, because we recently spent a great weekend in Kalamazoo, Michigan attending the Central Division Fall Meeting. The Western Michigan Region crew put together three fun filled days. Hats off to RD Tony Wolfer and his crew.

The National Ski Patrol is still in the process of change. Yearly elections will continue to be a big part of that process. The recent September 2007 election had four members of the Central Division selected as candidates, along with twelve other candidates from throughout the National Ski Patrol System. This means there were sixteen candidates competing for four National Board seats. Every patroller has been given the chance to decide the future of the NSP, but you have to take advantage of your voting rights and responsibilities. Don't let other make your future decisions for you. Vote for the best candidates and then let them finish the job of making the National Ski Patrol the best it can be. But remember it all starts with your VOTE!

The Northern Michigan Region has a full schedule slated for this new season. Two fall OEC Refreshers along with the Northern Michigan Region Fall Board of Directors meeting took place. Multiple OEC Enhancement/training events are scheduled throughout the season to help Senior Patroller candidates prepare for their Senior Emergency Management evaluations.

We start the ski and tobogganing portion of the schedule out by welcoming the Central Division Alpine Clinic on December 8 & 9, 2007. There are Northern Michigan Region Training and Testing Calibration clinics in January. We will be holding a three Region joint Ski Enhancement Seminar and a Toboggan Enhancement Seminar in late January. During the month of February there are three Section Basic Ski & Tobogganing Evaluations, the Senior Ski & Tobogganing Evaluation and the Senior Emergency Management Evaluation in March.

As in the past we look forward to hosting patrollers from other Regions. I personally hope to meet many of you at these events.

### Western

The Western Region had a very successful fall meeting. I received a large number of comments on how well the Coffee Mill Patrol organized the event. I would like to thank them again for a great weekend.

The keynote speaker was Dr. John Hicks from Hennepin County Medical Center. His presentation was on the Interstate 35W bridge collapse. Dr. Hicks was the physician in charge at the time of the collapse and was onsite during the rescue.

There were many breakout sessions, too numerous to mention all of them; however, I will list a few of them just so you can get a feel for what was covered. Topics like how to protect your back, Team Building, the new COMA scale, low angle rescue, and the NSP-C ski school.

I challenge every patroller in the division to increase their personal level of commitment, to improve their own skills, whether it is an OEC skill, toboggan skill, skiing skill, or any other patrolling skill.

Pick any one of the patrolling topics in which you would like to improve and commit to yourself to make it happen. As a fellow patrol leader told me, "there is so much more to patrolling than showing up for your shift and putting on your parka."

I look forward to seeing many of you on the slopes this year and have a safe season.



### North Central

The Fall Region Board meeting was held at Brule on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Brule Ski Area for once again hosting this event. Marcia Locher is the new Region Awards Advisor. She will be working with Carolyn during this transition year. Thanks to both of them

and remember to submit your award nominations before the posted deadlines.

Do you want to be a stronger patroller with better skiing, tobogganing and OEC skills? Do you want better leadership skills that will benefit you in your daily life? Do you want to get your national numbers in the future?

Then you need to Sign up now for the senior program now!

What you will get out of this program is a skill set that makes you a leader with you peers at the ski area. Skills that can be used in every day life situations at work and home.

You have reservation because no one from your area has done the senior program and you don't know what to do or were to get training.

We have patrols and patrollers that will work with you on the skiing, tobogganing, OEC and the leadership skills needed to complete this program. So what's stopping you sign up for the senior program today? December 1 Senior Applications due to Don Close. Get your patrollers signed up now!

December 15-16 Division Ski & Toboggan Clinic at Granite Peak. Pre registration is required. Senior Evaluators should attend this clinic. Call me at 715-536-4705 or email [dcddski@dwave.net](mailto:dcddski@dwave.net) for more information.

January 12 Ski & Toboggan Clinic at Brule – candidates/patrollers/seniors/trainers/evaluators encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to get the latest's info from the people who attended the division clinics. It will improve your on the hill refreshers, training and evaluating skills.

February 22-23 Senior Ski & Toboggan & SEM Evaluation at Marquette Mountain.

A reminder to all candidate classes being held throughout the Region: Patroller 101 is a mandatory part of the training. Trainers, please be sure the class is registered, opened and closed.

I hope we can have another great contingent of candidates this year – both basic and senior, and I look forward to working and skiing with many of you.



# Central Division

## Division Outstanding Awards

Dan Moss	Outstanding Instructor Trainer	Mad River Mountain
Mike Longfellow-Jones	Outstanding Supervisor	Boyne Highlands
Aaron McKinstry-Luepke	Outstanding Student Patroller	Buck Hill
James Bichl Sr.	Oustanding Alpine Patroller	Boston Mills/Brandy Wine
Kerstin Hammarberg	Outstanding Alpine Patrol Representative	Buck Hill
Michael Cornell	Outstanding Instructor	Boyne Mountain
Freddie Shima	Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller	Boston Mills/Brandy Wine
Glenn Sheathelm	Outstanding Nordic Patroller	W Mich. Nordic /Caberfae
Apple Mountain Ski Patrol	Apple Mountain Ski Patrol	Dennis McMahan PR
<b>Mike O'Rourke</b>	<b>Nat'l First Runner Up Outstanding Professional Patroller</b>	<b>Welch Village</b>
<b>Perfect North Slopes Ski Patrol</b>	<b>Nat'l First Runner Up Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol</b>	<b>Sandi Hammons PR</b>
<b>John Tyler Damon II</b>	<b>National Outstanding Administrative Patroller</b>	<b>Pine Knob</b>

## National Appointments

Mike Case, Mount Holly	Daniel Dryden, Boyne Mountain	David Walker, Cleveland Ski Club
Matt Stilson, Apple Mountain	Dennis Edel, Boyne Mountain	Larry Classen, Devil's Head
Jay Stubblefield, Mount Brighton	Chris McCardel, Nubs Nob	Jay Krystola, Sunburst
Rob Bell, Marquette Mountain	Mike Moreen, Schuss Mountain	Steven Stormer, Cascade
Linda Carpenter, Marquette Mnt.	Jim Mottern, Schuss Mountain	Kevin White, Cascade
Mike Carpenter, Marquette Mnt.	Chuck Thomas, Tree Top/Sylvan	Brad Engelking, Chestnut Mnt.
Kerry Aquino, Boyne Highlands	Lars Welton, Nubs Nob	Jacob Rausch, Chestnut Mnt.
Dan Bodamer, Nubs Nob	Joseph Wright, Boyne Mountain	David Squires, Northwest Nordic
Heather Diepeveen-Smiley, Boyne Highlands	Dennis Maslar, BM/BW	Steve Willwerscheid, Afton Alps
	Bruce Pearson, BM/BW	Mike Fick, Cannonsburg

## Central Division Lifetime Achievement Award

Bob Heth, Pine Knob	Chuck Martschinke, Wilmot
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## Distinquished Service Award

Ty Damon, Pine Knob	Scott Veenstra, Mount Ripley	Donald McKay, Tyrol Basin
John Eder, Pine Knob	Bill Kirksey, Boyne Mountain	Paul Augstine, Afton Alps
Tim Gaffney, Mount Holly	Bill Currier, BM/BW	Bill Lappen, Buck Hill
Candy Jacques, Alpine Valley E	Carol Currier, BM/BW	Bruce Schiemo, Buck Hill
Jerry Rodeman, Mount Brighton	Rae Gommel, BM/BW	Bridget Tierney, Wild Mountain
Don Close, Mount Ripley	Bonnie Gruber, Devil's Head	Tom Jansen, Cannonsburg
	Gary Hartung, Devil's Head	

## Leadership Commendation Appointment

Ellen Burchfield, Apple Mountain	Cheryl Raudabaugh, Mad River Mnt	Sue Penque, Buck Hill
Dennis McMahan, Apple Mountain	Renee Johnson, Viking Nordic	Karen Hadden, Timber Ridge

## National Certificates of Appreciation

Gregg Reese, Mount Holly





# Division Awards

## Division Director Outstandings

Don Loerch	NSP-C Ski School	Nubs Nob
Dan Moss	NSP-C Ski School	Mad River Mountain
Greg Schmidt	Toboggan Program	Perfect North Slopes
Tim Troutt	Mountain Travel and Rescue	Sunburst
Alida Moonen	Skills Development Program	Boston Mills/Brandywine
Thom Rabaglia	OEC Program	Devil's Head
Nycha Schlegel	OEC Program	Pine Knob
Karen Anderson-Hadden	OEC Program	Timber Ridge
Derek Werner	Senior Program	Senior Program
Kathy Young	Awards Program	Timber Ridge
John McGoff	Skills Development Program	Perfect North Slopes
Anne Blaedow	Certified Program	Sunburst
Jeff Quam	Nordic Program	Northwest Nordic
Jay Stubblefield	Intro to Patrolling Program	Mount Brighton

