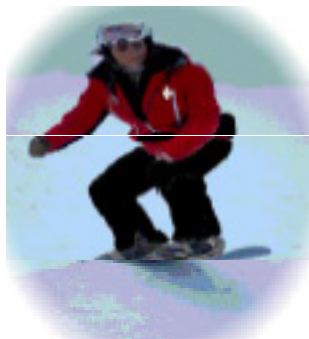




Rusty Parka News



Vol. 57 Issue 3

www.nspcentral.org

Summer 2019

Division Director's Report



Mike Schons
Division Director

This is my first Rusty Parka News article since being elected as your Division Director. I would like to personally thank JT, (John Thomas), and his dedicated and phenomenal staff for all they have done to make the Central Division stand out among all the NSP Divisions.

With the addition of Bike Patrols we are now a year around organization. I am glad to say that Central Division is in the forefront of this exciting sport. I hate to mention this early, however, Jeremy Verbeke, Patrol Representative of the Clinton River Area Mountain Bike Association, (CRAMBA) will be conducting two class sessions in Bike maintenance at the Fall Division Meeting in Cleveland. Jeremy will also be able to talk Bike Patrols to all those interested. For those who don't know, CRAMBA is the largest bike patrol in the nation, so this promises to be an interesting course.

Well since I brought up the Fall Division Meeting, it will be in Cleveland, OH, September 6-8, 2019. Ohio Region is sponsoring this year's meeting and they have arranged a variety of events and courses for education and pleasure. One very interesting addition, Rick Hamlin, National Historian, will be presenting the start of the Ski Patrol. Please check the website at <https://www.nspcentral.org/> for registration and events.

The new administration has been active already and preparing to "hit the ground running (or sliding depending on your perspective). Anne Blaedow, Guy Day and Les Robinson are the Asst. Division Directors who have all divided up the programs to form a best fit scenario. Allison Lavene is my Administrative Assistant and an excellent resource for all of us and for you the Central Division membership. The entire staff can be found on

Parka Picks

Division Staff	P. 2
Central Division Meeting	P. 3
South Central Region	P. 9
New Toboggan Supervisor	P.11
Senior Program	P. 14
Training With NSP	P. 17
Alumni New Structure	P. 24

the division website.

By now, a number of you have found that I like Facebook or social media and see it as a great tool to reach the membership. I plan on using this more and more as we move forward. My latest video (posted by our Social Media Supervisor, Darcy Hanley), was asking folks to reply if you are members of the NSP and PSIA. We have identified 265 members common to both organizations. Why are we asking for this information? First, it identifies the cadre of Instructors we can leverage as resources to bring programs to you, the members. Next, it offers more opportunity for leadership roles for highly trained members. And finally, as we were gathering the information, we found a number of folks who are planning to continue their education and pursue higher or further PSIA/ AASI credentialing. This information will help Amy Arnold, Division PSIA Liaison Supervisor and Marty Blazskowski, NSP-C Ski School Director, plan future educational opportunities to help these folks complete their goals.

Speaking of programs, there is another survey out now asking all members about our programs, their accessibility, and satisfaction with the programs. I ask you to please complete the survey because we need to know, are we delivering the programs you want and need? What is your satisfaction with our performance in the delivery? We need to understand where we are in this effort in order to improve and satisfy or exceed the needs and expectations of the membership.

Finally, if there is anything on your mind, please feel free to contact me. There have already been a number of folks who have sent me emails and were pleasantly surprised when I personally returned with a phone call. Until next time, think towards tomorrow.

Division Staff

Position	Staff	Staff Email
Division Director	Mike Schons	schonsm@gmail.com
Admin. Asst.	Allison Lavene	allison.lavene@gmail.com
Meeting Coordinator	Don Steen	donald.steen48@yahoo.com
Rusty Parka News	Katie Flanigan	flanag40@msu.edu
Social Media	Darcy Hanley	drhanley@gmail.com
Mrkt./Public Relations	Russ Livermore	livermore.russ@us.sika.com
Asst.	Steve Brown	steve.brown@shbrown.com
NSAA / MSAA	Jim Woodrum	jrwodrum@centurytel.net
Elections / Bus. Process	John Thomas	jththeskibum@gmail.com
Legal - East	Jerry Cavellier	jcavellier@hertzschram.com
Legal - West	Dave Schwartz	djslaws@gmail.com
Treasurer	Marty Jarvi	Marty.jarvi@Gmail.com
Asst, Div. Director	Guy Day	gcd@sbcbglobal.net
OET	Tracy Buchanan	tracybuchanan928@gmail.com
Avalanche	Michael Walenta	michaelwalenta@gmail.com
Asst.	Dale Mihuta	dmihuta@fuse.net
Skills Development	Jackie Bottomley	jbottomley@charter.net
Certified	Ron Gerdes	rjgerdes@gmail.com
Awards	Dick Jacques	rjacques@smsp.us
Telecommunications	Paul Botnen	botnenp@gmail.com

Asst. Div. Director	Anne Blaedow	ablaedow@wi.rr.com
Snowsports School	Marty Blazskowski	mjb8804@yahoo.com
Senior Program	Jeff Jurcak	jeff808nsp@gmail.com
Young Adult Program	Jane Bickerstaff	janebic@yahoo.com
Inst. Development	Marie Traska	traska5@charter.net
PSIA	Amy Arnold	luciwave@mac.com
Women's	Kerstin Hammarberg	bhsp-pd@hotmail.com
Safety Team	Kevin McQuillan	kevin@mcq-law.com
Asst. Div. Director	Les Robinson	les.robinson828@gmail.com
MTR	Jon O'Dell	bikenski1@yahoo.com
Patroller 101	Jodie Fuller	jf4seasons@aol.com
Medical Advisor	Steve Werner	steve.werner@usa.net
Medical Advisor	Dan Goldberger	dgoldber1@gmail.com
Webmaster	Kent Anderson	kjanderson@labycon.com
Nordic	Jeff Schmidt	NORDJAS@aol.com
OEC	Kim Zamble	kimzamble@gmail.com
Asst.	Rae Ann Ruddy	raeruddy@comcast.net
Alumni - West	Mark Holtan	marko@iphouse.com
Alumni - East	Bob Knox	knoxr@comcast.net
Mountain Bike		
Asst.	Aaron Hislop	aaron@houseofhislop.com

The 2019 Fall Division Meeting will be hosted by the Ohio Region in Cleveland, Ohio September 6th – 8th. Click the link below to register!

<https://www.ohionsp.org/2019-central-division-meeting-banquet>

The hotel where everything will be centered around is the Hilton Cleveland Downtown. The hotel details are below –

HILTON CLEVELAND DOWNTOWN

100 Lakeside Avenue East | Cleveland, OH 44114 | USA

[hilton.com](https://www.hilton.com) | [hiltoncleveland.com](https://www.hiltoncleveland.com)

Ski Patrol Annual Fall Meeting

Call-in Code: SKIP

<https://book.passkey.com/e/49784553>

We have a block of rooms starting Thursday Night running through Saturday Night. Shelf Parking and Valet Parking is available at the hotel so you can come in and walk to all the events going in or around the property.

