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Division Director's Report



Jim Woodrum
Division Director

Talk about a quick transition from snowfall to summer, this year seems like it flew by. Perhaps that is the sign of getting older or perhaps visiting a large number of resorts, ski patrol events like senior evaluations, region meetings and banquets, and the certified event. Whatever the cause this winter/spring came and went and now we are deep into summer.

I hope all of you are ready for the fall because in just a few weeks OEC classes will begin, CPR and OEC refreshers will hit the books, and the new skis/boards and boots will be ordered. Talking about OEC by now most of you should have ordered and received your new OEC 5th edition book. You will need to have that or the electronic version in order to complete your requirements for this year's OEC refresher. What we can tell you is that all your OEC Instructors/IT's are already into their preparation for these events and that tells me that ski season is getting close by.

This year the Division Meeting and Awards Banquet is scheduled in the Greater Cincinnati Area and the

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Central Division Fall Meeting Sept. 9th - 11th Cincinnati

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Ohio Region has a great plan for all to take part in. Please see the details later in the newsletter. There will be activities for the young and more senior of us. John McGoff and his team of rough and ready are hard at work to bring an exciting weekend for all to enjoy. Please don't wait until the last minute to make your reservations. Room rates and numbers must be confirmed with your reservations and registration.

For the motorcycle enthusiasts we will have another trip to Cincinnati for the Division Meeting and Banquet. Some of us will begin in Northern Michigan and pick up riders as we move south. We will have stopping points in mid Michigan, northern Indiana, mid Ohio until we land in Northern Kentucky for the meetings. As this has become a popular ride for a few patrollers. We tend to do the arrangements through email. To be a part of this fun run please drop me an email line that you have an interest in meeting up with the group along the way and we will fill you in on the details. Not all the plans are completed yet so the email will be your connection on this event. My email is in the newsletter and available on the Central Division Website.

As many of us are still enjoying our summer activities, please make sure you're making time to shape up for the ski season. Getting ready for the season doesn't take place the day you put your ski/board on the bottom of your feet for the first time. This becomes an important time to minimize injury and health issues before the strenuous activities of doing a duty shift.

I hope to see you at the kick off of the ski season with the Division Meeting and Banquet. Please come enjoy the fun, meet new and renewed patroller buds, take part in a learning event, and honor all the award winners from this past season for their Outstanding Contributions. Look forward to seeing you this fall and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Jim Woodrum
Central Division Director

Kasten's Korner

*Suddenly I was
surrounded by no
less than 85 men
& women in
red coats!*



OEC 5th Edition Summer Review



Linda Murphy Jacobs
ADD

I was struggling with what to write about for this edition when lo and behold the big brown truck pulled into my driveway. My new OEC book had arrived only three days after I ordered it! I opened the box and pulled out a very handsome, very thick textbook. Thank you to all of our members who had a part in this monumental effort. I know that many of our Central Division OEC instructors participated in making this text the quality document that it is.

I took a few minutes to flip through the pages. Several positive differences jumped out at me. The first was that the OEC text starts with who we are and how we got where we are. How wonderful to build back in our roots, from Minnie Dole to the 10th Mountain Division to today's OEC flagship text book. The second improvement that was quickly noted in a scan was the use of clearly presented pictorial OEC skills pages. The photos are sequential and very specific to the skill objectives. Easy to read, easy to understand.

There are many patrols, sections and Regions that are working hard to help all patrollers afford the purchase of this new resource. Some regions are rebating instructors all or part of the cost. Some patrols are doing the same for non instructor members. Thanks to all of our leaders who are willing to step up financially and support our members.

It would be easy to sit back and complain about the need and expense for this new book. But it is here, and it is going to stay. I would suggest that those complaints are only going to cause heartburn and angst, and who needs that. Instead, challenge yourselves to look for the improvements between the 4th edition and the 5th edition. Find areas of positive focus, there are many. Create pride in the ownership of this bountiful product. Have a great summer.

Toboggan Stuff



Tom Worley
Division Toboggan
Supervisor

We had a great winter and probably the wettest Spring I can ever remember. Too bad the rain didn't arrive in January and February in the form of lots of snow. Maybe next year.

The upcoming season will present some real challenges to Toboggan IT's that have not yet recertified. The 2011-12 season will be the third season since we began the required recertification of IT's. Last season was to be the first year that the individual Region toboggan staff conducted the in-region recertification. Unless an unannounced Region recertification took place the only toboggan IT's that obtained their Recertification were those that participated in the December STW's conducted by the Central Division staff. This Recertification at the Division STW's will not be conducted this December. Therefore, your Region Toboggan Supervisor will be responsible for conducting all Recertification's within your Region. This won't be bad for some Regions as many of their members took advantage of the Recertification program offered at the Division STW's. Unfortunately, some Regions did not and will put a real strain on their Region toboggan staff.

What happens if you don't get recertified? Simply put, you lose your IT status. Obviously, this recertification is not intended to eliminate IT's. The reason for the Recertification is exactly as its name implies, to review, reacquaint and recertify current IT's to assure that they are getting updated on all Region, division and National toboggan programs and policies. One of the easiest ways to stay current on what is happening in the Division Toboggan Program is to participate in Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TES) each year. You might say there aren't any TES programs at my area. Well, put one on. You can conduct a very functional and needed TES by involving several of you own area patrollers that need a little toboggan handling updating. You are the right person to conduct such a TES as you know the people needing a little help and they know you. There won't be any intimidation associated by bringing in an IT from another area. **MAKE IT HAPPEN, YOUR AREA AND YOU WILL BOTH BENEFIT.**

This fall we should see a new Ski Patrollers Manual. Over the past season our National Toboggan Staff have been

updating the content and illustrations. There should not be any real surprises other than the everything will be current and appropriate. Our National Education Director, Darcy Hanley has assured me that it will be a good document. Look for it this fall.

This spring, Jay Stubblefield agreed to become the East of the Lake Assistant Division Toboggan Supervisor. Jay brings a tremendous level of maturity, experience and enthusiasm to the position. Jay is a Certified Patroller, an Accredited Senior Evaluator and a former Southern Region Toboggan Supervisor. Jay now lives in Southeastern Michigan and is a member of the Mt. Brighton Ski Patrol. Look for him at toboggan events east of Lake Michigan.



The Division Fall meeting will be in Cincinnati, Ohio this fall. I will be there along with all of the Division Supervisors as well as the entire Central Division administrative staff. These events are a good opportunity to meet and talk one on one with the entire Division administrative staff. Don't fail to take advantage of these meetings when they are held in your vicinity. Hope to see you there.

The One Constant...Change



Don Loerch
Division
Skills Development
Supervisor

I had the good fortune of spending last season enjoying some new experiences. Not only did I get to spend a portion of the winter with the outstanding patrollers of the Central Division but, I also had an opportunity to teach full time in a mountain environment for several months. Finding myself in the second half (over 50), my adventure did come with some anxiety. The usual questions we ask ourselves in a new and unfamiliar setting kept bouncing around in my cranium. Will I measure up, will I be accepted and valued, do I have what it takes to succeed? All valid concerns I'm sure you'd agree, when moving into uncertain surroundings.

Fortunately, in our circles, one doesn't need to look very far to find the inspiration to embrace change and move into the unknown. Luckily, I found it all around me in our ski patrol family. Fellow patrollers it seems are filled with the need to push the envelope, always searching for ways to do their difficult job just a little better. In this spirit, I'd invite you to continue to look at those around you in our special family and challenge yourself to keep moving forward, embracing change, expanding those valuable skills you've already obtained. Whether you're on the journey to becoming an 'Alpine' or 'Senior' patroller, joining the 'Certified' program or dedicating yourself to training activities, actively seeking out change is what we're all about. While doing so, don't forget to be sure to search out those you'd consider a worthy mentor while also taking time to mentor those following right behind you. As you already know, this drive to embrace change while at the same time reaching out to one another is what makes our organization worthy of your dedication. As we all enjoy the summer season, I'd once again ask each of you to please consider your personal plan to make that move forward around the next bend. Clearly, you won't be alone on your journey! You'll have the full support of your



A few of the author's heroes.

brothers and sisters at the patrol, region, division and national level to count on.

As I write this, the never ending work of planning for classes, clinics and evaluations designed to challenge you personally and professionally continues. Plan now to set aside a part of your next season to push those old boundaries by attending one or more educational events suited to your individual goals. Further, I'd ask you to keep an eye on the Division website and the fall RPN for news related to on-line registration for our December Division Alpine Clinics and beyond. Last season we had the good fortune to enjoy the company of nearly 300 patrollers at our December events. Each spent several days of their valuable time moving forward in their search for excellence. I'm pleased to report we've been granted permission to return to the same wonderful venues again, hope you can join us:

Trollhaugen - Dresser, Wisconsin (December 3-4th)

Boyne Highlands - Harbor Springs, Michigan (December 10-11th)

Cascade Mountain - Portage, Wisconsin (December 17-18th)

Best wishes for a safe summer and fall, I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Important Financial Report Policy Change



Joe Hamel
Division
Treasurer

Certainly by now most of you know that in October 2010, the Board of Directors appointed me to replace Bev Benzig as Central Division Treasurer. Let me say without equivocation, that without her and Mary Green's help transitioning, it would have been a struggle to say the least. Thank you both.

The next task fast approaching is the consolidation of individual year end financial reports. Note below that our filing date with the IRS is November 15th. For the past two years the Division has had to request and extension because not all reports were provided in time to meet the above date. At our spring Board of Directors meeting the following changes to our Policy and Procedure (see Chapter 5, page 23) were made to provide a new timeline to help meet the filing date.

Financial Reporting Guidelines

The annual report is to be prepared on the tax basis of accounting as required on form 990. Exhibit B is a sample of the report that all subunits are required to file with the division. Financial reports for Central Division are due according to the following schedule: (S11 - M10)

- *May 30th Division Treasure sends the RD's and Region Treasures the 'End of the Year' excel template*
- *June 30th - End of fiscal year*
- *June 30th- Division Treasure sends email reminder to Region Directors and Region Treasures*
- *August 1st - 'Registration Unit Reports' due to Region Directors and Region Treasures*
- *September 1st - 'Region Reports' due to Central Division Director and Central Division Treasure*
- *November 15th- Central Division IRS filing (5) months from year-end, 15 days of that month*

If a Region's financial report is not submitted to the Central Division Treasurer by October 15, it will result in the loss of the Region's support funds (budget line 620). Any reconsideration for waiving or alternate penalty requires two-thirds approval of the Central Division Board.

Region Directors/Treasures; to help me with my consolidation at the Division, please send your reports in Microsoft Excel format. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

Introduction to Patrolling



Jeannine Mogan
Division Patroller
101 Supervisor

The 2010-2011 winter season is officially in the books. Here in Minnesota, it was reluctant to let go with freeze and frost warnings until the last week of May! Because summer seems to go by quickly and the weather can be unpredictable, most of the patrollers I know get outside and embrace it with enthusiasm. My Facebook friends are posting pictures of rock climbing, biking, running, and camping. In the back of the minds of “die-hard” patrollers, however, resides skiing, snowboarding, and patrolling.

Whether you serve on a planning committee for your patrol, help organize or teach fall OEC classes, or just like to think about patrol, it is vital to include topics of importance to the ski and snowboard industry in your thoughts and planning.

What challenges will your home ski area face this year? How will these topics affect the patrol? What can patrollers do to help? You can keep up to date on important ski area topics by visiting the National Ski Areas Association website at www.nsaa.org and the Midwest Ski Areas Association web site at www.snowplaces.com. You can speak with your Patrol Representative, who is the link between area management and the NSP, and you can engage in a chat with your area’s manager, which can be very informational.

Area managers, employees, and patrollers from the Midwest will be attending the annual Midwest Ski Areas Association conference at Devil’s Head resort August 7 through August 10. The MSAA wants patrollers to know that we are invited to attend! Break-out sessions cover a wide variety topics. You can find a list of all the events at www.Snowplaces.com/meeting. Patrol Representatives can approach area managers to see if the opportunity might exist to attend this meeting with other members of their area’s “team”.