## Division Director's Awards

Ed Humphrey, Perfect North Slopes	Rick King, Perfect North Slopes
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## Meritorious Service Awards

Sharon Hazen, Pine Knob	Mike Taylor, Snowsnake	Aren Fairchild, Boyne Highlands
Dennis Heeger, Mount Holly	Mike Costa, Boyne Highlands	Dick Jacques, Schuss Mountain
Candy Jacques, Alpine Valley E		Dennis Ray, Nubs Nob

## Merit Stars

Ty Damon, Gold, Pine Knob	Susan Vermeland, Blue, Afton Alps	James Bichl, Yellow, BM/BW
Mike O'Rourke, Silver, Welch Village	Bob Cowen, Purple, Alpine Valley E	Scott Chapman, Yellow, Perfect North
Paul Tollefsrud, Green, Buck Hill	Thad Stalmack, Purple, Alpine Valley E	Dale Fitzpatrick, Yellow, Perfect North
Mark Kerall, Blue, Alpine Valley E	Jim Grundstrom, Purple, Marquette	Nancy Kohlriseser, Yellow, Mad River Mt
Tom Beauchamp, Blue, Marquette Mnt	Dan Bodamer, Purple, Nubs Nob	Fredda McGoff, Yellow, Perfect North
Greg Kerwin, Blue, Marquette Mnt	Scott Griffith, Purple, Mad River Mt	Freddie Shima, Yellow, BM/BW
Laura Olson-Davig, Blue, Blackjack	Fred Decker, Purple, Tyrol Basin	Marie Whitt, Yellow, Mad River Mnt
Dagmar Raica, Blue, Marquette Mnt	Rick Schmele, Purple, Devil's Head	Chris Driscoll, Yellow, Tyrol Basin
David Sell, Blue, Blackjack	Scott Olson, Purple, Wilmot	Ned Grady, Yellow, Tyrol Basin
Bev Benzing, Blue, Perfect North	Kim Brown, Purple, Spirit Mountain	Gudjon Gudjonson, Yellow, Devil's Head
Tim McGrath, Blue, Perfect North	Jeff Gullickson, Purple, Buck Hill	Dennis Johnson, Yellow, Tyrol Basin
Mike Reed, Blue, Perfect North	Sandi Larson, Purple, Giants Ridge	Mike McMahon, Yellow, Tyrol Basin
Rod Schoenfeld, Blue, Perfect North	Chris Mattilia, Purple, Lutsen	Bruce Moser, Yellow, Tyrol Basin
Drew Delforge, Blue, Devil's Head	Rob Bell, Yellow, Marquette Mnt	Craig Ostrom, Yellow, Tyrol Basin
Mary Sue Walters, Blue, Devil's Head	Jodelle Bentley, Yellow, Blackjack	Nicholae Seth-Briggs, Yellow, Devils Hd
Bill Seranko, Blue, Wilmot	Mike Lynch, Yellow, Marquette Mnt	Leonard Kunkel, Yellow, Wilmot
Bruce Bergrgen, Blue, Lutsen	Bob Meyers, Yellow, Marquette Mnt	Daniel Billings, Yellow, Spirit Mountain
Robert Bills, Blue, Spirit Mountain	Ryan Olson, Yellow, Marquette Mnt	Kathy Glynn, Yellow, Hyland
Travis Davidsavor, Blue, Spirit Mountain	Mike Cornell, Yellow, Boyne Mnt	Kerstin Hammarberg, Yellow, Buck Hill
Mary Beth Gullickson, Blue, Buck Hill	Rob Ream, Yellow, Nubs Nob	Aaron McKinsty-Luepke, Yellow, Buck
Jan Martinson, Blue, Lutsen	Bryan Wright, Yellow, Shanty Creek	Vicki Zierden, Yellow, Hyland
Jim Olson, Blue, Lutsen	George Allen, Yellow, Perfect North	Glenn Sheathelm, Yellow, W MI Nordic

# Central Division Awards

## Patroller's Cross

Caitlin Barbu, Mount Holly  
Carol Jaworski, Mount Holly  
Jon O'Dell, Mount Holly  
Melissa Beebe, Wild Mountain

Marsha Schultz, Pine Knob  
Kristen Bowers, Afton Alps  
Randy Frykberg, Boyne Highlands

Dick McMurray, Boyne Highlands  
Dave Rossman, Boyne Highlands  
Scott Pterson, Perfect North Slopes  
Ken Young, Timnber Ridge

## Division Certificates of Appreciation

Ty Damon, Pine Knob  
Dennis McMahan, Apple Mountain  
Jay Stubblefield, Mount Brighton  
Hank Herlick, Nubs Nob  
Chris Moe, Nubs Nob  
Sandi Hammons, Perfect North Slopes  
Ed Humphrey, Perfect North Slopes

Rick King, Perfect North Slopes  
Tom Gray, Spirit Mountain  
Karen Hadden, Timber Ridge  
Kevin Barrons, Cannonsburg  
Sue Brann, Timber Ridge  
Dave Corey, Bittersweet

Larry Klose, Timber Ridge  
Erica Krol, Timber Ridge  
David Menke, Pando  
Jim Williams, Timber Ridge  
Colleen Wolfer, Pando  
Tony Wolfer, Pando  
Ken Young, Timber Ridge

*Photos Courtesy Linda Barthel*

### Outstanding Student Patroller

Aaron McKinstry-Luepke of the Buck Hill Ski Patrol was born in 1989 and has been a patroller since 2005.

During this time, this Aaron has attained basic patroller level and been actively involved with his patrol for the past two years as its Student Patroller Liaison.

Patrolling for the past three years with an overall attendance of 95%, Aaron has maintained a high school grade point average of 4.00 and is currently attending college in Utah.

### Outstanding Alpine Patroller

James Bichl Sr. of Boston Mills /Brandywin Ski Patrol joined the NSP in the 2003-04 season, but by the end of his first season, it was obvious to all his colleagues that he was something special. Yearly he has put in over 125 hours on hill as well as off hill.



He completed his OEC in 2003, his basic S and T and Instructor Development in 2004, and MTR level 1 and Senior Emergency Management in 2005.

Since 2004, James has yearly attended Ski and Toboggan Enhancement seminars and also since 2004 has instructed and coordinated OEC courses and refreshers as well as coordinating the training for the senior scene management for his patrol for the past two years.

Currently, this patroller is being mentored for instructor status in CPR, MTR and Toboggan.

Beyond these accomplishments in such a short time, this patroller has also been primarily responsible for his patrol's adoption and support of a 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division platoon in Iraq by providing contact, encouragement, and essentials.

### Outstanding Alpine Patrol Rep

Kerstin Hammarberg joined the NSP in 1989, achieved senior status in 1992 and received a National Appointment in 2001 while actively instructing OEC and toboggan from Patrol to Region levels.

Two years ago, she was asked to take on the duty of Patrol Representative for her patrol of 88 members.

Kerstin formed committees from all areas of the patrol to assess and improve all areas of patrol management and procedures.

From this motivation and support, a new highly detailed patroller's handbook was completed, more patrollers were encouraged to become involved in training and testing, and bonds with management were re-established and strengthened.

The commitment demonstrated during the past two years has been enormous. In both of these years, Kerstin has volunteered over 250 on hill hours and 225 off hill hours.

### Outstanding Instructor

Michael Cornell of the Boyne Mountain Ski Patrol has been active in the NSP since 1993, became a senior in 1995, and received his National Appointment in 2004.

For over 10 straight years Michael has been highly involved in regional testing and training. In 1996 he was appointed toboggan tester/trainer for his region and in 2004, attained Instructor Trainer status. Along with his toboggan credentials, he is also an original member of his region's NSP-C ski school and in 2006 became a PSIA level 3 instructor.

For each of the past three years, Michael has put in over 200 on hill duty hours and has coordinated and instructed multi-regional Ski and Toboggan seminars, region training clinics, and regional instructor calibration seminars.

### Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller

Freddie Shima of Boston Mills Brandywine Ski Patrol joined the NSP 28 years ago, became a basic Alpine patroller her first year, a Senior Auxiliary Alpine patroller in 1991, and received her Leadership Commendation Appointment in 1995.

For the past three years Freddie has put in over 250 duty hours, spending over 100 hours each year off season in OEC and patrol service.

Freddie is certified as both a basic and senior OEC Instructor and Evaluator and also functions as an OEC and Instructor Development IT. For the past several years, she



has been instructor of record for OEC classes and refreshers serving a patrol of 250 patrollers

In addition to this extensive OEC work, she also served six years as her area's patrol representative where in 2004 she

received a yellow merit star for leading her patrol to being recognized as the Outstanding National Ski Patrol.