While we have nothing organized for Thursday evening, the hospitality suite will be open in the evening. The offsite activities start Friday morning. We have several fun events planned that you can choose from:



CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING
Cleveland, Ohio

Central Division Meeting Activities

Friday September 6th

Sporting Clays – Hill n Dale Club - <https://www.hillndaleclub.com/>

Rock N Roll Hall of Fame - <https://www.rockhall.com/>

Motorcycle Ride through the Emerald Necklace of Northeast Ohio

Mountain Bike Ride

Road Bike Ride

Friday Night Event & Dinner

Punch Bowl Social Club - <https://www.punchbowlsocial.com/location/cleveland>

6:30pm to 9:30pm - Activities include:

- The Putt Club - Our one of a kind, magical, Nordic themed mini-golf course that starts and ends at an epic bar, is NOW OPEN!
- VIP Bowling with shoe rental
- Table Games
- Vintage Arcade

Dinner – Taco Truck Build your own Tacos –

Pulled Chicken, Chile Stewed Calabacitas (V), Lime Wedges, Roasted Jalapeños, Diced Onions, Cilantro, Sour Cream, Queso Cotija, Pickled Red Onions

Saturday September 7th

For Saturday September 7th, we have all kinds of awesome opportunities planned. Starting off with breakfast at the hotel, we move into the General Session where we have the following folks scheduled to present:

Speakers to include –

- Josh Boyd – VP Operations Peaks Resorts
- Shelia Summers – NSP National Office
- Becket Stokes – NSP National Office
- Mike Schons – Central Division Director
- Mary Bozack – Mountain Guard

After the General Session, we will break for a short lunch then the afternoon program events will open up.

Afternoon-

1:00pm to 5:00pm – Breakout Meetings & Sessions –

1. Division Board Meeting
2. Division/Region Snow Sports Advisor / PSIA Liaison
3. Division / Region Safety Team Advisor meeting
4. Low Angle Rescue Training (1:00pm to 3:00pm)
5. Low Angle Rescue Training (3:00pm to 5:00pm)
6. Basic Bike Maintenance (1:00pm to 3:00pm)
7. Basic Bike Maintenance (3:00pm to 5:00pm)
8. Joint Senior OEC Update – (1pm & 3pm) – Covering SRARM & TE Role
9. Risk Management with Mtn Guard (2 sessions)

If you have family members that don't want to participate in the patrol activities on Saturday, we will have group discounted tickets for the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame. There will also be unofficial walking tour of Downtown Cleveland. We will also be having multiple vendors having booths/tables with their products on display available to purchase.

For Saturday Night we have a packed night in store for you. Here is a quick snap shot of what is in store:

Saturday Night Program

6:00pm to 6:45pm – Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres

6:45pm to 7:45pm – Dinner & Rick Hamlin (NSP National Historian) Presentation

7:45pm to 8:45pm - Awards Presentation & Celebration

9:00pm to 11:00pm – Hard Day's Night – Beatles Tribute Band - <https://www.harddaysnight.net/>

Sunday September 8th

For Sunday morning we have a low key morning.

PR/PD Breakfast with Division Director

8:00 am to 10:00am - Breakfast included

Central Division Board Meeting continues

8:00am to 12:00pm

PR/PD 101 – Open to any new PR/PD, APD/APR

10:00am to 12:00pm

New Advisor Orientation – open to all new Division & Region Supervisors

10:00am to 12:00pm

Our Future



Anne Blaedow
ADD

I want to thank our leaders who have spent an incredible amount of time in dedicated service to the Central Division leadership. JT and his leadership team have been amazing advocates for our sport and our organization and you have left such a positive legacy of service. You have mentored the next group of leaders and we are excited to carry on your good work.

Ski Patrollers are the best people that I know! I am so excited to join the Central Division Staff as one of the Assistant Division Directors. Patrolling has been a part of my life since I was 15 years old and for the past 35 years I have held many local, region and division roles including Assistant Patrol Director, Region Senior Program Admin, OEC IT, ORT IT, Instructor Development-IT,

The other ADD's (Guy Day and Les Robinson) and I shuffled up the program groupings and chose who would be best suited for each of the programs. As a result, I will be supporting the following program leaders:

Snowsports School: **Marty Blazkowski**

Senior Program : **Jeff Jurcak**

Young Adult Program: **Jane Bickerstaff**

Inst. Development: **Marie Traska**

PSIA: **Amy Arnold**

Women's: **Kerstin Hammarberg**

Safety: **Kevin McQuillan**

I'd like to give you some background and vision about these programs.

Instructor Development: I've been an Elementary School teacher for the past 19 years and hold a Master's degree in Classroom Instruction. The ID program is the first step for all future instructors. We need to encourage everyone to take the ID course and get involved with one aspect of instructing. "Many hands make light work" and people who teach are the most invested in a program's success. If everyone has something that they "own" as an instructor, we will enjoy it more. The online ID program is an easy way to begin your instructing journey... GO FOR IT!

Young Adult Program: I became a patroller when I was 16 yrs. old. This is my 35th year as a patroller. Young patrollers are the future of our organization. Many young people are looking to break into the adult world. For me that meant becoming a patroller! Who can you inspire? Who can you mentor to become an instructor or guide from the side? We touch the future when we work with Young Adults and we help them stay with our program when we build strong relationships with them. My closest friends are my ski patrol mentors from my earliest days of patrolling. What young adult can you connect with and inspire? If you are a Young Adult, what can you bring to the patrol that is needed? Energy? A new perspective? Technology skills? You have a lot to offer and I can tell you that Ski Patrol people can change the trajectory of your adult life and create opportunities and networks to enrich your future!!

Senior Program: I have coordinated all aspects of the Senior training and evaluation program in South Central Region for the past 5 years. I have been an evaluator in OEC and Toboggan modules on and off throughout my patrol career at the Basic, Senior and Certified program levels. The vision of the Senior program is to continue to develop our Basic patrollers skills through positive learning opportunities and the mindset of "Continual Improvement". Confidence in handling emergency situations doesn't just happen, neither do Skiing/Boarding and tobogganing skills. They can be learned with instruction and feedback from quality instructors. We all win when we actively practice and are willing to "fail forward" as we learn. Our goal is to create a positive learning opportunity for patrollers to grow their skills to achieve success as patrollers, not just to "clear the bar" of senior.

SnowSports School and PSIA: I completed my Level 1 PSIA this past season and I instruct at Little Switzerland. To make us all stronger, we need quality ski and snowboard instruction. We have many opportunities to develop our instructing skills. We will be adding more options this year! Alpine Skills Development Workshops, Women's Clinics, and mentoring relationships are all paths to strengthening our teaching skills. PSIA is an incredible resource of knowledge to tap into. This is a great direction to pursue for all patrollers who want to help make us all grow.

Women's Program: I was the first Central Division Women's Program Advisor and held the position for 5 years. I instruct each year at the Region Women's Clinic and every other year at the Division clinics. Developing female leaders, instructors, and patrollers is our mission. This is done by holding quality programs where ladies can network, practice with instruction and encourage each other. So many women are the "only" female instructor on their patrol. We need to increase the skills and presence of female leaders in our patrols, therefore we will be holding TWO Division level Women's clinics this season. We want more women to join us.

Safety: Safety is what we do!! I have always believed that we need to educate our snow sports public on how to best enjoy our sport in a safe manner. I love educational promotions that help people be safe as they enjoy the sport. This is a critical program and should be a focus of our interaction with the skiing public. What is your local safety program? What could it be? Think outside the box or follow the program ideas from National. Purchase and distribute the Safety SWAG that is offered.

I ask ALL patrollers to take a look at your local and Region programs and reach out to offer to help with some aspect of a program that intrigues you. What do you want to learn more about? What program could you become an instructor for? How can you improve your own skill set and offer to help others grow their own skills? If you would like to get involved with the Division level programs, I invite you to contact any of our program Supervisors and offer your help.

Here is to the future!!

New Assistant Division Director



Guy Day
ADD

Hello Central Division! My name is Guy Day and I am proud to be one of the three Assistant Division Directors working for you. The other two ADD's, Les Robinson and Anne Blaedow along with Mike Schons worked together to assign the various Programs and Disciplines among ourselves. I am happy to announce that I will be working for the following individuals who have taken on the role of the Division Supervisor:

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| - Rusty Parka News | Katie Flanagan |
| - Social Media | Darcy Hanley |
| - OET | Tracy Buchanan |
| - Avalanche | Michael Walenta |
| - Skills Development | Jackie Bottomley |
| - Certified | Ron Gerdes |
| - Awards | Dick Jacques |
| - Telecommunications | Paul Botnen |

I am looking forward to working with this awesome team to bring you the programs that they offer / support. If you have any interest in any of these programs at either the Division or Region level, please reach out to get involved.