Be sure to check back in this spot in the next RPN issue for a report on the MSAA conference. Until then, here’s a recent picture of one of my favorite “die-hard” patrollers.



Free the Heel and the Mind Will Follow



John Wachter
Division MTR
Supervisor

Sorry if it seems a little off topic but, I have to tell you about a great trip we had. Two patrollers/ friends and I went up to Telefest at the Porkies. Before I say too much, I want to thank Jerry Linn and the rest of the patrol and staff up there at Porcupine Mountain for their hospitality. If you have not been there, it is a quaint place that overlooks Lake Superior in the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park (60,000 acres) which is one of the few remaining large wilderness areas in the Midwest. If you have not done any winter camping up there it is worth checking out.

One of my friends that went with us had camped before but, not in the winter. We had told him what to bring and made a few suggestions but, once you get out there, there are a few things that sometimes we take for granted.

After going over how to put on snow shoes we soon left the car in search for the perfect spot to set up camp. The weather was around 10 degrees with no wind and there was a nice blanketing of snow on the underbrush with the sun shining through the trees. What a perfect morning to be out walking in such a beautiful place. We talked about a few sites before finding one that was

kind of hidden and tucked up out of the way. As we made our way towards the camping area we started talking about digging down in the snow or packing the snow down with our snow shoes before setting up our tents and how we were going to anchor them down. After a little discussion it was not long before we had our site set up and the tents full of gear. Not far from the shore of Lake Superior where we would hope to be out of the wind.

With our camp set up we headed to the patrol room to sign on with the crew. I must say I really like the view from the top of the hill, the slopes disappearing below you into the trees and the lake with a little ice around the shore line followed by open water as far as you can see.

In the afternoon the wind picked up and we talked about whether we should go and check on our tents to see if they were still there. We anchored them down but, not that good. My tent was dug down in the snow a little and had a small berm around it. I tied a few sticks to my fly and buried them in the snow to hold the tent down and stretch out the fly. Mark tramped the snow down around his site and used sticks for his fly also. So for a few hours we skied wondering if the tent and gear would still be there, and if we picked a good spot.

Well I am glad to say that we were in luck. Both tents held up very well and were sheltered quite nicely. We talked about warming water and putting it in on lexan bottles to help us warm up when we got in the sleeping bags and to have something to drink in the middle of the night and changing into dry clean clothing to sleep in. One thing I never thought about telling Steve was what to do with your clothes. After changing clothes I take what I am going to be wearing the next day and throw some of it in the bottom of my sleeping bag. I may fold some stuff out and put under my sleeping bag for an extra layer to get me off the ground and I use one piece as a pillow. Instead of carrying a pillow I will take my ski pants or coat, roll it up and stick it under the head of my sleeping bag to prop it up. You can even take a shirt and put it around your draft collar to help seal it up better. Having my stuff in my bag makes it is easy to find in the morning and warm to put on. With clean socks or booties on and a hat we all had a great night's sleep. In the morning, for some one that has not slept out in the winter before, the moisture that you see on the inside of the tent or on your bags well.... can be surprising. The key is to get enough ventilation to help get rid of the moisture but don't vent too much so that you still retain some heat.



Our winter camping newbie was very concerned about the moisture on his bag and how he would every get it dry enough to use the next night. As I shook off my sleeping bag and threw it back in the tent I said that is it - let's go. When you get up in the morning there will be moisture on your sleeping bag. The theory is that If you take it out and shake it out after you get up, when the moister hits the cold dry outside air it will freeze and you will be able to shake most of it off. In either case it is important to always fluff your bag to help it dry out during the day. There are other methods for drying things in the winter that we can talk about later.

For breakfast Mark pulled out his reactor stove, which is a butane stove. It worked very well for the conditions but, to keep it more efficient you can stick a heat pack under the bottom of it where it is cupped to keep the canister warm. We had an enjoyable, warm breakfast and then spent the rest of our day at the Telefest. What a great way to spend a weekend skiing and camping with great friends.

I hope that many of you get a chance to get out there and enjoy nature in this way. If you are looking for any info or courses in your area please feel free to contact me. Rock_ski@hotmail.com.

Certified Season Recap



Mike Longfellow-Jones
Division Certified Supervisor

The Certified Season

The Central Division Certified Program started this season with sixty four staff members and eight candidates. Re-certification / Qualification events were held at Perfect North Slopes, Nubs Nob, Marquette Mountain, and Lutsen Mountain, while the annual evaluation and Meeting were held at Lutsen for the first time. During the 2010-11 ski season the program added no new candidates, but we did have a few applicants.

This year's Certified Evaluation also marked the 29th anniversary of the Certified Program in the Central Division. At Lutsen Mountain Ski Area, thirty eight staff members, six candidates, and approximately twenty six supporters all contributed to a great and successful event. Once again, the event utilized much of the feedback provided from a post event survey taken as last year's event to enhance the overall planning and outcome. During the evaluation, fourteen individual program components were passed over the course of the event for a sixty seven percent over all pass rate.

Four patrollers completed their certified requirements

Sandi Hammons
Darcy Hanley
Timothy Thomas
Carl Woodcock

- #741 Perfect North Ski Area, Ohio Region
- #742 Perfect North Ski Area, Ohio Region,
- #743 Welch Village Ski Area, Western Region
- #744 Boyne Highlands Ski Area, Northern Michigan Region

The Certified staff made a significant time and organizational investment into traveling and also reaching out to the Western Region to spread program exposure across the Division and taking the event to Lutsen. The event was viewed by those in attendance as extremely successful and Lutsen provided an outstanding location as well as future promise for potential program candidates. In



addition, and because of a relatively light evaluation schedule the Certified staff arranged to conduct an on-site SES clinic utilizing certified Division staff. The SES was also an outstanding venue and offered an excellent opportunity for the Certified program to give back to the local patrol, where ten local and supporting staff took part along with twenty five staff members. Due to the success of this event, we will plan to include such events along with our future evaluations.

The 2012 Certified evaluation is currently planned to take place at Perfect North Slopes in the Ohio Region

NSP and APP

Early in the spring, I was requested to attend the Association of Professional Patrollers Spring Evaluation event at Alpine Meadows California (Lake Tahoe) by Ed Gassman, National Certified Program Advisor. The request was to review the APP Certified evaluation and associated criteria for comparison to our own program here in Central. The APP evaluation is also the evaluation utilized by three NSP Western Divisions including, Rocky Mountain, Pacific North West and Far West. As a result of the cross affiliation, there are many cross Certified Patrollers among the participants of their annual Certified events.



Don Smith getting into the avalanche control work with the 105 mm Howitzer, Alpine Meadows, Ca

I traveled to Tahoe with a small group of NSP friends and associates to assist me in an overview of the program as well as to enjoy the Western sun and snow. John McGoff, Bob Anderson and Don Smith all traveled with me on our adventure to beautiful Lake Tahoe area where they have had over 600 inches in the Squaw area over this past season! The



APP Toboggan Evaluation with a little LAR thrown in for fun. Alpine Meadows, Ca

event was actually held at Alpine Meadows Ski Area where we encountered spring like conditions and a lot of great terrain. Though Alpine meadows only ran their lifts until 1:30pm every day, we were kept occupied by meetings and other events. We also managed to get in plenty of good skiing as well as a lot of fun mixing and mingling with the pro's.

For the evaluation elements, we spread out as a team and covered virtually every part of the APP Certified evaluation while hanging shadowing with the Pro's and taking in everything we could. Overall, I believe that the majority of our program is aligned with the Western skill levels, but clearly they have some terrain, some altitude, and some events such as explosives that we simply do not. Still, if you add the degree of difficulty in consolidated terrain as part of our event, add in the much more mogul filled firm and often icy terrain that we routinely evaluate on, then I believe we can match up. What I will conclude, is that when we left, it was my belief and observation that the APP team had come to respect us for our skills and that they enjoyed the camaraderie with us as much as we did with them. While also now part of the APP membership, I believe all four of my visiting team is looking forward to another APP event next season.

I also believe that you will be seeing more about Certified across the NSP system with more exposure opportunities focused on showing the NSP membership what the Certified program is all about.

NSP Central Ski and Ride School



Dan Moss
NSP-C PSIA Ski
School
Supervisor

Though I'm eager to ski, I'm eager when the season gets over as well. Let me explain; I love to ride my bicycle . . . it's a road bike and I ride in a group. We ride three days a week and the camaraderie and challenges that come with group sprints and long rides can't be duplicated in any gym for me. I'm eager to start riding when the snow stops falling.

A huge benefit to cycling is fitness. The summer can be that time when we start thinking about being ready for next year's season. Last year, I entered the ski year without a strong core and it I paid the price for it. As I suspect you've experienced, our core muscles are critical to modern day skiing. Without a strong core, we can't flip our stability around . . . make sense?

When we walk, our lower legs are our stability; we rotate / turn / bend / flex the upper body because of our stability that we have in being in contact with the ground. When we ski with today's modern shaped ski, we literally flip that paradigm upside down.

With a strong core, we can create stability in our upper body. When our upper body is stable, we can turn our lower body against it. In fact, the working definition that we use in PSIA is that a rotary movement is turning any body part against another stable body part. When we create stability in our upper body, we can turn our lower body against it! From our big femur muscles to the minuscule muscles in our feet, we can manipulate them in a coordinated or independent fashion when we have something to turn them against.

Our core muscles encircle the mid-body, extending from the lower rib cage to just below the buttocks. These are the muscles that stabilize the torso. We can activate the core by engaging the Transverse Abdominus, critical to allowing us to separate the movements of the lower and upper body.

The next time you're on your bike, or on your walk, or at the gym, or even in the car . . . try contracting the muscles of the pelvic floor, lightly pulling the belly button in and activating the gluteal and lower back muscles. I was told that engaging the TA is like zipping up the pants that are too tight while keeping the pelvic neutral.

So join me will you, and let's flip our stable paradigm! Let's enter the 2011-12 seasons with a strong core; ready and available to create stability when and where we want to. Until then, I hope to see you on the road!

Peace,
Dan



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Chair Lift Evac Manual Update



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Patroller 101
Supervisor

The National Ski Areas Association and the NSP are teaming up to update the Lift Evacuation Manual.

The committee will be looking for photos or resources to include in the manual.

If you have any winter photos of evacuation procedures or equipment or if you have video of evacuation techniques, please consider sending a copy to jmogan@threeiversparkdistrict.org



OEC Update

By: Kathy Glynn
Division OEC Supervisor

Christmas in June? With the arrival of the much anticipated fifth edition OEC manual, it sure feels like it. If you pre-ordered your new manual, chances are you have already received it or you will be receiving it shortly.

If you haven't purchased your copy yet, now is a good time. MyNSPkit will be our on-line resource with additional learning activities such as quizzes, animations and videos. The new instructor materials will also be in MyNSPkit; an access code will be provided to OEC instructor's through their NSP home page.



The instructor materials/resources will be available on or about June 15. The new instructor's resources will be an on-line manual and downloadable. As part of the roll-out, Karen and I will be teleconferencing with the Region OEC Administrators in June. The 2011 Refresher Study Guide should be available on-line about June 18. The hard copy will be in the summer Ski Patrol magazine. There will be a Fifth edition orientation exercise for every patroller to complete and bring to their refresher. It is available now on the NSP home page under Quick Links. The basic OEC final exam is being up-dated and will be based on the latest information in the 5th edition. Please read the "Important Editor's Note" regarding chapter 36. We have many dedicated folks to thank for the outstanding text including the chapter authors, reviewers, collateral materials team, but mostly we need to thank the chief editors Dr David Johe, Ed McNamara and Deb Endly. As always, feel free to contact Karen or me if we can be of assistance. Have a great summer.

