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Division Director's Report



Jim Woodrum **Division Director**

As we are about to embark on yet another ski season it is appropriate to pause and give thanks for all that have. Several patrollers have been stricken with some serious health

issues, others are still recovering from incidents that occurred last season, and we all need to take care of ourselves and our family as we prepare for this coming season. Waiting to stretch muscles that haven't been used since last season the day we put our boots on for the first time is a bit late. We have just a few weeks left before the start of the season and getting in shape is never too late.

Our Division had the opportunity to give recognition and congratulations to many of the award winners this fall at the meetings in Minneapolis. I would like to begin by thanking the Western Region, Chaired by Jeannine Mogan and her team, for an outstanding performance! You guys ROCK! There was certainly plenty to do with lots of programs being offered and many participants taking advantage of the opportunity. We had nearly all of our award winners present, making for an extraordinary Awards Banquet. All of those were captured in the pictures deeper in the newsletter and we appreciate their travelling from afar to accept their plaques and hardware in recognition of their contributions.

By the time this newsletter gets published nearly all of the fall OEC refreshers will have been completed. I had opportunity to attend about 6 of them this year and I must say they were well organized and clearly focused on refreshing our knowledge and skills. Thanks to all the instructors that spend the many hours in preparation and performance during these events. Next year's refresher will be a bit different in that it will focus on the changes contained in the OEC 5th Edition manual, All of us will need to purchase these books when they become available early next year. After having been through much of the manuals building process I must say it will be one of the most comprehensive under takings I've witnessed by the Ski Patrol in a long time. I'm personally looking forward to its publication and the new materials it contains.

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We have a number of leadership changes currently transitioning. As many of you may know, Darcy Hanley, currently Division Senior Program Supervisor has been hired by the National Ski Patrol Office to be the new Education Director. Darcy has done an outstanding job in her role and we look forward to bigger and better things from her in her new role for the NSP. Jay Zedak, currently NSP-C Ski School Director will replace Darcy as the Division Senior Program Supervisor. Dan Moss from Mad River Ski Patrol will replace Jay as the Ski School Director. Bev Benzing has been the Division Treasurer for the last several years and she will be stepping down. Joe Hamel from the Marquette Mountain Ski Patrol will replace Bev as the Division Treasurer and join the Central Division Board of Directors.

One of the first Division events this year is the Ski & Toboggan Workshops in the month of December. Again there are three of them, the first is in Troll-haugen near Minneapolis, the next is at Boyne Highlands in Northern Michigan and the third is at Cascade in Central Wisconsin. All three will have the new Accredited Senior Evaluator, ASE, rollout for those interested in going through the preparation process for the exam or those taking the exam. For those that are already a PSIA Level II or III instructor can participate in this if they like or can participate in a

Region calibration event. The Toboggan IT refresher/recertification will continue at all three events and hopefully we move toward the Calibration events scheduled in the Regions. There will also be an SES, TES, and Senior Session scheduled at all three STW's. Lots of opportunity for patrollers to participate. Please sign up on line. I'm personally looking forward to yet another great season and I would hope that you do as well. Take care of yourself and I'm looking to make more visits to areas and hope to make a few turns with you.

Jim Woodrum

Kasten's Korner



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Mom's Musings



Linda Murphy Jacobs ADD

As I write this article, my thoughts turn away from golf and gardening and start to focus on the impending ski season. Refreshers are over, reunions with patroller friends that I

haven't seen in months are ongoing, my new skis are ordered and I found my ski socks!!! The Division meeting is behind us. J.T. and the Western Region did a marvelous job hosting this event~ That bar just keeps raising year after year. The division board heard from the Skills Development team and approved the new ASE program for Senior Ski evaluators. Please look

for details in several articles in the RPN. The Skills Development team spent a great deal of time and effort this summer putting together a well rounded program that will benefit the Senior program across the Division.

We were honored to have Doug Berg (PSIA-C president) and his wife Cindy join us as our guests for part of the board meeting, as well as the banquet. Doug informed the board that his organization has approved offering their education events to our members without having to be PSIA members. That means that you all have the opportunity to attend a PSIA education event (if there is space available) for the coast of the event, plus a 20.00 processing fee. Those of you who are curious about the organization can dip a toe in without the financial commitment of membership. To steal a PGA phrase "Those guys are good!" I have never been disappointed with the level of expertise and the commitment to teaching that an ed event offers. Check with any member of the NSP-C ski school to get the schedule.

Our Central Division members once again brought home some well deserved outstanding awards. When I listen to all of the accomplishments of those award recipients, I am truly humbled and proud to be in the same organization. (I was also greatly relieved to NOT have fallen onto or off of the stage during the awards ceremony). These folks offer great inspiration to keep in mind as the season gears up. They show us all, by example, what positive attitudes and dedication to NSP programs can achieve. Best of luck to all of you this year that challenge yourselves with increasing your knowledge or skills by participating in our education offerings, in the Senior program or in the Certified program.

As my mom still tells me:You get out of it what you put into it.!!!

More on Winter Olympics: Charlie Cutter

Speical to RPN: Reprinted with permission from Sun Newspapers.

By: Grant Boelter, Sun Newspapers

Charlie Cutter is spending an anniversary and Valentine's Day 1,800 miles away from his wife, but she's all right with that.

The Apple Valley resident is also taking almost a month of unpaid vacation for the trip, while she holds down the fort at home, but Lori Cutter is just fine with that, too.

That's because Charlie is pursuing an opportunity not many others get -- being part of the emergency rescue ski team at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Whistler, British Columbia.

Cutter, 53, a pilot with Delta Air Lines, is the only American on the team in Canada.

"I'm the ugly American, as I love to refer to myself," said Cutter.

"This is a big commitment being able to let a spouse go for a whole month, but I've got plenty to keep me busy," said Lori Cutter, who runs an athletic supplement business out of their Apple Valley home and writes about NASCAR, among other things she does for a living.

"I think it it's an awesome opportunity," she said. "Both our hearts are out there serving the community."

Before the games, the crew of about 60 went through two weeks of training. It's their job to pounce immediately if a skier goes down and, if need be, to get the injured skier to the hospital via helicopter.

While using a helicopter is somewhat of a novelty to Cutter, rescuing skiers is not. He's well-versed in toboggan rescues, which take about twice as long. He's been a part of ski patrols since 1982.

Cutter grew up in Hibbing and moved to Minneapolis where he became part of the Afton Alps ski patrol in 1982.

"I thought I'd like to ski, but I don't want to pay for it," he said.

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Winter Olympics cont.

After moving to Seattle as part of his job with then Northwest Airlines, he also found work at area resourts. Eventually, he was part of the paid staff on the slopes of Mt. Hood in Oregon, which is open year-round.

"IwasskiinginAugustthisyear,"hesaid.

In December, the Cutters moved to Apple Valley, which was the



last thing Charlie thought would happen when he left in 1985.

"As I looked into the rearview mirror, I said I'd never live here again," he said.

But times have changed, as again the circumstances surrounding Charlie's pilot job paved the way for the move back to Minnesota. The couple is happy to be here, as they are closer to Charlie's family and Lori is closer to work she must tend to in northern lowa, as she sponsors two stock cars that race in the area.

Even though he misses the mountains, Charlie said he's enjoyed revisiting Afton again as a member of the ski patrol.

As an Arizona native who spent much of her adult life in Portland, Ore., Lori is taking her first true winter in stride.

"It's just kind of fun being in a whole new state and getting plugged into the winter sports," she said. "I'm really enjoying it. The thing is here the sun comes out. You'd be lucky if you saw the sun after a week in Portland during the winter."

With avalanche and EMT training, Cutter said he was well positioned for a role on the rescue squad. It might have also helped that it wasn't his first Olympics, as he was part of the rescue team in Salt Lake City in 2002.

> He also was set to help at the 2006 Olympics in Turin, Italy, but family circumstances kept him from making the trip.

> The opportunity to help is also a way for Cutter to realize his own Olympic dreams, as he was competing for a spot on the 1976 American squad, but a broken leg dashed

his hopes. But Cutter is more than thrilled to be a part of the Olympics in his current capacity.

"Until someone has come to an Olympics, and experienced It ... it's incredible," he said, when interviewed by phone the night before the opening

ceremonies.

Forgoing about three weeks pay wasn't easy for him, but he doesn't regret the decision.

"I will make it up somehow, but this is once in a lifetime," he said. "These people are all volunteers. They have all given up their time to do the work."

Volunteerism is something the Cutters, who have been married for three years, have bonded over.

"There are a lot of reasons that we feel like it's a good thing," Lori said. "We just feel that any time we can get out and serve and use our skills that we have and be a blessing to others, we look for those opportunities."

Anything that gets the Cutters out into the community is viewed as a good thing. When Charlie lived in Seattle, he also worked in hospitality for the Seattle Mariners. When they found out he was leaving, his supervisor put in a call to the Minnesota Twins, and now the Cutters will work in hospitality for the luxury boxes at Target Field.

"We just like working around people," said Lori.

And although Charlie was gone for their anniversary on Feb. 10, he didn't forget about it.

"He stashed away some gifts in some secret hiding places," said Lori.



MTR Program Active Year 'Round

As many of you know the fall Division Meeting was held in the Western Region where we have had a big change this year. Daryl Coons has handed down the position of Region Mountain Travel Rescue Adviser to Derk Renwick. Daryl has contributed a great deal of time and effort to the MTR program in his region over the years. You may have seen Daryl at the fall division meeting. He setup and manned the Mountain Travel Rescue booth, providing some great articles, stories and equipment to share. Special thanks to Daryl Coons. Derk has already been involved

John Wachter Division MTR Supervi-

courses sor the upcoming year, so if you are interested please renwick@umn.edu contact him.

We had a great course and a wonderful turn out at the fall Division meeting. This year we did a Mountain Travel Rescue Awareness / Low Angel Rescue course on the slopes of Hyland Ski and Snowboard area. What a beautiful day.

We started our course on the bottom of the bunny hill and then moved up into the pines on top of the hill, next to a Frisbee hole, where we completed the course. Like skiing or any other course you need to have a good strong foundation to build upon. The Low angle rescue course started out going over some basic knots, anchors and z-rig setups. Giving everyone a chance to practice and making sure that everyone in the group got a good grasp of what we were doing. With a good foundation formed we then split into teams.

One team was assigned to package the patient and get the toboggan ready for lowering and raising the patient, while the other team discussed and set up the z-rig for pulling them up the hill. With a good foundation to build upon and many obstacles in the way both groups were able to discuss and come up with some great ideas on setting up the system. This exercise was

done as a group and everyone was in charge of watching and checking the system and each other for safety. We build upon team work and group dynamics to apply what we have learned.

I would like to thank Hyland Ski and Snowboard Area for hosting the course and to all those who attended. A big shout out goes to David Zoromski, Howard Holz and Derk Renwick for your help with the course. I would like to invite everyone to the spring Mountain Travel & Rescue 1 / instructor work shop course that I will be holding this year at Blue mounds on weekend of March 26th 2011. This invitation also includes any one that wants to be an instructor (Mr. Dunning). There will be a \$10 fee for the course and all those interested please contact me at rock ski@hotmail.com.

For those instructors that cannot make it: if you have any thoughts or ideas for improving the course please feel free to send we can address Feel free to check out some the pics face book.

John Wachter CD MTR Adviser



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Central Division Elections Information



Ken Meldahl Division Elections MSAA Supervisor

Central Diviwill be sion holding 3 Re-Direcgion tor elections in 2011. Ohio Region, West-Michigan and Region Western Region will each be holding a Region Direcelection. tor

Eligible candidates for the position of Region Director may be nominated by another active NSP member of the region or may be self nominated.

As the Division Election Coordinator, I will accept nominations for each Region Director until January 26, 2011. Don't hesitated the Nominations can be made by either using the nomination form found in the Fall issue of the RPN, by downloading the nomination form from the Central Division website and sending it to me or using the on-line CD website:

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nomination form. Qualifications and responsibilities for each position can be found in the latest revision of the Central Division Policies & Procedures which can be accessed on the CD website: www.nspcentral.org.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Ken Meldahl Central Division Election Coordinator H)847-587-2397 C)847-204-0634 kmeldahl@comcast.net

NOTICE OF CENTRAL DIVISION REGION ELECTIONS

By Ken Meldahl, Central Division Election Coordinator

OHIO REGION WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION WESTERN REGION

In accordance with the current Policies & Procedures of the Central Division, an election for the position of Region Director for Ohio, Western Michigan and Western regions will be held in the year 2011. The Region Director serves a three year term, administers the Region according to the Region's Bylaws and Policies and Procedures and reports directly to the Central Division Director.

Qualifications:

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

Responsibilities:

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

Central Division Election Notification cont.