### Outstanding Nordic Patroller

Glenn Sheathelm of the West Michigan Nordic and Caberfae Ski Patrols is a 44 year veteran of the NSP. He has been registered in both Alpine and Nordic for the past 33 years and received his National Appointment 30 years ago in 1977.



Over his NSP career Glenn has actively given of himself to further the cause of cross country skiing. He has worked on many races and workshops and has been an active OEC instructor for the past 16 years

During the past season, this patroller put in 200 Alpine on and off hill hours as well as over 100 Nordic on and off hill hours.

### Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol

Apple Mountain Ski Patrol was activated in 1960, and in its 47 year history has accomplished much and still continues to excel.



This patrol staffs an area of one chair lift and four rope tows with an average of 10 patrollers per day.

In 2006-2007, this patrol of 40 had one candidate, 26 basic patrollers, two auxiliaries, and 10 seniors.

Throughout the long lifetime of this patrol, it never stops excelling- in the past year alone, this patrol of 40 produced 17 OEC Instructors, eight CPR Instructors, three OEC ITs and had patrollers holding offices as Region chair evac advisor, region historian, and region OEC Administrator.

Awards over the past four years have included Region Outstanding Instructor, Division Outstanding



Patrol Representative, Division Directors Award for service to

the OEC program, and Region Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol for four straight years.

This past season, this patrol developed a helmet safety awareness program for snow sports and other outdoor industries which was extremely successful. At this time, plans are being finalized for this patrol to host a seminar in helmet awareness for 18 patrols in the Central Division.

## Outstanding Pro Patroller National 1st Runner Up

Mike O'Rourke of the Welch Village Ski Patrol joined the NSP in 1972, attained senior status in 1973 and received his National Appointment this past season.

Typical of his performance throughout the years, for each of the past two seasons alone, he amassed over 690 documented on hill duty hours.

Mike's patrol rep best sums up his accomplishments with this quote: "as the area Pro, this patroller has made significant changes to the overall function of the position since arriving. Through observation and consultation, he has become an integral part of management's outdoor operations team. Because of this partnership, the overall relationship between the patrol and management is the best it's been in years. This has improved all aspects of our interactions with the area and has improved patrol morale by a significant degree."

For his outstanding efforts, Mike has also been chosen National First Runner-Up for the year 2006-2007.

## Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol National 1st Runner Up

Perfect North Slopes Ski Patrol was activated back in 1980 and its 201 patrollers serve an area of five chairlifts and seven surface lifts.

This patrol has been recognized a leader nationally over the years and its current leadership is demonstrated by the continued intensive volunteerism of its members within all levels of the NSP.

Last season alone, this patrol provided nine officers and supervisors to Region, six supervisors to Central Division as well as numerous instructors to section, region and division. This patrol also provided our current Division Director, National MTR Program Director and National Instructor Development Program Director.



We can safely say this patrol unselfishly gives to the NSP, the sport of skiing, the local community, and anywhere it finds a need.

The National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Perfect North Slopes as the National Ski Patrol's Outstanding First Runner-up Large Alpine Patrol for 2006-2007

## Outstanding Administrative Patroller

### National Outstanding

John Tyler Damon II of Pine Knob Ski Patrol joined the NSP in 1978, became a senior in 1983 and received his National Appointment in 1994.

Ty has been continuously and actively involved in nearly all areas of administration within the NSP serving as a CPR Instructor, OEC basic and senior Instructor and IT, Chair Evac Instructor, Toboggan Instructor and IT, ski training, recruiting, and public relations. He has served in such positions as Patrol Director,



section on-hill Testing and Training Advisor, section OEC Administrator, Region PR Advisor, Region Toboggan Advisor, Region Adaptive Advisor, Assistant Region Director, and most recently as Region Director and member of the Central Division Board of Directors.

Ty has worked with Homeland Security to enable patrollers to officially serve as first responders in times of natural disaster and established a relationship with his state department of health so that patrollers could enter the medical reserve corps. He has also been instrumental in persuading his state to add OEC as a specific standard of certification for unlicensed health care workers.

Along with these accomplishments, Ty has also played a key role in promoting the NSP-membership relationship through re-evaluation of the organizational Mission and Identity.

For the 2006-2007 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Ty as the National Ski Patrol's Outstanding Administrative Patroller.



William Kirksey accepts his DSA award.



Ed Humphrey 2007 Division Director Award.



Rick King 2007 Division Director Award.



Karen Hadden accepts her LCA.



Mike Longfellow-Jones accepts the Outstanding Supervisor award.



Chuck Martschinski receives the Lifetime Achievement Award.



Robert Heth accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Mike Fick receives his National Appointment



Jay Stubblefield receives a Division Director Outstanding Award



Alida Moonen earns a Division Director's Outstanding Award for Instructor Development.



Karen Hadden is recognized for outstanding service with a Division Director's Award.



Hank Herlick and Chris Moe are recognized for outstanding service with Division Director's Awards.



Tom Gray accepts a Division Director's Award for outstanding service.

# Division Nordic Clinics Coming in January

All Nordic patrollers are invited to attend the Central Division Nordic Ski Enhancement Seminar on January 12, 13, and 14. On Saturday and Sunday we will be at Minocqua Winter Park. In past years there has been basic and senior ski evaluation on Saturday. Please let David Squires know if you are interested in evaluation.



On Sunday there will be a session with Nordic Demo Team Member Dan Clausen. Monday we will meet at Indianhead Ski Area for a Telemark clinic with Dan Clausen. Wear your patrol uniform. All sessions will start at 9:00 AM. If interested in any of these sessions, contact Betty Adams at mbadams@newnorth.net or David Squires at sharky@tekstar.com.

## Division Meeting Camaraderie Recap

By: Jim Williams, Timber Ridge Ski Patrol

More than 180 Central Division patrollers converged on Kalamazoo, Michigan, over the weekend of September 7, 8 and 9, for the NSP Central Division's Fall Meeting. Besides Division staff and program officers, the attendees included National Board members, current candidates for the National Board, and line patrollers from nearly every corner of the Central Division. The theme of this year's meeting was "*Camaraderie*", that feeling of fellowship, kindred spirit, and shared experience that keeps us coming back to patrolling year after year.

After a Friday morning Board meeting, the "*Camaraderie*" began in earnest with an afternoon golf outing. The morning's gray skies turned into a rain shower that delayed the golfers' start for a brief time. Nevertheless, the overcast soon gave way to a warm, sunny afternoon of high-spirited golf on a great course. The competition was keen, but good-natured, ending with nearly everyone walking away with some kind of prize, or so it seemed.

The "*Camaraderie*" continued after the golf outing and a chance to freshen up, when shuttle busses began ferrying people from the Radisson Hotel to the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum, known as "the air zoo", for a reception and supper in one of the museum's two main buildings. Museum staff and caterers from the hotel set up hors'

d'oeuvres, pasta bar entrees, and the drinks bar in the middle of the Space Exploration gallery. Everyone was free to socialize, eat, and "pet the planes" in the adjoining Naval Aviation History gallery.

The local air ambulance, West Michigan Air Care, flew in with their state-of-the-art helicopter for a "meet and greet" on the runway ramp outside the air zoo. This gave everyone a chance to chat with the aircrew and have a close look at their multi-million dollar helicopter. After more than an hour-and-a-half on the ground with our group, the Air Care crew had to leave and get back to work. They capped their visit off by saluting the 120 patrollers watching from the museum observation decks with a high-speed, low-level, fly-by that had the hair on everyone's' neck standing at attention. Whew, what a rush!

Saturday's business meetings gave everyone a chance to see and hear the Division Board and Staff in action. There were large audiences listening in as the Board addressed issues confronting and affecting all patrollers. These meetings are the line patrollers' chance to learn about our organization's leadership first-hand, rather than relying on rumor and word of mouth. It was good to see so many people taking advantage of the opportunity.

Saturday afternoon breakout sessions offered a diversion from the business of running the organization. First, Dr. Bill Fales, Director of

the Kalamazoo County [Michigan] Medical Authority spoke about the ski patrol's role in disaster preparedness. Dr. Fales explained the multiple tiers of the country's current disaster planning and specifically the patrol as a largely untapped resource in the case of national and natural disasters. He encouraged patrollers to investigate their states' Medical Reserve Corps and to volunteer to serve in them. Members of the local Medical Reserve Corps handed out recruiting literature throughout the day on Saturday.

In the next breakout session, Bob Mayberry, veteran flight nurse and snowboard patroller at Timber Ridge, gave his audience a good look into the working life of a flight nurse. Bob works with West Michigan Air Care and drew upon his years of experience to give an overview of the work a flight nurse does, the high points and hazards of the job, and his personal observations on dealing with patients, victims, and families who are often at the lowest points of their lives when he meets them.