Three-Legged Stool of Skiing Success

Special to the Rusty Parka News

By: Brad Nelson
President, Ceertified Pedorthis
The FootLab
Hi Tempo Snowsports and Watersports

In April we had a woman instructor come in for an appointment in our FootLab custom fitting department. This skier is a level 3 instructor and a former examiner. We had built her custom insoles, we had ground her boots for canting but something wasn't right. At clinics she was struggling and getting all sorts of feedback from her clinician about what she wasn't doing correctly.



This woman had two sets of skis. As she thought about it more she realized that she felt better on one set than the other. She brought both sets into the store for us to look at to see if we could figure out what was wrong. In looking at the skis we determined that she had been properly mounted on both skis. When we balanced the skis however we found that the stock mounting point on the "bad" set was 4cm further aft than the stock mount point on the "good" set. In the bad set she felt like she was in the back seat (because she was). In the good set the skis turned by themselves.

Custom Fitting- It's been said that success in skiing is like a three legged stool. The first leg is good equipment. The second leg is proper technique. The third leg is custom fitting. Custom

fitting is a 5 step process of making equipment that is made for the masses fit each skier's individual and unique body. Custom fitting includes: custom molded insoles, canting, fore and aft stance assessment, balancing and tuning.

Custom Insoles- My journey in custom insoles began the first year I started teaching. As every instructor knows, some students learn quicker than others and some students never learn. At the time the only thing I could do to help the slower learners was to teach harder.

When I began my retail career and started learning about boot fitting I would think back on my experience as an instructor and ask myself why it was that some students learn so quickly and others struggle. As I learned more about the various aspects of custom fitting the puzzle pieces started to come together.

My aha moment came from my inability to create an insole for a full certified ski school director with a bad foot. I came to the conclusion that if what I was doing didn't work for this guy, there was something wrong with what I was doing! That thought led me to spending an entire day at the national ski convention having custom insoles made by every vendor in the show. I skied on all of those insoles and that's when the light bulb went on- one of these insoles was not like the others!

I happen to be cursed (or blessed?) with a foot that pronates. That means that my feet roll inward when I stand on them (70% of the population have feet that pronate to one degree or another). Typically, feet that pronate develop a forefoot varus or a "twist" to the forefoot. More specifically the ball of the foot is on a different plane than the rear foot, with the big toe side being higher than the little toe side.

Now here's the important take away for instructors. 30% of your students (the "good" students) have neutral or supinated feet. These feet have either a flat forefoot or a forefoot where the first metatarsal head would be lower than the other met heads were they on a non weight bearing plane. Typically, these skiers learn quickly. It is much easier for them to pressure the inside edge of a ski. Skiers that pronate (70% of your students) are unable to pressure the inside edge of their skis as quickly or as efficiently as students with neutral or supinated feet. I know because I'm one of them!

Insoles for skiers with pronating feet and a forefoot varus need to be built differently than insoles for skiers with neutral or supinated feet.

Canting- One of the problems with trying to teach two-foot steering with shape skis is that the student will struggle to learn this unless their skis are perfectly flat on the snow when they stand in a straight run stance.

Because of the natural bow in the leg between the knee and the ankle, ski boot manufacturers tip the cuffs of their boots slightly to the outside. When the bow in the leg does not match the “correction” the manufacturer has put into the boot cuff the result is that the skier does not stand flat on their skis. Over 85% of the skiers we check do not stand flat on their skis.

The correction for this is to calculate the correction angle and grind that material off of the sole of the boot. After grinding material off the sole of the boot the boot won't fit correctly into a binding so lifter plates are screwed onto the sole. The toe lugs and heel lugs are then routed down to the exact DIN heights to fit bindings.

Fore and Aft Stance Assessment- When standing neutral in a boot (not flexing forward or rearward) the correct stance is when a plumb bob line suspended from the knee will hang directly over the very tip of the boot. If the knee is forward of the boot toe the skier's thighs will burn, they will fatigue prematurely and they won't be able to pressure the front of their boot properly.

Balancing- It's possible to imagine the sweet spot of a ski being in the center of the running surface of the ski (which is different from the center of the ski). If that's the case then the theory holds that if the skier is positioned on the ski with half of their body weight in front of this point and half behind, they will be centered on the sweet spot of the ski.

Balancing is determining the precise location of the center of the running surface of a ski then using a Balancer to determine the exact balance point of the skier's boots and aligning the balance point of the boot with the center of the running surface of the ski.

Most of the time we go through this exercise we find that the center of the running surface of the ski and the skier's balance point are closely aligned when the boots have been mounted to the stock mounting point of the ski. Occasionally, as in the example above, this is not the case and the skier will struggle.

The take away from all of this is that vast majority of the people that try our sport will struggle to learn because of bio-mechanical problems (which is why the National Ski Area Association says that 85% of the people that try our sport once don't try it a second time).

So what are you going to do about it? I like the image of throwing the flag. Just like a football ref throws the flag at an infraction, you should be quick to explain to struggling students that there is an important component to learning that they may be missing- custom fitting. If you're dealing with a renter then you're going to have to do the best you can. If you're working with a student that owns their own gear they should be told that they might ski better and enjoy skiing more if they have their gear custom fit.

Steps to Instructor Development



Virginia Rodeman
Division Instructor
Development
Supervisor

First: The Instructor Development book is available to everyone as a download. There are no excuses for any instructor not to refer to it.

Secondly: You have no doubt read that Instructor Development has undergone some changes. And now you wonder what to do. Instructor Development is the first one in becoming an instructor. This course is normally delivered in a face to face manner and includes some teaching. There is another delivery version of the class for those who are unable to attend a registered class. It is the CD version. Any patroller can pay his or her fee and take this online class. Upon completion, the student receives a certificate that states that part 1 is finished.

Next, the student will need to find an ID instructor who will complete the next part. I think this is the hard part. It puts the responsibility to finish on the student. Once the Instructor Development

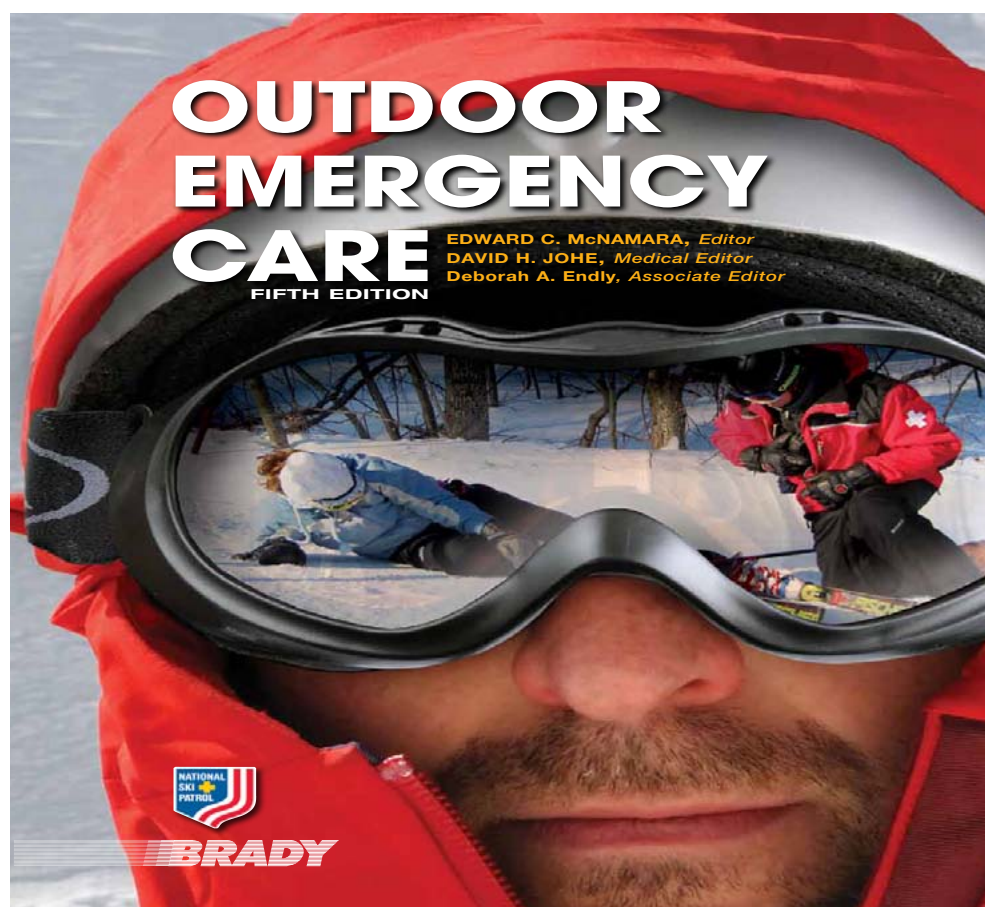
instructor is located, he or she verifies the certificate and finishes part two. This second part is a face to face in which the student presents a six pack and teaches the lesson. It could happen singly or in a group; some instructors may wait until there are a group for presentation. This is then sent in to National and the Instructor Development class is completed.

Step two to becoming an instructor is to be mentored in a specific discipline. The mentoring which involves observing and teaching is set up for the specific discipline. The Mentoring process can take any amount of time. Some people complete it quicker than others. When you are completed, you will become an instructor in a specific discipline. You, your mentor, and the IT who observes you will decide this.

NSP Education Information

By: Darcy Hanley
National Director of Education

Thank you for allowing the national office to have a little space in the RPN! It gives me the opportunity to highlight some exciting projects that are under NSP education programs. Of course, the OEC 5th edition is on the trucks and being delivered to your doorstep. The Instructor materials (powerpoints, scenarios, test bank, forms, student materials, etc.) will be released June 15. These materials will be accessed through the NSP website, under OEC instructor resources. There you will obtain an access code to use on the Brady website under the tab MyNSP-Kit/Resource Central. Your OEC Division Supervisors will help to keep all instructors in the communication loop.



On the NSP website, under Education Resources, all patrollers can access the 5thCycle A Orientation Exercise. This is a written exercise that should be submitted at the local refresher. The Instructor Refresher Study Guide will be available on line as well as snail mail by mid June. The Refresher Study Guide will be mailed with the Ski Patrol Magazine June 18.

The Instructor Development Course is available on line via www.nspelearning.com. Information about the course is available on the NSP website under the Education or the Program tab. This will make the ID course accessible to every

patroller that wants to be an instructor. There is a required in person portion of the course and your IOR will have that information.

Exciting news for the Mountain Travel and Rescue book, Mountaineers Books has agreed to publish our book and even provide an e-reader through Nook and IPAD! The release date is fall 2012. The Transportation Manual is in the early stages of revision as well as the Ski Patroller's Manual and Lift Evacuation Manual. Many of you may remember Pointers that was geared toward instructors in all programs. E-Pointers is now available now under Instructor Resources and will be updated every quarter. Take a look!

As your summer begins I know many of you will start to build your winter ski travel plans. Don't forget this is the year of PEC at Copper Mountain! I look forward to making lots of turns with my Central Division friends!

OEC 5th Ed as Nordic Recruiting Tool



Peter Wollan
Division Nordic
Supervisor

I got my copy of the new OEC edition a few days ago. I'm quite impressed with it: pictures are good, presentations are clear, and it's very thorough. In fact, it seems to me that there's a lot in this book that I didn't learn till several years after my basic OEC class, and not just because emergency medicine progressed over those years, though it did, of course. It feels like we'll need to teach more to our candidates than we have done, recently -- which means they'll be better trained than we were, which is good.

But I noticed several places that talk about OEC in a Nordic context. I think this is new; I don't remember reading about medical issues specific to out-of-area skiing in either the 3rd or the 4th Edition. But this 5th Edition talks about treating patients out in the woods, as well as on groomed slopes. The chapter on cold injuries (Chapter 25) has an excellent discussion of the problems that arise when an injury occurs in a place where it may be several hours till the patient can reach shelter, and how that is different than treating a patient who is minutes away from a hospital.