Nomination Procedure:

Nomination may be made by any Region active patroller in good standing or by self nomination. The nomination form can be found in this issue of the RPN or can be downloaded from the Central Division website: www.nspcentral.org. Nomination forms must be received by the Division Election Coordinator before January 26, 2011. Nominees will be sent a "Candidate Information Sheet" that must be returned by February 9, 2011. All nominees must follow "Guidelines of Conduct for Candidates" found in the current Central Division Policies & Procedures.

ELECTION PROCEDURE:

The Division Election Coordinator will verify qualifications of nominees, notify nominees of any deficiencies and collect nominee's resumes and/or position statements which will be distributed to the electorate along with voting instructions by February 15, 2011. Ballots must be returned by March 8, 2011. Tabulation of ballots by the Division Election Coordinator and validated by the Election Review Committee by March 19, 2011. Election results will be announced to the electorate and posted on the Division website by March 27, 2011.

ELECTORATE:

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

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

Each elector must be an active member of that patrol with two or more years of service in the Division. The names, addresses and email of these electors shall be made available to the Division Election Coordinator no later than November 30, 2010. Compliance shall be the responsibility of the Region Election Coordinator, or the Region Director if no Region Election Coordinator is appointed.

Or

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

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

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

2011 CENTRAL DIVISION ELECTION NOMINATION FORM

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

MAIL TO: Ken Meldahl

Central Division Elections Coordinator

63 North Ave. Fox Lake, IL 60020

Or nominate on-line at www.nspcentral.org

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30, 2011

National Ski Patrol Central Division

FOR CANDIDATES DIVISION OR REGION ELECTIONS

- All candidates shall be held personally responsible for all actions of their chairperson, workers, committees, etc. (F09 P003)
- II. For each election or run-off election, any candidate seeking the election office and those acting in behalf of the candidates are permitted a maximum of three contacts with the voters including phone conversa-

tions for the purpose of campaigning.

- III. The candidates' campaign literature or other contacts shall be restricted to:
 - A. Introducing themselves
 - B. Announcing their platform and intentions
 - C. Enhancing their own qualifications
- IV. No candidate, or those acting on behalf of the candidate, shall make or publish derogatory or inflammatory statements about his/her opponent's qualifications, ability, service record, or

personal life.

V. Candidates holding a Division, Region, or Section position during the time of their candidacy shall not be permitted to do any campaigning while attending any meeting, session or any other Registration Unit activity in an official capacity or where the cost of attendance in travel or living expense is reimbursed wholly or in part by the Division, Region or Section funds. Nor shall any campaigning be allowed in any communication, verbal or written, which is reimbursed by Division, Region or Section funds.

No Division, Region or Section funds shall be used to reimburse any candidate for campaign related expenses, i.e. all campaign expenses will be paid for by the candidate. (F09 P003)

VI. A copy of all campaign literature mailed or distributed by a candidate, or those acting in a candidate's behalf, and also an outline of any organized telephone campaign, shall be sent to the Election Coordinator and the Division Director.

VII. Failure to comply with these guidelines can result in the

removal of a candidate from the election. This action will be reviewed first by the Election Coordinator, then by the Division Legal Advisor, and finally by the Division Executive Committee, excluding any members who are candidates for the office in question.

Alpine December Clinics Here Again Come to the Party

Yikes, I can't believe the fall division meeting has already come and gone.



Don Loerch Division Skills Development Supervisor

If you were present you had an opportunity to hear Division our Director talk a bit about what makes our organization special. Namely, it's our individual and collective "Commitment to Excellence". As many of us chart our

course for the upcoming season I'd encourage each of you to pursue your commitment to excellence by taking advantage of the multiple alpine training clinics being offered at the Division, Region and local levels. Hopefully you're now thinking, yea, a clinic sounds like a lot of fun. If so please read on..... Last season nearly 200 fellow patrollers participated in one of three Division Alpine Clinics offered in December. Given the continued growth of these events, I think the secret is out, we're having a great time while also launching our seasons with some valuable educational opportunities. Much of what we have to look forward to at this season's clinics has been in the works since the day after we wrapped up last year's events. As a repeat of the last two seasons, this December will once again find the Skills Development Team traveling around the division visiting an area close to you. If you're still wondering if one of these clinics might be of interest, please read on and consider this your personal invitation to attend one of our events. First I'll tell you 'why' you might want to attend. As you know, the hallmark of our organization is that our members are driven to be the best. As a team, we also know achieving our very best requires continuous training. With this commitment to being the very best in mind, we've developed clinic sessions aimed at jump starting your season. No matter what your current level of involvement or interest we've got you covered. To this end, please have a look at the one and two day sessions we're offering, each promotes excellence through diverse early season training clinics.

- Toboggan Instructor Teacher
 (IT) Recertification (1 day): Created to recalibrate and recertify current
 IT's, as part of a new three year cycle.
- Toboggan Instructor (TI) Refresher (1 day): Created to refresh and re-energize current toboggan instructors, come share your passion for running sleds.
- Accredited Senior Evaluator

(ASE) Certification Exam (2 days): Created to provide Senior Patrollers with an alternate path to achieving and maintaining Senior Alpine Evaluator status (primarily intended for those not PSIA Level 2 or 3 certified). Candidate must have Region Directors approval to take exam.

- Accredited Senior Evaluator (ASE) Certification Preparatory Clinic (2 days): Created to provide ASE candidates with a road map to certification.
- Senior Alpine Evaluator Calibration Clinic (1 day): Created for current Senior Evaluators with PSIA Level 2 or 3 certification. This clinic is required to participate as a Senior Alpine Evaluator this season.
- Intro to Snowboarding (SES)
 For the Never/Ever wanna-be single planker (1 Day): This module is designed for any patroller interested in learning to ride, explore boarding with our AASI certified instructors.
- Ski/Board Enhancement Seminar (SES) For Trainers/Evaluators (1 Day): Join fellow Hill Trainers, Senior Trainers and Senior Evaluators for a day-long session aimed at personal Skiing/Boarding development guided by one of our PSIA Level 3 coaches.
- Rep/Patrol Director Round Table with the Division Director (1 Day): This module is designed for PR's and PD's and will be held on Sunday at each clinic. PD's/PR's please plan on attending and discussing issues

Alpine Clinics cont.

important to your patrol with our Division Director, Jim Woodrum (There is no registration fee for this session).

Moving onto the 'where', you can look for our smiling faces at the following locations in December:

 Trollhaugen Resort, Dresser, Wisconsin – December 4th & 5th

- Boyne Highlands,
 Harbor Springs, Michigan December 11th & 12th
- Cascade Mountain, Portage,
 Wisconsin December 18th & 19th

Last but not least, we don't want to forget to tell you 'how' to register to join us. Simply visit our Central Division website at www.nspcentral. org and follow the links to complete

your registration on line. Where else can you enjoy an entire weekend dedicated to improving your alpine patroller skills for just \$30.00.

Please plan on joining us in December and reconfirm your "commitment to excellence". We can't wait to see you on the mountain.

Don Loerch Skills Development Supervisor dloerch@sbcglobal.net

OEC Update: 5th Edition on its Way

By: Kathy Glynn, Division Assistant OEC Supervisor

Commitment to Excellence, this year's theme for the Central Division fall meeting, describes the dedication I see every day in our OEC program. Thank you instructors and IT's. It was great to meet many new people and reconnect with some old friends at this year's fall division meeting.

The fifth edition OEC manual is nearing completion and on track for a 2011 first quarter roll-out. The new manual will be a combination text and work-

book. We will have an all new companion web site called 'My NSP kit' which will have additional practice exercises and activities for students. (The current web site 'OEC zone' will remain active until the 5th edition is available.) There will be a downloadable version of the new manual. The new instructor's manual, with all new lesson guides and updated information will be available on CD or by down load. Along with the new instructor's manual, new power point presentations and test bank will also be avail-The 2011refresher will not be a cycle-specific A, B, or C refresher, but a refresher that will update us and connect us with the 5th edition. Look for this exciting new manual in the first part of 2011.

At the present time the cost of the book is \$65 and the Download \$45. Currently we don't have a price for the instructor manual. We plan to have a roll out plan by the second week of December. We are hopeful we will be able to use technology to distribute the new information to the OEC IT's and Instructors quickly and with quality. Stay tuned, we have exciting times ahead.

Change is Coming in Nordic Program



Peter Wollan Division
Nordic Supervisor

The appointment of Kevin Johnson as the NSP's new Nordic Program Director was a big step in the rebuilding of the Nordic program. He has been hard at work, crafting the and revision modernization

of the program. His task is complicated by the way Nordic skiing has developed in the past 20 years: skiing in the mountain backcountry is very different from touring on wilderness forest trails, and neither of those is much like skating on groomed trails. But Nordic Patrolling includes all of those. Kevin has been talking with the Division Nordic Supervisors and others with long experience in the program, aiming towards an inclusive program accepting diverse skiing styles, with strong links to the MTR and Avalanche programs. For us in the

midwest, this will probably lead to a greater emphasis on wilderness touring, on the one hand, and telemark skiing, on the other. And, along with that, more contact between Divisions, both towards the East and the West. One idea that was suggested was a Backcountry Skiing Course in Colorado in March. Wouldn't that be fun? If you're a cross-country skier who wants to learn telemark as a Nordic Downhill technique, there are lots of resources available. The Division Nordic Workshop would be a good place to start. Saturday and Sunday, Nordic Change cont.

January 8-9 at Minocqua Winter Park, will be devoted to classic and skate; we'll have Basic and Senior testing as well as instruction at all levels. Monday, January 10, we'll go to a nearby area for telemark skiing. (After years of resisting, I'll be a tele-beginner this year.) Another resource is the PSIA: NSP members can now take PSIA classes at PSIA member prices (see the schedule at www.psia-c.org/

events). And, there are many Alpine patrollers who tele-ski on groomed slopes, just because they like it, and will be happy to give pointers.

A more pedestrian change that we need to take care of here in the Central Division is updating our records. Records have become so incomplete that we no longer know for sure who is taking care of such basic tasks as the annual trail refreshers. If you are a Nordic Ski and Toboggan Instructor, does your NSP member record show it? If it does, you'll be

able to be the Instructor of Record, and register your trail refresher as a course, under "Nordic Toboggan Refresher". If your instructor status has expired, or your records with National aren't accurate, you can't register a course! With the season almost under way, we'll need to be pretty efficient to straighten out records and get instructors re-registered in time. But, I bet we can handle that change too.

Peter Wollan, Nordic Supervisor

Certified Program Goes West!

The 2010-11 Certified evaluation is



Mike Longfellow-Jones Division Certified Supervisor

scheduled for Lutsen Mountain. in the Western Region, this coming ski season with the event planned for the first full weekend in March, Certi-2011. fied staff has been attempting to put together a plan to break out of our routine in

order to provide more program exposure and to grow membership in the Western regions for some time now.

This attempt is finally coming together thanks to John Thomas and a number of other Western Region staffers and supporters. The event promises to line up an exciting venue at the Lutsen Lake Superior site which offers over 1,000 acres of skiing and elevations of almost 1100 ft. of vertical rise, 92 ski runs with the longest two miles long. While Lutsen is rich in history, dating back to 1948, today it boasts Mid-Americas only gondola, the four passenger Moose Mountain Tram-

way. This promises to be an exciting venue and a great event. We invite you to come see what the Central Division Certified Program is all about!

National Certified Committee Formed



Certified Supervisors across the NSP have been working for the past season to compile and consolidate program documentation along with the interaction of the Association of Professional Patrollers. This is being done in attempt to find common ground across the various Certified programs and to work toward a

more aligned National program along with the APP which also has a Certified program and shares the common Certified Shield. Last spring Ed Gassman was nominated and elected to the role of National Certified supervisor for a one year period while we go through this process and the National Board then reviews the program.

It is clear that the National BOD and the National staff find value in the program and that the future of the program promises to grow across the NSP. Currently the Central Division has one of the most active Certified Programs with 65 active staff members and 8 candidates.

The Certified Staff are excited that staff member Tim Gaffney #494, who was seriously injured in a skiing accident last spring is recovering nicely. Tim and Mary made a surprise visit to the Division meeting and event in Minnesota where Tim showed his smilling and face and demonstrated that he is planning on making a strong comeback in attempt to get back on his skis this coming season. Tim looked great and I cannot tell you how wonderful it was to see him so animated. Clearly his faith, his

Certified Goes West cont.

support and his determination have all worked to bring Tim back to us.