In case our paths have not crossed before, I wanted to share a bit about myself. This is my 34 year patrolling. I started off as a Junior Patroller in Eastern Michigan. I come from a patrol family where my father had over 55 years in the Central Division. My mother had 24 years and one sister had three years. I have had the opportunity to spend time in Eastern Michigan, Northern Michigan, Southern and am currently in Ohio Region as I have moved around for school in my early years and work in my later years. I just finished my second year in my second term as the Ohio Region Director and resigned that role as of July 1st to take on this opportunity. I am a Certified Patroller and have been awarded my National Appointment by my peers. I continue to be active as an OEC instructor, Toboggan IT, Senior Toboggan Evaluator and AHA CPR Instructor. My primary area is Boston Mills/Brandywine/Alpine Valley with a secondary at Nubs Nob.

Thank you to JT, Chris, Tom and Julie for all of their efforts over these last years. I am looking forward to getting the opportunity to meet new friends and reconnect with old as we move forward into this season. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Skiing isnt about the skis or the snow, rather, the people you meet along the way

Let us be a part of your journey



www.skimortal.com

Get to Know Les Robinson



Les Robinson
ADD

I want to thank our past leaders and mentors who have spent an incredible amount of time in dedicated service to the Central Division patrollers and staff. JT and his leadership team plus those before him have been amazing advocates for our sport and our organization and have left such a positive legacy of service. You have mentored the next group of leaders and we are excited to carry on your good work.

Ski Patrollers are the most dedicated people that I know! I am so excited to join the Central Division Staff as one of the Assistant Division Directors. Patrolling has been a part of my life since I started skiing about 53 years ago, not as a member, I was friends with the local patrollers. My unfortunate story is that I didn't join until I was 37 years old. One thing I ask of all our patrollers is that you all invite someone such as I was to join patrol, we need younger people and many times they just need a little push don't let them do as I did get them to join before they are 37.

For the past 20 years I have held many local, region and division roles including Assistant Patrol Director at two different areas, Region Senior proficiency admin and Senior Program Admin, Patrol Director, Region Director NC Region, OEC IT, OET IT, I also started down the path to becoming an Avalanche instructor but that was cut short somewhat because of the difficulties that national has put upon the Central Division and avalanche courses.

As your new CD ADD's (Guy Day, Anne Blaedow and I) shuffled up the program groupings and chose who would be best suited for each of the programs. As a result, I will be supporting the following program leaders and their assistants if and when they have assistants:

Alumni west: **Mark Holtan**

Alumni east: **Bob Knox**

Medical Advisor: **Steve Werner**

Medical Advisor: **Dan Goldberger**

Mountain Bike: **Aaron Hislop**

MTR: **Jon O'Dell**

Nordic: **Jeff Schmidt**

OEC: **Kim Zambole**

Patroller 101: **Jodie Fuller**

Webmaster: **Kent Anderson**

To give you some background about myself will help you understand why I am so excited about supporting these and the other programs.

I completed MTR 2006, I used to MTB patrol back around 2000 as our patrol from Skyline did a fund raiser by patrolling at and hosting a WORS race. I have also MTB raced years ago. I have worked with our local and region Medical advisors writing awards the last 15 years. I also have worked with my region and local Alumni advisors to assist when needed. Patroller 101 I have instructed at least 5 of the last groups for our local area as well as assisting in the OET portion of P101 on the hill my entire patrol career. This is a great class and should be used by all patrols. I have of course been involved in OEC many years, led many OEC courses as IOR, ran a few large refreshers as IOR. Been IT for OEC for about 10 years. I have run all aspects of our Senior training and evaluation program in North Central Region in the past namely 2008-2013. I have been an evaluator in OEC and Toboggan modules throughout my patrol career at the Basic, Senior and this coming year the Certified program levels.

I completed my Level 1 PSIA in 2014 going for Level II this year and I instruct at Granite Peak, NSPC ski school for CD.

All this said what I'm really in this position for is to LEARN, HELP, and ASSIST others in their growth and journey in the NSP.

Educating patrollers is my passion.

I ask ALL patrollers to take a look at your local and Region programs and reach out to offer to help with some aspect of a program that intrigues you. What do you want to learn more about? What program could you become an instructor for? How can you improve your own skill set and offer to help others grow their own skills? If you would like to get involved with the Division level programs, I invite you to contact any of our program Supervisors and offer your help.

I also want to keep the message going from Tom Anderson past ADD: invite someone skiing to keep our sport going, we need new skiers!!

Here is to the future!!

South Central Region



Steve Paladini
South Central
Region Director

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring and now enjoying Summer between all the rain we continue to get. Another season has come and gone. This past season, the Region was able to put on all of its usual programs, plus one we haven't seen in quite some time.

I want to take the opportunity to congratulate Anne Blaedow of the Alpine Valley Ski Patrol, for accepting the position of Assistant Division Director. Anne has spent at least the last five years transforming our Region's Senior Program into the success it is today. She has done a fantastic job leading the group of trainers and evaluators. She will be missed, but we wish her well her new position. Good luck Anne!

Again, I have to thank Anne Blaedow, for resurrecting the Senior Aid Room and adding it back to the overall Senior Program. Anne and her team held our first clinic and evaluation, in some time, this past April and May with the help of the Southern Region. Congratulations to all those that passed.

The Region Awards Banquet was held on April 27, 2019. I would like to thank Erik Hudson, Section Chief, Section I and Abby Horn, of the Devils Head Ausblick Ski Patrol along with the Ausblick Ski Area for hosting the banquet this year. The Region had a very nice turn out. The weather was fitting, as it snowed during the banquet. Congratulations to the following "Outstanding" award recipients: Outstanding Patrol Director - Lynn Thornton of the Cascade Mountain Ski Patrol, Outstanding Non OEC Instructor - Danielle McPherson of the Cascade Mountain Ski Patrol, Outstanding OEC Instructor - David Kleinschmidt of the Ausblick Ski Patrol, Outstanding Young Adult Patroller - Ilana Hudson of the Alpine Valley Ski Patrol and the Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol went to the Alpine Valley Ski Patrol.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Wright, our Region's Awards Adviser, for all his time he puts in with Division and National, getting the awards in order. He puts in many hours making sure everything is correct.

Have a safe summer and hope to see you in Ohio this September!

Western Michigan Region



John Donnelly
Western MI
Region Director

As I write this, we are in the midst of some true summer weather in Western Michigan. Although it seems as if the end of the ski/ride season was just a few weeks ago, we are now well into our summer activities, and among those is planning the calendar and refreshers for the fall. At the same time, bike patrols and less formal event support activities at many areas are continuing to “extend” our season into all four seasons.

The Western Michigan Awards Banquet was held on May 4, 2019 at Cannonsburg Ski Area and was hosted by our Section 2 team. The event was a success and I want to thank Kevin Barrons for leading the team to put on the event. I also want to thank Michael Walenta, our Region Avalanche/MTR advisor, for handling the Master of Ceremonies role with his usual grace and humor. Rog Brands, our Region Awards Adviser worked diligently during the season to have awards ready to present and also deserves our deepest gratitude. Let I forget about all the others who helped in many ways, it takes a team to make these events happen and our Region thanks all the other volunteers who helped pull this off.

