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NSP's 75th Anniversary Season



by John Shipman,
Division Director

The National Ski Patrol is getting ready to commemorate its 75th anniversary during the 2012-2013 ski season. Planning has already begun with confirmed dates, locations, and activities. The

NSP's 75th anniversary celebration will begin this October 20th at the Vermont Ski Museum in Stowe, VT. The NSP and Vermont Ski Museum celebration will be the Eastern Division's kick-off event of NSP's 75th Anniversary in observance of 75 years of service and safety to all who ski.

Here's some background regarding the Vermont celebration. The idea picked up traction when a number of Eastern Division Region Directors strongly expressed their opinions about celebrating the anniversary where the NSP originated. Dave Esty, our Eastern Division Marketing Advisor, as well as National's Marketing Advisor, thoughtfully put together the idea of coordinating the 75th with the Vermont Ski Museum. In addition, Dave hit on the idea of dedicating a permanent stone sculpture, in the form of a bench, commissioned to be created by a well-known and established artist located in northern Vermont

We are fortunate and honored to have the Vermont Ski Museum involved with our celebration. Its prime location, along with exceptional displays depicting the history of skiing, makes it a natural for our gathering. Additionally, the museum will induct Minnie Dole into its Hall of Fame as part of the October 2012 celebration.

Over the next months, the Eastern Division Board will be actively working on specific strategies

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I Have Needs! Can You Help Me Out?

by Alex Edwards, Treasurer

Usually in this issue, I give you information about the consolidated division finances. Unfortunately, despite our fiscal year end of March 31, 2011 I am still missing information from one region out of the fifteen needed for inclusion in our required IRS 990 form. Even the regions that provide me with their financial records usually have one or several patrols that did not provide financial information.

To help solve this problem, I need the following:

- Patrollers with financial skills to volunteer to be their patrol treasurers.
 - Patrol directors/representatives to make sure they have a treasurer.
 - Ski areas to give credit against required days to patrol treasurers.
 - Patrollers to express their gratitude to their patrol treasurers for the work they do.
- Please help me out.

We currently have 800+ Alumni registered in the Eastern Division's 15 Regions. These rosters are maintained by the Region Alumni Advisors who are listed on their Region websites. They should be contacted for more information on Alumni and other Region activities.

Alumni applications are on the Division web page. When you pay your annual \$27 dues as an Alumni, \$10.00 of it is returned to the Division by National. This refund is applied to Regions, the Young Adult Program, and the Memorial Fund. If you have any questions you can contact me at: pels.hancock@gmail.com.



Alumni

by Al Pels, Coordinator



Instructor development

Hello, my name is Nadine Martin. I have the honor of replacing Flo Rutherford as the Eastern Division Instructor Development Supervisor. These are very big shoes to fill and I hope that you will all bear with me as I learn and grow in this position. I am wondering how long I can use the phrase "I'm new?"

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know a little about me and what I am hoping we can do in the Eastern Division. I have patrolled for 30 years at Stratton Mountain in Vermont as both a volunteer and a paid patroller. I have spent my entire patrol career at Stratton but unbelievably, I am one of the new guys there! We have a fabulous team and that is what keeps us coming back.

I think that is the case with NSP as well. We all keep coming back for the camaraderie, helping others, the skiing, spending time in the outdoors, as well as many individual reasons. I would like to think that folks keep coming back for the ability to learn new things and contribute and I am hoping that we can continue to learn and grow in the Eastern Division in different ways.

My background has been in learning, especially technology. Currently I have a consulting practice where I design, develop, and deliver learning opportunities. I have been focusing on learning in different modalities and I hope to be able to bring that to the Eastern Division Instructor Development Program.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am looking forward to meeting new folks and working with other people to help deliver some of the finest programs available for people who work in the outdoor environment!

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to assure that the festivities in Vermont next October will be fun and successful. So, put 10/20/12 on your calendar and come to Vermont to enjoy the celebration. Let me know if you want to lend a hand helping to plan the event.

While we are on the subject of celebrating NSP's 75 years of service and safety, National has put together a Steering Committee and a number of subcommittees for NSP's 75th Anniversary Celebration to take place at Denver's Grand Hyatt Hotel January 30-February 3, 2013. The 75th celebration will coincide with the Ski Industry Association's Trade Show at the Denver Convention Center and with National's Board of Directors and Division Directors meetings. NSP members will be offered discounts on hotel rates, transportation to/from ski resorts and lift discounts at a number of ski resorts. Spouse, child, and non-skier programs will be offered as well as entre to the Ski Industry Association's events. Members can get acquainted at the NSP hospitality suite and celebrate the 75th at the Saturday evening awards banquet.