Mike Longfellow-Jones Supervisor, Central Division Certified Program

Lutsen Mountain lodging information for the March 3-5, 2011 Central Division Certified Event: Discounted Lodging is available at Cliff Dweller and Americann

Cliff Dweller (800) 223-2048 – reserve by 2/12/2011 for discounted rates of \$59 per room

be sure to mention "ski patrol" to obtain the discount. Web site http://cliffdwelleronlakesuperior.com/AmericInn of Tofte (800) 652-7042 – reserve by 2/2/2011 for discounted rates of \$80 per room reference

Toboggan Instructors who want to get

NATION0311 or National Ski Patrol Block to obtain the discounted rate. Web site www.americinntofte.com Other non-discounted options include: Lutsen Ski in ski out options http:// www.lutsenresort.com/lodging/

Blue Fin Bay http://www.resort-sandlodges.com/lodging/usa/minnesota/north-shore/bluefin-bay.html?s_kwcid=bluefin%20bay|2843950682&gclid=CKasroq98qECFV195Qod_l0Lmg

Toboggan Stuff for Toboggan People

Are you a toboggan person? If you are or would like to be then this is where



Tom Worley
Division Toboggan
Supervisor

it's at for you in this issue. Toboggan Instructors: you are currently a toboggan instructor or would like to be one, read Current on. instructors. make sure that you have provided your Region Toboggan

Supervisor a listing of last season's toboggan training activities that you took part. If you did not do so last spring then don't wait, do it now. That's how you get re-appointed as an instructor. If you want to become a Toboggan Instructor this is what you need to do. First, let your Patrol Representative know of your toboggan instructor interest or desires. He can help you contact your area toboggan training person for assistance. If you don't have such a person, either you or your Patrol Representative should contact your Region Toboggan Supervisor. Make sure that one of you makes that happen. Your Region Toboggan Supervisor will provide you information on the process, supply you a mentor and help you get involved. Don't wait; we need more

involved in the toboggan program. Toboggan Instructor Trainers: If you are currently a Toboggan IT read on, lots of news. Starting last season, the Central Division conducted its first ever Toboggan Instructor IT Recertification events. By definition all program IT's are supposed to recertify every three years. Last season we conducted three such events at the three December Division administered STW's. We will do the same program again this December. What's really new is the roll out of this same IT recertification program in your own Region starting in January, 2011. I urge you to take part this year as next year could be crowded and some may not be able to re-certify. That will create problems for them when it comes to re-appointment. Again, don't wait, get into one of the three December events and then help your Region Toboggan Supervisor conduct your region based re-certifications in January 2011. All Toboggan IT's are toboggan instructors as well as Instructor Trainers. You should teach at a TES at least once per season in addition to mentoring interested patrollers into the Toboggan Trainer cadre. Keep in touch with your Region Toboggan Supervisor for more details. Remember, we are all re-appointed each year by our involvement from the past season. We must also submit to our Region Toboggan Supervisor

every spring our past season training log. In actuality, if you don't submit the training log you can be dropped from the role as a Toboggan IT. Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (TES): Every Section should conduct at least one TES per season. If your area is a larger area then your patrol should conduct at least one TES per season also. The TES programs are non threatening and extremely beneficial for all participants. If you haven't taken a TES for several years it is always a good review on the skills needed to proficiently handle a toboggan. Watch your Region and Patrol newsletters for dates, times and locations. December Ski Trainers Workshops (STW): Again this December the Division training cadre will put on the traveling STW's as we have done in the past. These STW's are a great way to start the season by getting some exceptional instruction from the very best ski and toboggan handling instructors that Central Division has to offer. There will be numerous skiing and toboggan handling programs as in the past. This issue of the RPN will have more details. The dates and locations for this year's STW's are Dec. 4 & 5 at Trollhaugen, Dec.11 & 12 at Boyne Highlands and Dec. 18 & 19 at Cascade. Don't miss out on these events, as they are open to all and are a ski training value unmatched in the ski industry. Outdoor Emergency Transportation

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(OET) manual: Currently this is the toboggan handler's handbook. The national office has it available at a closeout price of \$ 9/ copy. That

same OET manual was \$ 25 last season. Get one as soon as you can before the supply runs out. There in not a scheduled reprint so don't wait. If you have any questions on other toboggan stuff that wasn't addressed herein, contact your Re-

gion Toboggan Supervisor or myself and we will gladly help. Have a great season. I will look forward to seeing many of you on the slopes.

Tom Worley C D Toboggan Supervisor

Be All You Can Be for Your Senior Candidates

The Central Division Fall meeting in Minneapolis was amazing! Thank



Darcey Hanley Former Division Senior Supervisor you for the effort and care that was put into the weekend!

As I listened to the Region Directors, I realized making the Senior training and evaluation consistent in each region is the best we can do for ALL se-

nior candidates. As the new season of Division STW's and Region STW's get underway consider planning for your trainers and evaluators to attend one or more event. The patrollers who train senior candidates every season should have the opportunity to attend one or more STW's and glean all the information possible to assist



them making their senior candidates all they can be! The STW's will provide collaborative practice of senior skills ultimately making

your senior candidates stronger and better prepared to take the senior test.

Your local senior trainers are the strongest link to having a strong senior program in every region or if you are looking for information about the senior program, evaluation cards for Toboggan, Alpine, Nordic, or SEM visit the website. If you need a copy of the senior manual and program updates visit the website at www.nspcentral.org. The ASE program was approved at the spring board meeting and described in the fall RPN. The ASE program and information can also be found on Central Division website. The entire description of the ASE is under

Senior program updates. The ASE study materials, video links, Benchmarks for Success, Pathways of the ASE are all available. If you have any questions you are welcome to reach out to any one of the Skill Development Team to clarify information.

The STW's this season will offer lots of opportunities for our senior trainers and evaluators. Your local patrol



will benefit from any one of the program offerings. Keep enriching and rewarding yourself by staying involved with your own training

and taking it back to share with others that you are training and evaluating. The strength of our patrol(s) resides in new faces, new energy and new leadership. Get involved in the Senior Program! Looking forward to seeing all of you on the snow...

Hanely Takes Position in National Office

Special to RPN

Lakewood, Colo. – Darcy Hanley has been hired as the education director of the National Ski Patrol (NSP). Hanley will begin working for NSP on October 18. "I am very pleased to announce that Darcy Hanley has accepted the position of director of education," said NSP Executive Director Tim White. "As a professional educator and ac-

complished patroller, she has the background and experience to do great things for the organization." Darcy will be relocating to Denver from Cincinnati, where she has been working as a business development manager for Information Design. Prior to that, she worked as the principal of Kings Local School District, where she initiated programs to im-

prove test scores and was awarded excellent school status seven times. Darcy has been an NSP member since 1990. She patrolled at Perfect North Slopes, and was awarded National Appointment Number 10740. She has served as the Central Division Senior Program supervisor, is a Level 2 PSIA ski instructor and Level 2 Avalanche instructor, and served as the assis-

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Hanley cont.

tant patrol director and patrol rep at Perfect North Slopes from 1992-2000. "This has afforded me a wonderful opportunity," said Hanley enthusiastically. "It taps into my education background, and of course NSP has been part of my life for many years. I'm passionate about the programs NSP offers, and am excited to review the ones that need to be updated and disseminate new knowledge to other NSP members. I want to be a face and name for all NSP members to reach out to regarding NSP education programs."

Jay Zedak has been appointed Central Division Senior Supervisor with Chip Knappen acting as Assistant Division Senior Supervisor.

Senior Alpine Program Poised for Balance into the Future

At the fall Division meeting the Cen-



Jay Zedak Division Senior Supervisor

tral Division board modified and accepted a plan that will allow the Central Division Senior Alpine program to continue to balance itself into the future.

The good news is that there are stepping stones

which give everyone involved, at all levels, options for growth, from senior candidates to trainers to evaluators. The division staff is interested in helping make those steps as easy and fulfilling as possible, and for all involved to have fun and to succeed in achieving their individual goals. Senior candidates can use the Sr. manual to help create a pathway to success, selecting the electives that best meet their needs. Senior trainers can use the Sr. manual, as well as information from Division and Region clinics to assist the training efforts for the candidates. By understanding the shift toward two footed steering (instead of the one leg twist & step) and keeping the focus on using our feet and legs to tip and steer (instead of using the upper body to initiate), the trainers can facilitate movement development that meets the current senior standard.

There is also a new pathway for Senior Ski examiners. Current al-

pine examiners need to participate in the "Accredited Senior Examiner" program (ASE) once during the next three years. The ASE clinics will be offered at all three Division STW's this December. Those who have already undergone the expense and commitment to become PSIA level 2 or three need only go through a one



day ASE calibration clinic. Those Senior alpine examiners who have not gone through the PSIA pathway must participate in an ASE exam (two day event) within the next three years. The ASE modules can be viewed on the Central Division web site. This year there will also be an ASE clinic for those who want to confirm their knowledge and skill set without the commitment of taking an exam. You can contact your Region Senior Program Administrator or Region Ski School Administrator for more information.

Finally, if you aren't a current Senior

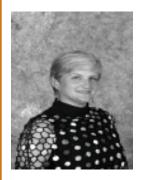
Alpine Examiner and would like to join the ranks, attendance in one of the 3 ASE exams would be required in December. There are three being offered, at Trollhaugen, Boyne Highlands and Cascade, during the Division STW's. Come join the fun, calibrate yourself with other skiing and riding examiners. The proficiency standards haven't changed in the last three seasons, so now is the time for all to be balanced and make sure we are skiing/riding as we expect the candidates to, effectively balanced through the turns, and into the future.

Take care and looking forward to seeing you all on the snow,

Jay Zedak, Central Division Senior Alpine Program Supervisor Chip Knappen/ Assistant Central Division Senior Program Supervisor



Why Not Take Instructor Development?



Virginia Rodeman Division Instructor Development

First, there are two pieces of information: The Instructor Development Manual is now available as a download! That means that every instructor can have a copy for reference. Second. there will be a new

Program at National in the near future, maybe by the time this is published.

Why would you or anyone want to take an Instructor Development Class? One big reason is that it is the first step in the process of becoming an instructor. It is normally delivered as an 8 hour course either in two days or one full day. The basics of teaching are covered including hunan relations and communications, planning

strategies for class, and delivery. It will prepare you to plan and execute lessons in the NSP disciplines ---Avalanche, MTR, OEC, Transportation, Instructor Development, and Nordic.

So now, Instructor Development is part of the process to become an instructor and a senior elective. Check your local calendar, there is one coming near you.

NSP-PSIA C Ski and Ride School

Greetings!

Jay Zedak has moved onto the Division Senior Program so I've got some substantial shoes to fill. I'm going to be dependent on our Region Ski School Advisors to help me make

that transition, so I'm looking forward to a super year. Jay's travels are going to be recorded in the history book as he so passionately journeyed across the Division with the traveling ski school....but rest assured you will see him soon!

I don't know about you but the folks I run into at my OEC Refresher are eager for the snow to fall! I hope you are of one accord with that thinking as well.

I hope that you are already physically fit or are planning a pre-season 'get fit' program. Lets reduce those early season injuries! I once heard that for some

pre-season conditioning was simply "cutting my toenails." Though I had a good belly laugh over that, I encourage all of us to follow a good plan which includes a solid diet, and some weight training with stretching and / or Yoga.

The Division STW's are quickly approaching. There are going to be many training and calibration options.

Our NSP-C Ski School Application is now online!

C Division

http://www.nsp-cskischool.com/application.php

You can go directly to the website, complete your information on the form pro-

vided, and hit submit! You will then be asked to send in your fee by snail mail; when the payment is received you will then be entered into the system. The payment information is on the form.

The deadline is 'received' by November 1 to avoid late charges and delayed coverage. Please take care of that now so that you are covered by the first STW!

Finally, you've heard or read about the new 'rocker' design for skis and boards. If you don't know what I'm talking about I encourage you to read about the technology. Is it hype or a new level of wonderment? I just don't know yet, but as a member of the NSP I feel it should be my responsibility to know. The skiing public looks to us for a broad base of knowledge, including new ski and ride technology.

Hope to see you soon.

Dan Moss Division NSP-C Ski School Supervisor 133 South Van Gordon Street - Suite 100 - Lakewood, CO - 80228 - Phone 303.988.1111 registrations@nsp.org - www.nsp.org - Fax 303.988.3005

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Fee: Alumni dues are only \$27 annually - \$17 of which covers administrative costs. The remaining \$10 is returned to the division in which the Alumni Member is affiliated. Please mail your check (made out to: National Ski Patrol Systems, Inc.) with this form to:

NATIONAL SKI PATROL ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP 133 S. Van Gordon Street; Suite 100 Lakewood, CO 80228

Central Division Women's Clinic 2011

Ladies are you interested in a weekend just for us on the snow? It is a



Sandi Hammons Women's Seminar Supervisor weekend for you; we want to help you build your skills and confidence out on the Plus enjoy camaraderie with ladies that love the sport and the patrol. We are very excited to be returning to Boyne Highlands this season. The women's staff is very qualified with

the NSP and PSIA. All of the staff

wants to share their experiences, knowledge and challenges they have had in the National Ski Patrol whether it has been on or off the snow.