In the final session, Kurt Arnold spoke about his experiences as an adaptive skier. Kurt has family members that patrol at Bittersweet Ski Area in West Michigan, so he has a unique perspective on how patrollers and ski area employees interact with the adaptive skiing public. Kurt offered insights on the challenges and abilities of adaptive skiers, all of which will be useful as we meet this segment of the

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# Get Excited, Get Involved

By: Linda Murphy Jacobs, Assistant Division Director

Every September one of our nine Central Division Regions step up to host the fall Division meeting. 2007 was hosted by Tony Wolfer and his enthusiastic Western Michigan Region crew in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Once again I was impressed with the dedication and high quality of work in our volunteer members. If there were wrinkles in the program, they sure didn't show! Thanks for the great gathering Western Michigan Region.

At the same meeting, many of our Division supervisors took the opportunity to address

the board. They used their time to introduce new programs and to review the past seasons accomplishments. Big stuff is on the way in many of our programs!

Keep an eye out for information on Avalanche programs, Instructor Development and Patrolter 101 classes. The Auxiliary program has a new focus that will give these patrolters the respect they are due. A new Alumni Supervisor was named. Welcome aboard Beach Day!

The Certified group will close its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year at the Marquette event this March. Our Senior Program is working on a QA program that should transfer to all of our educa-

tion programs. The Alpine team, headed by John Keating is putting together a training video and resource guide that will be introduced at the Boyne Highlands and Granite Peak clinics. This tool should help all levels of training throughout the Division.

If you have not taken advantage of attending one of our educational classes, please delay no longer. We have an incredible resource in our instructors who offer high quality, inexpensive and interesting seminars. We need to continue to support the programs with participation. Continued education is better for the individual, and better for our patrols. Get excited, get involved.

# OEC: Compassion, Respect, Expertise and Pride

By Karen Hadden, OEC Supervisor, Northern, North Central and Western Michigan

Compassion, Respect, Expertise and Pride are the values that describe OEC for me. We display these characteristics each time we interact with our patients, their families, each other, our management and community.

Let me introduce myself. I was honored when the board asked me to fill the OEC Supervisor position vacated by Hank Herlick. You

notice I used the word 'fill' not 'replace'. I am not sure anyone can replace Hank, but I will do my best to continue his excellent track record.

I have been a patrolter with the TimberRidge Ski Patrol for the past 17 years. I have been the patrol and section OEC advisor, IOR for the Section OEC Class and refreshers, the SEM coordinator and recently the ROA. I am an RN with 38 years of clinical experience, BLS Faculty, and rotate on-call for Incident

Command and CSI.

Some of my goals (some may call dreams) are to develop an OEC link on the Central Division web page, web conferencing for the ROAs, IT's and Instructors while continuing to raise the bar and challenge our patrolters to continue to deliver quality care to our customers with compassion, respect, expertise and pride. Please do not hesitate to contact me with suggestions, ideas and/or concerns. I am looking forward to working with and learning from each and every one of you.

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skiing public on the hill. One measure of the breakout sessions' popularity is the fact that the hotel staff had to bring in extra chairs several times to accommodate growing audiences.

Besides the breakout sessions, there was also a BLS/CPR class on Saturday afternoon for people to update their certifications. More than a dozen patrolters took advantage of the opportunity and left the meeting that much ahead for their fall refresher. Meanwhile, throughout the day, Lee's Sports Sportswear offered custom foot bed fitting for ski boots. Quite a few took advantage of that opportunity, too.

The weekend's "Camaraderie" peaked with the Division awards banquet on Saturday night. The evening started with a cocktail reception and moved into the banquet hall where everyone dug into a great dinner. The evening was filled with cheers, laughter, applause, and even some tears. A Power Point show of photographs from around the Division played on a continuous loop. Winners of the silent auction gathered up their buys. Division Director Jim Woodrum and Division Awards Supervisor Gregg Reese presented "Outstanding" awards, a couple of National Appointments, several longevity awards, and more. The golf outing organizers presented prizes to the golfers. Pictures were taken. All while emcee Drew Elliott from Timber Ridge kept the program moving and on track. Everyone had a great time and the word "Camaraderie" was used repeatedly. The hospitality suite upstairs was packed after the banquet, and folks there continued celebrating the weekend theme until the wee hours of the morning.

The weekend's meetings wound up on Sunday morning, first with the traditional Patrol Director and Patrol Representative breakfast, and then with a final Division Board meeting. While those lucky folks were in their meetings, other people packed their bags, gathered for breakfast or just visited awhile longer. Quite a few people took advantage of the complimentary weekend-long admission tickets to return to the air zoo and see the main museum building and exhibit galleries before heading home.

A lot of work went into planning for the meeting, and seeing how much fun people had was a great payoff. Another big payoff was hearing a couple of patrolters who had never been to a Division meeting say that they got so much out of this weekend they were looking forward to next year's meeting. We began planning the meeting with the goal of making it a useful, fun, and relevant event for rank and file patrolters. We hope the comment from these two patrolters means we reached our goal.

We on the West Michigan Region's planning committee want to thank everyone who came to Kalamazoo for this weekend of "Camaraderie". We also want to thank the people and businesses that provided sponsorship and support for the meeting, including the Kalamazoo County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Kalamazoo Area Chamber of Commerce, Timber Ridge Ski Shop, Timber Ridge Ski Area/Roger Rantz, Caberfae Ski

Area, Pando Ski Area, America's Transportation Resources/David Menke, Chip Knappen, Cascade Toboggan, Mountain Uniforms, West Michigan Air Care, Colleen and Tony Wolfer, Safety Services of Kalamazoo/Tony Hammock, Lee's Sports & Sportswear, the Prairies Golf Course, Crystal Mountain Resort, Newaygo Golf Club, Perrigo Company/Homer Skinner, Boyne Mountain Ski Area, Kalamazoo Dermatology, and Southwest Michigan Dermatology. We must also thank the folks who put on programs during the meeting; Dr. Bill Fales, the Southwest Michigan 5th District Medical Reserve Corps, Bob Mayberry, Dawn Johnston, Kurt Arnold, Dixon Small, and Chris Waring. Finally, we want to acknowledge and thank the staffs at the Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites in Kalamazoo, and the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum for their help and hospitality, and for going the extra mile to make the NSP Central Division Fall Meeting a rousing success.

Mark your calendars now for the 2008 Fall Division meeting in Milwaukee on September 6, 7 and 8, hosted by the South Central Region. Word has it that Region Director Thom Rabaglia and his committee are planning another extra special weekend event. After seeing the air zoo simulators, Thom said something like, "Oh, yeah? Well wait 'till you see the Harley-Davidson museum and the motorcycle simulators."

Okay, Thom, we'll look forward to that.

**Fall 2008 Division Meeting  
September 4 - 7 Milwaukee**

# Michigan Tech to Host US X-C Championship

For the second year in a row, the US Cross Country Championship will be held at the Michigan Tech Nordic Training Center Jan. 1-6.

Members of the US Ski Team—including Olympians Kris Freeman, Andy Newell and Kikkan Randall—will be among the 400 skiers competing in the four-race, week-long extravaganza.

Racing will commence Monday, Jan. 1, with the freestyle discipline then continues Wednesday, Jan. 3, with competitors using the classic style. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5-6, will feature sprint formats crowd-pleasing short races on a tight course.



“We will have the top skiers in the country here,” said organizing committee chair Mike Abbott, director of sports and recreation. “Our stadium area is very spectator friendly, and this is a rare opportunity to see this caliber of event in the Midwest.”

Those top skiers include members of the US Disabled Team, who compete on sit-ski devices, using their arms and poles to propel themselves around the course.

Last year the weather didn’t cooperate, and scores of volunteers shoveled snow onto the five-kilometer course. The snow had been harvested from area parking lots and football fields.

“I don’t want to jinx anything,” Abbott said, “but I sure hope the snows come early and often this year. When you are organizing an event of this

magnitude, you don’t want to also worry about where the main ingredient will come from.”

Spectators will have the opportunity to see the top skiers in the country, including many who will vie for a spot on the US 2010 Olympic team. The US Ski Team will compete then head back to World Cup competition in Europe.

Michigan Tech earned the bid for the US championships based on a challenging trail system, which was renovated and expanded in 2001. The volunteer organizing committee also successfully staged the junior national championships, known as the Junior Olympics, in 2006.

A complete schedule is available at [www.seniornationals.org](http://www.seniornationals.org).