NSP's Patroller Education Conference (PEC 12) will be at Copper Mountain, CO on April 12-14, 2012. This is NSP's every-other-year educational event designed to help educate patrollers and give them an opportunity to improve skills with first-rate instructors. The clinics will include Nordic, Risk Management, Certified, OEC, S&T, Women's Programs, Instructor Development, A/MT&R, and a Pro-Patroller Roundtable discussion. The 3-day event will include food, fun, and plenty of skiing. Within a 30-minute drive, there are seven other Rocky Mountain ski resorts. Registration for PEC 12 began October 1, 2011. It's easy to register; just check out the National website for more information and registration instructions.

It's that time of year again so I want to mention our Eastern Division Awards Program. If your region or patrol wants up-to-date information or objective guidance for writing National or Division awards, check

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Nordic Master Goes National

by Greg France & Rick Shandler

In its short tenure, the Nordic Master Program, which began as a demonstration program developed by the Eastern Division, has gained acceptance at the national level. As you may recall from previous articles, the Nordic Master Program is a synergistic, high level certification involving Mountain Travel & Rescue, Avalanche, and Nordic Patrolling. This builds upon the recently introduced 50 Nordic skills and the new Nordic classifications mentioned in the Nordic Skill Set article below.

The timeliness of this credential coincides with the explosion of side and backcountry access, and the need for patrollers to be able to organize and conduct backcountry rescues in avalanche terrain. Nordic Master will be one of the programs presenting at the Patroller Education Conference in April 2012.

Nordic Skill Set

by Greg France, Supervisor

Nordic Patrols for the 2011/12 season are taking a serious look at the new skill-based National Program. As Nordic patrollers, we are obligated to maintain a standard of performance in OEC and ski skills.

In 2010, when the Nordic Division Supervisors met to develop a national standard for the Nordic Program, it did not take long to recognize the diversity of skills needed to competently perform the expected role of a Nordic Patroller. The Nordic Skill Set is the pragmatic answer that the Division Supervisors reached to address the issue of standardization of skills across NSP.

The Eastern Division will have Nordic Skills Clinics at Allegany Nordic in Western New York, Highland Forest Nordic in Central New York, and Bolton Nordic in Northern Vermont during the upcoming season that will focus on Nordic skills.

Eastern Division will also be holding its first PSIA Women's Nordic Ski Enhancement Clinic, at Northfield, MA, in February and a PSIA Tele/BC Enhancement at Bolton Valley, Vermont in late January.

The Nordic and MTR Programs will be holding a Ropes Enhancement Program at Highland Forest Nordic in early March and Alpine and Nordic Patrollers should consider attending the Winter Science and Survival Seminar at West Point Academy in April.

All Nordic Events are listed on the Division Calendar.

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with Jerry Sherman, our Eastern Division Awards Advisor. Jerry has the knowledge, patience, and expertise to help a patrol committee or a member write up a nomination for a group or individual believed to be deserving of an award. Right now, around the first of the year, is the time to complete and submit your awards in NSP's Outstanding categories. Give Jerry a shout if you need a hand at edawards@rochester.rr.com. If, for some reason, you or your patrol have been negligent and put off writing up deserving members and want to begin again, check with Jerry. His insight and direction will help you and your group overcome what can be, a frustrating process.

The Eastern Division has had, for many years, a way to honor and remember our friends and fellow patrollers who have passed on. The Eastern Division Memorial Fund has been a successful and appropriate way to permanently pay tribute to the memory of our fellow patrollers. 100% of the interest generated by the Memorial Fund goes toward college scholarships for our exceptional Eastern Division Young Adult Patrollers.

It's easy to make a donation. Simply make a check out to the Eastern Division Memorial Fund and send it to: David Nelson, Memorial Fund Chair, 2 Terrace Rd., Boonton, NJ 07005. The donation is tax deductible!

David will send a thank you note to the donor(s) and inform the family of the contribution. The amount of the contribution will not be disclosed. To get a scholarship application, or for more information, e-mail David at davidjnelson@optonline.net. You can check out the Memorial Fund information on the division website.