Chapter 20 describes SAM splints in detail, and also covers the Kendrick traction splint, in addition to the padded splints, cardboard splints, and Hare traction splints that are usually seen in ski area aid rooms. And I'm sure that when I teach from it, and actually read the book carefully, I'll find many more instances.

The OEC class has always been a good time to inform candidates about the nature of patrolling, through anecdotes and examples. Nearly all of the candidates come to the course for Alpine ski area patrolling. That may well be all they're interested in, particularly if they're young, like to go fast, and prefer to be towed up hills. But a surprisingly large percentage of patrollers also like cross-country skiing. And, we're much more likely to get new Nordic patrollers from the ranks of Alpine patrollers than from the population at large.

If you're a Nordic patroller, and you help out with an OEC class this year, take advantage of the new material in this excellent 5th Edition to talk about Nordic patrolling. And, maybe, to recruit new members to your Nordic patrol. Who knows -- you may not only get new friends to ski with, you may be able to persuade them to take over some of the little jobs you don't want to do yourself

Never Too Early to Plan for Women's Clinic



Sandi Hammons
Division Women's
Seminar

Boyne Highlands hosted the Central Division Women's Clinic this past January, and it was a fantastic weekend! All of the ladies send their many thanks to Boyne Highlands Ski Resort, PR Dick Taylor, RD Bob Lechtanski and Jackie, our liaison from the area, for the support and



hospitalities you extended to all of us.

We spent three sessions on the hill enhancing our skiing, riding, and toboggan skills while sharing our different techniques and experiences. Forty-one of us all came together to learn from one another, we came from 11 different patrols in 5 different regions. Lisa Skelley from Southern Division joined us to learn how her division might be able to start and promote a clinic like ours in the Central Division.

Our evening event was led by Linda Murphy Jacobs and Loretta Cobble. These ladies attended a clinic in Vail this past November and they presented a peak of what they learned. The big goal of this was to concentrate on the positive parts of your skiing or riding: visualize what you want your run to look like and focus on one thing at a time. It is amazing what positive thoughts can do for you. The remainder of the evening highlighted the importance of a good boot fitting; everyone needs to spend time getting the right fit and not just the comfortable boot.

The best part of this clinic was socializing with other women that share the passion of patrolling. We work hard on our skill but we are also rewarded many times over with the new friendships that are started and others that grow stronger. Linda Barthel - Women's National Program Advisor, Linda Murphy Jacobs – Asst Division Director, Chris Moe and Loretta Cobble thank you for making this a great event for all of us.

Next season we will be at Big Powderhorn in Bessemer, MI on January 28th and 29th, 2012. More information will in the RPN and on the Central Division Website this September. Check out the area on their website <http://www.bigpowderhorn.net/mountaininfo.htm>. Ladies I look forward to seeing you there.

Central Division Registration 2011 - 2012



**Sherwin
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Division
Registration
Supervisor**

Central Division Membership Registration has had another excellent year. As of my report to the Spring Board Meeting, we have registered 5,992 patrollers, which with new member registrations before year end of June 30, 2011 will exceed 6,000. This breaks down by Regions as follows: Ohio – 840; Eastern MI – 557; Western MI – 539; Northern MI – 335; North Central – 591; South Central – 935; Southern – 909; and Western 1275.

Central Division was the only Division that completed both the Membership Registration process and dues payments through an entirely electronic process. This increased the ease and speed of membership registration submissions which reduced the time spent at all levels and improved the time between submission and receipt of membership cards.

Please remember that all Membership Registrations are completed by Patrol Directors only. If you have any questions or a problem, contact your Patrol Director. Please do not call the National Office because this will only complicate the process and increase the time of resolution!

Just a note to Patrol Directors, new member registrations that are submitted between now and June 30, 2011 will have paid their dues through December 31, 2012.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone, from the Patrol Directors (and their Registration Coordinators), Region Directors to the Central Division Board, and many who have assisted in various ways, for your support and participation in the significant changes of the registration process that have occurred over the past four years. It truly has been an amazing process that truly demonstrates the creativity and commitment of all who serve in the NSP!



Taking an Unusual Leadership Role

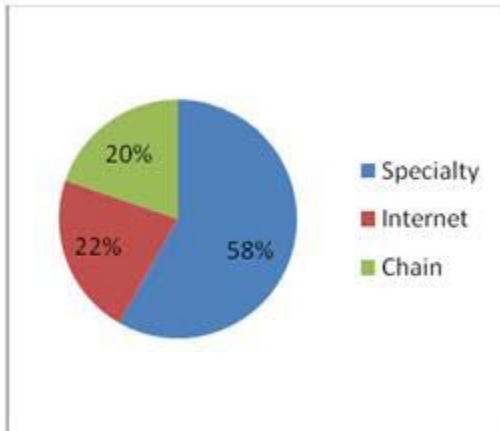
By: Steve Willwerscheid

Western Region, Section 1 Chief, Afton Alps Ski Patrol

Alpine ski patrol, ski and ride instructors, nordic ski patrol, ski shop employees, and ski area employees are all considered snowsport professionals. As a group, the public looks at us as experts in our fields. Additionally, the marketing industry refers to us as “early adaptors”. That means we are trend setters. We experiment with new technologies in equipment and apparel. The snowsport industry loves us. We are the front line of change. We are a huge factor in the snowsport industry’s success.

Because of our unique position within the industry, snowsport professionals are granted many privileges such as pro-forms, discounted lift tickets, and ski discounts. But we also have a responsibility to lead in an area we don’t normally consider.....shopping at your local retail specialist.

The 2010/11 ski and ride season ended up being an “epic” season for all participants. Now the adjective “epic” is over-used in the snowsport industry but by all accounts the 2010/11 season was record setting.



December of 2010 was the first month in which snowsport equipment, apparel, and accessories sales topped one billion dollars nationally. August through December of 2010 saw total sales of over two billion dollars. Great snowfall, lower temperatures, harsh winter conditions, and increased consumer confidence all contributed to these sales increases. If the previous year’s trend continues, the nation’s alpine and nordic ski areas will also see near record participant numbers, similar to those of the 2007/08 season.

By the end of January 2011 snowsport retail sales surpassed \$2.6B. That is an increase of 17% over last year. That’s good news....except only about 58% of that goes to the local specialty shop. 20% and 22% of sales go to chain stores and internet sales respectively.

So what? Well I’m glad you asked. As a small business owner myself let me count the ways.

Shopping locally has a significantly positive impact on the local community. “The Andersonville Study of Retail Economics” found that locally owned businesses generate 70% more local impact per square foot than chain stores. “The Economic Impact of Locally Owned Businesses vs. Chains: a Case Study in Midcoast Maine” and “Economic Impact Analysis: A Case Study” by Civic Economics found that three times as much money stays in the local economy when you buy goods and services from locally owned businesses instead of large chains. The “Report on Independent Merchants and the New Orleans Economy, Sept. 2009” shows that local merchant sales per square foot were \$587 versus \$282 for a large box store (Super Target).

A second reason to support our local specialty shop is obvious: local employment. The employment of friends, family and neighbors is critical to the success of our community’s ski areas, cross-country parks, and retail shops. These all contribute to the standard of living we are accustomed to. Small business provides 80% of employment in the U.S., and studies indicate that wages and benefits of local small business shop employees is up to 20% higher than employees of chain stores.

Third, local specialty shops support non-profit organizations 2.5 times more than chains. As snowsport professionals, specifically the Ski Patrol, we know the importance of donating our time, talent, and treasure to the National Ski Patrol, a non-profit organization. Local support of the snowsport industry is vital to our benefit structure. Many for-profit ski areas don’t fully value the effort us “volunteers” provide for their ski areas, so many of our benefits come in the form of pro-forms and shop discounts.

Another reason to shop at a local specialty retailer is better and more personalized service. Local shops provide a

uniqueness of character to the snowsport industry and to our communities.

Internet sales comprise approximately 22% of sales nationally. Internet sales have positive and negative aspects. I look at the Internet as a “giant box store”. The Internet has all the stuff a snowsport enthusiast could ever dream of. It acts as the gatekeeper to keeping our local stores honest and competitively priced. The Internet may be the only place you can get a product.

However, I see people taking unfair advantage of both the service of the shops and the prices offered on the Internet , this is abusive to the shops at best and immoral at its worst. Let’s look at an example: I go into Hi Tempo Ski Shop in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. One of their expert boot fitters spends two hours helping me select the correct ski boot. I thank him for his time and then purchase the boot online for \$30 cheaper. From a moral perspective, this is stealing. I knew I was going to purchase online but I took two hours of shop time for advice. This is simply wrong.

However, the internet price is lower and Americans, especially ski patrollers, are looking for the best price. I believe we owe it to the local shop to at least give them the chance to meet the internet price. “In our case we’re glad to work with pros, especially at the start of the season. We love it when pros come in and introduce themselves and ask for help. It allows us to get to know the person and the area better and get into another circle of elite consumers that we might be able to help with custom fitting. The only thing we hate is a pro that acts like a retail consumer, spends a great deal of time choosing the right gear and then leaves saying that they’re going to order it on a form.” says Brad Nelson of Hi Tempo.

Let’s face it; as a snowsport trendsetter people will ask us, “Where did you get those boots?” The true snowsport supporter and leader will say, “At my local ski shop!”

I believe our local specialty shops have a responsibility as well. America is still the land of competition. The local shop needs to be aware of all competition, including the Internet, and then be responsive.

In The Thank You Economy, author Gary Vaynerchuck talks about how social media such as Facebook is redefining industry. In our grandparents’ day, if a good or service was of lower quality than expected, our grandparents would tell everyone at the PTA, Church Group, and Elk’s Club about the problem. The local retailer had to be responsive or his business would be short lived. Then the “big box” store and Internet arrived, which depersonalized retail sales. There were so many customers that losing one customer didn’t really matter. As Vaynerchuck points out, that has all changed with social media. One post can be written and with a click of the mouse, thousands of individuals will see the post. His argument is that social media is bringing business back to our grandparents’ day – responsive and customer orientated. The local retailer has a face, usually the owner, whose integrity is vital to the success of the business. The size of the local shop in itself leads it to be more accountable to the demands of social media. Social media is becoming the check and balance between offering great service and keeping prices fair.

So....take a conscious leadership role and lead by example – shop at your local specialty shop. Our entire industry depends on it.

Region Reports



David Dahl
North Central
Region Director

North Central Region

Hello Everyone,

It’s summer and water skiing takes the place of snow skiing. Before you know it winter will be back and it will be time to start planning for another great ski season in 2011-2012. Check out the new calendar in this issue

for many upcoming opportunities and, most importantly, refresher dates.

This fall, refreshers will be using the new 5th Edition book. There is an orientation exercise that must be completed by all patrollers and brought to their refresher. The exercise (not the answer key) is posted on the member website in Quick links for download. Patrollers will need access to the 5th Edition to complete this portion of their refresher. This is a great opportunity for patrols to spend money they have on hand to purchase new books for their patrollers. No money?? – How

about doing a fundraiser. This is a great grant request.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the spring region banquet in April. Our Division Director Jim Woodrum and his wife were our guests at the banquet. Jim's wife love shopping in the area and (according to Jim) taking too many things home! A big Thank You needs to go out to Section II for hosting this event and to the Region Event/Meeting Coordinator, Dave Conger. The Friday night hospitality room was over the top and we had outstanding door prizes.

A special Thank You to Marsha Locker, NCR awards director. Without her hard work we would not have nearly the number of awards that were given out Saturday night. Congratulations to all the award recipients. Some of our award recipients also won at the Division level. Their names will be announced in the fall issue of Powderlines.

Thank You to all of you patrollers for making North Central Region the outstanding region it is. Each one of you makes a difference.