**Patrollers interested in volunteering for the 2008 Nationals should monitor the Michigan Tech University web site, [www.mtu.edu](http://www.mtu.edu) for updates or contact Barbara Wheeler, from the local Copper Country Ski Patrol at either [bawheelerski@msn.com](mailto:bawheelerski@msn.com) or 906-487-9695.**

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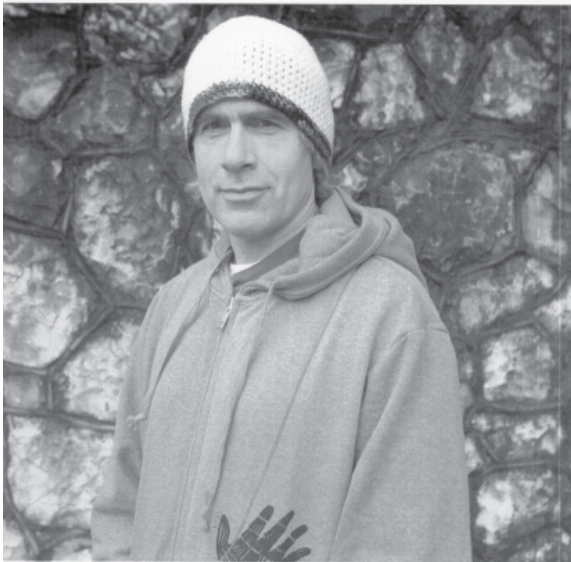




# U.S. Nat'l Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame Class '07

The U.S. National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame announces its Class of 2007. The inductees represent a very diverse group of snow sport pioneers, athletes and developers, including the first inductees for snowboarding.

Jake and Donna Carpenter are the first people from snowboarding to be elected to the Hall of Fame. They are the first to enter the Hall of Fame as a couple in recognition of their vision, determination and business savvy that brought snowboarding from the backyard snow banks to resort slopes around the world.



**Jake Burton Carpenter**



**Donna Carpenter**

The Burton Snowboard Company was started in 1977 housed out of a Vermont barn. Jake Burton Carpenter would load up his station wagon and drive door-to-door convincing shops to buy his boards. Now, in 2007, the Carpenters are still its sole owners. Burton Snowboard Company has grown into the world's leading snowboard company, dominating close to 50 percent of the industry's share.

Everett Kircher was the developer, visionary and executive of Boyne USA Resorts. Starting with just one dollar in 1947, Kircher bought a "useless piece of farmland" in the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan and started Boyne Mountain Ski Resort. From there he developed state-of-the-art snowmaking equipment, the first double and triple chairlifts in the world and a ski resort management model that would create the most successful family-owned ski resort corporation in the United States.

Using his keen business sense, mechanical ingenuity, and tenacious drive Kircher kept on the cutting edge of the ski resort industry. He was never one to follow but rather preferred to set the bar for the competition. "Everett was years ahead of everyone when it came to developing and operating a ski resort," Stein Eriksen, USSSHF class of 1982, said of Kircher in an interview with Ski magazine.



**Everett Kircher**

Eric Bergoust joined the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team's aerial squad in 1990 and went on to become a two-time World Champion, three-time U.S. Champion, and four-time Olympian. He holds Olympic Gold from the Nagano Games in 1998, several U.S. aerial's gold medals, world championship gold and silver medals and numerous other honors. Bergoust started his interest in aerial skiing after watching a world cup event on ESPN in 1985.



**Eric Berquoust**

With a trampoline in his backyard just outside Missoula, Montana it was not long until he was working on the tricks himself. It is said that he was the first spectator through the event gates at the 1988 Calgary Olympic Games to watch the aerial events. He retired from the sport in 2006 after the Torino Olympic Games.

Doug Lewis enjoyed a solid career with the U.S. Alpine Ski Team. A two time Olympian, he went the Sarajevo Olympic Games in 1984 and Calgary



**Doug Lewis**

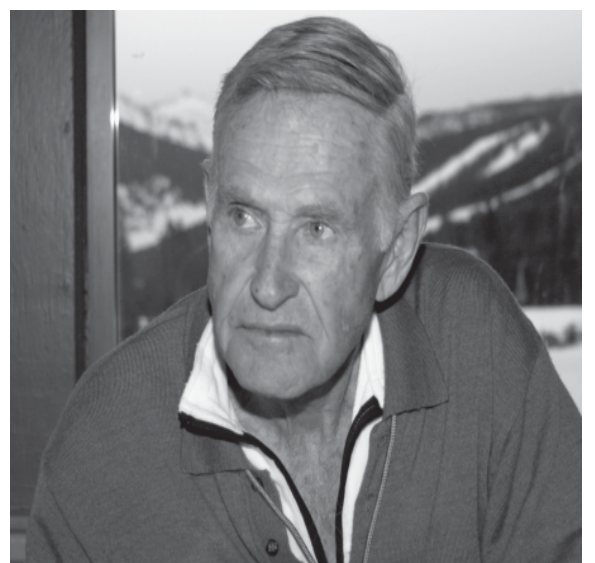
Olympic Games in 1988. He won two U.S. National Champion Downhill titles and was considered a fierce competitor.

His bronze medal at the Bormio, Italy World Championship race in 1985 was the first won by an American male skier at any World Championships in the downhill event.

After his race career he went on to co-found Eliteam, a summer program aimed at improving conditioning for young ski racers and other athletes through sport psychology, physiology and good nutrition.

Tom Jacobs competed in cross-country and Nordic combined at the Oslo Olympic Games in 1952 and went on to a successful career as coach for Colorado University's ski team. He served as the Executive Director of the National Ski Association, today the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, in 1956-1957.

After moving back to the East in the 60's, Jacobs and his wife started Reliable Racing Supply thus founding the first mail order ski race equipment



**Tom Jacobs**

distributor of its kind. The company became an international supplier of cutting-edge race products that raised the level of the racing environment for thousands of competitive skiers and organizations.

Mitch Cubberly invented the first multi-angle release ski binding, called the Cubco, in the early 1950s. With an education in mechanical engineering, Cubberly created a safer ski experience for thousands of American skiers. Inventions such as the first step-in binding, the first anti-friction binding plate (the Cubco Skidder) and the Cubco ski brake were developed and marketed by his company. He also invented or developed mounting tools, special mounting screws and other ski shop supplies.

Cubberly did all this with a very unselfish attitude. Many products produced by him went unpatented and were made available to the ski industry. The only pieces he co-patented with Gordon Lipe were the Cubco toe and heel binding, and the Skidder.

The official induction of the six members of the class of 2007 will take place at the Snowsports Industries America annual trade show, January 29 to February 2, 2008 in Las Vegas. Kircher and Cubberly will be inducted posthumously. A welcome home event in their honor will be held at the U.S. National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame Ishpeming, Michigan in September 2008.

The U.S. National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame and Museum is dedicated to honoring America's skiing and snowboarding professionals, pioneers and athletes. The museum houses one of the largest collections of skis and snow sport related memorabilia in the United States.



AVALANCHE

Oct 6-7	SWR	Avalance Fundamentals, Great Bear	23	OR	Thomas, Mike Prigge	17	SWR	OEC Final, Mt Kato
Dec 1	EMR	Avalanche 1, Derek Werner	29	NMR	Ohio Board Meeting, Loc TBA, Chris Raudabaugh	29	WMR	Sec 2, OEC Final, Dani Doolittle
					Fall Board of Directors Meeting, Robert Lechtanski	Dec 1	WR	OEC Eval, Spirit Mnt, SMDC
					Fall Meeting, Patrollers Welcome, Derek Werner	6	EMR	OEC Enhancement, Splinting, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin
			Oct 3	EMR		8	NMR	Basic OEC Final Exam, Mt. Holiday, Dan and Mary Velikan
Jan 21	WMR	Awards Due to Section, Kathy Young	6	EMR	Pine Knob General Meeting, Pam King	8	WR	OEC Eval, Spirit Mnt, Paul van Natta
28	WMR	Awards Due to Region, Kathy Young	13	NCR	Fall Region Board Meeting, Brule, David Dahl	9	WMR	OEC Final, Caberfae Peaks, Cassie Proctor
28	WMR	National Appointments Due, Sue Brann	17	WMR	Region Meeting, Branns, Tony Wolfer	15	NCR	OEC Final, Mt Ripley, Aaron LeLonde
Feb 9	SR	Awards Deadline, Mike Benhart	Nov 8	OR	Hill Captian's Meeting, Snow Trails, Baumlein	16	EMR	OEC Enhancement, Traction
20	NCR	Award Deadline, Carolyn DeJongh	Jan 9		Region Meeting, Branns, Tony Wolfer	22	NCR	Splinting, Marilyn Gilin
22	SR	Awards Meeting, Location TBD	Mar 12	WMR	Region Meeting, Branns, Tony Wolfer			On Hill Refresher, Granite Peak, Darin Westover
Mar 1	NCR	Awards Meeting, Granite Peak, David Dahl	29	CD	Division Spring Meeting, Chicago	Jan 6	NCR	Sec 4, On Hill Refresher, Darin Westover
			Apr 4-6	WR	PD/PR Retreat, Buck Hill			Sec 4, On Hill Refresher, Darin Westover
5	EMR	Awards Due, Dennis Heeger	18-20	NCR	Spring Board Meeting/Awards Banquet, Minocqua, David Dahl	7	NCR	Sec 4, On Hill Refresher, Darin Westover
8	OR	Awards Nomination Review, Loc TBA, Chris Raudabaugh	26	OR	Spring Board Meeting/Awards Banquet, Loc TBA	11	EMR	OEC Enhancement, Vitals/Oxygen, Marilyn Gilin
12	EMR	Awards Review Meeting, Dennis Heeger	19	WR	Spring Board Meeting, Buck Hill, Kirsten Hammarburg	15	EMR	OEC Enhancement, Back Board, Marilyn Gilin
Apr 10	NCR	Certificates and Bravos Due, Carolyn Dejongh			Board Meeting, Location TBD	21	EMR	OEC Enhancement, CPR On the Hill, Marilyn Gilin
25	WR	Awards Deadline	May 3	SR	Region Meeting, Sec 3, Tony Wolfer			OEC Class Begins, Mt. Holly, Steve Meek
May 2	WR	Awards Committee Meeting, Hinckley, Mary Engstrom	3	WMR	Spring Meeting, Derek Werner	Mar 3	EMR	OEC Class Begins, BMBW, Brandywine, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima
			7	EMR	Spring Awards Banquet, Dave Petrak			OEC Class Begins, Snow Tails, Bill Harkins
			12	EMR		23	OR	