The Eastern Division Board of Directors wants to thank Gerit Lewisch, EPA RD, and Don Weaver, WNY RD, for their dedicated service to their regions and to the Eastern Division Board. Gerit and Don will complete their ED BOD service on April 1, 2012. They worked for the membership for six years with distinction and integrity and the Eastern Division is in a stronger position because they served.

Finally, congratulations to newly elected Region Directors Bob Bernatos (EPA) and Butch MacQueen (WNY), and all recently elected delegates. On behalf of the Eastern Division Board, welcome aboard and thank you for your decision to volunteer and serve in this prominent organization.

2012 Nordic Events Calendar

Pre-registration is required for all events. Contact will provide program specifics.

NORDIC SKIER ENHANCEMENT/NORDIC SKILLS CLINIC
1/28-29/12 Bolton Nordic, NVT

Hope Crifo
hcrifo@yahoo.com
802-223-4172

NORDIC SKILLS CLINIC/SENIOR NORDIC SKI CLINIC
2/11-12/12 Allegany Nordic, WNY

Butch MacQueen
butchmacqueen@gmail.com
716-354-9235
814-730-9440 cell

NORDIC WOMEN'S CLINIC
2/11/12 Northfield Mountain, WMASS

Sue Menick
suemenick@yahoo.com
860-872-6123

MTR/NORDIC
MTR/BC ROPES ENHANCMENT
3/2-3/12 Highland Forest Nordic, CNY

Greg France
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570-677-3352
973-222-6372 cell

NORDIC SENIOR SKI EVALUATION
3/4/12 Highland Forest Nordic, CNY

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The Next Level ▶

by Bob Bluff, S&T Supervisor



Winter Sciences and Survival Seminar

The 2012 Winter Sciences and Survival Seminar (WSSS) for Avalanche, Mountain Rescue, and Nordic patrollers from National Ski Patrol's Eastern, European, and Southern Divisions is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the U.S. Army West Point Ski Lodge.

We are also planning a voluntary, on-snow portion of the seminar on Sunday, March 25 at Belleayre Mountain.

For many years, this biennial event has been held at the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) in Hanover, NH.

This time around, we are changing it to a three-division event at West Point. A number of speakers are planned for a host of informative presentations on various avalanche, MTR, Nordic, and snow sciences topics. This seminar is recommended for all avalanche rescue, mountain rescue, Nordic, and other enthusiasts for cold, wet stuff. Don't miss out on this extraordinary event to learn new aspects of winter science and survival.

Hotel, banquet, and seminar cost information is included in this issue along with a registration form (see page 6). To join in on this unique winter extravaganza, please email Scott Campbell at campbellsservices@gmail.com to get a registration packet, or call him with any questions at 703-241-2640 (home). Please put "WSS Seminar" on the subject line of the email, so Scott can better sort out the incoming emails. Please mail your registration form and check by March 16, 2012 to Scott Campbell, 3537 Devon Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042-4027.

As a skier, the best complement to the day is fresh new snow. As an instructor, the best compliment from a fellow patroller is, "How do I get to the next level?" With that in mind, let's start at the beginning.

TOBOGGAN INSTRUCTOR

Take the Instructor Development course. It is the foundation for all other NSP courses and is designed to make you a more effective and dynamic instructor. Once you have completed the course you will be assigned a mentor. Your mentor will observe and instruct you as you hone your toboggan and teaching skills.

Finally, an S&T Instructor/Trainer will observe you and send in the paperwork sanctioning you as an instructor. You are now ready to assist with the S&T training of your patrol and new patrol candidates including annual toboggan check-offs.

TRAINER/EVALUATOR

The primary focus of the Eastern Division Trainer/Evaluator is to promote the senior alpine ski and toboggan program with all areas of training, and to enhance the skills necessary to maintain proficiency at local and region programs. To become a Ski and Toboggan Trainer/Evaluator you must adhere to the following Division guidelines:

- Must be a Senior or higher level.
- Been an active Toboggan Instructor for at least one year.
- Have the approval of the Region S&T Supervisor.
- Shadow the Region S&T Staff for at least one year (five events).
- Attend a Trainer/Evaluator prep course at one of the many Division-wide Patroller Schools and be signed off by an S&T Instructor/Trainer.

These rules are not intended to discourage or create hardships for the T/E candidate, rather they are intended to insure that patrollers are ready for this step and have prepared sufficiently to be successful.

