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Division Director's Report



John Thomas
Division Director

Are we ready to start sliding down the hills of the great Midwest? OEC refresher's are wrapping up and thank you to all those that help put on successful refreshers throughout the Division. We had a great fall Division meeting in Detroit -our hosts from Eastern Michigan did a fantastic job! Thank you Eastern Michigan Region for all your work to make a successful meeting. Next year's meeting will be held by Western Michigan in Grand Rapids. I am sure they'll develop a great program for us. 2016 meeting will be hosted by Western Region.

We do need to continue our emphasis on voting for the National Board. It is very important for us as Central Division members to have a voice, and the way we do that is VOTE in the National Board election. That is the only way we can change the organization and make it better for all the members. If you have not voted already, I urge you to take the time to vote in this election. There is information on the Division website to help you select the people you would like to vote for. Please use that data as you wish and vote for the people you believe will make the best board members. How the board

members affect you in your everyday patrolling activities is not always obvious: They define program policies and procedures. They manage the National dues that we pay to the organization. They also monitor the National office staff.

The next big event for the Central Division is the STW's(Ski/Snowboard Trainer Workshops) coming up in December. The STW's are for the Trainers of the Patrol - both at Region and Division levels. These events work to get all of us on the same page with our sliding and toboggan skills. It's very important as a trainer to attend one of these workshops. It will allow you to be on the same page as the rest of the Division. The Division website has all the information you need to sign up for the program that best fits your skills and knowledge. Please join us!

The National Board has agreed to host Powderfall in April 2015 at the Canyons Resort in Utah. The information about Powderfall is out now on the Na-

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tional website! Please take the time to look at the programs offered at the event. This is promised to be a great event for not only patrollers but patroller's families as well. There is special pricing for family members of patrollers. This shouldn't be missed! I hope to see you there.

I hope everyone has a fantastic and safe season. I hope to see you many as I can out sliding on the snow!

Email Communication



Chris Raudabaugh
Assistant
Division Director

The Central Division is now responsible for our own email communications to our membership. This has been a process of setting up the hardware, software, and internet access so we can communicate with the Central Division membership. This service will also be utilized by your Region organization as well.

The purpose for these communications will be to deliver information and news regarding the Division or your Region. Access to this service is currently limited to Division and Region staff.

You can help by making sure that news@nspcentral.org (or nspcentral.org) is on your email 'whitelist' or 'safe sender' list. Make sure to scan your junk or spam folders to make sure that any messages from NSP Central Division have not been filtered to these folders. PLEASE do not report email from the Central Division (news@nspcentral.org) as spam, this could potentially disrupt our communications to other Central Division members.

We use the National database as our resource for membership email addresses. If you wish to use a different email address, then make sure you update your profile at <http://www.nsp.org>. If you have any questions or wish to 'opt out' of receiving email, please contact Kent

Anderson (Central Division Webmaster) or Chris Raudabaugh (Assistant Division Director) for more information.

Battle the Apathy



Chris Raudabaugh
Assistant
Division Director

In a few short months, our season will be underway with the white, slippery stuff covering our hills and slopes. There is a lot of work underway so that we are prepared to help get all of you up to speed on many on-hill facets of patrolling. Rather than taking the wind out of the sails of our Central Division leadership, I thought I'd 'beat the drums' on a topic that is happening right now.

In 2005, a lawsuit was initiated on the NSP regarding the structure of the National Board and how representation was placed on this board. Today's election process and structure of the National board is the result.

Every year, National Board member slots open up for election. And every year, a very poor number of patrollers take advantage of voting for those that wish to become our board representatives. Sadly, the voter response rate is lower than 10%. This lack of voting numbers has kept good candidates from winning a seat on the board, in favor of some that should not have been elected.

All of us need to take the time and vote for the qualified candidates that will best represent our needs and interests. This will help focus our National Board to plan on the future of the NSP.

The candidate information was sent with our NSP magazine, and is available on nsp.org. Your ballot will be available to you once logged into your nsp.org account. Please Vote!



NO, WE DIDN'T
SKI DOWN THAT
RUN

Treasurer's Report



Joe Hamel
Division
Treasurer

All eight Region Consolidated Financial reports are in and ready for Division IRS 990 report. This will be the fourth year the return will be submitted before the due date of November 15th.

My personal thanks the Region Treasurers for their tireless work:

- Sharon Hazen Eastern Michigan
- Sarah Hull North Central
- Orest Melynk Ohio
- Dennis Sweno South Central
- Randy Johnston Southern
- John Donnelly Western Michigan
- Rich Krause Western (His first report)
- Kirk Swarbrick Northern Michigan

As the results of change in Region Directors in Ohio, Western, West Michigan and South Central they will be audited by our external CPA Brendan Krause in October.

Friendly reminder to staff and supervisors: Expense vouchers are due 30 days after the close of the event.

Region Reports

Eastern Michigan Region



Mike Schons
Eastern Michigan
Region Director

With the feel of the current temperatures, I believe the season is quickly coming upon us!

Patrol refreshers are starting, programs, events and classes are being scheduled.

First however, our Region was the host of this year's Fall Division Meeting, held in Detroit, September 5th through the 7th. It took a number of volunteers from the region and I would personally like to thank Pam King, Allison LaVene, Russ Livermore, Marge Loula, Ty Damon and all of the teams and folks who donated their time and skills to ensure that the event was a success!

Now back to the upcoming season. The region will again be providing at least three ski/snowboard/toboggan enhancement seminars this coming season. The dates and locations are;

January 3rd – Mt. Brighton

January 10th – Mt. Holly

January 17th - Snowsnake

As courses are being added, please review the EMR calendar for dates, times and information. The calendar can be found on our Eastern Michigan Region website (nspemr.org).

Speaking of the website, under the Programs tab drop box, you will find the Senior Program Registration Application. If you're interested in beginning your journey towards Senior Patroller or Senior Alpine Patroller, this is one of your first steps.

Even if you have previously signed up for the senior program in past seasons, we need you to sign-up again on the website for this season. This helps the Region Senior Program Coordinator to ensure your progress is documented and we know how many candidates we will have to plan for participating in the OEC for Senior Module Evaluation and on-hill evaluations.

This year will be the first time we will be holding Certified Program events in our region. This is an outstanding program if you are already a Senior Alpine Patroller with a minimum of 5 years and a member of the NSP and want to reach the pinnacle of patroller training. We will be putting more certified program information on the website. For more information on this event, please contact Linda Barthel at barthel@umich.edu

Nancy Trout, Womens Programs Advisor is also planning events for women only to meet socially and have fun in a learning educational environment.

Again, please check the website for educational events and registration.

If you have questions concerning any of the Region's sponsored courses, the contact information for both on-hill and off-hill Asst. Region Directors can be found on the website.

This is an election year for positions on the NSP National Board of Directors (BOD). With numerous issues facing us as an organization, we need folks on the board that will represent our interests in the Central Division and Eastern Michigan Region. Now it is up to you! In order to vote, YOU must have an active email registered with the National office. If you do not have an email address registered with the NSP in your profile, please go to the national website and edit your profile to add or update your email address. If you experience a problem with editing your profile, contact your patrol administration and they will be able to assist you. Voting opens October 15, 2014.