CERTIFIED

Jan 1	CD	Certified Applications due, Mike Longfellow-Jones	Sep 22-23	WR	MTR Fundamentals, Wabasha, Daryl Coons	Apr 1	OR	
6	OR	Certified Qualification/Recertification Clinic, PNS, Dale Mihuta	Oct 6-7	SWR	MTR Fundamentals, Great Bear			
13	NM	Certified Qualification/Recertification Clinic, Nubs Knob, Dan Somalski	Nov 11	EMR	MTR 1 & Fundamentals, Mt. Brighton, Jerry Rodeman			
14	WR	Certified Qualifying Clinic, Recert, Lutsen, Terry Spohn	Dec 15	EMR	MTR II Classroom, Mt. Brighton, Jerry Rodeman	Aug 12	EMR	OEC Recertification, Mt. Holly, Ellen Burchfield
25-27	OR	Advanced Certified Training, PNS, Dale Mihuta	Jan12-13	SR	MTR 1, Glacial Park, IL	19	WMR	Sec 1 Instructor Refresher, Bronson Center, Dan Goldberger
Feb 8	SR	Certified Clinic, Chestnut Mnt, Chuck Martschinke	25-27	EMR	MTR II Field Session, Jerry Rodeman	26	NCR	OEC Refresher, Big Powder Horn, Earl Halverson
16	NCR	Certified Qualifying Clinic, Marquette Mnt, tom Anderson	Mar7-8	SR	MTR II, Porkies	26	WMR	Instructor Refresher, Caberfae Peaks, Cassie Proctor, Deann Jenkins
28-	CD	Division Certified Exam, Marquette Mnt, Mike Longfellow-Jones				Sep 7	WR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Coffee Mill, Mike Prigge
Mar 2			Jan1-5	NCR	Nordic Senior National Championship, Houghton, MI, Barbara Wheeler	7	WR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Giants
			8	WR	Mesabi East Invitational, Giants Ridge	Ridge,		Debbie Cersine
			26	NCR	Noquemenon Nordic, Marquette, Nancy Imm	8	WR	Chari Evac, Coffee Mill, Grant Jensen
			Feb 16	WR	Minnesota Finlandia Race, Bemidji	8-9	WR	OEC/CPR Refresher Chair Evac Giants Ridge, Dave Furin
			21-23	NCR	Birkebiener Nordic Race, Hayward, Barb Wheeler, Steven Konkel	9	NCR	OEC Refresher, Blackjack, Bob Lehman
			Mar 1	NCR	Lakeland Loppet, Minocqua Winter	9	NCR	OEC/Chair Evac Refresher, Indianhead, Walt Hess
			Mar 9	NCR	Betty Adams	9	WR	OEC Refresher, Coffee Mill, Mike Prigge
					Great Bear Chase, Calumet, Barb Wheeler	13	WMR	Sec 2 Instructor Refresher, Cannonsburg, Mike Fick

DEADLINES

Jul 31	EMR	Downhill Edge Articles Due	Feb 16	WR	Minnesota Finlandia Race, Bemidji	9	NCR	OEC Refresher, Blackjack, Bob Lehman
15	NCR	Powder Lines Articles Due, Tim Zimmerman	21-23	NCR	Birkebiener Nordic Race, Hayward, Barb Wheeler, Steven Konkel	9	NCR	OEC/Chair Evac Refresher, Indianhead, Walt Hess
31	NCR	Patrol Financial Reports Due, Sarah Hull	Mar 1	NCR	Lakeland Loppet, Minocqua Winter	9	WR	OEC Refresher, Coffee Mill, Mike Prigge
31	WR	Patrol Financial Reports Due, Jim Irvin	Mar 9	NCR	Betty Adams	13	WMR	Sec 2 Instructor Refresher, Cannonsburg, Mike Fick
Aug 1	EMR	Patrol Financial Reports Due to Section Chief			Great Bear Chase, Calumet, Barb Wheeler	15	EMR	Sec 1 OEC Instructor Refresher, Alpine Valley, Orysia Novajovsky
3	NCR	Patrol Finance Reports Due to Section Chief, Sarah Hull				15	NMR	OEC Refresher, Schuss Mt, Virginia Rodeman
10	CD	Early Registration Due for Fall Division Meeting	Jul 9	EMR	OEC Class Begins, Alpine Valley, George Gilan	15	NCR	OEC/Chair Evac Refresher, Camp 10, Gren Rudd
10	NCR	Section Chief Finance Reports Due, Sarah Hull	Aug 1	EMR	OEC Class Begins, Mt. Brighton, Dick Poole	15	NCR	OEC/Chair Evac Refresher, Brule, Joe Matusak
15	WMR	Subunit Financial Report Due, Larry Klose	7	OR	OEC Classes Resume, Snow Trails, Bill Harkins	15	NCR	Sec 1, OEC Refresher, Bronson
31	SR	Southern Cross Articles Due	13	WMR	OEC Class Begins, Bittersweet, Timber Ridge, Dan Goldberger, Britt Gustafson	15	WMR	Gilmore Center, Dan Goldberger
Sept 1	EMR	Section Financial Reports Due, Sharon Hazen	19	SR	OEC Kick Off, Four Lakes, IL, Nancy Fudali	15	SWR	OEC Refresher, Mt Kato
15	CD	RPN Fall Deadline, Tim Zimmerman	26	WMR	OEC Class Begins, Caberfae Peaks, Cassie Proctor, Deann Jenkins	16	NMR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Otsego Ski Club, Roger Perreault
29	OR	DownHill Deadline, Max Davis			Basic OEC Course, Mt. Holiday, Dan and Mary Velikan	16	SR	Chair Evac, Snowstar, L. Davidson
Oct 1	CD	Region Financial Reports Due, Mary Green	Sept 1	NMR	OEC Course Begin, Mt Ripley, Aaron LeLonde	16	WMR	Chair Evac, BLS Refreshers, Bittersweet, Dan Navis
Nov 15	OR	DownHill Deadline, Max Davis			OEC Course Begin, Buck Hill, Kerstin Hammarberg	16	WMR	Chair Evac, BLS Refreshers, Timber Ridge, Sue Brann
Dec 1	WR	Patrol Registrations Due	4	WR	Coffee Mill OEC Course Begins, Mike Prigge	16	SWR	OEC Refresher, Fun Valley
1	CD	Postmark Deadline, Nat'l, LCA, DSA Awards	4	WR	OEC Instructor Recertification, PNS, Rose DeJarnette	18	WR	OEC Refresher, Mont du Lac, St. Lukes, Rita Bovee
Jan 7	CD	RPN Winter Deadline, Tim Zimmerman	4	WR	OEC Course Begin, Mt Ripley, Aaron LeLonde	19	WR	OEC Refresher, Spirit Mnt,
15	NCR	Powder Lines Artilces Due, Tim Zimmerman	5	NCR	OEC Classes Resume, BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	22	EMR	Sec 3 OEC Instructor Refresher, Snow Snake, Mark Kuehl
Feb 28	EMR	Downhill Edge Articles Due	15	EMR	Sec 1 OEC Instructor Refresher, Alpine Valley, Orysia Novajovsky	22	SWR	OEC Refresher, Mt LaCrosse
Mar 10	OR	DownHill Deadline, Max Davis	15	NMR	Schuss Mt Fall OEC Refresher, Schuss Mt, Virginia Rodeman	23	EMR	CPR & Chair Evac Refresher, Snow Snake, Mark Kuehl
Apr 1	EMR	Annual Region Adm Reports Due, Derek Werner	15-16	WMR	OEC Practical, Crystal, Sherwin Vanklumpenberg	29	NMR	Fall OEC Refresher, Gaylord High School, Roger Perreault
1	EMR	Annual Region Expense Reports Due, Sharon Hazen	16	NMR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Otsego Ski Club, Roger Perreault	29	EMR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Mt. Holly, Lynn Hunt
May 31	WR	Expense Vouchers Due for 07/08	16	OR	OEC Instructor Refreher, MRM, John Norris	29	WR	Sec 2 OEC Refresher, Mt. Brighton, Diane Henry
Jun 1	NCR	Powder Lines Articles Due, Tim Zimmerman	22	EMR	Sec 3 OEC Instructor Refresher, Snow Snake, Mark Kuehl	29	WR	OEC Refresher, Elm Creek/Hyland/ Viking Nordic, Terry Spohn, Jeannine Mogan, Renee Johnson
30	EMR	Activity Logs due to Administrators	22	OR	OEC Refresher, BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	29	SR	OEC Refresher, Pines, Sabrina Sarver
			29	NMR	Fall OEC Refresher, Gaylord High	29	NCR	OEC Refresher, Mt Ripley, Patti Asselin
			School,		Roger Perreault	29	OR	OEC Refresher, Alpine Valley, Pat Aquila, Dave Watkins
			29	EMR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Mt. Holly, Hunt	29	OR	OEC Refresher, PNS, Sandi Hammons, Ringley
			Lynn		OEC Course Begins, Porcupine Mnt, Jerry Linn	29-30	WMR	OEC Refresher Weekend, Caberfae Peaks, Deann Jenkins
			Oct 1	NCR	Bittersweet/Timber Ridge, OEC Final, Goldberger, Britt Gustafson	30	EMR	Sec 2 CPR & Chair Evac Refresher, Mt Brighton, Diane Henry
			Nov 3	WMR	OEC Practical Final, Snow Trails, Bill Harkin	30	SR	Chair Evac, Swiss Valley, Tom Smith
			Dan		Sec 1, OEC Evaluation, Alpine Valley, George Gilin	30	SR	OEC Refresher, Four Lakes, Randy Johnston
			3	OR	OEC Eval, Coffee Mill, Mike Prigge	30	NCR	AHA CPR Refresher, MTU, Mt Ripley, Bohemia, Patti Asselin
			10	EMR	OEC Practical Final BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	30	OR	OEC Refreher BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima
			10-11	WR	OEC Final, Snow Creek			
			11	SWR				