If you're serious and want to take that next step, or just want to have fun, sign up now for one or more of the many Patroller Schools, Women's Programs, or Enhancement Seminars being offered throughout the Division. This year's Patroller Schools are being held at Sunday River, ME; Holiday Valley, NY; Elk Mountain, PA; Windham Mountain, NY; Killington, VT; and Seven Springs, PA. Check the Division and your Region websites for the location, dates, contacts, and details.

Winter Sciences and Survival Seminar Information

ACCOMMODATIONS

Please make your own reservations at any of the motels listed below. A 13.25% tax will be added to the room cost and all are offering a complimentary continental breakfast. A block of rooms has been set aside for March 23-24 on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a 48 to 72 hour cancellation policy depending on the hotel. Be sure that you tell them you are with the National Ski Patrol to get the discount. After February 23, there will be no discount, the block of reservations will be released, and you are on your own for accommodations.

West Point Motel

316 Main Street Two queen beds
 Highland Falls, NY Single or Double - \$85 per room
 888-349-6788 or 845-446-4180 Triple or Quad - \$95 per room
www.thewestpointhotel.com 3.4 miles or 6 minutes from the lodge

Holiday Inn Express

1106 Route 9W Two queen beds or one king bed
 Fort Montgomery, NY \$155 per room
 800-315-2621 or 845-446-4277 5.3 miles or 9 minutes from the lodge
www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/fort-montgomery/ftmny/hoteldetail

Hampton-Inn

Harriman-Woodbury

60 Centre Drive Two queen beds or one king bed
 Central Valley, NY \$149 per room
 845-782-9600 11.6 miles or 20 minutes from the lodge
http://hamptoninn1.hilton.com/en_US/hp/index.do

SEMINAR

Runs from 8:30 am to 5pm at the U.S. Army West Point Ski Lodge located at the Victor Constant Ski Slope at Routes 218 and 9W, 700 Victor Constant Road, West Point, New York. More info is available at www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/SKI/index.HTM. The street address may not come up on a GPS system, and you may have to go with only Route 218, West Point, NY. The lodge is on the right side of Route 218 after the golf course, but before you get to the gate for West Point.

A number of speakers are planned for a host of informative presentations on various avalanche, MTR, Nordic, search & rescue, snow sciences, and history topics. Avalanche Awareness course credit will be provided for all NSP participants, if needed.

BANQUET

A social hour will take place at the ski lodge at 5pm with a cash bar and a cheese and crackers platter available. The dinner buffet will start at about 6pm. A guest speaker is being sought at this time.

The buffet choices are Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus, Chicken Parmesan, or Stuffed Fillet of Sole Florentine with green salad, rolls, vegetable medley, twice-baked potatoes, and chocolate mousse with whipped cream served for dessert with coffee or tea.

ON-SNOW DAY

All attendees with a current NSP registration card will be eligible for a free lift pass on Sunday, March 25 on the 37 trails of Belleayre Mountain, Belleayre Mountain Road, Pine Hill, NY. It is about a two hour drive from West Point. More information is at www.belleayre.com.

Winter Sciences and Survival Seminar

AVALANCHE, MTR AND NORDIC
 NATIONAL SKI PATROL EASTERN, EUROPEAN & SOUTHERN DIVISIONS

Registration form must be received by Scott Campbell by March 16, 2012 to avoid the \$10.00 late fee.



Name _____ NSP # _____
 Street _____ City/State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____

Please check all that apply:

- I am an: Alpine and/or Nordic patroller.
 I am Instructor for: Avalanche MTR Nordic
 I would like to be Instructor for: Avalanche MTR Nordic

Avalanche Awareness course credit will be provided for all NSP participants.

Planning on skiing/ boarding on Sunday, March 25th at Belleayre Mountain: Yes No

Make your own hotel reservations as listed above. Be sure to mention that you are with the NSP meeting to get the special room rates until February 23. Room rate info is on the information sheet.

Registration Fee:	NSP Members	Non-members
Seminar and Banquet/Dinner Buffet	\$70	\$80
Seminar Only	\$30	\$40
Banquet/Buffer Only	\$40	\$50

The full fee covers continental breakfast, lunch, Saturday's banquet/dinner, and other administrative expenses.

Note any required special meal accommodations: _____

Make checks payable to: Eastern Division/NSP

Mail registration and payment to: Scott Campbell, 3537 Devon Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042-4027

All walk-ins on the day of the seminar will be charged an additional really late fee for a total of \$90 for NSP members and \$100 for non-members. Refunds will not be provided, but substitutions are possible. I will send confirmation emails, so please contact me if you do not get one within two weeks of mailing in your registration form.