We were fortunate to have Mike Schons attend our event where he made some announcements about his new Division staff and helped present the awards. The Region recognized our Outstanding award winners – we offered congratulations to the following outstanding award winners: Alpine Patroller: Lourie Hurley, Crystal Mountain; Pro/Paid patroller: John Jenkins, Caberfae Peaks and OEC Instructor: Maria Alfonso, Cannonsburg and Large Patrol: Caberfae Peaks. In addition to the four “Outstanding” awards and numerous “Service” awards, there were fifteen Division Critical Care awards presented for life-saving measures and related activities. A Patroller’s Cross was also awarded for a patroller seriously injured while responding to an incident.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Fall meeting in Ohio.

Southern Region



Mike Vaerewyck
Southern Region
Director

Thank you everyone that came to the Southern Region Banquet in South Bend and supported the award recipients. I am especially proud to have been able to issue National Numbers to Todd Shurtz, Glenn Kahn and Sue Boissenet-Smith, thank you for all that you have done for the National Ski Patrol and congratulations on this great accomplishment. A few other awards I also had the honor of presenting were the Continuous Service Award to Jay Stubblefield and Outstanding Large Patrol to Hidden Valley Ski Patrol. Congratulations to everyone who received an award and thank you for all the hard work and time that you invest in the Ski Patrol. It is never too early to start writing up an award for next year’s banquet so please start thinking about doing this for your fellow patrollers that you feel deserve recognition.

Patrollers are being asked to complete IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, by the end of 2019. Please navigate out to training.fema.gov to register and complete this training. When you complete the course, FEMA will issue a certificate of completion, please send a copy of this to your local patrol director to ensure your completion is recorded.

It’s hard to believe that the 2018-2019 season is wrapping up, but national made sure we were all aware of this when they sent out the 2019-2020 refresher guide last week. Make sure to tuck your refresher guide somewhere safe so it is handy in the fall! Also, as you enjoy your summer please consider making time to volunteer at the Ski Sale in the fall. This is a great way to kick off the season and spend time with old friends while also meeting new ones and raising money for the Southern Region. Keep an eye out for emails in the fall with more details. Thanks for all that you do and have a wonderful summer!

New Division Toboggan Supervisor



**Tracy Buchanan
Toboggan
Supervisor**

Hi Everyone! Today is officially the first day of my new role as the Division OET Supervisor and I couldn't be more ready to get to work! It is truly a pleasure to have been asked to take on this program and continue to build on the strong foundation of those that came before me in this role, particularly Troy Southwick.

As everyone knows who has attended one of our local, region or division events, we are blessed with a depth of knowledge and expertise in our Division staff, Region Advisors, OET Instructor Trainers, Senior Alpine / Toboggan Evaluators and local NSP Alpine Toboggan Trainers. One of my goals in this role is to continue to provide effective training for our OET trainers and patrollers within the Central Division, as well as to develop new leaders within our local patrols, regionally and also for our division staff.

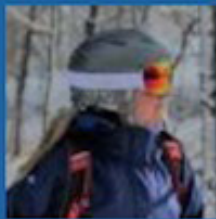
Part of this effort will consist of continuing the development of a video library that Troy began during the 2018/2019 season. The target date to debut our Central Division OET training videos and snow pro tips will be during the 2020/2021 season. I will update everyone once we have it ready to released to our members.

Another major goal of mine is to make sure that we are providing the training and information to all of our members regarding the OET program. I will be working with your OET Region Advisors to make sure that this is happening. To make this the most effective, I would like to hear from you!

So, how are we doing? Is what you want to see for ski and toboggan training happening in your region and within the division? What can we do to build on what is there to make it better and more effective or is it already rock solid? Please reach out with any and all comments using the email: tracybuchanan928@gmail.com



SOL ALPINE



Founded by a Ski Patroller with the mission to support Patrols, Sol Alpine makes practical, rugged, innovative snow goggles. We partner with on-mountain shops to support their Ski & Bike Patrols by giving 1% of our sales to the Patrols where Sol Alpine goggles are sold. We'd love to support your Patrol.

Pro pricing offered to NSP members. Contact us at SolAlpine.com



New OEC Supervisor



Kim Zambole
OEC Supervisor

Hello!

Ah...my first Division newsletter article!! So much to share and so little space. I'll start with an introduction. I'm Kim Zambole, the newest OEC Supervisor for our Central Division. I'm following the leadership of several great patrollers that have served this role and I'm planning on making them (and you) proud. I'm super excited to share that joining me as Assistant OEC Supervisor is Rae Ann Ruddy from Eastern Michigan Region.

I've been both strategic and lucky to have patrolled and instructed with great patrollers. Their guidance has motivated me to enhance my skills, try new roles in my region, and now at the division. You also have great patrollers available to you in the OEC Program in the Central Division. Each region has an OEC Administrator (ROA) as well as Instructor Trainers that have oodles of knowledge. Please reach out to them.

You may have heard that we are scheduled to have a new edition of the OEC Manual next summer. I and the ROAs will be working together to help all Central Division patrollers through the transition leading to even more OEC awesomeness. I am so very excited to learn from you and support an OEC program for the NSP.



Jim's Sportswear is a Screenprinting and Embroidery company owned by Nub's Nob Ski Patroller Jim Arlen. Our email is; jimssportswear@gmail.com.

We offer our services to all patrols across the country.

Check out their website at:
<https://jimssportswear.com/>

Instructor Development



Marie Traska
Instructor Development

A new adventure for me becoming the new Instructor Development Supervisor for the Central Division. A big thank you to Virginia Rodeman for the years of her dedication to the instructor Development program for Central Division.

My name is Marie Traska and I ski for Granite Peak Ski Patrol in Wausau, Wisconsin. I have been a member of NSP for 18 years. I have been the ID instructor for more than 10 years for North Central Region. I am excited to learn more about my new position, meet other ID instructors, and help continue the excellent education programs that NSP provides.



What is a YAP?



Jane Bickerstaff
YAP Advisor

A Young Adult Patroller is a basic ski patroller, a member of NSP that has successfully completed, or is on their way to completing both their skiing and tobogganing requirements and their OEC certification. They have met all of the qualifications that other ski patrol members have met. The difference? They are between the ages of 15-18. As a young adult, they will need mentoring, guidance, and the support of seasoned ski patrol members, as all new patrollers will. So why have this classification at all?

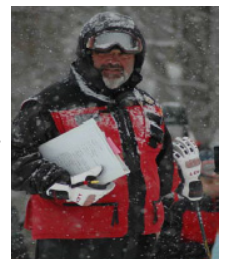
When students are registered at NSP as YAPs, YAP supervisors and others interested in hosting a YAP specific event can more easily identify where these students are, how many we have, and how to better plan for their event. As much as YAPs learn from us, they also enjoy the camaraderie of others their own age. The Eastern and Rocky Mountain Divisions annually host large, successful YAP events with ski and toboggan skill enhancement and OEC challenges and competitions that encourage these students to raise their skill levels and seek further

training within NSP while having fun with their friends. We have yet to grow our programs to this level within the Central Division. It is time to recruit and grow this program.

If you know of a student that enjoys skiing or boarding, and wants to make a difference in the world by providing care for injured ski resort guests, NSP is a perfect match. The experiences students obtain through patrolling teach lessons and grow friendships that will last a lifetime. The Young Adult Program was initiated to encourage younger qualified students to become members of the NSP and bring a younger generation to our organization. Their membership presence brings with it new ideas and views to our organization. Your patrol will be better for embracing the YAP program.

426 Fund

Otherwise known as the Dan Somalski Memorial Fund, this trust was set up to honor a very special friend, patroller and mentor, the late Dan Somalski. Dan, as many of us know, dedicated much of his 25 year patrol career to helping others attain their goals both on and off of the mountain. As a long time Certified (#426) and PSIA level 3 he was legendary both inside and outside of the handles. It is in memory of Dan's example that the trust was created to ease the burden of a patroller's credentialing costs, while encouraging advancement.



The fund committee is currently seeking applications from interested patrollers that could use financial assistance in their quest for further credentialing advancement.

Application forms are available online. www.nspcentral.org (Look for Dan's picture.)