Ohio Region

Most areas enjoyed plenty of cold weather and lot's of snow from mid-December until early March. Again this year, we had some great powder days – a rare pleasure for Ohio! Also, season ending events and carnivals were held at several areas. Ample snow on the slopes and warm, Spring conditions provided for lots of fun and games.

In fact a rail jam was held in the Terrain Park at Brandywine on April 30, the day of our annual Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet. Since then all we've had in Ohio is rain. We are about to build an ark!



Bill Currier
Ohio Region
Director

A large number of patrollers and staff participated in our programs this season. Special thanks to all Region staff, instructors, trainers, evaluators, advocates, et al, who volunteered countless hours and traveled countless miles to conduct our programs. Thanks also to the two Division staff members, Chip Knappen who QA'd our Senior Alpine Test on Feb. 27, and Mike Case who QA'd our SEM Test on March 13. As I traveled around the Region from Big Creek to Perfect North Slopes, I received many compliments and constructive comments from all who participated. Here are a few highlights:

- 840 patrollers, slightly less than 2009, were registered in December.
- 13 candidates successfully completed the SEM evaluation during the March test held at Mad River Mountain. Also, 5 successfully completed the Aid Room Module.
- S&T events included:
 - o A Division S&T Clinic held at Boyne Highlands in December with about 25 Ohio Region Patrollers participating
 - o STW's held at Boston Mills/Brandywine and Perfect North Slopes in January
 - o SES's and TES's held at all resorts in January and February.
 - o A telemark SES held at Holimont, NY in February
 - o 17 candidates successfully completed the Senior Alpine S&T Test held at Boston Mills/Brandywine in February. 12 candidates successfully passed ski/board and 7 passed toboggan. Tracy Pinkerton, a Boston Mills/Brandywine Senior Candidate, passed SEM, Senior Alpine S&T as well as PSIA Level I and II this season. An awesome achievement!
- New senior patrollers this season include 4 Senior Auxiliaries and 5 Senior Alpine.
- A Certified Pre-Qualification clinic held at Perfect North Slopes in January and a Division Certified event held at Lutsen, MN, in March at which about 13 Ohio Region Patrollers participated. Darcy Hanley and Sandi Hammons, Perfect North Slopes, became the first two Ohio Region women to achieve Certified status. Awesome!

The Region's NSP-C Ski School, the largest in the Division, registered 22 events in which more than 100 patrollers participated during the season, a significant increase over last season. 4 members achieved either PSIA Level I, II or III certification.

- An SES, conducted by the PSIA Alpine Demo Team (D-Team), was again held at Boston Mills/Brandywine in February.
- Region and National award nominations have been reviewed and winners selected by their respective awards teams. Plaques and certificates were presented at the Spring Awards Banquet. Elections for the Section Chief position in Sections O3 and the Region Director were held. Yours truly ran unopposed.
- Several Region staff announced their intention to step down from their positions at the end of the season. New staff, including several assistant advisors, has been named to fill these positions.

As you can tell it has been another very busy season. That pace will continue throughout the Summer as John McGoff and his team finalize plans for the Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet that the Ohio Region will host and that will be held from Sept. 9-11 at the Marriott Cincinnati at River Center. See details elsewhere in this edition. This is a huge, very significant event for the Ohio Region. John and his team are looking forward to your support and participation in the event. Also, our annual PD Retreat for Ohio Region PD's and Section Chiefs is planned to be held in early August. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Cincinnati in Sept. Have a safe and happy off-season.

Western Region



John Thomas
Western Region
Director

The summer has started and Western Region has many activities planned for Ski Patrollers. The Western Region has OEC Instructor Recertification's scheduled throughout the summer and the excitement of the Certified program is in full motion. I would like to thank everyone for their support during the past 4 years and for their support during the Region Director elections. I would like to thank Jim McLeod for stepping up and volunteering to be a candidate and I look forward to working with him in the future.

As I have traveled around the Region, I continue to hear the statement that Ski Patrolling is a winter-only activity. I disagree with this mindset- as ski patrollers and snow sport volunteers; we should be working on maintaining and increasing our physical abilities for the snow sport of our choice. By this I mean doing activities this summer that will increase snow sport skills. For example: inline skating, biking, yoga and any other physical activities that will help to improve your strength, endurance, balance and flexibility.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you during the OEC refresher season.

Don Johnson Memorial

Submitted by: Joe Soraghan
Hidden Valley Ski Patrol

Don Johnson often wore his pink baseball hat when he was patrolling (at Hidden Valley Ski Area outside St. Louis, Missouri). Don had many hats – many passions, both physical and intellectual: husband, father, engineer, ski patroller, ski instructor, golfer, kayaker, skeet shooter and gadfly extraordinaire.

He was mostly a husband to his wife, Joan and father to his two sons, Donald and Jeffrey. (Donald is a patroller at Buffalo Ski Club in New York, and both his daughter, aged 13, and his son, aged 18, are interested in becoming patrollers.)

Don, a gifted mechanical engineer, was a sales engineer with Dynamic Bulk Systems in St. Louis, designing and selling air circulation systems.

Don was a senior patroller at Hidden Valley, and spent countless hours training candidates. He was certified by PSIA as an alpine ski instructor and was a kayaker and member of the Missouri Whitewater Association. Don played golf with friends almost every Thursday afternoon, weather permitting.

But aside from his family, his greatest passion may have been thinking analytically (which drove Joan crazy some of the time and the rest of us all the time). He had a raging sense of fairness, and when he perceived an injustice, he had the conviction to challenge it.

With his sense of fairness, Don was a role model for handling those confrontations which patrollers face in patrolling. Don was one of Hidden Valley's best ambassadors on the hill. And his analytical ability made him one of the best mentors and medical care providers on the patrol.

Don died on January 24, 2011 after a year's battle with mesothelioma.

We miss him.



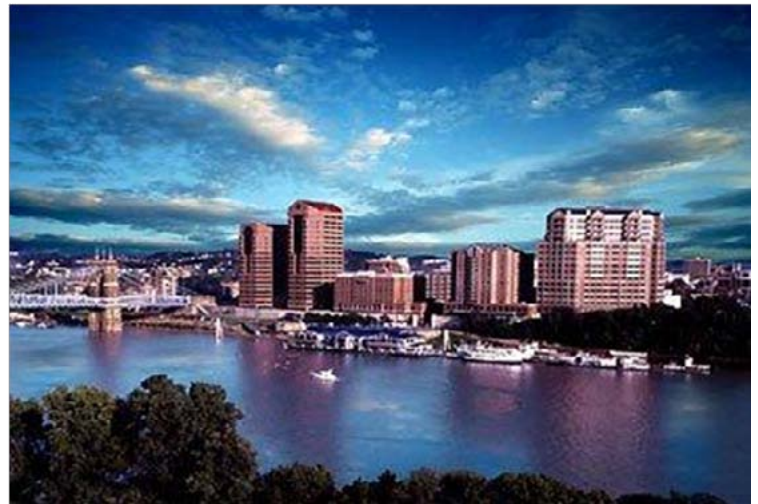
2011 Central Division Fall Meeting September 9 - 11 Cincinnati, OH - Covington, KY

On Line Registration at www.ohionsp.org/division.php

The Ohio Region invites every Central Division Patroller to journey to Greater Cincinnati and Covington Kentucky for the 2011 Central Division Meeting! We celebrate, we honor each other and we work to take safety to new heights! Save these dates: Friday Sept 9 through Sunday Sept 11!! See you on the River.

Covington is located directly across from Cincinnati on the great Ohio River.

We have a variety of activities for you - from a sunset riverboat cruise on the Ohio, motorcycle rides, golf at renowned Devou Park Golf course, Elk Creek sporting clays, wine tasting, biking trips & trails, Indiana casinos, shuttles to downtown Cincinnati, Covington and Newport shopping and nightlife.



Hotel Information

We are staying at the newly renovated Four Star Marriott Cincinnati RiverCenter Hotel.
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cvgdr-cincinnati-marriott-at-rivercenter/>

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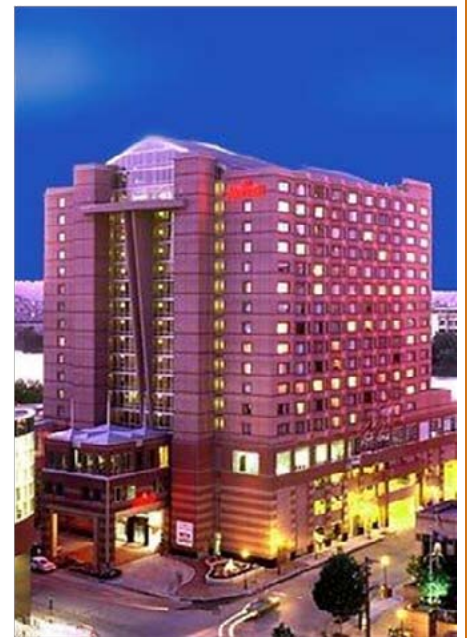
Toll Free: 800-266-6605

Rooms are blocked out for Thursday, Friday and Saturday (90 rooms). Our group rate is \$114 per room per night. Please register early to secure your room. Free parking for NSP hotel guests.

The Marriott Group Room Registration for Central Division web page address is:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/CVGDR?groupCode=spfspa&app=resvlink&fromDate=9/9/11&toDate=9/11/11>

The Marriott does not offer a shuttle service from CVG – Greater Cincinnati Airport. PNS Patrollers are volunteering to provide rides to and from the airport. If you are arriving Friday by air, please provide your flight number, airline and arrival and departure time to Ron Gerdes so your ride can be coordinated. rjgerdes@gmail.com



Registration Information

To register for the meeting and meeting events online, visit the Ohio Region Website www.ohionsp.org/division.php; or link to it through the Central Division website <http://www.nspcentral.org/>. Access the form directly at www.ohionsp.org/division.php

Registration contact: Cheryl Raudabaugh Cheryl@CCRVentures.com

Welcome Desk & Meeting Check In (hotel lobby)

Pick up your meeting packet, shirt and event tickets. The welcome desk will be available to welcome you during the following times:

Friday: 8 am to 6 pm

Saturday: 8 am to noon; 5 pm to 6 pm

Souvenir Clothing



We are extremely pleased to partner with Patagonia, an NSP sponsor, to offer their premium Patagonia Micro D-Luxe 1/4 Zip - A soft, light-weight 85% recycled fleece pullover which is perfect for layering and is embroidered with the 2011 meeting logo. Advanced orders are encouraged to guarantee your garment. Cost: \$37.00

Women Shirt Size Options: XS, S, M, L, XL. Color: YELLOW

Men Shirt Size Options: XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL. Color: RED

Ordering deadline is August 19! Get your order in early while supplies last. This shirt is in high demand.



Friday Events

Rollin' on the River!

BB Riverboat Cruise Friday Evening - Please join us for a relaxed Ohio River sunset cruise on the River Queen - www.ohionsp.org



bbriverboats.com. With her three decks, you will have plenty of room to spread out, relax, catch up with friends, and watch the river go by that was traveled by Mark Twain. Dinner includes a Cincinnati Chili Station, Pulled Pork Sandwich with Cole Slaw, Green Beans and Home Fries and a cash bar. We have a band to kick out the jams – so bring your dancing shoes! We're throwing a party and rollin' on the river! Everyone's welcome. Location: Covington Landing (1/2 block from the Marriott).

Boarding begins at 7:00 PM and we sail at 8:00 pm. Your lift ticket price is \$40.00. Contact: John & Fredda McGoff – jjmcgoff@aol.com. flmcgoff@aol.com

& Mike O'Hara – michaelaohara@hotmail.com

Golf Scramble:

The time has nearly arrived. 2011 Central Division Hackers Golf Scramble. Are you ready? Put your best side together for the Battle of the Central Division!