Saturday, March 24, 2012

Certified 2011-2012

by Dave Walker, Supervisor

This year's annual Certified Exam and Meeting will be held in Vermont at Jay Peak. Jay Peak offers great mid-winter skiing even so late in the season and will challenge every level. Plans are being made for housing and will appear on the division website or via email to members and candidates shortly. Curious about the program? Come up and join us!!

This past summer we offered two certified events that were dubbed "Certified Boot Camps." One was in Maine at Long Lake, HurriKane Cove in August and the second was in New York at Keuka Lake in October. Many thanks to John Kane and Jeff Baker for hosting these well attended events.

Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for either event, but the determination of the candidates and staff overcame the adverse conditions and both events went off without a hitch. There were opportunities to practice low angle rescue with a practical application, incident investigation, risk management, lift evacuation, and interesting OEC problems involving a hot tub rescue and another with an arborist hung up in a tree. See the division website for photos.

For all of you aspiring Certified patrollers, onlookers, and candidates, the Certified program will be offering several "Introduction to Certified" program clinics across the division. Pre-registration is required at the email addresses shown on the schedule. Please don't make the mistake of showing up without letting us know that you are coming. Every event we run requires pre-registration. Precourses require prior approval before attending.



20011-2012 Schedule



DATE	LOCATION	EVENT/CONTACT
Wed, 1/11/12	Sugarloaf	PSPA Precourse Carl Chaplin, Carlc@rmspphq.com
Fri, 1/20/12	Hunter Mountain	Certified Precourse Roland Lunser, cert416@aol.com
Sat/Sun, 1/22/12	Windham**	Intro to Certified Justin Guth, jdguth@msn.com
Wed, 1/25/12	Hunter Mountain	PSPA Precourse Carl Chaplin, Carlc@rmspphq.com
Thurs, 1/26/12	Sunday River	Intro to Certified/Precourse Dave Walker, cert372@yahoo.com
Sat/Sun, 1/28-29/12	Elk Mountain**	Intro to Certified Bill Jordan, cert169@comcast.net
Sun, 1/29/12	Killington	PSPA Precourse Carl Chaplin, Carlc@rmspphq.com
Sat/Sun, 2/4-5/12	Killington	Certified Training Terry Randolph, terryrandolph@comcast.net
Fri, 2/10/12	Mt Snow	Certified Precourse Don Mills, dsms@myfairpoint.com
Tues, 2/21/2012	Application Deadline	Karl Johnson, johnson.building@comcast.net
Wed/Thur, 3/7-8/12	Sugarbush	PSPA Annual Exam Carl Chaplin, Carlc@rmspphq.com
Thur/Sun, 3/22-25/12	Jay Peak	Annual Exam & Meeting Laura Tucker, certifiedpatrol@yahoo.com

** Note: Registration for the Intro to Certified at Elk Mountain and the Windham event are done online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/>. Check the Eastern Pennsylvania calendar for the Elk Mountain event ID number. Check the NSP east Calendar for the Windham event ID number. Watch the division calendar, there may be more opportunities that are not listed here.

Applications for the Certified program can be submitted any time of year (actually, the sooner the better). The application can be found on the Eastern Division website at <http://www.nspeast.org/images/certapplic.pdf>. You can download, complete the application, and email it to Credentials Committee Chair Karl Johnson at johnson.building@verizon.net. Be careful, the deadline for applications is 30 days before the exam. Submissions have to be

made by February 21 to be considered. There is a program guide available on the same site that describes each part of the program. Training for the program starts whenever you are ready. Just email me at cert372@yahoo.com and I will direct you to someone who can help get you started. REMEMBER, everyone is welcome to come to the exam, but you must preregister at certifiedpatrol@yahoo.com.

Ladies...Let's Go Out and Play!

by Jane Williams, Women's Program Coordinator

OK...so the snow is finally flying and ski season is "officially" underway! We have a full complement of clinics and events planned for the Women's Program this season!

Women's Programs throughout the Eastern Division are staffed by female Toboggan Instructors, Trainer/Evaluators, and Division Staff. These individuals bring quality, consistency, and current best practices to the Women's Program. The Women's Program is one of the many learning environments offered by the Eastern Division Ski and Toboggan Staff.