The completed application form should be sent by email or fax to Assistant Division Director Tom Anderson.

E: tpanderson@charter.net

P: 906-361-7609

Senior Program



The Mission of the Central Division senior program, as captured in the Central Division Senior Program Manual, is as follows.

The Senior program is governed by the National Ski Patrol, administered by the Central Division, and implemented by the regions. The mission of the Central Division is to provide guidance to the regions in the administration of the NSP Senior program. The primary goal of the Central Division Senior Manual is to provide a resource to be used to maintain the integrity and consistency of the Senior programs across all regions in the division. The division encourages cross-boundary exchanges between the regions, the sharing of ideas and resources, and striving for continuous Senior program improvement.

Rob Carpenter

Senior Supervisor

This article summarizes the program activities of the on-hill portion of the Central Division senior program over the past three years.

Central Division Senior Program Manual – The Central Division Board of Directors is responsible for the Senior Program Manual. The Board of Directors is primarily made up of the Region Directors. Over the past three years changes have been made to the Senior Program Manual with the goals of improving the consistency of the senior on-hill training and evaluations between regions, from season to season, and between disciplines (alpine ski, tele ski, and ride). The following primary enhancements were made to the senior program and captured in the Senior Program Manual to support these goals.

- Added a checklist for candidates to follow on their senior journey.
- Generated a combined alpine ski/telemark/ride scorecard aligned with the technical fundamentals developed by the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA).
- Revised certification and calibration requirements for evaluators for senior ski/ride and senior toboggan disciplines.
- Revised the Quality Assurance guidelines and practices to balance division administration with region implementation.

Senior On-Hill Evaluation and Evaluator Statistics – Following are some statistics from the senior on-hill program for the past three years.

- Senior on-hill (ski/ride and/or toboggan) evaluation participants – 182
- Participants who passed senior on-hill evaluations – 149
- Senior Ski/Ride Evaluators calibrated – 106
- Senior Toboggan Evaluators calibrated – 130

As you can see, the senior on-hill program, as implemented by the regions and administered by the division, has had a very active and successful three years. Thanks to the multitude of people who contributed to this success.

At this point, it is time to introduce the new Central Division Senior Program Supervisor. Jeff Jurcak will be taking the ball and running with this role effective July 1st. Jeff brings a wealth of experience in ski and toboggan training, evaluation, and administration at the division, region, and patrol levels. Jeff and I have been working together to make the transition as smooth and seamless as possible. I am very confident Jeff will do an outstanding job with the senior program.

Senior Program – New Supervisor



Jeff Jurcak
Senior Supervisor

Hello all,

My name is Jeff Jurcak and, as Rob Carpenter mentioned in his note, I am the Central Division Senior Program Supervisor. I would like to thank Rob for all of the time and dedication he has given to the program, and for his kind help as I begin my new position. I hope that with his help I may do as good a job as he did. Thank you, Rob!

It is early July and, as always, I look forward to the upcoming ski season. This is a time I set some goals for the coming year. In preparation for the season, I try to stay in shape by running, hiking, lifting, biking and yoga. This training, if done right, can prepare a skier for a year of improvement while helping the body stay injury-free.

But what should we do to keep our OEC skills in shape? Could we prepare so that we enter the season ready to help those in need or to elevate our skills in preparation of a new goal, as a senior or certified patroller?

I would suggest that helping your local patrol with the incoming class either as a helper or instructor will advance your skills. It is said that "to teach is to learn twice," so by learning the skill well enough to break it down and then teach it to others will not only advance the student skills, and your own skills, it will impact the future of your patrol.

It would be wonderful to attend many classes but if you can only make a few, pick subjects less familiar to you as these are probably the areas that need the most attention. An easy way to make sure that you have an understanding of a subject is to teach it. This goes for both OEC and ski/ride/tobogganing.

If anyone is interested in learning more about how to prepare or to teach a subject, I would be happy to discuss it with you. As the Central Division Senior Program Supervisor I plan to make the program and associated training accessible to anyone wishing to advance their skills.

Best regards,
Jeff Jurcak
jjurcak@shuert.com

Nordic News



Jeff Schmidt
Nordic
Supervisor

Cheers!

Hopefully summer is treating you well and snow is the farthest thing from your mind.

Well, refresher season will be here before you know it. So keep your eyes open for your local refresher and get it marked on your calendar.

We had a great year this past season in the Nordic world. We are currently working on improving our required Nordic ski and toboggan skill requirements. I will be sharing this season's modular information in the next RPN. You will also be able to get this information from your Region Nordic Advisor.

Have a great summer!

NSP Liaison to Midwest Ski Area Association



Jim Woodrum
MSAA Liaison

I hope everyone has had or is having a great summer. Many of you know me as I have served as Perfect North Slopes Patrol Rep., Ohio Region Director, Central Division Director, served on the National Board of Directors and also as National Chairman. I've been a patroller going on 43 years. As a part of our Division Staff I'm serving as the Liaison between the NSP and the Midwest Ski Area Association, MSAA. I'm sure a few of you may be thinking what the heck does that mean? What I believe it means is that my role will be to serve as a key link between what the NSP (National, Division, Region, and sometimes Patrol) activities are and what MSAA expects and wants from our organizations.

MSAA is made up of Area Owners/Managers of the 110 plus ski areas in the Midwest. They meet for annual meetings in August of each year and switch sides of the Lake Michigan annually. Not every ski area in the Midwest belongs to MSAA, however most do. Many also belong to the National Ski Area Association, NSAA as well. It is close to what we do in NSP. We pay region, division, and national dues, similar to what ski areas do to belong to MSAA and NSAA.

At the annual face to face meetings, they have many subjects taught or discussed in sessions over a 3 to 4 day period, similar to what we do in Region or Division meetings. NSAA staffers do a Fall Education Seminar at this meeting that they run in nearly all Regional/State Ski Area Associations across the nation. A very busy time for them. We, the NSP, and many of us individually have also taught or lead discussions on various subjects they want from us. Examples are: Critical Care Response and Communication, Regulatory Standards like OSHA, ANSI, and the like, NSP's direction from National or Division specific, Round Table Issues effecting Ski Areas and Patrols, Chair Evacuation Training for Owners/GM's, etc.. The Division typically has representatives in attendance and are supported by MSAA. A patrols leadership is welcome to attend but must go through your ski areas Owner/GM for approval. There are costs associated with attendance and your area will be responsible for these and concurrence on your being there. We would hope you understand this is the ski areas meetings, not the NSP.

So, why do this you may be thinking? Like any good partnership the relationship you build and the trust from one another creates the avenue to get things done. Meeting side by side with Area Owners/GM's and the NSP Leadership builds on these attributes and helps clarify the direction we are both going. Last year we conducted two major all day sessions for Owners/GM's concerning Chair Evacuation Training and Equipment needs. This alone resulted in many areas investing in upgrades to the equipment they have had and clarified many misunderstandings of what was required when we as patrols perform this task. A few years ago there was an outcry from areas for a more condensed OEC Manual. As OEC 6 is moving along, one of the goals is to create procedures for us to use. This relationship will only get better as we invest in our understanding of expectation and what we need from each other.

I would hope this quick synopsis of what we do with MSAA/NSAA has been helpful. If you have any questions feel free to drop me a line.