But first, let us take a moment to consider our beloved golfing course Devou Park, located high on the bluffs overlooking the Ohio River. From the majesty of the first tee, through the jaw-dropping view of the Queen City on number 6 green, to the gut-wrenching tee shot on 17... Devou demands every ounce of strength, stamina and guile you possess if you hope to tame its wild beauty. www.devouparkgolf.com

Bring your clubs! Leave from Marriott at 9 and tee off at 10. Cost \$39 - includes cart, lunch and a beer - cheap!! Contact: John McGoff; jjmcgoff@aol.com



Motorcycle tour:

Join us for a motorcycle tour of the beautiful scenery and by ways of the Ohio River Valley. There will be several unique stops that will definitely provide some local flavor. There is no fee for the ride. We will stop for lunch and will also experience the iconic Rabbit Hash General Store. Be ready to roll at 9 am from the Marriott; return around 3 or 4 pm. Your host is Bruce Heichelbech;

heicheldog@insightbb.com

All Bicycle enthusiasts:

PNS Patrollers are hosting bike rides Friday. Transportation and bikes will be provided, or you can bring your favorite bike. All trips leave from the hotel at 9:00 am. A \$10 sign up fee per person is required. Contacts for the events are Susan Allen suzyeallen@yahoo.com and Frank Cleary fcleary@hotmail.com

A road trip will be custom tailored with a 25 mile or 50 mile tour of Southern Indiana near our local ski area, Perfect North Slopes. For this ride bring your helmet, water and some endurance for our hills and rolling countryside, don't expect to see many cars on this ride.

Off road: If single track is your preference, we have two excellent 10 mile wooded mountain bike circuits nearby. You can expect flowed out berms, scenic vistas with some hand built features. Again, bring helmets and water.



Elk Creek Vineyards Wine Tour

Join us on a tour of Kentucky's largest Winery! We will be going on a "Grapevine Tour", which includes a private winery tour with a private tasting of 4 wines and 1 complimentary glass of wine. A lunch buffet will also be provided which includes; soup, half bistro roast beef or bordeaux turkey sandwich, caesar side salad, dessert and choice of soft drink or bottled water. The Registration Fee of \$40.00 includes all of the above, as well as transportation to and from the Winery from the Marriott at RiverCenter.



Schedule:

10:30 - promptly depart from the Marriott

11:30 - Arrive at Elk Creek Vineyards

12:00 - Lunch and Wine tasting begins

2:30 - Leave Elk Creek Vineyards

3:30 - Return back to the Marriott



*****PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A LIMITED PACKAGE!! It is only available to the FIRST 30 PEOPLE that register.**

Please visit the website at www.elkcreekvineyards.com

Location Elk Creek Vineyard

Time: 11:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Cost: \$40.00

Contacts for the event are: Mike Reed mreed@porterwright.com, & Kim Garrett kwgarr@aol.com

1840 Georgetown Road

Owenton, KY 40359

Sporting Clays

Don't waste your time chasing a little white ball around a golf course when you can try one of the hottest sports going - Sporting Clays. Join your fellow patrollers for a round of Sporting Clays (100 targets) at Elk Creek Hunt Club, located about an hour south of Cincinnati. If you have never shot Sporting Clays, you should know that it is often referred to as "golf with a shotgun". If you have shot this game before, you know it's a blast-literally and figuratively! Join us as we ride the paved path through the woods, stopping at 12 or more "stands" where the clay targets are set up to mimic different kinds of animals. See if you can blast the rabbit target as it runs and hops through the woods or hit the pheasant target as it flies away through the trees.



Each squad of 3-5 people will be led by an experienced shooter. Beginners are welcome and everyone will participate in the gun safety briefing prior to heading out to the course. Obviously, no alcohol can be consumed prior to or during shooting. Bring your own shotgun or rent one from the Club if we run out of extras. The Basic Registration fee of \$85.00 includes the shells, a shared golf cart, the clay targets, eye and ear protection if needed, lunch, a winery tour as well as transportation from the Marriott at RiverCenter hotel and back.

We will have you back in time to relax a little and clean up before heading to the dinner cruise.

Schedule: 9:00 - Depart from Marriott promptly (Not Patrol Time!)

10:00 - Arrive at Elk Creek

10:15 - Gun safety lecture starts

10:30 - Shooting Starts

1:30 - Lunch at the Clubhouse

2:15 - Tour of Winery

3:30 - Depart from Elk Creek

4:30 - Return to Marriott

Costs: Basic Registration Fee \$85.00
Gun Rental, if needed \$20.00



For more information, contact Kim Garrett at kwgarr@aol.com or Mike Reed at MReed@Porterwright.com. Please visit the website for the Hunt Club at www.elkcreekhuntclub.com
1840 Georgetown Road
Owenton, KY 40359

Hospitality Suite

The PNS Patrol will be on hand hosting our "Hospitality Suite". Stop by for a beverage or snack and make new friends.
Location: Marriott Hotel
Contact Bethany & Stephen Jarboe, bljarboe@yahoo.com, sgjarboe@yahoo.com
Time: 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm to 12:30 am

Saturday Events

Private Breakfast at Behle Street Café - 50 East River Center Blvd (1/2 block from Marriott) www.behlestreetcafe.com

Saturday Breakfast buffet - 6:30 am to 8:00 am

Breakfast options
Omelet station
Bacon
Pancakes/French toast
Home fries
Yogurt
Fruit
Muffins/toast
Coffee/Juice

Cost \$12.00

General Session

Learn the most up to date information about the National Ski Patrol and the ski industry. Speakers include: Division Director, Jim Woodrum; Central Division Region Directors update, MSAA & NSAA Board Member Chip Perfect, Robert Scarlett, Esq., National Volunteer Legal Advisor for the National Board of Directors

Location: Marriott Hotel
Time: 8:00 am - 11:30 am

Box Lunch options on Saturday Sept 10 from Behle Street Café.

Veggie Wrap
Sliced Breast of Turkey
Ham
Roast Beef
Lunch includes:
Kaiser Multi-Grain Roll for sandwich
Bag of Chips or Pretzels
Whole Fresh Fruit
Granola Bar
Freshly Baked Cookie
Soft Drink

Cost \$12.00

CD Board Meeting

The 16 Central Division board members will meet to implement final planning for the coming season including: advisor reports, season events schedules, and budget review. Audience members participation is encouraged and welcome.

Location: Marriott Hotel

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Courses

All Course locations are at Marriott Hotel

OEC Instructor Recertification

The Ohio Region is offering an OEC Instructor Recertification. This clinic will provide an opportunity for instructors to review the “six pack”, share teaching ideas, review “OEC Paperwork”, and receive the latest updates from National and Division on the OEC 5th Edition. Contact: Dave Baumlein; dbaumlei@insight.rr.com

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Cost: \$10

CPR Refresher

This session is an American Heart Association renewal course in BLS for Healthcare Providers. The course will focus on the 2010 changes to CPR.

Contact: Bruce Heichelbech, heicheldog@insightbb.com

Time 1 pm – 5 pm

Cost: \$10

Avalanche for Rescuers:

This outreach presentation introduces inexperienced winter enthusiasts to the basics of avalanche hazard and the knowledge and skills they need to learn before venturing into avalanche terrain. It serves as a precursor to the Level 1 Avalanche Course.

Contact: Dale Mihuta & Kim Garrett, dmihuta@fuse.net, kwgarr@aol.com

Time: 1 pm – 5 pm

Cost: \$10.00

Instructor Development

The ID course covers the various areas of instruction and how instructors can apply them to create a positive learning experience for their students, and helps build a strong foundation of educational knowledge for use when planning and delivering lessons. The general information covered in Instructor Development is applicable to all potential NSP instructors, regardless of instructional specialty. Due to the brevity of this complete afternoon course, completion of the On-Line course is recommended: www.nspelearning.com. If the student has not completed the on-line course, some homework will be required and will be tailored for the student. Required text book costs \$20 and is available at www.nsp.org or at class.

Contact: Alida Moonen, amoonen@gmail.com

Time: 12:30 pm to 5 pm

Cost: \$10.00

Trade Fair

Check out all the latest gear for patrolling and outdoor sports, as well as, NSP program informational tables! Participants include: Harper Packs, Certified Program, Senior Ski and Toboggan, and more!

Location: Marriott Hotel

Time: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

If you would like a table for your NSP program or outdoor related products, contact Brian Smith – nspbrian@gmail.com

Silent Auction

We have a great variety of very cool items for you to win. Do you have what it takes to be the "Highest Bidder"!!

Time 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

If you would like to arrange a donation for the auction, contact Brian Smith – nspbrian@gmail.com

Central Division Awards Banquet

The annual Central Division Awards banquet will be held in the ballroom of the Marriott RiverCenter Hotel.

Plated dinners Includes choice of soup or salad, seasonal fresh accompaniments, choice of dessert, rolls and butter, and Starbucks coffee service

Dinner options are:

- Achiole rubbed New York strip with a green peppercorn port demi and chipotle mashed potatoes - \$52
- Pan seared pepper crusted salmon with a lemon sabayon emulsion served with a dill potato gratin - \$45
- Partially de-boned breast of chicken stuffed with sun dried tomatoes, spinach and artichokes wrapped with pancetta and served with a lemon caper jus - \$40
- Pasta primavera - an array of garden vegetables with a light wine sauce over penne pasta - \$37

Social hour 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm (cash bar)

Dinner Seating 6:00 pm

Featured Speaker - Chip Perfect. Chip is the General Manager of Perfect North Slopes, an accomplished entrepreneur and civic leader. Chip is the first Midwest ski area operator to be on the executive committee of the National Ski Area Association and next May will become the first Chairman of the NSAA from the Midwest. Chip is also a long time director of the MSAA and has served as President. Chip has been a tremendous supporter of the NSP and is a great friend of the Patrol.

Recognition and Awards to follow.

Banquet reservations will NOT be accepted after September 2!!

Hospitality Suite – the adventure continues...

The PNS Patrol will be on hand hosting our "Hospitality Suite". Stop by for a beverage or snack and make new friends.

Location: Marriott Hotel

Contact Bethany & Stephen Jarboe, bljarboe@yahoo.com, sgjarboe@yahoo.com

Time: 10:00 pm to 12:30 am

Sunday Events

Private Breakfast at Behle Street Café - 50 East River Center Blvd (1/2 block from Marriott)

Sunday Breakfast buffet – 7:30 am to 10:00 am

Breakfast options

Omelet station

Bacon

Pancakes/French toast

Home fries

Yogurt

Fruit

Muffins/toast

Coffee/Juice

Cost \$12.00

Patrol Representative Breakfast

Patrol Representatives are invited to join Central Division Director, Jim Woodrum, for a complimentary (free) breakfast. Bring your questions and topics for discussion.

Location: Marriott Hotel

Time: 7:30 am - 9:00 am

No cost to Central Division PD/PRs or their designee.

Central Division Board Meeting (continued) 9:00 to Noon

The Central Division Board of Directors will continue their meeting. Audience members are most welcome.

Greater Cincinnati Attractions



Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

3400 Vine St

Cincinnati, OH 45220

513-281-4700

1-800-94-HIPPO

www.cincinnati-zoo.org

Voted the #1 attraction in Cincinnati and one of the top zoos in the nation by Zagat Survey. Award-winning animal habitats and spectacular garden & plant display featuring over 500 animals and 3,000 plant species. Numerous special animal exhibits including Giraffe Ridge, Manatee Springs, Nocturnal House, Jungle Trails, Gorilla World, Tiger Canyon, Wolf Woods, World of the Insect, Spaulding Children's Zoo and much more.

Newport Aquarium

One Aquarium Way

Newport on the Levee Entertainment Complex

Newport, KY 41071

859-261-7444

www.newportaquarium.com

This state-of-the-art facility, named the No. 1 aquarium in the Midwest by the Zagat Survey, showcases thousands of animals from around the world in a million gallons of fresh and saltwater through 70 exhibits and 14 galleries, including five seamless acrylic tunnels totaling over 20 feet in length. Themed galleries include: Frog Bog, 'Gator Bayou, Jellyfish Gallery, Coral Reef, Shark Central, Dangerous and Deadly, Kingdom of Penguins and more.