With that said, the Division BOD's has ranked the candidates and you should be receiving a letter indicating those rankings soon. Again, these are recommendations only. Please take the time to become informed and vote for whom-ever you think will adequately represent you. Nine years ago there was a group that fought and gave back to all of you the right to have your vote as an individual count. Please make that vote count now.

Have a good time at your refreshers and I look forward to seeing you on the slopes this season!

North Central Region



I will start out by saying thanks to EMR for hosting the division meeting and awards good job. This is the time of year to be running, walking, doing things to keep us in the kind of shape we ski patrollers need to be in. Lets get to it!

Also its time to consider who to vote for the National board election. We would like to see a larger voter turnout for the division this fall that would give us a bigger voice from the central division. So with that said get online and check to make sure your information is up to date at national and you will be able to vote. If anyone needs help for getting online; get in contact with help at the national office to fix problems getting online here is a contact for you; 303-988-1111 ext. 2640 or email support@nsp.org

Les Robinson
North Central
Region Director

We do have many events at the region level please look them up at the division calendar <http://www.nspcentral.org/calendar.php>

Some of which are toboggan enhancement seminars, ski enhancement seminars, women's seminars, senior clinics and evaluation, senior is near and dear to my heart as that is the Segway to becoming a patrol leader on your patrol and helping not only the customers of the area but also helping the other patrollers of your area, so please think about senior it is a great bunch of people that are all here to have fun and help YOU.

Northern Michigan Region

It seems like there are only three seasons in Northern Michigan Region these days, Ski Season, OEC Class Season, and OEC Refresher season (oh, I forgot Orange Barrel season overlays everything except ski season....most years).

NMR had two very successful OEC Classes this year. This year's Petoskey Class was hosted by Nubs Nob and included students from our three Northern Michigan patrols. The Traverse City class, hosted by Hickory Hills, included candidates from four patrols in two regions.



Richard Jacques
Northern Michigan
Region Director

The Traverse City course has been using the Pearson Course Compass to deliver core didactic materials via the WEB. This approach allowed students to master core materials at home at their own pace while concentrating on specific questions and skills development during class sessions, allow for fewer class sessions and has improved success rates. Lead instructors Rod Kivell and Megan Walls presented their approach to a full house of Region OEC Advisors and Instructors at the recent Division Meeting in Detroit.

The accomplishments of several region patrollers were recognized with Outstanding Awards at the Division Awards Banquet. Jerry Rodeman was First Runner-up Division Outstanding Patroller. Annaka Norris, Region Toboggan Advisor and Nubs Nob training director won Division Outstanding Instructor. The 17 members of the Tree Tops Ski Patrol are Central Division Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol and National First Runner-up in this category. Tena Lechtanski was named Division and National Outstanding OEC Instructor.

In other awards, Dave Germond of the Schuss Mountain Patrol was awarded Outstanding NMR Patrol Director, Rick Barber received the Region's Park Willis Every Day Patroller Award for his Service to Nubs Nob and Ian Case was honored as Region Outstanding Paid Patroller. ARD Pat Throop was awarded a Purple Merit Star for saving the life of a fellow patroller at the prior year's Region Awards Banquet.

Five members were honored with National Appointments, Fred Bailey (11508), Doug Cary (11516), Don Desautels (11522), Peter C. Toundaian (11524), Carl Woodcock (11518) and John Wiley (11520). In addition Six members Floyd Wright, Keith Lanny Leak, Ed Davis, David E. Criswell, Larry A. Gray, Lawrence E. Murton, Richard E. Jacques were presented with 50 year service pins.

Planning for next year is complete and starts with a Senior Kickoff WEB Meeting on October 15th followed closely with Mountain Travel and Rescue Fundamentals Course on October 25th, Instructor Development Class on November 1st and Avalanche Safety and rescue level 1 class session on December 12th & 13. These classes are open to any NSP Member that would like to attend. Contact Jerry Rodeman ((419) 536-1179) for information on MTR, Sharon Crockett ((231) 526-6066) for Instructor Development and Dave Hartman ((517) 223-0286) for Avalanche. NMR's annual Toboggan Enhancement Seminar weekend will be Jan 31 & Feb. 1, 2015 at Boyne Highlands. Details for this event will be posted on the NMR Website in late December. This weekend of toboggan seminars features lots of fun learning opportunities for Senior Candidates and Senior Patrollers that want to have fun playing with toboggans in lots fun situations. This program is open to any Michigan Patroller.

We are looking ahead to another great ski year. Long range forecasts vary. However, all agree that we should look forward to cold and snow. How much of each is the debate. If you have a chance, join us on a Northern Michigan Slope this winter. We would love to share a few turns with you.

M is for Mentoring



Virginia Rodeman
Division Instructor
Development
Supervisor

At the Division meeting, I heard some patrollers talking about their OEC class as well as other disciplines. What they had said had to do with the instructors. That is where I decided that we need a word about mentors...

Mentors for instructors need to be chosen carefully. Yes, mentors need to demonstrate good examples of six packs. But there is so much more. Mentors need to work with the mentoring instructors until the instructor demonstrate an understanding of how to work with their students. They need to help mentoring instructors develop different methods to reach all learning styles.

Look at who your mentors are for instructors. Are they up-to-date? Are they regularly involved in classes? How do they teach? Your new instructors can only be as good as their mentors.

An Update from Desks of Karen and Sue



Karen Haden
Division OEC
Supervisor

Susan Hayes
Skills
Assistant OEC
Supervisor

The Central Division Meeting in Detroit was a great success for OEC! Every Region had a representative there to connect, mentor and discuss the issues of running quality OEC programs within the Central Division.

We had a short “meet and greet” on Friday at the check-in area. Saturday was the Town Hall meeting to share the results of the OEC Instructor Trainers questionnaire from the 2013-14 season. Each participant individually and as a group was tasked with setting goals for the upcoming season as it relates to empowering the Instructor Trainer (IT) group and themselves.

The second half of the afternoon was enlightening as Ron Kivell and Meghan Wells walked us through the use of Pearson online resources for OEC classes. We were all so excited about this that we’ve asked them to share their information at Powderfall in April!

Sunday morning wrapped up with a breakfast meeting with all of the ROA’s (or their emissary). It was very productive and we have made plans for a follow-up conference call in December.

Now we are fully immersed in the Refresher Season. We are seeing great results with the Hybrid Refresher using the online modules. You have been asking for more hands on time at the Refresher to really feel comfortable with the OEC skills and it appears that this format will be perfect for that!

Watch for: Information coming out about Powderfall in April 2015. We are planning some spectacular OEC offerings including: Pearson Online Resources, Outdoor First Care (New and Improved!) as well as discussions and demonstrations of best practices for OEC program, moulage, etc.

As always, we are at your service. Please don’t hesitate to call us with any OEC questions or issues. Have a wonderful and safe season on the snow!!

Sue Hayes, Assistant OEC Supervisor- supports Regions of North Central, South Central, Southern, Western, and Alumni.

Karen Hadden, OEC Supervisor- lead OEC Supervisor, supports Regions of Ohio, Northern Michigan, Western Michigan, and Eastern Michigan

Notice of 2015 Central Division Elections



Ken Meldahl
Division
Elections
Supervisor

This season, there will be 3 Central Division Region Director Elections that will take place. There will be one nomination form that can be used for all of the elections. The nomination form located in this RPN can be cut and filled out and sent to me by January 26, 2015 or for an easier to use form, go to the Central Division website, find and fill out the form and submit, also by January 26, 2015.