The event will be registered with NSP as a Ski Enhancement Seminar and a Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, wow that is two senior electives in one weekend! But it is up to you to choose what you wish to do. You may ski both days, toboggan both days or do a day of each. This is a weekend for you; we want to make sure that you have fun learning and sharing new skills and experiences.

Saturday we will start at 8 AM and go

until 4 PM with a full day on the snow. Please come in already stretched so that we can get on the hill as soon as the area opens. We will all get together on Saturday evening for a dinner and social program from 6 -9 PM. Sunday morning we will be on the snow at 9 AM and should be finishing up by 2 PM. Come and join us for this great weekend on the snow!

The area is located in Harbor Springs, MI. Please take a look, it is a great venue.

www.boynehighlands.com

Sandi Hammons Women's Event Coordinator

Ladies: Plan Now to Attend the Central Division Women's Clinic January 29th - 30th at Boyne Highlands - Harbor Springs, MI



Registration Form on Page 18 Print and Submit

11th Annual - Central Division Women's Clinic Registration
Boyne Highlands – Harbor Springs, MI
January 29th & 30th, 2011
Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Patrol & NSP #:
Please circle all that apply to you –
Patroller Discipline: Skier Rider Telemark Patroller Status: Auxiliary Alpine Senior
Skiing / Riding ability –
Please check all that best describe you. This is very important so that we will have the staff to fit your needs.
I am comfortable on groomed terrain
I am comfortable on steep terrain
I am comfortable in ungroomed terrain and moguls
I want to explore the steeps
I want to explore ungroomed terrain and moguls
I have been an Auxiliary Patroller for years and want to explore the toboggan
I want more confidence with my toboggan skills
I am an Alpine Patroller working on my Senior Status
I am a Senior Patroller working on my Certified Status
What are your objectives and goals for this weekend?
What instructor roles or other leadership roles do you hold or have held in the patrol?
Do you have any special needs or limitations?
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The cost of the clinic is \$60. Dinner will be provided on Saturday Night. Please make your checks payable to Central Division NSP.
Accommodations have been reserved at Boyne Highlands Resort. You will need to contact them and set up your room. Rooms are blocked under National Ski Patrol Women's Ski Clinic. Our Saturday Evening will be at this location. Rooms will be held until January 14 at \$75 for a room with two double beds. Boyne Highlands Resort
600 Highlands Drive
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
800 462 6963
231 526 3000
Optional - Event T shirts are available when prepaid.
\$25 each, please indicate size: S M L XL
Get it in and on your calendar before we all get consumed with the Holidays!!!
Send your complete registration form and fee, (Please make checks payable to Central Division NSP)
Sandi Hammons
5517 Regal Ridge Drive
Burlington, KY 41005
859.466.8496

centraldivisionwomensclinic@gmail.com

Central Division Avalanche 2011

This season the avalanche group will again be visiting each region. Our



Dale Mihuta Avalanche Supervisor

basic course is again the Level 1 for Rescue Personnel. comes in 2 parts. Part 1 is a classsession that takes about a day and a half. Part 2 is the application portion that is done in the snow pack preferably

real avalanche terrain. You can take just the classroom session and you qualify for a senior elective. You can take part 2 in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan or you can go directly to the Level 2 for Rescue Personnel course that has sufficient time in it to qualify you for both courses.

This season the eastern division has

shown interest in combining our efforts for the Level 2 course. They are already planning a course at Whiteface Mt. in upstate New York in March. Whiteface is a formidable mountain and has been an Olympic venue in more than one Winter Olympics. If there is sufficient interest we will also run a Level 2 course in Utah from March 12th thru the 19th. This week long course will take you into avalanche terrain in several locations in Utah. The intent of the course is to teach safe travel in the backcountry.

If you are interested in engaging in avalanche education please contact your region advisor for times and places of courses.

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David Hartman Northern Michigan, wdh@acd.net

Ohio, Kim Garrett kwgarr@aol.com South Central, Scott Schaffer scott@ miscinc.com

Southern. Bill Johnson pbjohnson1776@earthlink.net

Western Michigan, Michael Walenta walentam@gvsu.edu

Western. Kristi Ball live2skimountains@hotmail.com

If you have any other questions please feel free to contact me at:

dmihuta@fuse.net 1-513-919-3129 ©

Think deep snow.

Dale R.Mihuta Central Division Avalanche Advisor

Central Division Awards 2009 - 2010



Special Feature Compiled by: **Gregg Reese** Awards Supervisor

Photography by: Myron Jacobson Afton Alps Ski Patrol



Central Division National Awards

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Poole. Richard McGoff, John Mt Holly Schons, Mike Gerstle, Anita Leggett, Mike Young, Scott Young, Vicki LaVene, Leon Hicks, Ralph Hammons, Sandi Moss, Dan Riedemann, James Fudali, Nancy Blue Mound Nordic Pando Nat.

Gold Merit Star 2009-10 **Gold Merit Star** 2009-10 Silver Merit Star 2009-10 Silver Merit Star 2009-10 Silver Merit Star 2009-10 Silver Merit Star 2009-10 **MSA** 2009-10 MSA 2009-10 N. Appointment 2009-10 Nat. Unit Citation 2009-10 **Unit Citation** 2009-10

EMR Mt Brighton Ohio EMR Mt Hollv EMR Pine Knob Ohio SCR Western Western

National Outstanding OEC Instructor Perfect North National Outstanding Instructor Nat'l 1st Runner up Large Alpine Patrol Nat'l 1st Runner up Administrator Perfect North Nat'l 1st Runner up Auxiliary Blue Mound Nordic Nat'l 1st Runner up Nordic Patroller Three Rivers Park ARD 1995-2010 Section Chief 2004-2010 Three Rivers Park

EMR Mt Holly North Central Norway Mountain Ohio Perfect North Slopes Ohio Mad River MT South Central Cascade Southern **Grand Geneva** South Central Blue Mound Nordic

Pando

Nordic Patrol Small Alpine Patrol

Central Division National Awards-Continued

Hanna, Gary National Cert of Appreciation 2009-10 Dan Dalquist National Cert of Appreciation 2009-10 Drengler, Lee National Cert of Appreciation 2009-10 Meyers, Bob National Cert of Appreciation 2009-10

Mt Holly North Central Mont Ripley North Central Granite Peak North Central Marquette

39 years retiring National Judge 2006-2009 42 years National Judge 2006-2009

Central Division Outstandings

McGoff, John C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 King, Pam C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 Mt Holly C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 Poole, Richard C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 Schons, Mike C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 Gerstle, Anita C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 Blue Mound Nordic C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 Leggett, Mike C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 Preisler, Sean C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 Allison, Debra C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 Pando C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 Augustine, Dick C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 Worley, Tom C.D. Outstanding 2009-10 **EMR** Pine Knob **EMR** Mt Hollv **EMR** Mt Brighton EMR Pine Knob Ohio SCR Blue Mound Nordic SCR Blue Mound Nordic SCR Sunburst SR Chestnut Mt WMR Pando

WR Wild Mountain Ohio Toboggan

Ohio Perfect North Slopes CD Outstanding Instructor CD Outstanding Patrol Rep CD Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol CD Outstanding OEC Instructor **CD** Outstanding Administrator Perfect North Slopes CD Outstanding Auxiliary **CD Outstanding Nordic Patrol** CD Outstanding Nordic Patroller CD Outstanding Young Adult CD Outstanding Patroller CD Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol

CD Outstanding I/T

CD Outstanding Supervisor

Central Division 1st Runner Up Outstandings

Chamberlain, Kerry Granite Peak Nine Mile Forest Zimmerman, Tim Bichl, James JR Spector, Michael Husar, Mike Hensley, Nancy Snoek, Dave Thurston, Brian

C D 1st Runner-up 2009-10 C D 1st Runner-up 2009-10

NMR Boyne Highlands North Central Granite Peak North Central Nine Mile Forest North Central Granite Peak Ohio BM/BW Ohio BM/BW South Central Sunburst WMR Cannonsburg West Michigan Nordic **WMR** Caberfae WMR

Instructor Large Alpine Patrol Nordic Patrol Administrator Young Adult Patoller **OEC** Instructor Alpine Patrol Rep **Auxiliary Patroller** Nordic Patroller Outstanding Patroller

Distinguished Service Awards

EMR

Werner, Keren DSA Jacques, Dick DSA Lechtanski, Bob DSA McCardell, Vern DSA Hilker, Carl DSA Berg, Doug DSA Reitsch, Chuck DSA Wright, Thomas DSA Zoromski, Dave DSA Johnson, Roger DSA Weber, Tony DSA Flink, Robert DSA Norton, Jane DSA

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Pine Knob Schuss Mountain Boyne Highlands **Nubs Nob Buckeye Nordics PSIA** Devil's Head Blue Mound Nordic Tyrol Basin Three Rivers Park Mount Kato

Cannonsburg

Bittersweet

WMR

2009-10

Division Director Awards

Barthel, Linda	D D Program Award	2009-10	EMR	Mt Brighton	Wome	n's Program
Case, Mike	D D Program Award	2009-10	EMR	Mt Holly	OEC F	Program
Garrett, Kim	D D Program Award	2009-10	Ohio	Perfect North	Avalar	nche Program
Ringley, Lori	D D Program Award	2009-10	Ohio	North Slopes	Award	s Program
Southwick, Troy	D D Program Award	2009-10	Ohio	Mad River MT	Tobog	gan Program
Gesteland, Eric	D D Program Award	2009-10	South Central	Cascade	Skills [Development Program
Andrews, Jim	D D Program Award	2009-10	Western	Hyland	NSP-C	Ski School
Coons, Daryl	D D Program Award	2009-10	Western	Telemark Nord	dic	MTR Program
Hammarberg, Kerstin	D D Program Award	2009-10	Western	Buck Hill		P 101 Program
Hayes, Susan	D D Program Award	2009-10	Western	Welch Village		Instructor Development
Iverson, Bob	D D Program Award	2009-10	Western	Viking Nordic		Nordic Program
Thomas, John	D D Program Award	2009-10	Western	Welch Village		Certified Program
Augustine, Dick	D D Program Award	2009-10	Western	Wild Mountain		OEC Program
Knappen, Chip	D D Program Award	2009-10	WMR	Timber Ridge		Senior Program
Loerch, Don	Division Director Award	2009-10	NMR	Nubs Nob		Service to CD
Endly, Deb	Division Director Award	2009-10	Western	Three Rivers F	Park	Service to CD

Merit Stars and CD Critical Care

Gaffney, Mary	PMS	2009-10	EMR	Mt Holly	airway,skull, pelvis 2/7/10
Anderson, David	PMS	2009-10	Western	Welch Village	CPR 8/6/09
Mackey, Mindy	PMS	2009-10	Western	Giants Ridge	CPR 2/10/10
Mindach, Julie	PMS	2009-10	Western	Andes Tower Hills	CPR 2/13/10
Peterson Darin	PMS	2009-10	Western	Giants Ridge	CPR 2/10/10
Tolifson, Dennis	PMS	2009-10	Western	Andes Tower Hills	CPR 2/13/10
Grundamann, Jacob	PMS	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 2/9/08
Proctor, Larry	PMS	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 1/19/09
Thurston, Brian	PMS	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae I	ifesaving 2/15/09
Sowle, Dan	BMS	2009-10	NMR	Otsego	Skull and hip 2/7/10
Leggett, Linda	BMS	2009-10	South Central	Blue Mound Nordic	auto accident 10/4/09
Leggett, Mike	BMS	2009-10	South Central	Blue Mound Nordic	auto accident 10/4/09
Schoenbeck, Gary	BMS	2009-10	South Central	Sunburst	successful CPR 2/14/10
Furin, Dave	BMS	2009-10	Western	Giants Ridge	CPR 2/10/10
Marine, Robert	BMS	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 2/15/09
Proctor, Cassie	BMS	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 2/15/09
Proctor, John	BMS	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 1/19/09
Craig, Sarah	Green Merit Star	2009-10	Southern	Swiss Valley	Haiti Earthquake
Holtan, Mark	Green Merit Star	2009-10	Western	Powder Ridge	bridge lifesaving
Beauchamp, Ron	Critical Care	2009-10	North Central	Ski Brule	Cardiac Arrest 11/24/06
Matuszak, Joe	Critical Care	2009-10	North Central	Ski Brule	Cardiac Arrest 11/24/06
Olson, Don	Critical Care	2009-10	North Central	Norway Mountain	Cardiac Arrest 11/24/06
Polich, Steve	Critical Care	2009-10	North Central	Ski Brule	Cardiac Arrest 11/24/06
Manteufel, Richard	Critical Care	2009-10	South Central	Cascade	Cardiac Arrest 11/24/06
Martin, Rick	Critical Care	2009-10	South Central	Cascade	Cardiac Arrest 11/24/06
Richardson, Greg	Critical Care	2009-10	Southern	Four Lakes	Cardiac Arrest 11/24/06
Anderson, David	Critical Care	2009-10	Western	Giants Ridge	CPR support 2/10/10
Grabrick, Andrea	Critical Care	2009-10	Western	Welch Village Moto	rcycle Accident 8/7/09
Grabrick, John	Critical Care	2009-10	Western	Welch Village Moto	rcycle Accident 8/7/09
Hagerty Jim	Critical Care	2009-10	Western	Powder Ridge heart a	ittack of fellow patroller
Zeiko, Mary	Critical Care	2009-10	Western	Powder Ridge heart a	ittack of fellow patroller
Browers, Ray	Critical Care	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 1/19/09
Jacobs, Catherine	Critical Care	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 2/15/09
Meyer, Tim	Critical Care	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 1/19/09
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Merit Stars and CD Critical Care continued