Training With National Ski Patrol Instructors

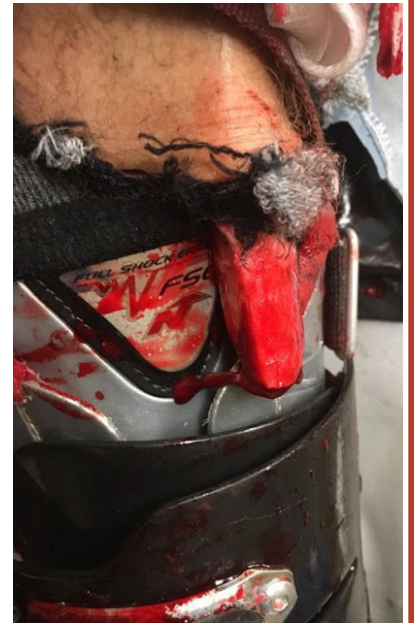
Written By: Justin Jabara

Through the completion of one month of Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) training, hosted by the Alpine Valley Ski Patrol, I gained an increased understanding of the training, scope of practice, and organizational structure of slope-side first responders. In addition to this, I learned many valuable skills that will be useful during my career in medicine, as well as during my time in the outdoors. These combined lessons during the month of March will foster better relationships with first responders in my practice, as well as improve communication and understanding between first responders and hospital care providers.

As someone who recently experienced a traumatic injury that was cared for by National Ski Patrol trained patrollers, I was very interested to see how protocols and skills training are developed and performed. Through my experience this month, I realized that volunteers from the community enroll in the outdoor emergency care course often times without prior medical training. It is through their hard work and persistence that they are able to gain the knowledge and skills required to be an effective first responder. It is through the efforts of volunteers like this that has earned the National Ski Patrol a reputation for being an excellent first responder corps. This reputation is the earned result of hard work and selfless dedication to helping others, and I appreciate their work a great deal. Trained instructors sacrifice their time to educate the incoming class of patrollers, something that was passed down to them years before. Training is hosted by senior patrol members, and in this instance, occurred on Sunday nights. The curriculum was well structured and instructors put additional thought into designing an educational product that is effective and enjoyable. Through observing this instructional experience I now have a fuller understanding of who makes up the National Ski Patrol and the steps they take to get there. This understanding will help me with patient handoffs from first responders, and it will allow me to have a more robust working relationship with all first responders I interact with.

Of added value were the practical skills that I learned during my training. I was familiar with many of the anatomical and medical aspects of the course. However, my medical training thus far has focused on management of injuries once they get to the hospital or operating room. Through OEC instruction, I learned skills like: how to safely remove a ski boot after an injury, how to roll an unconscious patient from prone to supine alone, splinting with a quick splint, and ski binding removal during a lower extremity injury. The above list is not exhaustive in any sense. Simply put, I would go my entire life without the above skills and knowledge if I had not attended this course. To think that I would be void of these skills is wild, considering I spend much of my leisure time on skis and I am going into orthopaedic surgery. This acquisition of skills certainly makes me feel like a better-rounded individual, which is something I hold with great importance.

In summary, I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from training with National Ski Patrol instructors. It has helped to develop my understanding of first responder instruction and will aid me in my future practice. Additionally, I am able to go forth with new skills and practical knowledge that I can pass fourth to my friends, family, and colleagues I ski with. I appreciate those who taught me this month, and those who continue to take time out of their schedule to serve as a National Ski Patroller.



Are You Social?



Darcy Hanley
Social Media

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as part of the Division staff doing social media. Our Facebook page (www.facebook/skinsp/) has grown 1227 followers over the last two years. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the Division meeting in September in Cleveland. Posts about this event as well as video introductions of the division staff will be posted on the Facebook page. This is your page! Please let the division know about the accomplishments of your patrollers. Post!

Your board, under Division Director Mike Schons, has requested all assistant directors, program advisors and board members introduce themselves via our Facebook page. Central Division has an Instagram page @CDpatrol. We will continue Tip of the Week, post events and kudos around our Division. Please feel free to share! If I can be of assistance in any way, let me know.

drhanley@gmail.com



Telecommunications



Paul Botnen
Telecommunications

Greetings fellow Central Division patrollers,

My name is Paul Botnen, I serve the Central Division patrollers as the Telecommunications adviser.

In that role, I work with local patrols on issues related to the radio communications systems that are used by the patrols during the season.

While things have been quiet on the radio front, there are changes out there. This past winter I worked with a patrol to make the switch to DMR (Digital Mobile Radio) technology. A couple minor hiccups that were solved have led to a radio system that will function better than what the patrol had available to them, and allow new features to be used as experience with the system grows.

If you have questions about how that could benefit your patrol, please contact me directly.

In closing, I would like to thank John Thomas (JT) for providing me with the original opportunity to be a source of information to the patrols. I look forward to seeing JT on the slopes again soon.

I would like to thank Mike Schons for allowing me to continue to assist the patrols of the Central Division.

As the division moves forward, I hope to be able to bring other new technology into the conversation with local patrols.

Skills Development Program



Jackie Bottomley
Skills Development

I'm excited to be the new Skills Development Supervisor for the Central Division. I want to start out by saying I've got big ski boots to fill and to thank Cheryl Raudabaugh for the program she has developed over the past few years. I plan to continue to build on what Cheryl and her team have developed. Thank you, Cheryl and the Skills Team, for the great ASDW's you have held so we can "take it forward" to our area trainers.

We will again be offering two ASDW weekends: December 7-8 at Boyne Highlands and Dec 14-15 at Big Snow in the UP. Emphasis is on initial certifications and re-certifications for the top region Senior evaluators and Instructor Trainers for snowsports and toboggan functions as well as those pursuing advanced PSIA/AASI certifications or ASE pathway. The Skills team is busy putting together the details and more information will be provided after the September Central Division Meeting in Cleveland.

Our goal is to hear from you and to help bring skill development programs to cover your regional needs. Our theme for this year's ASDW is: Thinking Toward Tomorrow. How do we get patrollers involved to become our future instructors? That is the why we are Thinking Toward Tomorrow. We hope you will join us at one of the ASDW events in December.

2019 Election



Dick Jaques
CD Elections

For the first time in forty (or more) years we had multiple candidates for the office of Central Division Director. Chris Raudabaugh and Mike Schons were nominated and ran to fill this position.

It was great to have both Chris and Mike interested and willing to lead our Division for the next three years. However, our election policies were written when the primary means of communication were US Mail and rotary dial phones. Translating the policies to the era of email, Facebook and cell phones proved to be a challenging process.

We also moved away from mailing paper candidate profiles, position statements and ballots to electors. Profiles and positions statements were emailed, and votes were cast online. This updated process was approved by the board at the fall meeting and was well received by the electors.

76% of the 207 eligible voters cast ballots electing Mike Schons as our next Division Director.

There were also elections for Region Director in Eastern Michigan and South Central Regions. There was only one candidate nominated in each of these elections. Leon (LJ) Lavene in Eastern Michigan and Steve Paladini in South Central Region were elected by acclamation to three-year term as Region Director.

Congratulations to Mike, LJ and Steve!

EXCITING TIMES!



Kevin McQuillan
Safety Team Advisor

NATIONAL and DIVISION BOARDS GIVE THE SAFETY TEAM PROGRAM A SIGNIFICANT BOOST.

As your new Central Division Safety Team Advisor, I have great news for the Central Division. First, my predecessor, Mike Husar, has been appointed the National Safety Team Advisor. Mike did great presentations to the Division and National Boards who both came through with funding and support for ramping up the Safety Team initiatives.

Why Safety Teams? Because of our Federal Charter, Bylaws and original certificate of incorporation for the NSP.

From our Federal Charter:

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to promote, in every way, patriotic, scientific, educational, and civic improvement activities and public safety in skiing, by such means as the dissemination of information and the formation of volunteer local patrols consisting of competent skiers trained in first aid for the purpose of preventing accidents and rendering speedy assistance to individuals sustaining accidents; and

(2) to solicit contributions of money, services, and other property for, and generally to encourage and assist in carrying out these purposes in every way.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1418.)

From the Bylaws:

(The following is a summary of the purpose as set forth by the original incorporators on the Certificate of Incorporation duly filed in the State of New York on August 12, 1948...)