You can review the entire election process in the current Central Division Policies and Procedures manual that can be located on the Division website.

REGION DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGION

SOUTHERN REGION

In accordance with the current Policies & Procedures of the Central Division, an election for the position of Region Director for North Central, Northern Michigan and Southern Regions will be held in the year 2015. The Region Director serves a three year term, administers the Region according to the Region's Bylaws and Policies and Procedures and reports directly to the Central Division Director.

Qualifications:

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

Responsibilities:

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

NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

Nomination may be made by any Region active patroller in good standing or by self nomination. The nomination form can be found in this issue of the RPN or can be downloaded from the Central Division website: www.nspcentral.org. Nomination forms must be received by the Division Election Coordinator before January 26, 2015. Nominees will be sent a "Candidate Information Sheet" that must be returned by February 9, 2015. 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, 2015. Ballots must be returned by March 8, 2015. Tabulation of ballots by the Division Election Coordinator and validated by the Election Review Committee by March 19, 2015. If there is only one qualified nominee, that nominee will be declared the winner by the DEC, (Division Elections Coordinator) with confirmation of the Election Review Committee and no ballots will be sent out. The electorate will be notified if this takes place. Election results will be announced to the electorate and posted on the Division website by March 27, 2015.

ELECTORATE:

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

One vote for each Section Chief and Patrol Representative. No one individual, regardless of positions held, can vote more than one ballot. If an individual is entitled to multiple votes due to positions held, a qualified designee must be assigned to cast the additional vote and this designee must be reported to the DEC.

There will be one additional elector for patrols with 51 to 100 members, two additional electors for patrols with 101 to 150 members, and three additional electors for patrols with over 150 members. The number of members is based on the June 30th membership of the previous year.

Each elector must be an active member of that patrol with two or more years of service in the Division. The names, addresses and email of these electors shall be made available to the Division Election Coordinator no later than January 15, 2015. 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.

2014-15 CENTRAL DIVISION ELECTION NOMINATION FORM

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

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

Position of:

- NORTH CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR
- NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGION DIRECTOR
- SOUTHERN REGION DIRECTOR

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 OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 26, 2015

Central Division Senior Program



Daren Lukes
Senior
Supervisor

Seems like we've been here before. Temperatures are falling, leaves are falling and snow falling. The 2014 – 2015 season is already revving up with activities to kick off the season. OEC Refreshers are in high gear, chair evacuation refreshers are rolling along and this winter's events are in the planning stages.

Those of you that are connected with me on Facebook know that I love to stir the cold weather pot. It always generates attention-grabbing responses. It's not really about the cold weather but what the cold weather brings... the company. In my role as Senior Supervisor I have had the opportunity to meet many new friends across the Division. It is one of the closest knit groups of people I have had the pleasure to be involved with. I look forward every year to re-connecting with my Ski Patrol family and chasing up and down the slope with you all.

Every new ski season presents opportunity for learning and growth. I am a huge proponent of continuous learning and it is what keeps me focused. Continuous learning not only falls into the category of learning new skills but refresher training. Skills learned must be used and refreshed to keep them sharp. When I meet folks that don't set new goals each season or don't become involved in Leadership roles, I watch them get bored and slowly slip away which is usually followed by their departure from Ski Patrol. I encourage everyone to set a goal to learn something new this year! I have been blessed to be part of the Central Division Skills Development Team and part of our responsibility is to set up the three Ski Trainers Workshops in December. There is opportunity coming up to join us at one, two or all of the three Ski Trainers Workshops. You can find us at:

- December 6th & 7th Afton Alps, Hastings, MN
- December 13th & 14th Boyne Highlands Resort, Harbor Springs, Michigan
- December 20th & 21st Cascade Mountain, Portage, Wisconsin

Offerings at this year's event include Senior Toboggan Trainer/Evaluator, Senior Ski-Ride Clinic, Senior Alpine Evaluator Calibration and the Accredited Senior Evaluator (ASE) Exam. There are more offerings outside of the Senior program events that can be found on the Central Division website at the Ski Trainers Workshop registration page.

The Senior program is a perfect step for newer Patrollers. If you do not have your Senior Status, I encourage you to seek out your Region Senior Leadership and ask them "What do I need to do to become a Senior?" You can find more information on the Central Division website, <http://www.nspcentral.org/senior.php>.

There are a number of Senior events happening across the Division this winter. Below is a list of clinics and evaluations happening around the Division. I encourage you to look at the calendar in the Central Division website for application due dates and Senior events <http://www.nspcentral.org/calendar.php>.

North Central	January 10, 2015	Ski and Toboggan Clinic	Ski Brule
Northern Michigan	January 10, 2015	Ski and Toboggan Clinic	Boyne Mountain
South Central	January 10, 2015	Ski and Toboggan Clinic	Cascade
Northern Michigan	January 11, 2015	Ski and Toboggan Clinic	Boyne Mountain
South Central	January 11, 2015	Ski and Toboggan Clinic	Cascade
Western	January 11, 2015	1st Alpine Pre-Course	
Western	February 1, 2015	2nd Alpine Pre-Course	
Eastern Michigan	February 7, 2015	Ski and Toboggan Clinic	Pine Knob
Northern Michigan	February 8, 2015	Ski and Toboggan Clinic	NubsNob
South Central	February 8, 2015	Ski and Toboggan Evaluation	Cascade
Eastern Michigan	February 21, 2015	Ski and Toboggan Evaluation	Boyne Mountain
North Central	February 21, 2015	Ski and Toboggan Evaluation	Marquette
Southern	February 21, 2015	Ski and Toboggan Evaluation	Chestnut
Western	February 22, 2015	Ski and Toboggan Evaluation	

National Board Members from Central Division

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Term expires 12/31/2015
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Cedar, MI 49621
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The Daniel Somalski Memorial Fund

Our *Central Division* is proud to announce the formation of a memorial fund honoring a very special friend and patroller. Dan, as many of us know, dedicated much of his 25 year patrol career to helping others attain their goals both on and off the slopes. As a long time "Certified" patroller #426 and a "PSIA level 3" he was a force to be reckoned with both inside and outside of the traces. It is in memory of Dan's example that his fund will sponsor an annual award to a current or aspiring NSP alpine trainer. In accordance with his family's wishes, the annual monetary award will be tailored to assist a worthy patroller in pursuit of their chosen alpine credential(s).

Please consider donating to this important fund just as many have already. By contributing you'll advance the goals of our organization and promote Dan's legacy. Visit www.nspcentral.org to donate on-line or contact Tom Anderson at tpanderson@charter.net for more information.