Nowak, Martha	Critical Care	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 2/15/09
Proctor, Cassie	Critical Care	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 1/19/09
Russell, Robert	Critical Care	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 1/19/09
Sheathelm, Glenn	Critical Care	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 1/19/09
Worfel, Dave	Critical Care	2009-10	WMR	Caberfae	lifesaving 2/15/09

Certificates of Appreciation

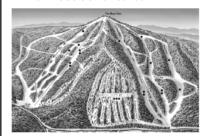
Botnen, Paul	C D Cert of Appreciation	2009-10	Western	Lutsen	2009-10 C.D. Fall banquet
Endly, Deb	C D cert of Appreciation	2009-10	Western	Three Rivers Park	2009-10 C.D. Fall banquet
Friedmann, Audrey	C D cert of Appreciation	2009-10	Western	Three Rivers Park	2009-10 C.D. Fall Banquet
Glynn, Kathy,	C D cert of Appreciation	2009-10	Western	Three Rivers Park	2009-10 C.D. Fall Banquet
Mogan, Jeannine	C D cert of Appreciation	2009-10	Western	Three Rivers Park	2009-10 C.D. Fall Banquet
Petry, Roger	C D cert of Appreciation	2009-10	Western	Spirit Mt	2009-10 C.D. Fall Banquet
Ruzicka, Jim	C D Cert of Appreciation	2009-10	Western	Lutsen	2009-10 C.D. Fall banquet
Squires, David	C D Cert of Appreciation	2009-10	Western	North West Nordic	2009-10 W. R. Banquet
Stanley Scott	C D Cert of Appreciation	2009-10	Western	Three Rivers Park	2009-10 C.D. Fall banquet
Thomas, John	C D cert of Appreciation	2009-10	Western	Welch Village	2009-10 C.D. Fall Banquet
Young. Vicki	C D cert of Appreciation	2009-10	Western	Three Rivers Park	2009-10 C.D. Fall Banquet
Zierden, Vicki	C D cert of Appreciation	2009-10	Western	Three Rivers Park	2009-10 C.D. Fall Banquet
Jacobson, Myron	C D cert of appreciation	2009-10	Western	Afton Alps	Chair of Western Region Meeting
Hadden, Dayle	C D cert of Appreciation	2009-10	WMR	Timber Ridge	Central Division Judge

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Dan Somalski is presented the annual Central Division Black DeMerit Star.



Doug Berg is presented a Distinguished Service Award for his support of the Central Division and National Ski Patrol.



Jim Woodrum presented an Angel Pin to Brenda Zimmerman.



Deb Endly accepts her Division Director's Award.



Don Loerch is presented his Division Director's Award.



Program award winners pose with Central Division Program Supervisors following presentation of their awards.



Dick Augustine receives the Central Division Outstanding Instructor Trainer Award.



Tom Worley is repsented the Central Division Outstanding Supervisor Award.



Tim Zimmerman (I) and Les Robinson (r), PR Granite Peak, accept First Runner Up awards for Outstanding Administrative Patroller and Outstanding Alpine Patrol.



Sean Preisler. is named Outstanding Central Division Young Adult Patroller.



Pam King is presented with the Central Division Outstanding Patrol Representative Award.



Debra Alisson accepts the Central Division Outstanding Patroller Award.



Member of the Blue Mound Nordic stand together after being named Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol.



Pando Ski Patrol is awarded the Central Division Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol Award.



Michael Leggett receives the Central Division Outstanding Nordic Patroller Award. He was also named National First Runner Up Outstanding Nordic Patroller.



Mike Schons accepts the Central Division Outstanding Administrative Patroller Award. He was also named National First Runner Up Administrative Patroller.



Mt Holly Ski Patrol is named Central Division Outstanding Alpine Ski Patrol. Mt Holly was also named First Runner Up National Outstanding Alpine Patrol.



Richard Poole is named Central Division Outstanding OEC Instructor and also receives the National Ski Patrol Outstanding OEC Instructor.



John McHoff is named Central Division Outstanding Non-OEC Instructor and is also presented with the National Ski Patrol Outstanding Instructor Award.



Linda and Mike Leggett are presented Blue Merit stars at the Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet.

Central Division Outstanding Awards

Outstanding Young Adult Patroller

Sean Preisler of Sunburst Ski Patrol was born 18 years ago in 1992. He took and passed his patrol's OEC course in the summer of 2008. One of the first to arrive and last to leave, this young patroller put in an average of 165 on hill duty hours and 65 off hill hours over the past 2 years.

This young patroller is an exceptional student who carries a 4.0 grade average as a junior in High School, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Central Division and the National Ski Patrol also presented Sean with a Yellow Merit Star in recognition of his achievement of being selected Central Division Outstanding Young Adult Patroller.

Outstanding Patrol Representative

Pamela King of the Pine Knob Ski Patrol joined the NSP in 1987, achieved senior status in 1993 and received her National Appointment in 1997.

This patroller is an OEC Instructor, CPR instructor, and Toboggan instruc-

tor who has been a member of her region staff for many years involved in testing and training.

What really makes this patroller special is that with all the time and effort spent testing and training from patrol to region levels, she is an active hill leader and the Patrol Representative of a patrol of 125 members.

Central Division and the National Ski Patrol also presented Pam a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of her outstanding service as this year's Central Division Outstanding Patrol Representative.

Outstanding Alpine Patroller

Debra Allison of the Chestnut Mt. Ski Patrol joined the NSP in 1993 became a senior auxiliary in 1997 and a senior alpine patroller in 2009. She is an OEC Instructor and OEC IT who has tirelessly worked many hours for her region, section, and patrol.

The dedication this Ski Patroller shows to her patrolling duties is evident when evaluating the distance needed to travel to the local area on a weekly basis. This patroller travels one way almost 100 miles to her local ski area to perform her duties and averages over 350 hrs of service yearly at the local ski patrol alone.

Also, the Central Division and the National Ski Patrol presented Deb with a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of her being selected Central Division Outstanding Alpine Patroller

Outstanding Noric Patrol

Blue Mound Nordic is a patrol that began in 1997. This Nordic patrol of 23 patrollers including nine members with National or Leadership Commendation Appointments serves an area of almost 15 miles of trails.

During the past few years, this patrol has demonstrated its leadership by supplying a National Awards Judge, Division MTR Advisor, Region Nordic Advisor, Division Awards Judge, and Section MTR Advisor as well as several OEC Instructors and Senior Alpine and Nordic ski and toboggan trainers and testers.

This Nordic patrol and its patrollers

has received many awards in the past few years such as National Outstanding Nordic Patrol runner up, National Outstanding Nordic Patroller and Central Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol along with many recognitions from National, Division, and Region.

For the 2009-2010 season, the Central Division is proud to recognize as our Outstanding Nordic Patrol Blue Mound Nordic Patrol from the South Central Region - Linda Leggett Patrol Representative

The National Ski Patrol judging committee also awarded Blue Mound Nordic with a Unit Citation for being chosen Central Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol.

Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol

Pando Ski Patrol is a patrol that began in 1963. This Small Alpine Patrol of 22 patrollers serves a ski, snowboard, tubing, and cross country area of 55 acres with 6 rope tows and 5 cable tows widely known as the birth place of competitive snowboarding.

During the past few years, this patrol has supplied its region with a Region Director, a Section Chief, a Region Nordic Advisor, as well as several OEC Instructors and Senior Alpine and Nordic ski and toboggan testers and trainers.

Its relationship with management is quoted from the letter of recommendation by Jack Kronemyer and Dan Smith, owners of Pando:

"The management of our area would like to nominate our ski patrol for the national outstanding small patrol. We have 23 devoted patrollers. We pride ourselves in being a very family oriented area and our patrol is key in reflecting that to our customers. Our patrol not only helps those that get injured but they will stop and help a beginner that appears to be struggling. If a problem arises we know we can depend on the patrol to help if needed. We first opened in the 1960s. We

have some patrollers with 30+ years on our patrol. What is really nice to see is the new or younger patrollers that we have gained over the years. They all work together and with management to keep the area safe and running smoothly.

We would not be able to function without our ski patrol. So we hope you will consider our Ski Patrol for outstanding small patrol.

Thank you,

Dan Smith Jack Kronemeyer"

For their dedication and commitment to the National Ski Patrol, the Central Division is proud to honor as 2009-2010 Central Division Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol from the Western Michigan Region Pando Ski Patrol Patrick Markey Patrol Representative

For the 2009-2010 ski season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee also awarded Pando with a Unit Citation for being chosen Central Division Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol.

Outstanding Nordic Patroller

Mike Leggett of Blue Mound Nordic and Devil's Head Ski Patrols joined the NSP in 1961-49 years ago. He is an Alpine Senior and Nordic Senior starting out as an Alpine Patroller and becoming a Nordic patroller in 1978. He received his National Appointment 36 years ago in 1974.

Throughout the years, this patroller has continuing serving both his Alpine as well as his Nordic patrol as a CPR and Alpine Toboggan Instructor

This patroller has been a Division Outstanding Awards Judge for the last four years and a member of both his patrols' senior alpine evaluation team and a basic alpine and Nordic evaluator. His work and dedication to the NSP helped his patrol become the 2007-2008 National Outstanding First

Runner-Up Nordic Patrol.

The National Ski Patrol judging committee also selected Mike as the National Ski Patrol Outstanding First Runner-Up Nordic Patroller. For this exceptional accomplishment, Mike was awarded a Silver Merit Star.

Outstanding Administrative Patroller

Michael Schons of Pine Knob Ski Patrol joined the NSP in 1996, became a senior in 1999 and received his National Appointment in 2008

Despite averaging 180 hours of on hill duty hours per year, the patroller has also taken the time for the past four years to serve as Section Chief, Assistant Patrol Director, Patrol Snowboard Advisor, Hill Leader, and Patrol Board of Governors while continuing to actively serve his patrol, section, and region as a Toboggan IT and OEC Instructor.

He has developed and shared record keeping systems for patrols in two Divisions. He has developed written protocols for the section Basic on-hill tests. He has developed his local patrol's Snowboard/Toboggan training manual.

Just one of the many examples of his skills was the terrific awards power point slide presentation for the Central division Awards Banquet that he has offered to all our Central Division Patrols and Regions.

Also the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Mike as the 2009-2010 National Ski Patrol Outstanding First Runner-up Administrative Ski Patroller. For this outstanding accomplishment ,Mike was awarded with a Silver Merit Star.

Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol

Mt Holly Ski Patrol was activated in 1955, 55 years ago. Its 138 patrollers serve an area of seven chairlifts, five rope tows and two conveyers.

Over the years, this patrol has sent many outstanding testers, trainers and administrators to region and division levels and this past season supplied 12 officers and advisors to Region, Division, and National.

Over the past four years, this patrol of almost 140 patrollers has 59 percent perfect attendance with the average patroller putting in well over 100 hours of on hill duty time.

In 2009-2010 alone, these patrollers notched just over 30,000 hours of onduty time and responded to over 600 incidents requiring treatment.

For this service, the Central Division is honored to recognize as 2009-2010 Central Division Outstanding Large Alpine Ski Patrol from the Eastern Michigan Region Mt Holly Ski Patrol – Cal Chase Patrol Representative

The National Ski Patrol judging committee also selected Mt Holly as the National Ski Patrol's Outstanding First Runner-up Large Alpine Patrol and for their outstanding efforts, they have been awarded a Silver Unit Citation.

National Outstanding OEC Instructor

Richard Poole of Mt Brighton Ski Patrol has been active in the NSP since 1984-25 years ago. He became a senior in 1989 and received his National Appointment in 1998.