The purposes for which it is to be formed are:

a In any and all ways to promote public safety in skiing, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the dissemination of information with respect thereto and the formation of local NSP registration units, consisting of competent skiers trained in the administration of first aid, **for the purpose of preventing accidents** and rendering speedy assistance to persons sustaining accidents; to solicit contributions of money, services and other property for, and generally to encourage and assist in carrying out, the foregoing purposes in every way.

Now we have the chance to promote public safety in skiing, and to disseminate information with respect to promoting public safety in skiing.

One of the goals are to do such promotion, including at the grade school and high school levels away from and at the areas. Many of the areas, especially smaller areas are not aware of the excellent videos, radio spots and other materials promoting safety available from the NSP and its industry partners. We have the Lead by Example pin program that with further support can have even more of an impact on the skiing/riding public.

The National Board has approved a budget for the National Safety Team to have a face to face meeting in August and I will be attending.

The Division Board has approved a budget for me to hold a face to face meeting of the Division Safety Team which will consist of the Region Safety Team Advisors. This will be held at the Fall Division Meeting in Cleveland to share what the National Team develops and to tailor a program for the unique needs of the Central Division.

I will need all the help I can get from the Regions and the area patrols to help disseminate the program and fulfill the important purpose of promoting public safety in skiing.

Not all the Regions have filled the position of Region Safety Advisor and September is rapidly approaching so if anyone has questions about available positions at the Region and area patrol levels please email me at kevin@mcq-law.com

Thank you all!



Webmaster



Kent Anderson
Webmaster

I want to thank our past division director JT for his service and for trusting me as his Webmaster for the division. I also want to thank Mike and his team for keeping me on as Webmaster. I am excited to join the new Central Division Staff and look forward to new challenges some of which on the web side are to update the current site to make it more user friendly. We also will be bringing storage of the current documents as well as the new ones to be accessible for new staff and some of the staff that run sub websites.

From the incoming Awards Advisor



Dick Jacques
Awards Supervisor

It was indeed an honor to be appointed to lead the Division Awards Program under Mike's administration. I've been involved in the NSP Awards at the patrol and region levels for over 30 years and look forward to working with the Awards Programs from all Central Division Regions.

I'd like to thank Martin Fahje for everything he has done for our awards program. He has been very active with the National Awards Committee and has been working hard "behind the scenes" to improve the National Awards Program. He has given me some big shoes to fill.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Meeting

NSP-C Snow Sports



Marty Blaszkowski
NSP-C Snowsports
School

I'd like to congratulate this year's PSIA/AASI award winners. For level 3 Rob Carpenter, Level 2 Jeff Jurcak Jen Jurcak Steve Ohms and Jim Seeger, Level 1 Dean Brandt and Ann Blaedow. If I missed anyone please contact me. The award will be distributed at the Central Division meeting in Cleveland. I hope to see you all there.

This next ski season I'd like you to consider taking the NSP class offered by the PSIA/AASI. It's a class designed with patrollers in mind and a great way to sharpen your skills. It does count for your continuing education credits and as a senior elective. If you are not a PSIA/AASI member you can still attend the class for a small additional fee.

Have a great summer. I look forward to skiing with you this season.

Women's Program



Kerstin Hammarberg
Womens Program

Greetings patrollers of the Central Division!

Hello from the Women's Program! This year there are new and exciting things that will be coming your way and here's what's happening!

First, THANK YOU to John "JT" Thomas our outgoing Division Director for his past support and encouragement. Also to Tom Anderson (ADD and my program supervisor) for all of his support and guidance. Their backing over the past three years has been amazing!

In the spring just before PowderFall, I was able to spend time with the National Women's Program Supervisor and other women in charge of their Division's Women's Programs. It was an empowering and powerful time together! What came out of that meeting was a refocused mission for the Women's Program:

The mission of the NSP Women's Program is to empower patrollers by advancing skills and developing leadership in a women-focused program.

Moving forward with our new leadership team, the Division Women's Program is heading in new DIRECTIONS! The effort before us is to live out the mission of the National Women's Program within our Central Division. The goal set by the new leadership team is to bring programs closer to the local patrols and Regions, while increasing leadership opportunities for more patrollers.

In 2020 to move toward achieving this goal, we will have TWO women's events! One on the eastern side of the division and one on the western side. This upcoming season will bring a transition to a new format and some changes going forward. This year only there will be two events scheduled on different weekends. In the next edition of the Rusty Parka, look for more of



a roadmap from the Central Division Women's Program for ways to be involved and to develop your skills.

The eastern side of the Division will include Northern Michigan Region, Western Michigan Region, Eastern Michigan Region, and Ohio Region. The western side of the Division will encompass the North Central Region, South Central Region, Southern Region, and Western Region.

With this new vision, I also want to share about two women who will be in key leadership positions helping me accomplish the goal of advancing the Central Division Women's Events!

Introducing...

Central Division Women's Program - eastern side ... Kris Liebau!!!



Kris patrols at Alpine Valley East in White Lake, MI. She has been patrolling for 15 seasons and has been part of the training team for AVSP as an OET Instructor, and OEC Instructor and Director of Off-Hill Training. She is currently a candidate in the Certified Program and is working toward her PSIA Level 1 certification. To support all of these activities, Kris holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Tech and manages and supports quality and regulatory functions for a company that designs/manufactures/services JET ENGINES! She is also married and has a 5-year old daughter who causes her great laughter!

Central Division Women's Program - western side ... Lauren Vaerewyck-Wroblewski!!!



Lauren patrols at Swiss Valley in southwestern Michigan. She has been patrolling for 16 seasons and has been part of the leadership of the Southern Region as the Women's Advisor and Proficiency Advisor. She is a Certified Patroller and her continuing focus is to make every moment count - from perfecting turns on the slopes to enjoying time with family and friends. She wants to help cultivate an environment to help women feel more confident and excited about their patrolling skills while having fun! In real life Lauren works in Information Services as an Analyst for an electronic medical records company. She is married and has two dogs – Jordy and Rockne!

Please help to give a warm welcome to both Kris and Lauren as they work with me to bring more fun and women-focused training to our Division ladies! When the Women's Program comes to your area, expect to see familiar faces on the training teams – Chris Moe-Herlick, Linda Murphy-Jacobs, Linda Barthel, Anne Blae-dow, Amy Arnold, Erika Krol, Sue Brann, Kathleen Brenner, Barb Reed, Darcy Hanley, and Lorretta Cobble! Without this great team, this program would not be as strong as it is and will continue to be! And who knows? You could be next!

Women's Events for the 2019-2020 ski season are:

East side - Shanty/Schuss - February 7-9, 2020

West side - TBD - January 24-26, 2020

Look for registration happening in the late Fall and two amazing event weekends for women patrollers!

Announcing New Structure for Central Division Alumni Program



Mark Holtan
Alumni

Powderfall 2019 held at Snowbird, Utah the first week in April was very successful and well attended by patrollers from all Divisions including European. I am sure there will be an article in a forthcoming issue of the Ski patrol Magazine. An overall highlight was the opportunity for patrollers to meet and establish camaraderie with new patrollers. Several patrols from Central Division were well represented with many of their patrollers, family and friends. Good time had by all!

The first Face to Face National Alumni Advisory Committee meeting was held for two full days prior to Powderfall event, led by Tim Viall, our National Alumni Advisor. We had all but 3 division advisors participate along with our former National Advisor, Marty Huebner and Cheri Overton from the National Office. This was a very productive meeting where we discussed common concerns, exchange of ideas that work among our respective divisions, promotional tools to maintain, promote and increase alumni membership. Most of us had never met personally other than interaction on our teleconferences and all left with valuable friendships as we continue to work together in our respective divisions.

In discussions with Mike Schons and Tim Viall we are going to try splitting our Central Division Alumni Advisorship between East and West to better serve our members due to the size and logistics of our Division. I **want to welcome and announce that Bob Knox from Mt Holly Ski Patrol, Eastern Michigan Region has agreed to serve as Co Alumni Advisor for the Eastern half of our Division, East of Lake Michigan.** We are in the process of working out the responsibilities etc. which should be finalized at the Division meeting.