OET Courses Get an Overhaul



Dave Bramel
Division
Toboggan
Supervisor

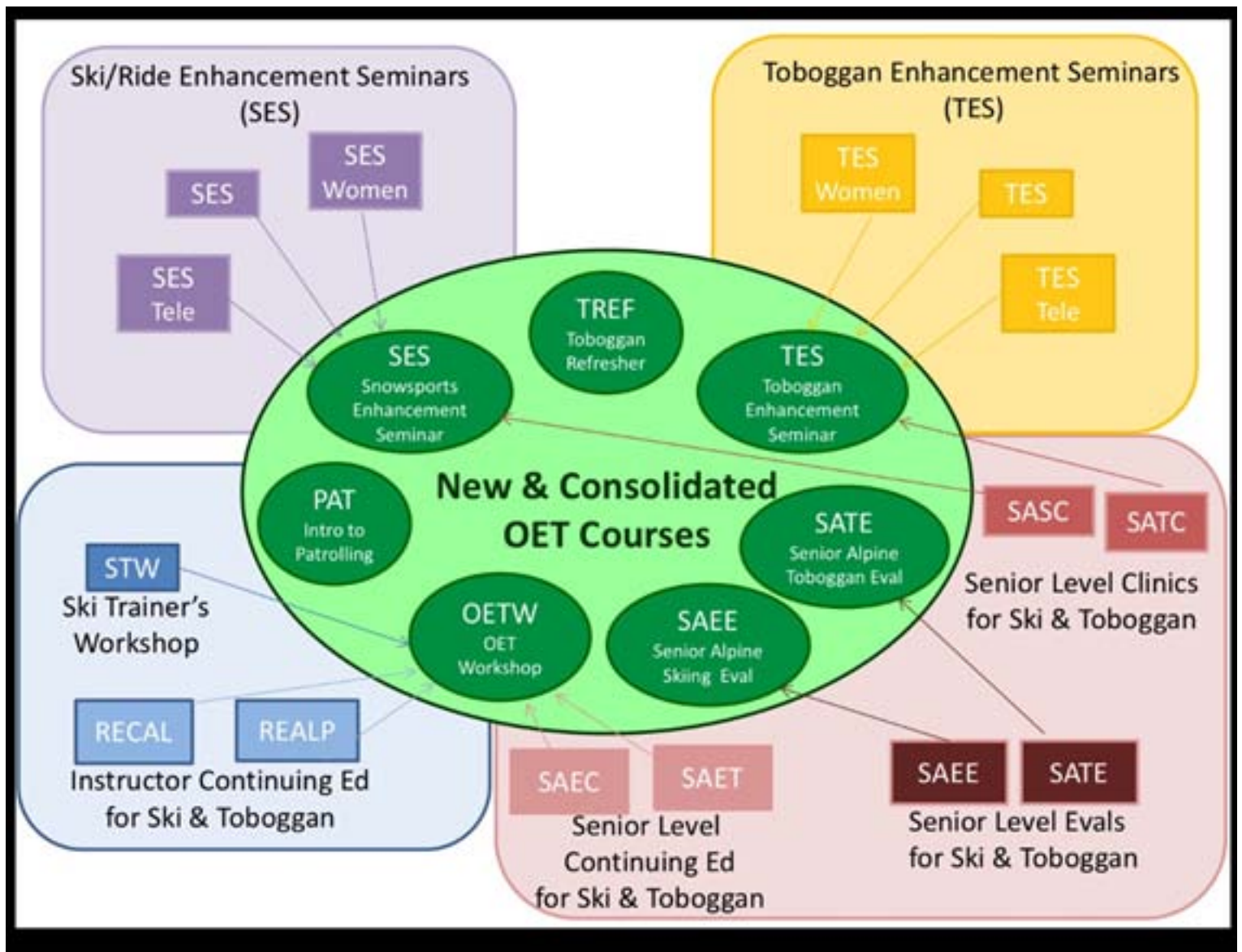
The NSP National Transportation Team has been busy. Led by NSP National OET Director Jay Zedak during the last 18 months we've scrutinized, analyzed and discussed at length our 21 course offerings. Many of these courses were found to be so close in language and description that it made much more sense to consolidate them to seven courses. These seven courses were then rewritten to follow the 11 elements of NSP's Quality Management System. After several revisions the final drafts of the seven courses were presented to the Education Committee. In the late spring of 2014 the Education Committee board approved the National Transportation Team's course changes.

Why is this important to you? If you are an OET instructor you will be opening and registering your course with one minor change. You will need to pay close attention to the following boxes on your course registration form.

Registration for these courses will change slightly. When you open a course, note, there is an instructors "Notes" box. This box is available to you as an instructor to qualify the population for the course you are instructing. For instance, if this is to be a women's specific program, the "notes" box would be a public note specifying that. The "Special Instructions" box will also need to be completed. The National Office uses this language to ensure proper credit processing.

Notes
(public - please limit to 100 characters)

Special instructions
or comments for
National Office Processing



If you are a student and taking one of the OET Course simply pay attention to the description of the offering and ensure the course is open for your registration and participation. If you have questions about the new OET course changes please ask the Instructor of Record of the course for clarification.

The NSP National Transportation Team

- Jay Zedak -National OET Director
- Tom Worley - Asst National Director
- David Bramel - Central Division Toboggan Supervisor
- Daryl Whitcher - Far West Toboggan Supervisor
- Heidi Strader - Alaska Division Toboggan Supervisor
- Dan Powers - Rocky Mountain Division Toboggan Supervisor
- Robert Bluff - Eastern Division Toboggan Supervisor
- Dave Kearns - Intermountain Division Toboggan Supervisor
- Tony Tingle - Southern Division Toboggan Supervisor
- Mike Marlow - Northern Division Toboggan Supervisor
- Jeff Weitz Pacific - Northwest Toboggan Supervisor
- Michael Staszewski - European Division Toboggan Supervisor



Central Division NSP - C Ski School



Harold Park
Division
Ski School
Supervisor

Winter is fast approaching and your NSP-C Snow Sports School is gearing up and getting ready to provide exceptional clinics that will get you sliding more proficiently. Don't be left behind and sign up today for a clinic in your Region or our Division STW's.

The Divisions STW's are fast approaching. There are going to be many training and calibration options please make sure you and your patrol members are not left behind.

December 6th & 7th Afton Alps, Hastings, MN
December 13th & 14th Boyne Highlands Resort, Harbor Springs, Michigan
December 20st & 21nd Cascade Mountain, Portage, Wisconsin

The NSP-C Ski School Registration is up and running. Please reach out to your staff to ensure they sign up. Go to <http://www.npsnowsportschool.com/application.php>

There has been a change in the General Liability Policy which now includes Ski Instruction. The members of the Central Division NSP-C-Snow Sports School can teach skiing fundamentals to Patrollers and Candidates and benefit from the insurance through Mountain Guard. Because the NSP-C Snow Sports School is recognized as a sanctioned organization this allows us the benefit to teach sessions without registered course (SES, STW, TES, etc..).

Based on the changes stated above it has changed the fee structure in which we charge our members to join the NSP-C Snow Sports School. National doesn't charge a fee for this program, nor are you paying for insurance. The Central Division has elected to continue to charge a fee of \$25 to grow the program and benefit its members. The allocation of the Snow Sports funds, are going to be used this year to send instructors around the Central Division to assist Regions in their SES. The Region Supervisors will continue to play a role developing the future of the program.

Joining the NSP-C Snow Sports School is a great place to serve others and a place to call home. We provide a bond with our fellow patrollers by offering the team companionship to help develop their skills, but at the same time we are able to sharpen our skills and craft.