Newport on the Levee

1 Levee Way, Suite 1113

Newport, KY 41071

859-291-7020

<http://www.newportonthelevee.com>

Zagat-ranked #1 Mall/Shopping attraction for families in the USA

John A. Roebling Bridge

Court Avenue & East 2nd Street

Covington, KY 41011

859-341-2700

www.roeblingbridge.org

Recognized as a Nat'l Historic Landmark in 1975, the John A. Roebling (blue, suspension) Bridge was built from 1856-1866 at a cost of 1.8 million dollars to connect Cincinnati, Ohio and Covington, Kentucky. It served as a prototype for the Brooklyn Bridge and today is a beloved and well-traversed regional landmark.

Krohn Conservatory

Eden Park Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45202
513-421-5707
www.cinci-parks.org

One of the largest (and oldest, est.1933) public greenhouses in the world, Krohn Conservatory offers seasonal floral shows and 5,000 varieties on view including outstanding collections of tropical plants & flowers, desert, exotic and rain-forest plants and unique Orchid and Bonsai exhibits.

Purple People Bridge

One Levee Way
Newport on the Levee Entertainment Complex
Newport, KY 41071
859-655-7700
www.purplepeoplebridge.com

This Ohio River pedestrian-only bridge, one of only a few in the U.S., crosses from the south bank of Cincinnati, OH to the north bank of Newport, KY. Built in 1872 and on the Nat'l Register of Historic Places, the bridge was beautifully restored and re-opened in 2003 as a pedestrian-only bridge providing breathtaking views of the Ohio riverfront year-around and serving as a popular venue for a wide variety of public and private events.

Rabbit Hash General Store

10021 Lower River Rd.
Rabbit Hash, KY
(859) 586-7744
www.rabbithash.com

A working general store since 1831 – in the heart of historic Rabbit Hash, a Northern Kentucky river town on the banks of the Ohio River.

Ride the Ducks

One Levee Way
Newport on the Levee
Newport, KY 41071
(859) 815-1439
<http://www.newportducks.com>

Groups of all sizes & ages will enjoy Cincinnati's most unique city tour. Historical WWII amphibious vehicles drive on city streets...then splash down into the Ohio River to explore the waterfronts of Newport, Covington and Cincinnati. See the World Peace Bell, Riverside Drive, Paul Brown Stadium, Great American Ballpark and more. Tours last 45 minutes and depart hourly. Tickets can be purchased at the Levee Welcome Center in front of the Newport Aquarium.

Riverside Drive Historic District

Riverside Drive
Covington, KY 41011
A 13-block walking tour and historic area – Civil War homes, carriage houses and buildings accredited with the National Register of Historic Places.
Riverwalk Statue Tour
Riverside Drive
Covington, KY 41011
859-261-4677
www.covingtonarts.com

Self-guided walking tour through the Licking Riverside Historic District features several life-like bronze figures installed along the Riverwalk – among them, Roebling Suspension and Brooklyn bridge designer, James A. Roebling, James Bradley and painter John James Audubon.



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Redesigned Patagonia Jackets: Making a Great Thing Better

By: David Frick,
NSP Marketing Coordinator

Patagonia's re-designed cornerstone jackets, the Primo Flash and Primo Jacket, are becoming an even better performing jacket than ever before. A waterproof-breathable Gore-Tex layer replaces the prior H2No outer layer, enabling these 2- and 3-layer Patrol Jackets to be exceptionally versatile, even in the wettest conditions. And that's not all. These new high-performance Gore-Tex jackets now incorporate a high-quality thin zipper solution, small white crosses on both shoulders, low profile cuff closures, a better more adjustable helmet fitting hood, and a redesigned white cross with more reflectivity, all to create a hard-working, durable jacket to enable you to do your best job possible while staying comfortable and dry!



Look for these impressive Gore-Tex jackets in both the online and print NSP Winter Catalog beginning this October. And don't forget, patrollers receive great discounts on Patagonia gear all year long. Sign into the NSP Pro Page now to see what's available!

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Avalanche News



Dale Mihuts
Division
Avalanche
Supervisor

The Central Division Avalanche Group gave 6 Level 1 for Rescue Personnel courses throughout the division this last season. We also gave 2 sessions of the Snow Science Workshop portion of the course in Houghton and Mt. Bohemia on the Keweenaw Peninsula. We will again be offering courses in conjunction with divisional training clinics and in strategic locations throughout the division this fall. For more information about avalanche courses contact your regional avalanche advisor or a divisional representative.

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Division Advisor: Dale R. Mihuta, dmihuta@fuse.net

Division Advisor: Harold Park, Harold.Park@kroger.com

There will be a Level 2 course this next ski season out west. The places of interest are:

- The ski areas around Salt Lake City
- Jackson Hole, Grand Targhee and Snow King
- Bridger Bowl
- Whitefish

We are still doing reconnaissance to find an excellent and reasonable venue. The final location and relative cost will be available in the next RPN or a local avalanche course that you may take.

Remember that an avalanche course is a Senior Elective.

Have a safe summer.

Dale R. Mihuta and Harold Park

Divisional Avalanche Advisors

Patrolling, Skiing and Socializing Dogs

By: Karin Pierce

Mount Ashwababay Ski Patrol

What do skiing, socializing dogs, and the National Ski Patrol have in common with one another? In our family, a lot! Our entire family is members of the National Ski Patrol we patrol at Mt. Ashwababay located in Bayfield WI. We also socialize Leader Dog puppies. So, why the article? I was asked to write how this all relates, but first a brief history.



Steve and I met skiing at White Cap Mts. in Montreal WI the winter of 1970. I was a member of the Junior Patrol at White Cap Mt. Our Patrol Director was the late Bill(William) Zell. Steve said he was motivated to join the patrol at White Cap Mts. he went on to become a Senior Patroller. We retired from patrolling and skiing in 1981 the year after our first child was born. About 10 years later we decided to teach our daugh-

ters how to ski. (This is a story in itself.) At any rate, patrolling does not leave your blood. We found ourselves stopping to help anybody that fell, had problems, etc. We decided to rejoin the patrol; we spoke with the then patrol director Ed Olson of Mt Ashwabay to see if we could join their patrol. That required us to become candidates again, to take the OEC course. It was well worth our time, and in a reversal of the roles; some of the patrollers that Steve or I had helped trained were now training us. When our daughters, Kristina and Holly were old enough they took the OEC course and joined the patrol. Quite a few years ago, a customer was in our place of business and said to me would you consider socializing Leader Dogs for the Blind? At the time we were fostering a Great Dane; it must have indicated that we are suckers – oops I mean good candidates for socializing dogs. I spoke with our family; we decided it would be a great ministry and a fun thing to do. We filled out the applications and after a period of time we received a reply from the school that yes we could raise/ socialize Leader Dog puppies. Leader Dog for the Blind is located just north of Detroit, MI - we live in Ashland, WI (a 12 hour drive one way). They do not bring the dogs to you. Our customer and now friend had a Leader Dog mom/bitch. She said when she brings back the puppies to the school; she would bring one back for us. It was a German Shepherd, that is how we ended up with the Shepherds.

We quickly learned that a significant amount of time, effort, emotion and monies are involved in socializing the puppies. Our job as a family was to love and get this dog accustomed to life. The puppies are placed with families at 6-8 weeks old. You start socializing right away.

That meant we took the puppy everywhere we went. It went to work, out to eat, Church, school, sporting events, grocery shopping, walks, nursing homes, fire department (they put on all their equipment for the puppies). Any fire escape that was accessible – we would climb – elevators – we rode. The Courthouse we walked through (echoes), large crowds, parades, etc. The dog is not carried, it needs to walk nicely and comfortably in large crowds, be accustom to children, sit quietly under the table in a restaurant (I have always been grateful to the puppies for this one!) Besides this socializing we teach the animal the basic commands, sit, down, stay, come and to go to the bathroom on command (yep – it can be done). We could not EVER play ball or Frisbee with the animal. We also do not teach escalators or revolving doors to the puppies – an injury from either of these two items would be permanent.

At a year we bring the dog back to the school and walk away ~ your job is done. Yes, it is hard; we mourned the loss of each dog ~ a lot! With the first couple of dogs that we socialized, we would receive a picture of the dog with its new owner and the state it is living in. With Tabitha, we received a letter from the school that we could meet her with her new owner for about 15 – 30 minutes on a certain day at the school. Fortunately the letter arrived late; I (Karin) would have been crazy enough to make that long drive! So we wrote a letter and sent a gift for Tabitha.

Anne and Tabitha live in South Bend, IN and they replied. Over time we exchanged letters, until one day I thought, Anne is blind, and why am I writing letters? We started using email and then discovered we both were on Facebook. Now, we chat at least once a week. Over the years, we talked about getting together and whether it would be conflicting for Tabitha to see us, etc. Somewhere over time I said “You know I filled out the paper work that I would want Tabitha back when she retires, I would never do that to your family. I had not thought about the fact she is apart of your family.” “Anne replied you would take her?” Fast forward to early this spring Anne sent a note that Tabitha has an injured disk and will need to retire, she was heartbroken – this is her partner, they had gone through college, are working for the university (BTW Tabitha has her own very popular letter column – Dear Tabby!) They would soon be graduating from the Indiana University with their Masters.

Anne’s spring break was coming up and she wanted to come and meet us, she had approximately 50 offers to take Tabitha when she retires. But, she wanted to check us out, to see if Tabitha remembered us (she did) she also said she wanted to learn to ski. Anne came for a long weekend the last weekend of March, the final weekend that Mt. Ashwabay was scheduled to be open for this season.

Our family is an instructing family. Our credentials as instructors are: High School ski coach (USSA Level 1), Kristina (PSI) and Holly were Alpine racers, Holly raced USSA, Steve (PSI) is currently the head of the MAD ski program (Mt Ashwabay Development Program). A teaching program that uses a number of adult instructors and helpers to teach approximately 60 or more youth how to ski; meeting every Saturday morning for 8 weeks.

Teaching a visibly impaired person to ski, when one has time to think about it ahead of time (thankfully) is not the same, I knew we were not prepared. We contacted Cindy Dillenschneider, a former NSP member and a professor at Northland College for help. She has taught innumerable classes on adapted lifestyles and in this case skiing. She brought to the hill for all of us to study a chapter from one her books on teaching a visually impaired person to ski. Cindy came out a

second weekend to give us the opportunity to be able to practice with her. We were able to experience what it is like not to be able to use our vision. When the lesson was done, presto! We had sight again! Wish it was that easy for Anne. The criteria to be considered legally blind, is a person can have sight in one eye and none in the other. For Anne, she has zero vision in one eye and 3% vision in her other. Friday night, we helped Anne's put her boots on and explained what she would feel, what we were going to do, without too much detail (did not want circuit overload her).

Saturday morning we arrived out at the hill, geared up, the five of us were out on the hill by 10. We started by pulling Anne up about 15 feet and walking her down with her skies on so she could get accustomed



to all the new feel-

ings. We then put on our own ski equipment, choosing to use a snowmobile to take her farther and farther up the hill on one of the very open trails for Anne to ski down. In the pictures, you will note that we are wearing labeled vests, for safety reasons. It is best to have someone skiing behind and along side so other skiers will not ski into that area. You will also note we used two bamboo poles. The lead skier will twist/turn the pole on the side you want the skier behind you to turn. She/we had an awesome time – Anne skied 4-5 hours. Later in the lessons we started to use the chair lift – again explaining thoroughly and stopping to listen before we even lined up to load. We stopped the chair lift for Anne to load the first time, unloading we did the same stopping the chair. Unloading did not go quite as smooth...but talk to Karin about her own ability to get up and out from the chair – Anne did fine! After the initial learning of the chair lift we were able to simply slow down the speed of the chair for loading

and unloading. Anne knew to end the day of skiing while she was having a good time and was not too tired. Anne said that there were not words to adequately express the emotions that she experienced skiing...meaning in a positive way!