This past year this patroller put in 104 on hill duty hours and 408 off hill duty hours. He has been a hill leader for seven years and assistant PD for OEC and CPR. In addition to this he has examined at many basic and senior tests as well as taking over as OEC Instructor of Record and CPR Instructor of record for both his section refresher of over 150 patrollers and his patrol's OEC class.

For the 2009-2010 season, the National judging committee selected Dick as the 2009-2010 National Ski Patrol Outstanding OEC Instructor. For this the National Ski Patrol has awarded Dick the National Outstanding Trophy and a gold merit star.

Outstanding Instructor Non-OEC

This award was presented to a patroller who joined the NSP in 1999.

John McGoff of Perfect North Slopes Ski Patrol is a Toboggan Instructor, Level 2 Avalanche Instructor, and Instructor Development Instructor as well as being an Alpine toboggan Instructor trainer and Instructor development trainer.

For the past four years, in addition to his training, this patroller has also found the time to serve as Assistant Region Director, Area Certified Liaison, Region NSP Ski School Instructor, Senior S&T Evaluator and Certified evaluator.

The National Ski Patrol judging committee also selected John as the National Ski Patrol's 2009-2010 Outstanding Instructor in non OEC Disciplines

For this outstanding accomplishment, John was awarded with this National Outstanding trophy and a Gold Merit Star.

Patroller 101 Introduction to Patrolling

Have you ever considered the possibility of a Mass Casualty Incident



Jeannine Mogan Division Patroller 101 Supervisor

occurring at your local ski area? The fire that took place at Sunburst and the chair lift incident that took place at Devil's Head offer us real life situations to study. After viewing the video of the Sunburst fire http://www. youtube.com/

watch?v=u5CkYNc83vM , you may wonder:

 How does area management decide weather or not to keep the unaffected portions of the area open?

- How will the crowds be controlled and kept safe?
- Do we have a system in place for these types of incidents, and do we practice it?
- How do we interact with other agencies that would respond?
- How would we keep track of volunteers and employees at the area?

These questions are not just for the new patroller. They are for each and every one of us. Insurance companies are encouraging ski areas around the company to develop written plans and policies that will help us deal with incidents that put a strain on our resources.

Introduction to Patrolling 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

Spotlight on: Scene Management and Incident Command System

This module teaches new patrollers about managing an emergency care scene and their role in the Incident Command System.

Patroller 101 cont.

Educational activities that can be used to help new patrollers master this module include:

- Scene management role play: Given scenarios from the OEC test bank and OEC Instructor's manual, students role play scene management in a variety of on-hill and off hill environments.
- Equipment at the scene: Given an on the hill scenario, students will determine toboggan placement, anchoring, and set-up. Additional res-

cue equipment can be added to this exercise

- Incident Command System Flowchart. Students are given a piece of an Incident Command System Flowchart and must put the flowchart together in the correct order.
- MCI strategies: Students will meet with local rescue personnel to discuss Incident Command Systems and the logistics of setting up an ICS at the ski area.

Resources for this module include:

- Mountain Travel and Rescue manual
- Transportation manual

- OEC Instructor's manual
- OEC test bank
- The Lift Evacuation manual
- Area Operations manual

Upcoming Scene Management and Incident Command System educational opportunity

This year's OEC refresher includes objectives addressing Mass Casualty Incidents. Use this opportunity to ask questions about your local patrol plans, policies, and procedures.

Questions/comments – Email Jeannine Mogan jmogan@threeriversparkdistrict.org

Region Reports

Eastern Michigan Region

Submitted by Dennis Heeger for Eastern Michigan Region

New Patrollers (18) Alpine Valley East

Anton Georgiev, Andrea Rhodes

Apple Mt.

Jon Banner, Matthew Blue. Thomas Schaper

Mt. Brighton

Dawn Awery, Ryan Casey ,Chuck Mallon, Jim McCosky, Laura Payne, Rob Smith

Mt Holly

Tony Banner, Tom Beattie, Craig Chynoueth, Jimmy Haggerty, Allison Lavene, Matt Quinn, Phyllis Sano, George Zarins, Dave Boboltz, Jon O'Dell

Pine Knob

Tom Rossman, John Schimeck, Melissa Srock, Bob Roach

New Seniors (8)
Alpine Valley East

Kris Liebau

Mt. Brighton

Kim Baker, Jane Bickerstaff, Rita Walson

Mt. Holly

Scott Hope, Joe Johnson, Dan Miko-

laizik, Jon Ragnone

Pine Knob

Stewart Kissinger, Bruce Kramer, Dave Teske, Keith Nattrass, John Mehl

New Certified (1)
Mt. Holly
Catalin Barbu

Service Awards

10 Years

Janet Matsura, Jenny Olson-Cox, Larry Sykes, Natalie Martinez, Connie Hallenbeck, Jacob Meganck, David Pruss, Tim Samson, Steve Shin, Aki Yanagita, Laura Jarvis, Chris Karne, John Mc Ginnity, Robert Schwart, John O'Conner, Michael Gaffke

15 Years

Marilyn Gilin, Jessie Lewis, Ted Williford, Edmund Cunningham III, Joan Davey, Chris Fechter, Kurt Taylor, Kara Zastrow, John Czyrka, Richard Burns, Kevin Collins, Edward Slawinski, Brian Carter, Phil Karau, Ed Usewick, Charlene Wark, Doug Brad, Robin Halpin, Elizabeth Hodges, Julie Imirowicz, Susan Poniatowski, Janice Swartz, Derek Werner, Bruce Giles, James Irwin, Marie Lawson, Steven Martin, Lori Thon

20 Years

Peter Smith, R Perry Smith, Dennis McMahan, Jim Schafer, Dean Corrion,

Shawn David, Dennis Heeger, Rob Leach, Tim Samson, Dennis Sano, Kevin Williams, Stephen Pangori 25 Years

John Clemens, Bruno Molin, Bob Davis, Barbara Trefethen, Kirk Pierso, Dick Poole, Tom Santarossa, Robert Lalk Jr., Glenn Taylor

30 Years

Crystal Forbush, Kevin Pussehl, Cindy Holzer, Alex Nemeth, Charles Povlitz, Katie Zoss

35 Years

Elizabeth Kaufmann, Elizabeth Grabowski, Mildred Haeussler, Frank Grawi, Ronald Liddell, George Schebel, Pamula Setla, Robert Choma, Robert Copeland, Gordon Couture, Stephen Grubey, Reginald Hallam, Piero Massacesi, Kathleen Omansiek 40 Years

Russell Miller, Jerry Leese, Tim Liberty, Beverly St. Peter

Patrollers Cross

Debra Copeland, Tim Gaffney, Linda Retzlaff

Outstanding Alpine Patroller Michael Rhadigan of Pine Knob

Outstanding Administrative Patroller
Michael Schons of Pine Knob

Outstanding Instructor

James Roell of Pine Knob

Outstanding OEC Instructor Richard Poole of Mt. Brighton

Outstanding Patrol Representative Pamela King of Pine Knob

Outstanding Patrol Class "A" Independence Oaks Nordic Jon O'Dell Patrol Representive

Outstanding Patrol Class "B"

Mt. Holly Ski Patrol Cal Chase Patrol Representative

Rae Ann Ruddy, Pine Knob Ski Patrol; Mary Gaffney, Mt. Holly Ski Patrol

Purple Merit Star Mary Gaffney, Mt. Holy Ski Patrol

Yellow Merit Star

National Certificate of Appreciation Gary Hanna, Mt. Holly Ski Patrol

Distinguished Service Award Karen Werner, Pine Knob Ski Patrol

National Appointment Leon LaVene National Number 11058, Mt. Holly Ski Patrol

Lifetime Achievement Award

Richard E "Dick" Thalacker

NSP# C076-154131

National #4329

What can one say about an individual that has receivee the Lifetime Achievement Award----too much. So I will just let you read what he has accomplished in his time with the National Ski Patrol.

Affiliation:
Mt. Brighton Ski Patrol, Brighton Michigan
Eastern Michigan Region
Central Division
Years of Service; Volunteer, Alpine
1961-1964 Gatlinburg Ski Patrol – patrol not registered yet with NSP

1964-1966 Silverbell Ski Patrol, Candidate and Basic 1966-1969 Pine Knob Ski Patrol, Senior Patroller 1969-1972: Renegade Ski Patrol, TN – Senior Patroller 1972-1976: Southern Div. Ski Patrol -National Patroller 1976-1988: Mt. Brighton and Central Div Ski Patrol, National Patroller 1988-1994: US National Ski Patrol – National Advisor and Board Rep 1994-present: Mt. Brighton Ski Patrol, National Appointment Leadership Positions:

1965-1966: Ass't Patrol Director, Silverbell

1971-1972: Renegade Patrol Director 1972-1974: Section Chief Tenn/KY Section of Dixie Region

1974-1976: Region Director, Dixie Region Southern Div

1973-1976: Southern Div Awards Advisor

1979-1983: Ass't Section Chief Eastern Michigan Region -2

1983-1984 Ass't Region Director EMR-2

1984-1988: Central Division Awards Advisor

1988-1992: National Awards Advisor 1992-1994: National Board Rep 1992-1999: Ass't Division Director – Central Div.

1999-present – PR Advisor EMR 2000-present – Patrol Director/Patrol Rep Mt Brighton

2005-2006 - Committee for changes to the direction of NSP

NSP Awards Received:

1965 – patroller of the year – Silverbell 1969 – EM 1 and EM 4 Outstanding Service Award

1974 – National Apointment No. 4329

1975 – National Certificate of Appreciation

1980 - Yellow Merit Star

1981 - Division Certificate of Appreciation

1985 - Division Certificate of Appreciation

1988 - Division Silver Goblet Award

1990 - National Advisor Award

1991 - Outstanding Administrator Award

1992 - National Service Award

1996 - DSA No. 308

1999 - Division Service Award

2002 - Silver Merit Star

2002 - Outstanding Patrol Rep run-

ner up National

2004 – National Certificate of Appreciation

2004 – Meritorious Service Award No. 124

2009 - EMR Insignia Award

Support of NSP and the ski industry

Rewrote the National Awards Manual 1989

Green Memorial Toboggan winner – 1993

T and T advisor Renegade patrol – 1969

First International Ski Patrol seminar – 1975

Central Div T and T certified examiner – 1968

Southern Div certified examiner – 1973

First Aid Instructor – 1967 – 1980 Toboggan Instructor – 1967 – 1998 PSIA Level II Alpine Ski Instructor Designed many NSP awards/certificates in use today - Career Hand built all awards for three years for Southern Division due to lack of funds

Ohio Region

It's hard to believe that ski season is just around the corner, at least accord-



Bill Currier Ohio Region Director

ing to the calendar. As I sit here writing this in shorts and T-shirt in 80+temps, I'm starting to wonder. Since we all know that conditions change rapidly in Ohio, we are already deeply involved with preparations for the upcoming season. No significant

changes occurred in the Region organization during the off-season. However, we did lose one Patrol as Clear Fork decided to disband after several years of being in limbo as the area suspended operations while it was attempting to find a buyer for the resort. Clear Fork patrollers decided to either retire or register at other resorts for the upcoming season.

Several Ohio Region Patrollers and family members attended the Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet in Bloomington, MN on Sept. 10-12. Congratulations to the Ohio Region award winners who are mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. This was another in a long string of fantastic Division Fall meetings. The venue was superb; the recreational and educational events were well attended; the informative and challenging speakers kept everyone's attention during the meetings; and the Awards Banquet was excellent, especially the keynote speaker, Jeannie Thoren. Thanks to the Hyland Ski Patrol for hosting the meeting and for staffing a well-attended hospitality suite.

Now for the 2011 Division Meeting it's on to the Buckeye State where the meeting that will be held on Sept. 9-11 at the Cincinnati Riverfront Marriott. The hotel has been booked already, and a committee, headed by John McGoff, PNS, is already making plans that will make this yet another outstanding event for the Central Division – that I can assure you. Stay tuned for more details that will posted on the Central Division web site and blasted to Central Division patrollers as it becomes available.

We held the sixth annual Patrol Representatives Conference on August 14th in Columbus, OH. Again, the event was a huge success in bringing together both new and continuing Patrol Representatives, Region Staff and guests for a day of focused conversations on topics of current interest to the PD's/PR's and social activities in an informal setting. This conference has proven to be a great venue for sharing ideas and concerns among the PD's/PR's and for generating action items to resolve issues. While Jim Woodrum did not attend this year, the home-cooked Ohio blueberry and apple pies were so good that none were left over to bring the Division meeting. However, we have already increased the order for 2011 just in case Jim decides to join us!