Full Calendar for Certified Program



Partick Perlman
Division
Certified
Supervisor

Many events are scheduled for the Certified program this season.

Awareness clinics are being offered as part of the December division STW's. Participants will explore the mountain with the certified team and learn about area operations, avalanche rescue & mitigation, OEC (certified expectations), chair evacuation, low angle rescue and toboggan to fully understand the requirements of the program and what it would take to get involved.

In January qualification clinics are scheduled throughout the division. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the program is welcome to attend these events.

In February two 'mini' evaluations will be taking place as a pilot program. Brighton as a joint effort from Eastern and Western Michigan regions and Tyrol Basin as a joint effort from South-central and Southern regions. Some of the modules will be evaluated at these events and guided training will be offered for some the remainder of the modules. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the program is welcome to attend these events as well.

If you have any questions about the certified program please feel free to contact me or any of the region advisors.

2014 – 2015 Certified Calendar:

Date	Location	Event	Contact
December 6-7	Afton Alps	STW	www.nspcentral.org
December 13-14	Boyne Highlands	STW	www.nspcentral.org
December 20-21	Cascade	STW	www.nspcentral.org
January 1	email	Application Deadline	Patrick Perlman
January 3-4	Perfect North Slopes	Recertification/Qualification	Eric Massanyi
January 18	Nubs Nob	Recertification/Qualification	Mike Longfellow-Jones
January 24-25	Marquette	Recertification/Qualification	Tom Anderson
January 24-25	Lutsen	Recertification/Qualification	Terry Spohn
January 25	Chestnut	Qualification	Todd Shurtz
February 7	Brighton	Evaluation (select modules)	Linda Barthel
February 7	Tyrol Basin*	Evaluation (select modules)	Paul Fuchs
*Tentative – waiting for management approval.			
March 5-8	Lutsen	Annual Evaluation (all modules)	Patrick Perlman

Scenes from 2013-2014 Certified Events

Photos Courtesy of Ed Davis



National Ski Patrol Alumni

What is an Alumni Member?

An Alumni member is a special registration category for people who, for various reasons, no longer provide emergency care or rescue service but wish to continue their involvement with the National Ski Patrol.

The NSP Alumni members started in 1977 to maintain contact with former members and keep them informed of national events and activities. Today the Alumni Members total more than 1,900.

Why join the Alumni Members?

By joining as an Alumni Member, you can continue to be part of the largest winter rescue organization in the world. Better yet, your involvement provides you with the opportunity to support the national organization on a new level.

As an Alumni Member, you won't be required to fulfill any skill or educational requirements; however, depending on local needs and your experience, you might be asked to serve in an advisory capacity to local NSP units as an OEC instructor, for example, during annual refreshers.

Several areas in the nation have already taken advantage of their alumni's local knowledge and experience. A valued force within NSP, alumni members often attend ski patrol events, help recruit new members, provide administrative and IEC help, give safety talks, and participate in other community service activities.

Other Benefits:

Alumni Members receive:

- A subscription to *Ski Patrol Magazine*
- Access to select NSP Winter Catalog merchandise
- The opportunity to participate in NSP-sponsored events
- Dues may be tax deductible

How much does it cost?

Regular fee: Annual dues are just \$27 annually. The national organization receives \$17 and \$10 is returned to the division with which the Alumni Member is affiliated. Active patrollers who are members keep that status on becoming an Alumni Member.

Lifetime membership fee: Patrollers who wish to become an Alumni Member, as lifetime members, may do so for a one-time fee of \$700, which helps support the NSP endowment fund. They will receive a Lifetime Membership Pin and a framed Lifetime Certificate.

How does one join the Alumni Members?

Fill out the application form and mail it with the membership fee to the National Ski Patrol, 133 South Van Gordon Street, Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80228.

National Ski Patrol Alumni Member Application Form

133 S. Van Gordon St., Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80228

Phone 303-988-1111 Fax 303-988-3005 Email nsp@nsp.org Web site www.nsp.org



Name: _____

Address : _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

If registering as an Alumni Member please provide the registration number: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Regular member Lifetime member

New Alumni Members Please Provide the Following Information:

Last NSP Affiliation: Ski Patrol: _____ Registration Number: _____

Region: _____ Division: _____ Last Year Registered: _____

Alpine Nordic NSP Appointment number : _____

If you wish to associate with a ski patrol please provide that information here: _____

Central Division 2013 - 2014 Awards



Division Awards from Central Division Meeting :
Gregg Reese
Awards Supervisor

Additional Awards Coverage in Winter 2014 Issue

Certificates of Appreciation for Eastern Michigan Region Banquet Committee

Ron Cousineau, Jodie Fuller, Joe Johnson, Pam King, Ty Damon, Sharon Hazen, Jeff Jurcak, Sean Krabach, Allison LaVene, Russ Livermore, Jon O'Dell, Chuck Povlitz, LJ LaVene, Marge Loula, Carl Parkins, Gustave Rayl, Jamie Roell, Chris Sutton, Derek Werner, Rae Ann Ruddy, Chuck Thomas, Mark Newton

Southern Region Certificates of Appreciation

Karen Woodrum
Cindy Thomas



Dan Somalski Memorial Grant

Amy Arnold



Division Director's Program Award Winners in Attendance

At the end of every season, each program in our Division is invited to name a special MVP who the Program Supervisor feels exemplified their program for the past ski season. This means the people being honored were the top people last season in their program chosen from over 6000 patrollers in the Central Division.

Dave Boboltz - Nordic Independence Oaks and Mt Holly Eastern Michigan Region



Frank Randall - Awards Chestnut Mountain Southern Region



Harold Park - Skills Development Perfect North Slopes Ohio Region



Matthew Kim- NSP-C Snow Sports School Snow Trails Ohio Region



Brian Ulrich - OEC Three Rivers Western Region



Linda Barthel - Women's Seminar Mt Brighton
Eastern Michigan Region



Central Division Outstanding Supervisor

Harold Park- Director NSP-C Snow Sports Program



Traditional Outstandings

Central Division has over 6000 active patrollers. These patrollers serve approximately 117 patrols

Each year, all 8 Regions of the Central Division are invited to send in a submission for each of 12 Outstanding categories ranging from Outstanding Young Patroller to Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol. The Central Division judges then select one patroller and one patrol in each category to be our Central Division Outstanding. The Central winners are then sent on to National to compete with all the other Divisions for National Outstanding and National First Runner-Up.

Because of the increasingly high levels of competition in our division, six years ago the Central Division Awards Program

started a tradition of recognizing our Central Division Outstanding First Runners-Up as well as our Central Division Outstanding winners.

2013-2014 CENTRAL DIVISION OUTSTANDING FIRST RUNNERS-UP

in attendance

First Runner-up Young Adult Patroller: Mitchel Thompson
Pine Knob, Eastern Michigan Region



First Runner-up Alpine Patroller: Jerry Rodeman
Schuss Mountain, Northern Michigan Region



First Runner-up Patrol Representative: Sandi Hammons
Perfect North Slopes, Ohio Region



First Runner-up Large Alpine Ski Patrol: Mt Holly
Leon LaVene P.R., Eastern Michigan Region



First Runner-up Nordic Patrol: Independence Oaks
Jon O'Dell P.R., Eastern Michigan Region



2013-14 CENTRAL DIVISION OUTSTANDING WINNERS

in attendance

Annaka Norris



Our first Outstanding honoree began her ski patrol career 19 years ago in 1995. She became a senior alpine patroller in 2000 and in 2012 received her National Appointment.