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

Aug 23	EMR	Instructor Development, Mt. Brighton, Jerry Rodeman	22	EMR	Sec 3 OEC Instructor Refresher, Snow Snake, Mark Kuehl	29	WR	OEC Refresher, Elm Creek/Hyland/ Viking Nordic, Terry Spohn, Jeannine Mogan, Renee Johnson
Mar 15-	OR	Instructor Development, On Line Course,	22	OR	OEC Refresher, BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	29	SR	OEC Refresher, Pines, Sabrina Sarver
Apr 6	EMR	Instructor Development, Mt. Holly, Ellen Burchfield	29	NMR	Fall OEC Refresher, Gaylord High	29	NCR	OEC Refresher, Mt Ripley, Patti Asselin
15		Alida Moonen	School,		Roger Perreault	29	OR	OEC Refresher, Alpine Valley, Pat Aquila, Dave Watkins
17	OR	Instructor Development, Brandywine, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	29	EMR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Mt. Holly, Hunt	29	OR	OEC Refresher, PNS, Sandi Hammons, Ringley
19	OR	Instructor Development, Brandywine, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	Lynn		OEC Course Begins, Porcupine Mnt, Jerry Linn	29-30	WMR	OEC Refresher Weekend, Caberfae Peaks, Deann Jenkins
			Oct 1	NCR	Bittersweet/Timber Ridge, OEC Final, Goldberger, Britt Gustafson	30	EMR	Sec 2 CPR & Chair Evac Refresher, Mt Brighton, Diane Henry
			Nov 3	WMR	OEC Practical Final, Snow Trails, Bill Harkin	30	SR	Chair Evac, Swiss Valley, Tom Smith
			Dan		Sec 1, OEC Evaluation, Alpine Valley, George Gilin	30	SR	OEC Refresher, Four Lakes, Randy Johnston
			3	OR	OEC Eval, Coffee Mill, Mike Prigge	30	NCR	AHA CPR Refresher, MTU, Mt Ripley, Bohemia, Patti Asselin
			10	EMR	OEC Practical Final BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	30	OR	OEC Refreher BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima
			10-11	WR	OEC Final, Snow Creek			
			11	SWR				

MEETINGS

Aug 5-8	CD	MSAA Seminar, Chestnut Mnt, Chuck Martschinke	10	EMR	Sec 1, OEC Evaluation, Alpine Valley, George Gilin	30	NCR	AHA CPR Refresher, MTU, Mt Ripley, Bohemia, Patti Asselin
11-12	OR	Patrol Rep Retreat, Loc TBA, Jim Vickroy	10	WR	OEC Eval, Coffee Mill, Mike Prigge	30	OR	OEC Refreher BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima
Sep 7-9	CD	Cental Division Fall Meeting, Kalamazoo, MI	10-11	OR	OEC Practical Final BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	30	OR	OEC Refreher BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima
14-15	SR	Patrol Rep Seminar, Location TBD	11	SWR				
21-23	WR	Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet, John						