We encourage our fellow female patrollers to seek out the training and mentoring they need to become toboggan instructors, senior patrollers, trainer/evaluators and to even move on to the Certified Program.

The goal of the Women's Program is to give female Patrollers the opportunity to enhance their snowsports skills through quality, non-competitive, yet challenging, clinics. The Women's Program focuses on building confidence within each woman's comfort zone and finding supportive ways to encourage growth outside this zone. We strive to improve the skill sets of each participant through the enhancement of their ski and toboggan performance levels in the company of adventurous women and in the spirit of having fun.

One of the great things about the Women's Program, is that there is no set curriculum. The event can be tailored to the needs of the participants and every effort is made to accomplish that. In areas where the terrain calls to be explored, the clinic can focus on adventuring into challenging terrain. If an area has limited terrain, learning tail-roping skills, knots, conditioning, and discussions about women-specific ski gear can be covered.

More importantly, the Women's Program is an opportunity for women to find themselves in the company of like-minded, motivated women. It is a time to get out of daily routines, sharpen existing skills, learn new skills, and have fun! Not to mention...the fresh mountain air, great exercise, and skiing. We have been known to enjoy a little bit of "après ski" and chocolate as well.

Most importantly; get fired up! Encourage all of the female patrollers you know to participate and grow with this program!

2012 EASTERN DIVISION WOMEN'S ALPINE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT/DETAILS
1/7-8/12	Seven Springs, PA	Kim Bellas (kabelas66@hotmail.com) or Sarah Keating (cert564@gmail.com) <i>Two-day toboggan clinic, run in conjunction with a scheduled Patroller School. Women will have the option to work with toboggans one or both days.</i>
1/21/12	Holiday Valley, NY	Kristen Russo (kmarx06@hotmail.com) or Denise Kaus (neecee@netsync.net) <i>One-day toboggan only.</i>
1/28/12	Sunday River, ME	Jane Williams (janewilliams89@gmail.com) <i>Women's Bump Clinic run in conjunction with a scheduled Patroller School.</i>
1/28-29/12	McCauley Mountain, NY	Dee Hameline (hameline@roadrunner.com) <i>Two-day ski and toboggan enhancement.</i>
2/4-5/12	Killington, VT	Jane Williams (janewilliams89@gmail.com) <i>Women's Clinic offered as an elective at Killington's Annual Patroller School.</i>
2/4/12	Mt Abram, ME	Denise Pascucci (dpascucci@questsolution.com) <i>One-day ski and toboggan clinic.</i>
2/4/12	Catamount, NY	Deb Gordon (AOD@fairpoint.net) or Jessica Miller (jlr.miller@gmail.com) <i>Toboggan clinic</i>
2/19/12	Gunstock, NH	Sue Kelly (skelly3@partners.org) <i>One-day ski and toboggan clinic</i>
2/25/12	Snö Mountain, PA	Sarah Keating (cert564@gmail.com) <i>One-day toboggan only</i>
3/3-4/12	Western MA (TBD)	Laura Tucker (muthrtuckr@yahoo.com) <i>Two-day ski and toboggan clinic</i>

The following one-day or weekday evening clinics will be scheduled once the season begins.

EPA Region

Camelback, PA

Sarah Keating (cert564@gmail.com)

EMARI Region

Bradford, MA

Nashoba Valley, MA

Wachusett, MA

Deb Brown (dbrown6@bidmc.harvard.edu)

Karen Keane (keane-group.com)

Jane Williams (janewilliams89@gmail.com)

A New Women's Program!

You asked...we answered. For the first time, this year, we are offering a Nordic Clinic for women! This clinic is open to all ability levels. Have you ever wanted to try Nordic skiing? This is your opportunity. For those who would like to attend and don't have equipment, rentals will be available for \$16. We will be offering PSIA instruction for all disciplines (classic/skate/tele).

The fee for this clinic is \$25 with lunch included. It will run from 9am to 4pm. A maximum of 15 patrollers will be enrolled. For more information or to register see the contact information below.