This patroller puts in many hours yearly at patrol, Section, Region, and Division levels as a Toboggan Instructor and Toboggan Instructor Trainer. Although she lives four hours from her home area she is consistently in the top percentage of duty commitment numbers for her patrol.

As Region Toboggan Advisor, she also manages all the toboggan instructor and instructor trainer records for the Region.

For her work in testing, training, and administration we are proud to recognize as the **Central Division Outstanding Instructor** for the 2013-2014 season from the Northern Michigan Region

Annaka Norris of Nub's Nob Ski Patrol

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are also further pleased to announce that in addition, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has awarded Annaka a Yellow Merit Star for being selected Central Division Outstanding Instructor.

Jon O'Dell

This patroller joined the NSP in 1995 and very quickly became involved at patrol, section, and region. In 2001 he became a Nordic senior and soon attained senior status in both Alpine and Telemark while pulling full duty shifts at both his primary Nordic and secondary Alpine patrols. He was awarded a National Appointment in 2008.

He is currently an OEC Instructor, an MTR instructor and both Nordic and Alpine toboggan instructors as well as serving as an OEC and MTR IT.

From 2002 to 2013 this nominee served as Region Nordic Advisor



and from 2012 until present as region Telemark advisor.

In 2010 he took over the reins of his Nordic patrol. As a Nordic Patrol Representative he was so successful at recruiting patrollers that in 2013, in an unprecedented move, the region director asked him to step in as patrol rep at a second Nordic area which was in danger of losing its patrol due to lack of membership

For his service and devotion to the NSP the Central Division is proud to recognize as **Central Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol Representative** for the 2013-2014 season from the Eastern Michigan Region

Jon O'Dell of Independence Oaks Nordic

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are also further pleased to announce that in addition, the National Ski Patrol has awarded Jon a Yellow Merit Star for being selected Central Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol Representative.

Glacial Park Nordic Ski Patrol



Our next Outstanding honoree of the evening is a patrol that began in 1987. This Nordic patrol of 8 patrollers serves an area of almost 5.8 miles of trails.

This patrol might only have 8 members but during the past four years it has supplied the NSP a Section Chief, a Region Nordic Advisor, and a Division Nordic Supervisor

This patrol of eight also has 1 PSIA level 3 instructor, 1 PSIA level 2 instructor, 2 MTR instructors 3 OEC instructors and 2 Nordic Ski and Toboggan ITs.

For their work and dedication to the NSP and its programs, for the 2013-2014 season, the Central Division is proud to recognize as our **Outstanding Nordic Patrol**, from the Southern Region

Glacial Park Nordic Ski Patrol
Susan Fishburn Patrol Representative

We are also very pleased to announce that for the 2013-2014 ski season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has also awarded Glacial Park Nordic a National Unit Citation for being selected as the Central Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol

Brian Cobble

This patroller joined the NSP 34 years ago in 1980 and attained senior status in 1982. In 1988 he received his Certified classification and in 1991 he received his National Appointment.

This patroller has accomplished many things in the NSP. He is an OEC and CPR instructor; an Instructor Development Instructor and Toboggan Instructor, as well as being an IT in both Toboggan and Instructor Development. His dedication to these programs is evident when we consider that during the past four years he has received 30 year pins in each of his instructorships.



Along with this, this patroller has served as a Region Director, an Assistant Division Director and Division Director.

This past season this patroller stepped away from upper administrative positions and served his patrol as a regular patroller driving 232 miles through 3 states to work his week-night shift.

This patroller's devotion to his patrol, his region and division have been recognized many times and this season we are very pleased to recognize as the **Central Division Outstanding Alpine Patroller**, from the Southern Region

Brian Cobble of Wilmot Mountain Ski Patrol

We are also very pleased to announce that for the 2013-2014 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Brian as the **National Ski Patrol's Outstanding Alpine Patroller First Runner-up** and for his outstanding efforts, he has been awarded a Silver Merit Star

Leon (LJ) LaVene



This patroller joined the NSP in 1999 and quickly became very active in his patrol, section and region. He became an OEC Instructor and toboggan instructor and served as Assistant patrol rep from 2005 to 2010 when he was elected patrol representative to two terms. In 2010 he received his National Appointment.

One of the first tasks he undertook was to revitalize training programs and provide new opportunities to some of the newer, younger members who were looking for more ways to be involved.

Also, through his efforts, a close relationship was developed between his patrol and the local Regional Medical Center and the associated medical school. A program was started which allowed Emergency Medicine residents to work in the area Patrol Room and on its slopes with patrollers to earn field credits toward their education. 18 Emergency Medicine residents took advantage of the program this past season. This program had the side benefit that when the hospital upgraded their equipment, they donated several hospital beds to his patrol treatment room.

For his outstanding work and devotion to the NSP we are proud to recognize as the **Central Division Outstanding Patrol Representative** for the 2013-2014 season from Eastern Michigan Region

Leon (L.J.) LaVene of Mt Holly Ski Patrol

We are also very pleased to announce that for the 2013-2014 seasons, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected L.J. as the **National Ski Patrol's Outstanding Patrol Representative First Runner-up** and for his outstanding efforts, he has been awarded a Silver Merit Star

Treetops Sylvan Resort Ski Patrol

Our next award goes to a patrol that began in 1954. This Small Alpine Patrol of 17 patrollers serves an area with 3 Triple Chair Lifts, 2 Tow Ropes and 1 Tubing lift. These 17 patrollers work together to cover between 80 and 100 days a year and do it eagerly.

Of their 17 members they have 3 active OEC Instructors, 2 CPR/AED Instructors and 2 Instructors in the Mentor Process (One for OEC and one for Toboggan and Ski Training. For the past four years they have also supplied a Region Toboggan Advisor and a member of the Region Board of Directors.

This small alpine patrol really is a little engine that can! They are a dedicated family of 17 that comes to patrol those

80 to 100 days a season. Each patroller pitches in to get the job done, which often means several jobs are done by each patroller. Multi-tasking throughout the year is their way of life. With an average of 4 patrollers per shift they work tirelessly to manage accidents and skier safety at the resort each and every day.

For their work and devotion to the NSP, the Central Division is proud to honor the **Central Division Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol**, from Northern Michigan Region

Treetops Sylvan Resort Ski Patrol Wendy Sinkus Patrol Representative



"We are also very pleased to announce that for the 2013-2014 ski season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Treetops Sylvan Resort Ski Patrol as the **National Ski Patrol Outstanding First Runner-up Small Alpine Patrol** and for their outstanding efforts, they have been awarded a Silver Unit Citation

Les Robinson



This next patroller joined the NSP in 1998 and three years later became a Senior Alpine Patroller. In 2010, he received his National Appointment. This patroller is an OEC and Toboggan Instructor as well as an OEC IT and Alpine Toboggan IT.