The Ohio Region Fall Meeting was held on Sunday, Sept. 19. Plans are being made for the upcoming season including refreshers, open houses / ski swaps, OEC classes, on-hill training and our SEM in March, 2011, which is a change for the Region. Much of our energy this season will be focused on improving the quality of our OEC program and instructors and working to incorporate the 5th edition of the OEC manual into our training and refreshers in 2011. Again this year, we are committing a large number of resources to our ski/board and toboggan training events with the goal of further enhancing our patroller's skills and image in the eyes of area management and their customers. We already have Region STW's, SES's and TES's planned for each area as well as clinics featuring PSIA/AASI instructors. In addition we will be incorporating the new Division Accredited Senior Evaluator program into the Region's S&T program.

The Certified program continues to grow in the Ohio Region. On behalf of all the Ohio Certified Patrollers I would like to thank Jay Zedak for obtaining a plaque, engraved with the names and numbers of each Certified Patroller, for each patrol in the Region.

We are looking forward to a successful 2010/2011 season and hope to see many Central Division patrollers at the various events that we have planned.

Have a safe and enjoyable season.

Bill Currier, Ohio Region Director

North Central Region

Get Your Skis Tuned

Yes, summer is over ...and where it went, I don't know. Now is the time to start thinking snow and ski patrol refreshers. Ski Brule, Big Powderhorn,



David Dahl North Central Region Director

Bruce Mound and Indianhead refreshers are already completed. North Central Region has 5 more refreshers that you could attend. Check the region calendar for dates and who contact in order to attend.

The Central Division Fall Awards Banquet and meeting was held at the Hilton in Bloomington, Minnesota. It was hosted by the Western Region - John Thomas (JT) Regional Director and his committee did on outstanding job putting together an event-filled weekend that everyone enjoyed. Congratulations go out to the following 2009-2010 Central Division award winners from the North Central Region. First Runner-Up Outstanding Administrative Patroller: Tim Zimmerman Granite Peak, First Runner-Up Outstanding Nordic Ski Patrol: Nine Mile Forest (Steven Konkel P.R); First Runner-Up Outstanding Large Alpine Ski Patrol: Granite Peak (Les Robinson P.R.). Central Division also presented Doug Berg, President for PSIA-C & AASI-C, the NSP Distinguished Service Award.

Ski Brule again hosted our fall North Central Region business meeting on October 23rd. We will be putting the finishing touches on educational programs that will be offered through out the year. If anyone has suggestions or would like to see something new offered, please contact your Section Chief or me before the meeting.

Central Division will be offering 3 Ski and Toboggan Workshops - check the Division calendar at www.nspcentral. org/meetings.php for dates, locations and applications. These are outstanding events that I would like to see more North Central Region patrollers attending. If you are a Toboggan IT,

this is the place for you because you need to be recertified. If you want to be a Senior Evaluator this year and are not a PSIA Level 2 or 3, you also need to attend the Accredited Senior Evaluator (ASE) class. Please contact me if you are interested in attending these workshops.

This is the year for you to become a Senior! We will have the training for both OEC and S&T to help prepare you for the evaluation. Check the Region calendar for dates and locations. The Senior evaluation will be at Marquette Mountain this year.

Let's gear up for a great ski season and hope the rainy summer turns into a snowy winter!

David Dahl North Central Region Director dcdski@hotmail.com

Northern Michigan Region

I hope you are enjoying this wonderful weather and are having a good fall

with family and friends.



Robert Lechtanski Northern Michigan Region Director

This newsletter is your first sign that the Snow Sport season is just around the corner. With the OEC refresher behind us and our patrol belts all prepared, we can start look-

ing forward to the new season. It is time to get our Snow boards and skis cleaned, sharpened and ready for the snow that is on the way. It is also a good time to get your calendars set for the rest of the season. Between the Central Division and Northern Michigan Region we have many exciting events coming up this season, so be sure to check both calendars. Some of the events have participant limits and sign-up deadlines, so be sure

to get your applications in as soon as possible. I will be listing several Events and deadlines below:

NMR Avalanche course,

Boyne Highlands December 11-12, 2010 CD STW

Boyne Highlands December 11-12, 2010

NMR Senior Application Deadline December 15, 2010

NMR Instructor Calibration Clinic Schuss Mt. January 8, 2011 NMR Senior Training Clinic

Schuss Mt. January 2011 NMR SES

Boyne Highlands January 22, 2011 NMR TES

Boyne Highlands January 23, 2011

This is just a small sample of the events going on throughout the Central Division nspcentral.org and Northern Michigan Region nspnmr.org Be sure to check both websites for a full listing, up-dates and changes of all events and deadlines.

Stay safe and see you soon.

Robert Lechtanski, Region Director

Western Region

Hello Central Division Patrollers. The 2010-2011 season has been kicked off



John 'JT' Thomas Western Region Director

by a wonderful weekend in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It was great to see so many old friends and to be able to meet a few new fellow patrollers. Thank you to the 2010 Fall Division Meeting committee for

a great meeting. I look forward to attending the 2011 Meeting in the Ohio Region. There is still a lot of planning

going on in the Western Region, we are hosting one of the three STWs (Ski Trainers Workshops) this December. Trollhaugen Ski Area will be hosting the first STW on the weekend of December 4th and 5th, I hope to see many of you there. Another big event for the Western Region is the Certified Exam, being hosted at Lutsen Mountain resort. Look for Mike LongFellow-Jones article for more information.

As you get ready for the 2010-2011 season. I hope you are putting an improvement goal for the season in place. It doesn't matter if you have been a member of the NSP for one year or forty years, we can all improve the skills required to be a NSP Patroller. For example, think about how you can improve you OEC assessment skills, or improve your tail rope skills. This is not meant to say they are poor or lacking, it is stating we can all improve. Remember, just doing the refreshers may maintain your skills but you have to make the commitment to improve them. So I urge you to make a commitment to yourself to work to improve one or more Ski Patrol skills. Have great and safe ski season.

Central Division 2010 Fall Meeting



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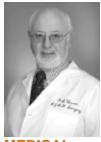
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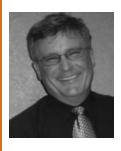
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2010-11-13	2010-11-14	AVALANCHE	Ohio	PNS	Level 1 Avalanche Course	derek.werner@usa.net Kim Garrett (kwgarr@aol.com)
2010-11-13	2010-11-14	AVALANCHE	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands Ski Resort	Avalanche Safety & Rescue	Dave Hartman at wdh@acd.net
2010-12-17	2010-12-17	AVALANCHE	North Central	Cascade Mountain	Division Patrol Rep Division Update	Don Loerch, dloerch@sbcglobal.net
2011-01-27	2011-01-27	AVALANCHE	Eastern Michigan	Alpine Valley	OEC Enhancement Seminar - Backboard	Allen Radke - (734) 455-4745 or theradkes@sbcglobal.net
2011-02-21 2011-02-27	2011-02-21 2011-02-27	AWARDS AWARDS	Northern Michigan North Central	Royal Oak, MI	Individual Award Deadline NC Awards Voting	Rich Jacques - rjacques@dso.org Marcia Locher rlocher@charter.net
2011-02-28	2011-02-28	AWARDS	Northern Michigan	Royal Oak, MI	Outstanding Awards Submissions Deadline	Rich Jacques - rjacques@dso.org
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2011-03-06 2011-03-09	2011-03-06 2011-03-09	AWARDS AWARDS	Northern Michigan Eastern Michigan	TreeTops Ski Resort Mt. Holly	NMR Awards Committee Meeting Awards Review Meeting	Rich Jacques - rjacques@dso.org Dennis Heeger -
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2011-05-07 2011-05-14	2011-05-07 2011-05-14	AWARDS BANQUET	Northern Michigan Eastern Michigan	TBA EMR2	NMR Awards Banquet Awards Banquet	Rich Jacques - rjacques@dso.org Dave Petrak - (810) 227-8430 or dpetrak@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us
2011-01-01	2011-01-01	CERTIFIED	North Central	Division	Certified Candidate applications due to Mike mjones1@ford.com	
2011-01-08	2011-01-09	CERTIFIED	Ohio	PNS	Certified Pre-Qualification starts 4PM on Jan 8th	Dan Moss, Certified Advisor, dan@mossremodeling.com
2011-01-16	2011-01-16	CERTIFIED	Northern Michigan	Nubs Nob	Northern Michigan Region Re-certification / Qualification clinic @ Nubs Nob. contact Dan Somalski (dans426@yahoo.com)	Dan Somalski
2011-01-22	2011-01-22	CERTIFIED	North Central	Marquette Mtn	North Central Region Re-certification / Qualification clinic @ Marquette Mtn. contact Tom Anderson (tpanderson@charter.net)	Tom Anderson
2011-01-28	2011-01-28	CERTIFIED	Southern	Chestnut	Southern Region Qualification and Certified Awareness clinic @ Chestnut - Contact Patrick Perlman patrick@lightspc.com	Patrick Perlman
2011-01-29	2011-01-30	CERTIFIED	Western	Lutsen Mtn.	Western Region Re-certification / Qualification clinic @ Lutsen Mtn. contact Terry Spohn [aktscl@comcast.net]	Terry Spohn
2011-03-03	2011-03-05	CERTIFIED	Eastern Michigan	Lutsen, Minn.	Certified Exam	Tim Gaffney - (810) 664-9571 or tobogganrunners@charter.net
2011-03-03	2011-03-05	CERTIFIED	North Central	Lutsen	Certified annual meeting and evaluation at Lutsen Mtn.	Greg Kerwin gkerwin@juno.com 906 _T 226 _T 2431
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2011-02-01	2011-02-01	DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Mail/Email	Senior SEM Scenario Skill Sign-off Deadline	Mike Case - (586) 247-8277 or emtski@comcast.net
2011-02-13 2011-03-01	2011-02-13 2011-03-01	DEADLINES DEADLINES	North Central Eastern Michigan	E-mail	Awards Submission Deadline Downhill Edge Spring Deadline	Marcia Locher rlocher@charter.net Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or
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2011-04-01	2011-04-01	DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan		Expense Report Deadline	Sharon Hazen - rhazen@comcast.net
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2011-03-21	2011-03-21	DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT	Ohio	Boston Mills	Instructor Development Class, session 1, 7- 10 pm	baker531@gmail.com Janet Glaeser, janet7409@cox.net Freddie Shima,
2011-03-23	2011-03-23	INSTRUCTOR	Ohio	Boston Mills	2nd session, Instructor Development Class,	freddie2042@sbcglobal.net Janet Glaeser, janet7409@cox.net
2011-08-21	0000-00-00	DEVELOPMENT	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	7-10 pm Instructor Development	Freddie Shima, freddie2042@sbcglobal.net Lynn Hunt - (810) 701-9181 or
2010-12-03	2010-12-03	DEVELOPMENT MEETING	North Central	Trollhaugen	Patrol Rep Meeting w/Division	mhsplynn@yahoo.com Jim Woodrum
2010-12-03	2010-12-03	MEETING	North Central	Boyne Highlands	Patrol Rep Meeting w/Division	Jim Woodrum
2011-03-06	2011-03-06	MEETING	Northern Michigan	TreeTops Ski Resort	NMR OPS Committee Meeting	Robert Lechtanski - lechtanski@centurytel.net
2011-03-06	2011-03-06	MEETING	Northern Michigan	TreeTops Ski Resort	NMR Awards Committee Meeting	Rich Jacques - rjacques@dso.org
2011-04-08	2011-04-10	MEETING	North Central	Chicago	Central Division Ski Board Meeting	Jim Woodrum
2011-04-15 2011-04-30	2011-04-17 2011-04-30	MEETING MEETING	North Central Ohio	Waters of Minocqua BMBW	NC Region Awards Banquet Ohio Region 2011 Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet	Bill Currier, curriewd@aol.com
2011-05-04	2011-05-04	MEETING	Eastern Michigan	Genesys Conv. Center	Spring Meeting (Patrollers Welcome)	Derek Werner - (248) 342-1970 or derek.werner@usa.net
2011-05-07	2011-05-07	MEETING	Northern Michigan	ТВА	NMR Spring 2011 BOD Meeting	Robert Lechtanski - lechtanski@centurytel.net
2011-09-09	2011-09-11	MEETING	Ohio	Ohio	Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet	Jim Woodrum
2011-09-09	2011-09-11	MEETING	Ohio	Marriott at River Center, Cincinnati, OH	Central Division Meeting, Banquet and Awards Ceremony hosted by Ohio Region	Bill Currier, curriewd@aol.com John McGoff, Jjmcgoff@aol.com
2011-02-20	2011-02-20	MRT	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	MTR Level II - Class Session (8:00 AM)	Chuck White - cwhite@kettering.edu
2011-03-20	2011-03-20	MRT	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	MTR Fundamentals & Level I - Class Session	Chuck White - cwhite@kettering.edu
2011-03-26	2011-03-26	MRT	Ohio	PNS	MTR Fundamentals Course	Bill Schick (bill.schick@duke- energy.com)
2011-04-17	2011-04-17	MRT	Eastern Michigan	Independence Oaks	MTR Fundamentals & Level I - Field Session American Birkebeiner	_
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2010-11-13	2010-11-13	OEC	Ohio	Snow Trails	SEM Calibration Clinic for SEM Evaluators - 1 PM to 4 PM	Dave Baumlein dbaumlei@insight.rr.com
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2010-12-13	2010-12-13	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Alpine Valley	OEC Enhancement Seminar - Traction Splinting	Allen Radke - (734) 455-4745 or theradkes@sbcglobal.net
2011-01-09	2011-01-09	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Alpine Valley	OEC Enhancement Seminar - Vitals/Oxygen	theradkes@sbcglobal.net
2011-01-16	2011-01-16	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Alpine Valley	OEC Enhancement Seminar - CPR On-the- hill	Allen Radke - (734) 455-4745 or theradkes@sbcglobal.net
2011-03-01	2011-03-01	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly Mad River Mounain	OEC Class Begins	Rich Hansen - (248) 391-3755 or teamhansen@comcast.net
2011-03-12	2011-03-12	OEC	Ohio	Mad River Mounain	SEM Calibration Clinic for SEM Evaluators - held the evening before the SEM	Dave Baumlein dbaumlei@insight.rr.com
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2011-03-05	2011-03-05	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Lakeland Loppet Ski Race	Betty Adams mbadams@newnorth.net 715 _T 588 _T 7731
2011-03-12	2011-03-12	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Calumet, MI	Great Bear Chase Ski Race	Barbara Wheeler bawheelerski@msn.com 906 _⊤ 487 _⊤ 9695