Back to the dogs – over the years, we have raised four dogs for the school and taken one additional dog into our home that was not guide dog material. There can be awesome, intelligent dogs that are just not meant to do this kind of work. We do not socialize a puppy every year. We have come to realize that we like working with the German Shepherd breed as the socialization is a little bit different than any other breeds. Shepherds are very happy bonding to one person/family. Because of this, the more the dog is handled and interacts with strangers the better. This is perfect for bringing the puppies to our business. We can let our customers talk, pet, and enjoy the puppy. If we would socialize a Lab or a golden; because they are such social animals, we would not be able to let the public interact and socialize with the puppy. The puppies would come to expect this and when they are working that is not their job.

Interestingly, the dynamics in raising each puppy is always changing. With Tabitha, when we had her as a puppy, Holly was a college student and Kristina, married and working as a Nurse supervisor. Holly would take Tabitha along to her classes. There was one instructor that could not see the point of her having the dog in class, it became somewhat of a problem for Holly. Kristina would take Tabitha one day a week to work with her to do her rounds doing patient assessments. Tabitha ended up working in areas that she had been socialized with.

t the time of this writing, Tabitha who is fondly called Tabby is still working with her owner Anne. Anne is on the waiting list for a replacement Leader Dog. When the time comes for Tabby to retire she will be moving back home to live with the Pierce family. In her retirement she will enjoy working at Stove & Upholstery Works part-time and one evening a week with Kristina doing her rounds at Northern Lights Health Center.

Possibly in the future she might help out the Pierce's teaching an OEC course - Tabby woofed that she might ride the snowmobile again like she did when she was a pup to help Sweep; but she draws the line at skiing or snowboarding Tabby can be found on Facebook – Tabitha Pierce Drake <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001562191967> Steve Pierce, Karin Grand Pierce, Kristina Pierce Seldal, and Holly Pierce happily live in Ashland Wisconsin and enjoy sailing during the summer.



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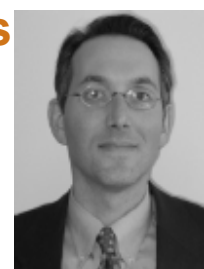


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2011-12-10	2011-12-11	AVALANCHE	Northern Michigan	Boyerne Highlands Resort	Level 1	Dave Hartman wdh@acd.net
2012-02-20	2012-02-20	AWARDS	Northern Michigan	Royal Oak, MI	Individual Awards Deadline (Appointments, Stars, MSA, DSA, Etc)	Dick Jacques rjacques@ameritech.net
2012-03-03	2012-03-03	AWARDS	Northern Michigan	Royal Oak, MI	Outstanding Awards Submissions deadline	Dick Jacques rjacques@ameritech.net
2012-03-11	2012-03-11	AWARDS	Northern Michigan	Boyerne Mountain Resort	NMR Awards Committee Meeting	Dick Jacques rjacques@ameritech.net
2012-05-05	2012-05-05	AWARDS	Northern Michigan	Cedar River Hotel - Bellaire, MI	NMR Awards Banquet	Dick Jacques rjacques@ameritech.net
2012-05-05	2012-05-05	BANQUET	Northern Michigan	Cedar River Hotel - Bellaire, MI	NMR Awards Banquet	Dick Jacques rjacques@ameritech.net Sarah Hull 715-848-2571
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2011-08-01	2011-08-01	DEADLINES	North Central		Completion of Patrol Reports by PR's	Sarah Hull 715-848-2571 sg.hull@frontier.net
2011-08-01	2011-08-01	DEADLINES	Northern Michigan	Royal Oak, MI	NMR Fall Newsletter article deadline	Candy Jacques NMRnewsletter@aol.com
2011-08-12	2011-08-12	DEADLINES	North Central		Patrol & Sec Reports Due from Sec Chiefs to Reg Treasurer	Sarah Hull 715-848-2571 sg.hull@frontier.net
2011-08-13	2011-08-31	DEADLINES	North Central		Consolidation of Sec Reports into Region Report	Sarah Hull 715-848-2571 sg.hull@frontier.net
2011-09-09	2011-09-09	DEADLINES	North Central		Consolidated Reg Report due to Reg Director for Review	Sarah Hull 715-848-2571 sg.hull@frontier.net
2011-10-01	2011-10-01	DEADLINES	North Central		Consolidated Reg Report due to Div Treasurer	Sarah Hull 715-848-2571 sg.hull@frontier.net
2011-10-25	2011-10-25	DEADLINES	North Central		Powder Lines Fall Deadline	Tim Zimmerman 715-218-3328 tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com
2011-12-15	2011-12-15	DEADLINES	Northern Michigan	Boyerne City, MI	New Senior Program Candidate sign-up deadline	Galen Fairchild galen.fairchild@uno.com
2012-01-04	2012-01-04	DEADLINES	Northern Michigan	Royal Oak, MI	NMR Early-Winter article deadline	Candy Jacques NMRnewsletter@aol.com
2012-01-15	2012-01-15	DEADLINES	North Central		Powder Lines Deadline (Spring Banquet & Election Issue)	Tim Zimmerman 715-218-3328 tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com
2012-02-20	2012-02-20	DEADLINES	Northern Michigan	Royal Oak, MI	Individual Awards Deadline (Appointments, Stars, MSA, DSA, Etc)	Dick Jacques rjacques@ameritech.net
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2012-03-12	2012-03-12	DEADLINES	Northern Michigan	Alanson, MI	NMR OEC SEM Paperwork deadline	Tena Lechtanski tenahaye@umich.edu
2012-03-14	2012-03-14	DEADLINES	Northern Michigan	Royal Oak, MI	NMR Spring Newsletter article deadline	Candy Jacques NMRnewsletter@aol.com
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2011-08-27	2011-08-27	MEETING	Northern Michigan	Gaylord, MI	NMR OPS Committee Meeting	Robert Lechtanski lechtanski@centurytel.net
2011-09-09	2011-09-09	MEETING	North Central	Cincinnati, OH	Central Division Meeting	
2011-09-09	2011-09-11	MEETING	Ohio	Marriott at River Center, Cincinnati, OH	Central Division Meeting, Banquet and Awards Ceremony hosted by Ohio Region	Bill Currier, curried@aol.com John McGoff, jmcgoff@aol.com
2011-09-09	2011-09-11	MEETING	Ohio	Ohio	Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet	Jim Woodrum
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2011-10-15	2011-10-15	MEETING	North Central	Ski Brule	NC Region Fall Board Meeting	Dave Dahl 715-536-4705 dcdski@dwave.net
2012-03-11	2012-03-11	MEETING	Northern Michigan	Boyerne Mountain Resort	NMR OPS Committee Meeting	Robert Lechtanski lechtanski@centurytel.net
2012-03-11	2012-03-11	MEETING	Northern Michigan	Boyerne Mountain Resort	NMR Awards Committee Meeting	Dick Jacques rjacques@ameritech.net
2012-04-20	2012-04-22	MEETING	North Central	Waters of Minocqua	Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet	Dave Conger 920-434-2503 ddconger@hotmail.com
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2011-07-02	2011-07-02	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	MWP	Muggy Buggy & Muggy Buggy X	Betty Adams 715-588-7731 mbadams008@gmail.com
2011-08-07	2011-08-07	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	MWP	Wife Carry Race	Betty Adams 715-588-7731 mbadams008@gmail.com
2011-09-23	2011-09-24	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Ishpeming, MI	U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame Weekend	Tom Anderson tpanderson@charter.net
2011-10-23	2011-10-23	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	MWP	Nutty Squirrel Cyclocross Race	Betty Adams 715-588-7731 mbadams008@gmail.com
2011-11-05	2011-11-05	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Marquette Mountain	Race Team Ski Swap	Jim Grundstrom 906-475-7877 jimgrundstrom@freichevy.com
2011-12-09	2011-12-09	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Ski Brule	Patrol Ski Swap	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmtooz@aol.com
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2011-11-05	2011-11-05	REFRESHERS	North Central	Blackjack Mountain	Blackjack CPR & Chair Evac Powderhorn, Porkies,	Feakes
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2011-12-03	2011-12-03	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Trollhaugen	Division STW	
2011-12-10	2011-12-10	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Boyne Highlands	Division STW	
2011-12-17	2011-12-17	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Cascade Mountain	Division STW	
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Herman S. Greene, Jr.
Write-in Candidate

The election ballots must be postmarked no later than Midnight, April 30, 1970, and returned to the National Office, 2901 Sheridan Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80214. This deadline will be adhered to. The results of the election will be available to the candidate(s) upon request after the election.

Announcement of the name of the successful candidate will be sent to all eligible voters in the Division as soon as the results are tabulated.

In case of a new candidate succeeding the incumbent Divisional Director, the transfer of authority between the retiring and succeeding Division Director shall be within one week of the tabulation of the election results. All applicable records are to be conveyed to the successor.

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Patrol Leaders of Registered Patrols:

C-2	Afton Alps	David W. Woodard
C-3	Allouette	Arthur F. Colby
C-4	Alpine Valley (Michigan)	Jack Rhoades
C-5	Alpine Valley (Ohio)	William F. Braden
C-6	Alpine Valley (Wisconsin)	W. Y. Startzman
C-7	American Youth Hostel	Frank Shapira
C-8	Ann Arbor Metro	Siegfried Schneider
C-9	Apple Mountain	Floyd A. Wright
C-10	Au Sable	Donald A. Bushey
C-69	Avalanche Ski Club of M.U.	Gregory S. Paulus
C-13	Bear Mountain	Bernard L. Wyman
C-153	Bendix Woods	Robert C. Morence
C-14	Big Powderhorn Mtn.	Robert J. Tregembo
C-149	Birch Park	Dale Sicard
C-157	Black Forest	Ludwig Putz
C-169	Blizzard Metro	E. George Nault

C-61	Lake Shore	Arnold Tathinen
C-62	Lakeview	Hugh Stout
C-63	Lansing Metro	Howard Hogan
C-64	Little Switzerland	Jim Anderson
C-65	Lookout Mountain	Mary Wheeler
C-66	Lutsen	Thomas Rossini
C-67	Majestic Hills	Hjalmar Sundin
C-68	Manistee	Ronald E. Stepka
C-70	Michigan Tech.	Randall Hurley
C-173	Milwaukee Blizzard Club	Douglas McKey
C-71	Milwaukee	Rodney P. Childs
C-180	Mio Mountain	John E. Coleman
C-72	Mont Chalet	Melvin L. Hewitt
C-73	Mont DuLac	Paul Henry Stromquist
C-75	Mt. Ashwabay	Gerald L. Carlson
C-76	Mt. Brighton	John P. Wacker
C-78	Mt. Frederick	Ralph H. Hudson
C-77	Mt. Christie	James Flack
C-79	Mt. Frontenac	Stephen R. Thomas
C-80	Mt. Fuji	Robert W. Carolan
C-81	Mt. Grampian	Ted Parker
C-82	Mt. Holly	Richard M. Warden
C-189	Mt. Itasca	Robert Patnaude
C-83	Mt. LaCrosse	Kenneth Garves
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C-88	Mt. Wawasee	Harold Stage
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C-188	Nor-Ski Runs	Ron Jaastad
C-93	Nubis Nob	Gerald R. Mahoney
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C-95	Oak Ridge	Fred Wienecke
C-96	Otsego	Alex Clark
C-97	Pando	Donald J. Van Horn
C-98	Paul Bunyan	Mark T. Holtan
C-100	Pine Knob	David C. Alschbach
C-190	Pine Mountain	Robert Justus
C-102	Pines	Joseph Robertson
C-178	Pink Panther	Michael A. Babler
C-103	Pinnacles	Ronald L. Hosner
C-167	Playboy Club Hotel	Howard Petersen
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