In addition, **all alumni** should be receiving a periodic “*NSP ALUMNI E-NEWS*” via email in addition to the “Sweep” which is sent to all NSP members. The ALUMNI E-NEWS is a new publication created by Tim Viall that provides updates and valuable information for alumni members. If you are not receiving this, please advise me with your correct email address and I will follow up to see that receive this email publication.

We have a great group of Region Alumni Advisors, however, if any RDs are aware of personnel changes, or if you do not have an Alumni Advisor, please plan to have this position filled as we move forward with our new direction. Please advise if you have any questions or need assistance in fulfilling these positions. I will have more resources at the Fall meeting.

We have guidelines and promotional material to assist newly established advisors and programs. A Region Alumni Advisor DOES NOT need to be registered as alumni. I recommend that Region Directors solicit or select a patroller who is a self-starter, interested in the program and the desire to get involved at this level for your Region and fellow patrollers. Any RDs or patrollers who may be interested and have questions can feel free contact me.

Thank you,
Mark Holtan
Division Alumni Advisor – West

Bob Knox
Division Alumni Advisor - East

Thank You to Our Sponsors

PLATINUM



patagonia



SMITH



GOLD



SILVER



BRONZE



PARTNERS

Central Division Calendar

To find the most recent and update version of the Central Division Calendar please visit the link below
<http://nspcentral.org/calendar.php>

Central Division Staff Roster

Administrative Staff



DIVISION DIRECTOR

Mike Schons

(H) 248-683-0465

schonsm@gmail.com



MSAA/NSAA

Jim Woodrum

(H) 513-310-6434

(C) 563-243-3950

jrwoodrum@centurytel.net



LEGAL & RISK MNGMT WEST

David Schwartz

(W) 608-252-9348

(C) 608-213-8234

Djslaws@gmail.com



TREASURER

Marty Jarvi

(H) 262-377-6447

marty.jarvi@gmail.com



Election Coordinator

John Thomas

2212 300th Ave

Lake City, MN 55041

(H) 651-345-5160

(C) 507-254-9067

jttheskibum@gmail.com



ADMIN. ASSISTANT

Allison Lavene

allison.lavene@gmail.com



AWARDS

Dick Jacques

(H) 248-398-3379

rjacques@smsp.us



RUSTY PARKA NEWS

Katie Flanagan

(C) 248-767-4146

rustyparka1@gmail.com

REGION DIRECTORS



E MI REGION

LJ LaVene

(H) (586) 668-9663

lj.lavene@gmail.com



NC REGION

James Hughes

(H) 608-249-7699

(W) 608-246-3876

Farwell839@charter.net



N MI REGION

John Wiley

(H) 810-629-9514

(C) 810-610-4567

jdwiley@chartermi.net

OHIO REGION

Chris Raudabaugh

173 Tar Heel Drive

Delaware, OH 43015

(C) 614-581-4954

chris@raudabaugh.net



SC REGION

Steve Paladini

1700 Carriage Lane
Appleton, WI 54914
(W) 920-740-6222

scrsection4@gmail.com



SOUTHERN REGION

Mike Vaerewyck

(H) 574-272-3325

nsp461@msn.com



WESTERN REGION

Scott O'Connor

(H) 612-584-1876

sjozac@comcast.net



WESTERN MI REGION

John Donnelly

(C) 616-893-5302

Director@NSPC203.com



ADD

Guy Day

3149 W 165th Street
Cleveland, OH 44111
(H) 216-221-9617
(W) 216-695-0714
gcd@sbcbglobal.net

PSIA LIAISON

Amy Arnold

luciawave@mac.com



MEETING COORDINATOR

Don Steen

519 Meadowview Dr. Clinton, Ia 52732
(H) 563-243-3950
(C) 563-249-5735
Donald.Steen48@yahoo.com



NSP-C SNOW SPORTS SCHOOL

Marty Blaszkowski

(H) (248) 393-0973
(W) (248) 393-0973

mjb8804@yahoo.com
nsp@ccrventures.com



CERTIFIED

Ron Gerdes

rjgerdes@gmail.com



SAFETY TEAM

Kevin McQuillan

kevin@mcq-law.com



WEBMASTER

Kent Anderson

H) 763-577-0843
C) 612-730-6324
kjanderson@labycon.com



NORDIC

Jeff Schmidt

nordjas@aol.com



ADD

Les Robinson
751 Blue Ridge Lane
Nekoosa, WI 54457

(H) 715-325-3025
lrobbins@wctc.net



OEC

Kim Zambole

kimzambole@gmail.com (C) 989-245-3248
JF4seasons@aol.com



INTRO TO PATROLLING

Jodi Fuller



YAP Advisor

Jane Bickerstaff

janebic@yahoo.com



MEDICAL

Stephen Werner MD
PO Box 368
Clarkston, MI
(H) 248-625-2730
(C) 248-408-4313
steve.werner@usa.net



MT TRVL RESCUE

John O'Dell

(C) 586-718-4503
bikenski1@yahoo.com



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Russ Livermore

(H) 248-761-8371
(W) 248-761-8371
livermore.russ@us.sika.com



Social Media

Darcy Hanley

(C) 303-927-9437
drhanley@gmail.com



Mountain Bike

Aaron Hislop

aaron@houseofhislop.com



ADD

Anne Blaedow
W. 258N6882 Victoria Cir
Sussex, WI 53098

(C) 262-617-8809
ablaedow@wi.rr.com



INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

Marie Traska

traska5@charter.net



WOMEN'S SEMINAR

Kerstin Hammarberg

(H) 612-600-5082
(W) 612-600-5082
bhsp-pd@hotmail.com



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Jackie Bottomley

(C) 231-878-3570
jbottomley@charter.net



ALUMNI

Mark Holtan

1304 W Medicine Lake Dr.
Plymouth, MN 55441
(H) 763-541-9962
mark0@iphouse.com



TOBOGGAN

Tracy Buchanan

(H) 330-703-3431
tracybuchanan928@gmail.com



SENIOR

Jeff Jurcak

jeff808nsp@gmail.com



TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Paul Botnen

H) 612-860-3033
botnenp@gmail.com



The official e-newspaper for the
National Ski Patrol®, Inc.
Central Division

The Rusty Parka News is published three times annually.

2019 NATIONAL SKI PATROL®, INC. CENTRAL DIVISION
All rights reserved. The words “Ski Patrol” and “National Ski Patrol” are trademarks registered in the U.S. Patent Office

Division Director
Mike Schons
248-683-0465

Editor
Katie Flanagan
248-767-4146

EDITORIAL STATEMENT

The appearance of advertising material in the Rusty Parka does not imply that the National Ski Patrol endorses any product, service or company unless specifically stated. Statements or opinions expressed in the Rusty Parka reflect the views of the author(s) and are not necessarily the views of the National Ski Patrol, its officers, staff, board of directors or members. The Rusty Parka will assume no loss or liability for loss or damage to any material submitted for publication including manuscripts, photographs, or art work. All contributions and submissions are subject to revision or editing at the sole discretion of the Editor. The act of mailing, submitting or transmitting materials to the Rusty Parka shall constitute an express warranty by the author or contributor that the material is original and in no way an infringement upon the rights of others.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor must be submitted electronically to:
rustyparka1@gmail.com

The RPN reserves the right to publish and withhold letters based on content and length. Letters in excess of 250 words may be edited due to space limitations.



ADDRESS CHANGES

Changes to address should be updated on the NSP National Web Site. Please log on to www.nsp.org and access your NSP Member Page to update your personal information. The Rusty Parka e-mail list is downloaded from the National database. All address changes and corrections must be made on the National site.