Tonight though, he is being recognized for his Administrative qualities. In 2010 and 2011 he was the Patrol Representative for a large volunteer ski patrol. In 2010 his patrol was selected as Central Division First Runner-up Large Alpine Patrol. During this same time frame he served as his Region's Senior S&T Administrator. In July of 2012 he became his Region Director and still holds that position.

Because of his devotion to his patrol, his region and the NSP we are very pleased to recognize as the **Central Division Outstanding Administrative Patroller** for the 2013-2014 season from North Central Region

Les Robinson of Granite Peak Ski Patrol

We are also very pleased to announce that for the 2013-2014 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Les as the **National Ski Patrol's Outstanding Administrative Patroller**

For his outstanding efforts, Les has been awarded a National Outstanding trophy and a Gold Merit Star

Tena Lechtanski

Our next honoree joined the NSP thirty years ago in 1984. Three years later she attained senior status and in 1993 she received her National Appointment. This patroller has been active in training and testing at and above patrol level for most of her thirty year career. This patroller is an OEC Instructor, Instructor Development Instructor as well as an OEC IT.

As an example of her work and devotion to the NSP, this patroller



for the past two seasons alone has put in over 200 on hill duty hours yearly and has also averaged between 500 and 900 off hill hours primarily in OEC related work.

For the 2013-2014 season we are proud to recognize as the **Central Division Outstanding OEC Instructor** from the Northern Michigan Region

Tena Lechtanski of Boyne Highlands Ski Patrol

Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are also further pleased to announce that in addition, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Tena as the **National Ski Patrol's 2013-2014 Outstanding OEC Instructor**.

For this tremendous accomplishment, Tena has been awarded with a National Outstanding trophy and a Gold Merit Star

Chestnut Mountain Ski Patrol



Our final Outstanding goes to a patrol activated in 1959. This patrol of 62 patrollers has 1 Certified Patroller and 8 patrollers with Appointments.

Over the years, this patrol has continually supplied many outstanding testers, trainers, and administrators to Section, Region and Division.

During the past four years, what has set this patrol apart is its overall total commitment to the NSP and its programs.

Overall, nearly 58% of its patrollers are active instructors or mentors in at least one NSP discipline and 21% are instructors in more than one discipline.

Each year, an average of 150 visiting Patrollers attend clinics, evaluations and courses this patrol offers. In addition, this patrol has hosted 8 other patrols with their training in OEC, toboggan and ski proficiencies

For their dedication and service to their community and the NSP, the Central Division is honored to recognize as **2013-2014 Central Division Outstanding Large Alpine Ski Patrol**, from the Southern Region

Chestnut Mountain Ski Patrol
Laura Schauer Patrol Representative

We are also very pleased to announce that for the 2013-2014 ski season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Chestnut Mountain Ski Patrol as the **National Ski Patrol Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol** and for their outstanding efforts, they have been awarded the Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol Trophy, and a Gold Unit Citation,

The National Ski Patrol has also awarded a Yellow Merit Star to Chestnut Mountain's Patrol Representative Laura Schauer and National Pins for each member of this outstanding patrol.

Full Listing of All Central Division Awards In RPN Winter Edition

Scenes from 2014 Fall Division Meeting in The Motor City



Central Division Women's Clinic Jan 24 -25



Sandi Hammons
Division Women's
Seminar
Supervisor

Ladies of the Central Division, our clinic this season is set for January 24 & 25, 2015 and will be held at Schuss Mountain, Shanty Creek Resorts in Bellaire, Michigan. We are all very excited about this venue. This will be our first visit to Schuss with the Women's Program. As always we offer a very supportive and encouraging atmosphere, you just have to be ready to take that step. We are not just talking about ski/ride and toboggan. We will be offering other patroller interests such as: MTR, LAR, OEC and Avalanche. We are going to make that decision with the input we get from attendees as you register.

Registration will be posted on the Central Division Website very soon. There are still a few details that need to be worked out.

I challenge you to get a group of ladies from your area or region and join us for the weekend. Ladies that attended last year or prior, please share your experience and encourage a fellow patroller to join you. It is very important to our program that we have a great ratio of staff to patroller so that we maintain a quality clinic for you. So please register early. Please take a look at their website – <http://www.shantycreek.com>

Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

Sandi Hammons

Women's Clinic Supervisor

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Central Division Board and staff pose with Subaru Outbacks provided to the NSP through the major sponsorship commitment of Subaru. Thank you Subaru!. Support and recommend all our sponsors.

In Memory: Laurene Acton

By: Mark Kuehl
Snowsnake Ski Patrol

Laurene was a very special person in the Snowsnake Ski Patrol.

Her presence will be missed in the patrol room and for all the volunteer spirit that she brought to OEC and CPR instruction. She never stopped being a teacher even in retirement.

Laurene received her NSP Leadership Commendation Award this spring at the Eastern Michigan Region Banquet. Rest In Peace Laurene.