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2011-01-08	2011-01-09	REFRESHERS	North Central		GPSP On Hill Refreshers	Les Robinson Ilrobins@wctc.net 715-325- 3025
2010-11-13	2010-11-13	SENIOR	Ohio	Snow Trails	SEM Calibration Clinic 1-4 PM	Dave Baumlein dbaumlei@insight.rr.com
2010-12-15	2010-12-15	SENIOR	Northern Michigan	Alanson, MI	Senior Program Sign-up Deadline - Senior Applications to Galen Fairchild	Robert A Lechtanski - lechtanski@centurytel.net / Galen Fairchild - galen.fairchild@juno.com
2011-01-09	2011-01-09	SENIOR	Northern Michigan	Schuss Mountain Resort	NMR Training Clinic	Jim Markey - jim_markey@ameritech.net / Mike Leach - mrleach@umich.edu
2011-01-23	2011-01-23	SENIOR	North Central	Ski Brule	Mandatory SEM Clinic	Joe Matuszak jmtooz@aol.com 920⊤865- 7608
2011-02-12	2011-02-13	SENIOR	North Central	Marquette Mountain	Region Senior Evaluation	Les Robinson Ilrobins@wctc.net 715;325-3025
2011-02-26	2011-02-26	SENIOR	Ohio	Boston Mills	Senior Alpine Ski and Toboggan Clinic - 8:30 AM	The state of the s
2011-02-27	2011-02-27	SENIOR	Northern Michigan	Boyne Mountain Ski Resort	NMR Senior Snow Sport and Toboggan Handling Proficiency Evaluation	Jim Markey - jim_markey@ameritech.net / Mike Leach - mrleach@umich.edu
2011-03-06	2011-03-06	SENIOR	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	Senior SEM Evaluation (8:00 AM)	Rae Ann Ruddy - (248) 6672-7511 or ruddyr@oakgov.com
2011-03-07	2011-03-07	SENIOR	Northern Michigan	Alanson, MI	NMR OEC SEM Paperwork Deadline	Tena Lechtanski - tenahaye@umich.edu
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2010-12-04 2010-12-04	2010-12-05 2010-12-05	TESTING/TRAINING TESTING/TRAINING	North Central Western	Trollhaugen Dresser, WI	Division STW Central Division STW at Trollhaugen Resort	Don Loerch dloerch@sbcglobal.net dloerch@sbcglobal.net
2010-12-11 2010-12-18 2010-12-18	2010-12-12 2010-12-19 2010-12-19	TESTING/TRAINING TESTING/TRAINING TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan North Central South Central	Boyne Highlands Cascade Mountain Portage, WI	Central Division STW Division STW Central Division STW at Cascade Mountain	Don Loerch, dloerch@sbcglobal.net Don Loerch, dloerch@sbcglobal.net dloerch@sbcglobal.net
2010-12-19	2010-12-19	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	Region Ski Trainers Workshop (8:00 AM)	Tim Gaffney - (810) 356-5075 or
2011-01-08 2011-01-08	2011-01-08 2011-01-08	TESTING/TRAINING TESTING/TRAINING	North Central Northern Michigan	Boyne Mountain Ski Resort	Bruce Mound S&T NMR Instructor Calibration Clinic	tobogganrunners@charter.net Scott Loveland 715-333-2204 Jim Markey - jim_markey@ameritech.net / Mike Leach - mrleach@umich.edu
2011-01-08	2011-01-09	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Central Division Nordic Clinic 9:00 AM	Betty Adams mbadams@newnorth.net 715 _T 588 _T 7731
2011-01-08	2011-01-09	TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	PNS	STW - S&T Workshop - 8:30 AM	Amy Arnold, luciawave@mac.com Troy Southwick, TSouthwick@Limitedbrands.com
2011-01-09	2011-01-09	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Brighton	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (9:00 AM)	Tim Gaffney - (810) 356-5075 or tobogganrunners@charter.net
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2011-01-10	2011-01-10	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Indianhead	Division Nordic Clinic 9:00 AM	Peter Wollan peter.wollan@gmail.com
2011-01-15	2011-01-16	TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Boston Mills	STW - S&T Workshop - 8:30 AM	Amy Arnold, luciawave@mac.com Troy Southwick, TSouthwick@Limitedbrands.com
2011-01-16	2011-01-16	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (9:00 AM)	Tim Gaffney - (810) 356-5075 or tobogganrunners@charter.net
2011-01-22	2011-01-22	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule	S & T Clinic 8:00 AM	Jim Grundstrom, jimgrundstrom@freichevy.com
2011-01-22	2011-01-22	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands Ski Resort	NMR Snowsport Enhancement Seminar	Jim Markey - jim_markey@ameritech.net / Mike Leach - mrleach@umich.edu
2011-01-22	2011-01-22	TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	PNS	TES - 8:30 AM	Troy Southwick, TSouthwick@Limitedbrands.com
2011-01-22	2011-01-22	TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Mad River Mounain	SES/SNES 8:30 AM	Kent Oliver/Amy Arnold, luciawave@mac.com
2011-01-23	2011-01-23	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Pine Knob	Senior Ski & Toboggan Pre-Test Clinic	Derek Werner - (248) 342-1970 or derek.werner@usa.com
2011-01-23	2011-01-23	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands Ski Resort	NMR Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Jim Markey - jim_markey@ameritech.net / Mike Leach - mrleach@umich.edu
2011-01-23	2011-01-23	TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Snow Trails	SES/SNES 8:30 AM	Bryan Loveless/Amy Arnold, luciawave@mac.com
2011-01-23	2011-01-23	TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Paoli Peaks	TES - 8:30 AM	Troy Southwick, TSouthwick@Limitedbrands.com
2011-01-29 2011-01-30	2011-01-29 2011-01-30	TESTING/TRAINING TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio Eastern Michigan	Big Creek Pine Knob	SES/SNES 8:30 AM EM1 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Amy Arnold, luciawave@mac.com Mike Schons - (248) 761-0168 or

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START DATE 2011-01-30	END DATE 2011-01-30	EVENT TYPE TESTING/TRAINING	REGION Ohio	LOCATION Boston Mills	DESCRIPTION SES/SNES 8:30 AM	CONTACT Amy Arnold, luciawave@mac.com Layton
2011-02-05	2011-02-05	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	TreeTops Ski Resort	NMR Snowsport Enhancement Seminar & Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Ives, layton.ives@LFG.com Jim Markey - jim_markey@ameritech.net / Mike Leach - mrleach@umich.edu
2011-02-05	2011-02-05	TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Snow Trails	TES - 8:30 AM	Troy Southwick, TSouthwick@Limitedbrands.com
2011-02-05	2011-02-05	TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Paoli Peaks	SES/SNES 8:30 AM	Amy Arnold, luciawave@mac.com Bruce Heichelbrech, PR, heicheldog@insightbb.com
2011-02-06	2011-02-06	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net
2011-02-06	2011-02-06	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Brighton	EMR2 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Dave Petrak - (810) 227-8430 or dpetrak@a2gov.org
2011-02-06	2011-02-06	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Nubs Nob Ski Resort	NMR Section # 1 Basic Ski, Snowboard & Toboggan Handling Proficiency Exam	Carl Woodcock - carl.woodcock@sbcglobal.net / Dan Dryden - drphoton@yahoo.com
2011-02-06 2011-02-06	2011-02-06 2011-02-06	TESTING/TRAINING TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio Ohio	PNS Mad River Mounain	SES/SNES 8:30 AM TES - 8:30 AM	Jon French, frenchje@gmail.com Troy Southwick, TSouthwick@Limitedbrands.com
2011-02-12	2011-02-12	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Boyne Mountain	Senior Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Derek Werner - (248) 342-1970 or derek.werner@usa.net
2011-02-12	2011-02-12	TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Alpine Valley	TES - 8:30 AM	Troy Southwick, TSouthwick@Limitedbrands.com
2011-02-13	2011-02-13	TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Boston Mills	TES - 8:30 AM	Troy Southwick, TSouthwick@Limitedbrands.com
2011-02-18	2011-02-20	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	TBD	MTR Fundamentals & Level II - Field Session	Chuck White - cwhite@kettering.edu
2011-02-19	2011-02-19	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Independence Oaks	Nordic Ski Clinic (10:00 AM)	Jon O'Dell - (586) 718-4503 or bikenski1@yahoo.com
2011-02-19	2011-02-19	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Otsego Ski Club Resort	NMR Section #2 Ski, Snowboard & Toboggan Handling Proficiency Exam	John Wallace - john.wallace@aesculap.com / Chuck Thomas - chuckthomas48192@yahoo.com
2011-02-19	2011-02-19	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Schuss Mountain Resort	NMR Section #3 Ski, Snowboard & Toboggan Handling Proficiency Exam	Ann-Mary Petroskey - petalal@yahoo.com / Jeff Summers - ijfreerides@aol.com
2011-02-20	2011-02-20	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Snow Snake	EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net
2011-02-27	2011-02-27	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Boyne Mountain Ski Resort	NMR Senior Snow Sport and Tobogan Handling Proficiency Evaluation	Jim Markey - jim_markey@ameritech.net / Mike Leach - mrleach@umich.edu
2011-02-27 2011-03-06	2011-02-27 2011-03-06	TESTING/TRAINING TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio North Central	Boston Mills Ski Brule	Senior Alpine Exam - all day Brule Candidate Evaluation	Tom Tavenner, tom@tavgroup.net Joe Matuszak jmtooz@aol.com 920⊤865- 7608
2011-03-20	2011-03-20	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands Ski Resort	NMR SEM Proficiency Evaluation	Tena Lechtanski - tenahaye@umich.edu

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Kahn Presented Lifetime Achievement Award

Former Southern Region directors along with Central Division Director Jim Woodrum presented Corky Kahn with a Lifetime Achievement Award in surprise manner during a birthday dinner held in Kahn's honor.

He has had several leadership roles within the Region, Division and National. Among Kahn's many contributions to the Central Division are the contributions made while he was Southern Region Director, Division Avalanche Supervisor, Assistant Division Director, and National Board



Representative. He currently works at Keystone as a ski instructor.

Pictured from Left to right, Ken Meldahl, Jim Woodrum, Corky Kahn, Chuck Martschinke, Brian Cobble and Erik Bayer. Each of them are past Region Directors of the Southern Region of the Central Division.



Tail Rope

Always Remember to Look Back



This issue's Tail Rope selection comes to us courtesy of Ken Meldahl who forwarded it to the RPN. While the photo is from the very recent past, it is simply too good not to feature. Thanks to the Southern Region and the Villa Olivia OEC Refresher Team. According to Ken, Billy Dick (Southern Region Director), pictured here, reportedly gave birth to a new baby girl shortly after this photo was taken.

To submit one of your favorite photos from the past, send a digital file to the RPN editor at tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com or send a hard copy photo to:Tim Zimmerman, 7472 Stonefield Trail, Schofield, WI 54476.