30	OR	OEC Refresher, Snow Trails, Bill Harkins	19	OR	Nies	2-3	SWR	SES, Hidden Valley
Oct 6	EMR	Sec 1, OEC Refresher, Orysia Novajovsky	20	WR	Senior Applications Due, Dennis Maslar	3	NMR	Sec 1 Basic Evaluation, Boyne Highlands, Mike Cornell
6	NCR	OEC Refresher, Marquette Mnt, Jim Grundstrom	15	WR	Senior Pre-course 4A, Buck Hill, Mike Nies	3	EMR	Sec 1 S&T Eval, Pine Knob, Mike Schons
6	NCR	Sec 4 OEC Refresher, Granite Peak, Darin Westover	22	WR	Senior Pre-course 4B, Buck Hill, Mike Nies	3	OR	SES, Paoli Peaks, Bruce Heichelbech
6	WR	OEC Refresher, Welch Village, Chip Kurt	24	WR	Senior Bump Clinic, Loc TBA, Mike Nies	9	SR	S&T Evaluation, Chestnut Mnt.
7	EMR	CPR & Chair Evac Refresher, Alpine Valley, Steve and Karen Werner	26	NMR	Otsego/Mt. Holiday S&T Training, Otsego	9	WR	Nordic SES, Elm Creek, Peter Wollan
7	EMR	CPR Refresher, Gen Meeting, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin	26	NMR	SEM 12PM OEC Mock Exam,Otsego Ski Club, Roger Perreault	10	SR	TES, Chestnut Mnt.
7	SR	OEC Refresher, Swiss Valley, Tom Smith	26	NMR	SEM Eval, Cannonsburg, Mike Fick	10	WMR	Sec 2, Basic On Hill Eval, Cannonsburg, Jack T Katerberg
7	NCR	Sec 4 Chair Evac, CPR Refresher, Granite Peak, Darin Westover	26	NMR	SEM Pre-course, Loc TBA, Mary Pritchetti, Kathy Glynn	10	WR	Candidate On Hill Eval, Christie Mnt, Dennis Potter
7	OR	OEC Refresher, MRM, John Norris, Kim Hiser	26-27	SWR	SEM Pre-course, Loc TBA, Mary Pritchetti, Kathy Glynn	10	OR	TES, PNS, Sandie Hammons
7	OR	OEC Refresher, PNS, Sandi Hammons, Lori Ringley	27	WMR	Senior Experience, TES, Loc TBA	17	EMR	Sec 2 Basic S&T Eval, Mt. Brighton, Dave Petrak
7	OR	OEC Refresher, Snow Trails, Bill Harkins	29	WR	Senior Hill Workshop, Crystal Mnt., Shawn Rhoda	17	EMR	Sec 3, Basic S&T Eval, Mt. Holly, Mark Gaffney
7	OR	OEC Refresher, Alpine Valley, Pat Aquila, Dave Watkins	Feb 1	NMR	Senior Bump Clinic II, Loc TBA, Mike Nies	23	NMR	Section # 2 Basic Eval, Otsego Ski Club, John Wallace snd Rich VanDam
12	WR	OEC Refresher, Buck Hill, Kerstin Hammarburg	1	EMR	OEC SEM Paperwork Deadline, Roger Perreault	23	NMR	Sec 3 Basic Eval, Mt. Holiday, Pat Troop and Jeff Summers
13	EMR	Chair Evac and Work Party, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin	8-10	EMR	OEC SEM Scenario Skills Sign Offs Due, Ellen Burchfield	24	EMR	Sec 3, Basic S&T Eval, Apple, Mark Gaffney
13	SR	OEC Refresher, Chestnut Mnt, Mike Foley	9	OR	Senior S&T Evaluation, Boyne Mt., Derek Werner			
13	WR	OEC Refresher, Spirit Mnt, Jim Gearns	9-10	OR	Deadline Receipt of Senior Applications, Dennis Maslar			
13	WR	OEC Refresher, Buck Hill, Kerstin Hammarburg	10	SWR	Senior S&T Evaluation, Loc TBA	Jul 21-28	EMR	Ann Arbor Art Fair, Dick Thalacker
13	WR	OEC Refresher, Wild Mnt, Dale Scheufner	10	WR	Senior S&T Evaluation, Loc TBA, Mike Nies	Aug 18	NCR	Trail Round-Up, Nine Mile, Steven Konkell
13-14	WMR	Sec 2, Refresher Weekend, Cannonsburg, Mike Fick	10	OR	Senior Skills Check Off Due, Dennis Maslar	Oct 12-14	OR	Ski Swap, BMBW
13-14	WMR	Refresher Weekend, Crystal Mnt, Sherwin VanKlombenberg	18	WR	SEM Pre-course, Loc TBA, Mary Pritchetti, Kathy Glynn	13	WR	Coffe Mill/Steeplechase Ski Swap, Dean Brandt
13-14	SWR	Refresher Weekend, Sundown	22-24	NCR	Senior S&T Clinic/Eval, Marquette Mnt, Jim Grundstrom	20	EMR	Ski Swap, Midland Community Center, Mark Kuehl
14	EMR	Chair Evac and Work Party, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin	23	NCR	SEM Evaluation, Marquette Mnt	20-21	EMR	Ski Swap, Mt. Brighton, Dick Thalacker
14	SR	Chair Evac, Chestnut Mnt, Mike Foley	23	OR	Senior Event, Loc TBA, Dennis Maslar	27-28	EMR	Ski Swap, Pine Knob, Pam King
14	OR	On Hill Refresher/CPR, MRM, Jim Norris, Kim Hiser	24	NMR	Senior S&T Eval, Boyne Mountain, Aren Fairchild and Jim Parker	30-31	SR	Ski Sale Set Up, Rosemount, IL
14	OR	OEC Refresher, Paoli Peaks, Bruce Heichelbech	Mar 8	WR	Senior S&T, Crystal Mnt., Chip Knappen	Nov 1-4	SR	Ski Sale, Rosemount, IL
20	EMR	CPR & Chair Evac, Mt. Holly, Lynn Hunt	9	NMR	SEM Evaluation, Loc TAB, Mary Pritchetti, Kathy Glynn	3	NCR	Marquette Mt Ski Swap, Jim Grundstrom
20	NCR	Sec 3 OEC Refresher, Norway Mnt, Harry Lauritsen	9	EMR	SEM Evaluation, Otsego Ski Club, Roger Perreault	3	WR	Ski Swap, Christie Mnt, Dennis Potter
20	WR	OEC Refresher, Christie Mnt, Paul van Natta			SEM Evaluation, Mt. Brighton, Ellen Burchfield	3-4	EMR	Ski Swap, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin
20-21	SWR	Refresher Weekend, Snow Creek				3-4	OR	Ski Swap, PNS, Sandi Hammons
21	EMR	OEC Refresher, Bendle HS, Lynn Hunt				4	OR	Ski Swap, MRM, John Norris
21	SR	OEC Refresher, Snowstar, L. Davidson				4	OR	Hut Clean Up, MRM, Snow Trails, Keith Neals
21	SR	OEC Refresher, Wilmot Mnt, Christopher Morris				5	SR	Ski Sale Tear Down, Rosemount, IL
21	WR	Chair Evac/Meeting, Christie Mnt, Paul van Natta				10-11	OR	Swi Swap, Snow Trails, Bob Wilson
22	WR	OEC instructor Recertification, Kathy Glenn				17	EMR	Ski Swap, Mt Holly, Shannon Rains
27-28	SWR	Refresher Weekend, Great Bear				Dec 8	NCR	Brule Ski Patrol Ski Swap, Joe Matusak
28	SR	OEC REfresher, Grand Geneva, NancyFudali				Feb2-3	NCR	Badger State Winter Games, Darin Westover, Steven Konkell
Nov 3-4	SWR	Refresher Weekend, Hidden Valley				23-24	OR	Winter Carnival, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein
4	NCR	Make-Up OEC Refresher, Minocqua Winter Park, Betty Adams				Mar 2	OR	Alumni Day, MRM, Rick Schleitz
7	EMR	OEC Instructor Recertification, Pine Knob, Nycha Schlegel				9	OR	Spring Carnival, PNS, Sandi Hammons
14	OR	OEC Refresher, Cuyahoga Nordic SP, Daryl Knauss				Apr 27	OR	Patrol Picnic, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein
18	EMR	OEC/CPR Make Up Refresher, Steve Werner						
Dec 9	WR	Chair Evac, Spirit Mnt, Ron Thorn						
15	WR	Chair Evac, Spirit Mnt, Ron Thorn						
Jan 6	EMR	Make-Up Chair Evac, Snow Snake, Mark Kuehl						
30	WR	On Hill Refresher, Christie Mnt, Dennis Potter						
Feb 3	WR	On Hill Refresher, Christie Mnt, Dennis Potter						
10	WR	On Hill Refresher, Christie Mnt, Dennis Potter						
SENIOR								
Oct 13	NMR	SEM Enhancement – Backboarding, Mt. Holiday, Roger Perreault	19	OR	Chair Evac Trainers Clinic, Mt. Holly, Matt Stilson	10-11	OR	Swi Swap, Snow Trails, Bob Wilson
Nov 3	NMR	SEM Enhancement – OEC Stations, Mt. Holiday, Roger Perreault	25	NCR	Div. Ski Trainer Workshop, Boyne, Invite only, Linda Barthel	17	EMR	Ski Swap, Mt Holly, Shannon Rains
Dec 1	EMR	Senior Applications Due, Derek Werner	26-27	SR	Toboggan Training, Camp 10, Gren Rudd	Dec 8	NCR	Brule Ski Patrol Ski Swap, Joe Matusak
1	OR	SEM, Brandywine, John Vining	26	NMR	STW, Chestnut Mnt.	Feb2-3	NCR	Badger State Winter Games, Darin Westover, Steven Konkell
22	WR	Senior Pre-course 1 North, Mike Nies	26	OR	Div. Ski Trainer Workshop, Granite Peak, Invite only, Linda Barthel	23-24	OR	Winter Carnival, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein
23	WR	Senior Pre-course 2 North, Mike Nies	27	EMR	Ski Trainer Workshop, Trainers Only, Pine Knob	Mar 2	OR	Alumni Day, MRM, Rick Schleitz
16	WMR	SEM Clinic, Cannonsburg, Mike Fick	27	NMR	Toboggan Training, Camp 10, Gren Rudd	9	OR	Spring Carnival, PNS, Sandi Hammons
Jan 5	NMR	SEM Enhancement – OEC Stations, Mt. Holiday, Roger Perreault	Feb 2	EMR	Instructor Calibration Clinic,Schuss Mt, Aren Fairchild	Apr 27	OR	Patrol Picnic, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein
6	NMR	Otsego/Mt. Holiday S&T Training, Otsego	2	OR	Senior Hill Examiner Clinic, Mike Nies			
6	NMR	SEM 12PM OEC Mock Exam, Otsego	2	OR	TES, Mt Kato			
Ski		Club, Roger Perreault			STW, PNS, Moss-Schmidt			
10	WR	Senior Pre-course 3A, Buck Hill, Mike Nies			Training Clinic, Schuss Mt, Aren Fairchild and Jim Parker			
12	WR	Senior Pre-course North, Mike Nies			TES, SES, SBES, Telemark Enhance ment, Mt Holly, Tim Gaffney			
13	EMR	Sr Candidate S&T Pre-Test, Derek Werner			Region STW Clinic/Eval Calibration, Caberfae Peaks, Chip Knappen			
15	WR	Senior Pre-course 4A, Buck Hill, Mike Nies			Women’s Seminar, Chestnut Mnt., Anne Blaedow			
17	WR	Senior Pre-course 3B, Buck Hill, Mike			TES, Alpine Valley, Patrick Aquila			



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