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Start Date	End Date	Program	Region	Location	Description	Contact
2014-11-15		AVALANCHE	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	Pine Knob - Avalanche Awareness	John Taylor - taylorjo2@gmail.com
2014-11-22	2014-11-23	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule	SES	Robert Salonen [rsalonen@fast-air.net]
2014-11-23		REFRESHERS	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	CPR and OEC Refresher will be Sunday, November 23rd at Pine Knob. Donation required. Participants must preregister	steve.werner@usa.net
2014-12-01	2014-12-01	SENIOR	North Central		Senior Application Deadline	James Hughes
2014-12-01	2014-12-01	SENIOR	North Central		SENIOR APPLICATION DUE	Jim Hughes [Farwell839@charter.net]
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2014-12-06	2014-12-06	OEC	North Central	MTU	TESTING/TRAINING OEC Final	
2014-12-06	2014-12-06	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Indianhead	S&T Instructor Refresher	Steve Beil [beil@steveb10864@gmail.com]
2014-12-06	2014-12-07	SES & S&T	Eastern Michigan	TBA	TESTING/TRAINING	
2014-12-06	2014-12-07	REFRESHERS	North Central	Ski Brule	S&T Refresher	Joe Matuszak [jmtooz@aol.com]
2014-12-06	2014-12-07	OTHER EVENTS	Western	Afton Alps, MN	Division STW	Don Loerch
2014-12-13	2014-12-13	SENIOR	North Central	Mt Ripley	Senior OEC Clinic MANDATORY	Mike Olson [olsomp05@aol.com]
2014-12-13	2014-12-14	SES & S&T	Eastern Michigan	Boyne Highlands	TESTING/TRAINING	
2014-12-13	2014-12-14	REFRESHERS	North Central	Ski Brule	S&T Refresher	Joe Matuszak [jmtooz@aol.com]
2014-12-13	2014-12-14	AV	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands	NMR Avalanche	Dave Hartman (wdh@acd.net)
2014-12-13	2014-12-14	OTHER EVENTS	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands, MI	Division STW	Don Loerch
2014-12-20	2014-12-20	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Indianhead	S&T Refresher	beil [steveb10864@gmail.com]
2014-12-20	2014-12-21	OTHER EVENTS	South Central	Cascade Mtn, WI	Division STW	Don Loerch
2014-12-21	2014-12-21	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule	Patroller 101 Orientation	LeeAnn Heim [duodiscovery@yahoo.com]
2015-01-01	2015-01-01	DEADLINES	Southern	www.southernregionnsp.org	Applications for Senior due Look in members area user Id minnie password rusty	MikeVaerewyck nsp461@msn.com
2015-01-03		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt Brighton, MI	TES, SES, SNBES - Sign-up on Region Web Site Prior to Event Date	Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or rlivermore3@comcast.net
2015-01-04	2015-02-22	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule	S&T Candidate Training	Joe Matuszak [jmtooz@aol.com]
2015-01-10	2015-01-10	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule	Region SS&T Clinic	Jim Grundstrom
2015-01-10	2015-01-10	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule	STW & Senior Clinic [check off]	Jim [jimgrundstrom@freichevy.com]
2015-01-10	2015-01-11	NORDIC	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	XC Clinic & Exam	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2015-01-10	2015-01-11	REFRESHERS	North Central	Granite Peak	S&T TESTING/TRAINING	Joe Conrad
2015-01-10	2015-01-11	T&T	Northern Michigan	Boyne Mountain	NMR T&T Clinic???	bobanderson@permaloc.com
2015-01-10		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly, MI	TES, SES, SNBES - Sign-up on Region Web Site Prior to Event Date	Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or rlivermore3@comcast.net
2015-01-12	2015-01-12	NORDIC	North Central	Indianhead	Telemark Clinic	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2015-01-17		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Snowsnake, Harrison, MI	TES, SES, SNBES - Sign-up on Region Web Site Prior to Event Date	Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or rlivermore3@comcast.net
2015-01-24	2015-01-24	CERTIFIED	North Central	Marquette	Certified Tryout/Recertification	Greg Kerwin [gckerwin@gmail.com]
2015-01-24	2015-01-24	NORDIC	North Central	Marquette MI	Noquemanon Ski Marathon	http://www.noquemanon.com
2015-01-25	2015-01-25	OEC	North Central	Marquette	certified & senior OEC /TRAINING	Greg Kerwin [gckerwin@gmail.com]
2015-01-25		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly, MI	8:00am - EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net
2015-01-31	2015-01-31	NORDIC	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Wolf Tracks Rendezvous	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2015-01-31	2015-02-01	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Pine Mtn	S&T Instructor Training Clinic	Jay Van Zeeland [jayvz7243@gmail.com]
2015-01-31	2015-02-01	T&T	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands ?	NMR TES	Carl Woodcock (Carl.woodcock@sbcglobal.net)
2015-02-01		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	EM1 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Jeff Jurcak - jeffandlaurie@yahoo.com
2015-02-01		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt Brighton, MI	EMR2 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Brad Carlson - (734) 528-8925 or bradleycarlson1@gmail.com
2015-02-04	2015-02-08	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Houghton MI	MTU Winter Carnival MT Ripley	Randy Tufts [randytufts@yahoo.com]
2015-02-07	2015-02-07	CERTIFIED	Eastern Michigan	Mt Brighton, MI	Certified Off-hill Modules (LAR, Avalanche, Area Ops)	Linda Barthel @ barthel@umich.edu
2015-02-07		AVALANCHE	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	Introduction to Avalanche Safety and Rescue	John Taylor - taylorjo2@gmail.com

Start Date	End Date	Program	Region	Location	Description	Contact
2015-02-07		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	Senior Ski & Toboggan Pre-Test Clinic	Allen Radke - skibum22aer@outlook.com or (734) 855-5183
2015-02-08	2015-02-08	AWARDS	North Central	Awards Deadline	Awards Deadline	Brenda Robinson [brobins@live.com]
2015-02-08	2015-02-08	T&T	Northern Michigan	Nubs Nob	NMR Senior S&T	Carl Woodcock (Carl.woodcock@sbcglobal.net)
2015-02-15		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Senior OEC Scenario Skill Sign-off Deadline	Rae Ann Ruddy - (248) 672-7511 or raeruddy@comcast.net
2015-02-15		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Snowsnake, Harrison, MI	EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net
2015-02-20	2015-02-20	Awards	Northern Michigan		Individual Awards Submission Deadline	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2015-02-21	2015-02-21	SENIOR	North Central	TBA	Senior S&T Evaluation	Chuck (Ozzie) Jonas ozzynkat@charter.net
2015-02-21	2015-02-21	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Marquette Mnt	NC Toboggan Training Clinic	Jim Grundstrom www.birkie.com
2015-02-21	2015-02-21	NORDIC	Western	Hayward WI	Birkie	
2015-02-21	2015-02-21	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Boyne Falls, MI	Senior Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Allen Radke - skibum22aer@outlook.com or (734) 855-5183
2015-02-22	2015-02-22	AWARDS	North Central	TBA	Awards Committee Mtg	Brenda Robinson [brobins@live.com]
2015-02-28	2015-02-28	NORDIC	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Squirrel Hill Skiathon	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2015-02-28	2015-02-28	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Squirrel Hill Skiathon	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2015-03-01	2015-03-01	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule	S&T Evaluation	Joe Matuszak [jmt00z@aol.com]
2015-03-01	2015-03-01	Awards	Northern Michigan		Outstanding Awards Submission Deadline	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2015-03-01	2015-03-01	OEC	Northern Michigan	Treetops	NMR Senior OEC Prep Clinic	Rod Kivell (rj.kivell@att.net)
2015-03-01		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Awards Write-ups Deadline (All Patrols)	LJ LaVene - llavene@lental.com
2015-03-05	2015-03-08	CERTIFIED MEETING	Western	Lutsen	TESTING/TRAINING	
2015-03-11		MEETING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly, MI	Awards Review Meeting	LJ LaVene - llavene@lental.com or (810) 635-7829
2015-03-14	2015-03-14	SENIOR Awards	North Central	Ski Brule	Senior SEM TESTING/TRAINING	Mike Olson [olsomp05@aol.com]
2015-03-15	2015-03-15	Awards	Northern Michigan	Schuss Mt.	Spring Awards Committee Meeting ? Schuss Mt.	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2015-03-15	2015-03-15	OEC	Northern Michigan	Schuss Mt.	NMR Senior OEC	Rod Kivell (rj.kivell@att.net)
2015-03-21	2015-03-21	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Mt Ripley	S&T evaluation	Randy Tufts [randytufts@yahoo.com]
2015-03-21	2015-03-22	AVALANCHE	North Central	Mt Bohemia	TESTING/TRAINING Possibly running a level 1 rescue, May be at the university-Mt Bohemia-Mount Ripley.	Randy Tufts randytufts@yahoo.com
2015-04-01		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Administrator Report Deadline	Mike Schons - (248) 683-0465 or schonsm@gmail.com
2015-04-01		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Region Expense Report Deadline	Sharon Hazen - rhazen@comcast.net
2015-04-24	2015-04-26	MEETING	North Central	Minocqua Waters	Spring Banquet	Les Robinson [lbrobins@wctc.net]
2015-05-02	2015-05-02		Northern Michigan	Schuss Mt.	NMR Spring Meeting & Awards Banquet	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2015-05-06		MEETING	Eastern Michigan	Genesys Conv. Center	EMR Spring Meeting (Patrollers Welcome)	Mike Schons - (248) 683-0465 or schonsm@gmail.com
2015-05-09		BANQUET	Eastern Michigan		EMR Awards Banquet	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net

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