2/11/12 Northfield Mountain, MA Sue Menick
(suemenick@yahoo.com
or 860-872-6123)

Outstanding Patrol Director

*Holiday Valley's
Dan Meess (left)
accepting the
Eastern Division
Outstanding
Patrol Director
Award from
WNY RD
Don Weaver.*



Awards 2010-2011

National Appointment

Claude Morneault	11124	EMARI
Lauren Bunney	11182	WAPP
Robert Greene	11204	ME
Jerry Rohling	11222	SNY
Aiva Drukovskis	11224	SNY
David Hemendinger	11230	EMARI
Stephen Wright	11238	CT
John Hoffman	11240	WAPP

Leadership Commendation Appointment

Joe Palaia	8439	EPA
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Distinguished Service Award

James Policelli	EPA
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Meritorious Service Award

Steve Buzzard	EPA
Wayne Eckelman	EPA
Sharon Friedel	EPA
George Hannon	EPA
Richard Hartman	EPA
Greg Johnson	EPA
Brant Maley	EPA
Jack Peck	EPA

Patriot Star

Bob Ackerman	SNY
Wayne Arsenault	ME
Craig Casucci	EPA
David Christiansen	EPA
Gerard DesJardins	ME
G. Roebing Gravel	EPA
Colin Hannings	EPA
Michael "Mac" McDonald	WNY
Thomas Maret	EPA
Lloyd Massey, Jr.	EPA
Burt Mitchell	CT
James Quimby	ME
Dane Sampson	ME
Bob Schwartz	SNY
Eric Siva	SNY

Patroller Cross

Marie-Pierre Bloch	EPA
Paul Rawson	ME

Yellow Merit Star

Dick Bensel	EPA
Wolfgang Boernert	EPA
Matt Butler	ME
Bob Davies	EPA
Megan Eckhart	EPA
Ron Helm	EPA
Greg Johnson	EPA
Sarah Keating	EPA
Tim Kelly	EPA
Thomas Kneiss	EPA
Nancy Mayberry	EPA
Andy Miller	EPA
Joe Panczer	EPA
Paul Rawson	ME
Deborah Reynolds	ME
Walt Shepard	CNY

Purple Merit Star

Tom Bronder	EPA
Tarah Decker	EPA
Lisa Harach	EPA
Ryan Miller	SVT

Blue Merit Star

Gary Martin	SVT
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Green Merit Star

Tex Laidlaw	SVT
Gary Martin	SVT
Richard Massaucco	SVT
Will Slater	SVT
Perry Tooker	CNY
Michael Washburn	CNY

National Certificate of Appreciation

Johnna Gould	SVT
Mei Lupack	EPA
Tony Zazzaro	SVT

Outstanding Awards

by Jerry Sherman, Awards Advisor

Each year at the Eastern Division Spring Officers' Meeting, Outstanding Awards are presented to our members. Patrollers are nominated by their respective regions and the deadline for submission of these nominations is March 1.

A description of all available Outstanding Awards is listed in Chapter 10 of the NSP Policies and Procedures which is available under Member Services on the NSP website. In the Eastern Division, some of our Outstanding Awards are named after former recipients. A description of each award and a brief biography of the member it is named after is listed on the Eastern Division website under Programs/Awards.

The following is a list of the winners for the 2010-2011 season:

Outstanding Young Adult Patroller

Matthew Butler Maine

Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller

Mark Whitford GVR

Outstanding Alpine Patroller

Thomas Kneiss EPA

Pete Snyder Outstanding Nordic Patroller

Deborah Whalen GVR

George Wesson Outstanding Paid Patroller

Scott Mundrick GVR

Outstanding Patrol Director

Daniel Meess WNY

Don Page Outstanding Administrator

John Laitala EMARI

Tyler Davis Outstanding Instructor

Gina Wyffles GVR

Donald Hamlin Outstanding OEC Instructor

Gregory Johnson EPA

Outstanding Nordic Patrol

High Point Nordic NJ

Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol

Old Forge CNY

Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol

Jay Peak NVT

The William J. Gross Memorial Award

Jack Gerber WNY

This last award is presented each year to the patroller performing the most outstanding first aid procedure. All Purple Merit Star recipients for the 12-month period ending January 31 are considered by a Division Jury appointed by the Division Director. The following is an account of the incident that resulted in Jack Gerber from the Holiday Valley Ski Patrol in Western New York receiving the Gross Memorial Award. I would like to thank Terry Decker, Awards Advisor from WNY for her input.

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Make Gerry Smile!

by Dan Pascucci, YAP Staff

Young Adult Seminar



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Jack is an 11-year member of the patrol and performed his ski patrol training and skills flawlessly in the situation described below by his Hill Chief and the Holiday Valley Medical Advisor, Dr. Bill Jaremko.

Jack came upon a two-car, head-on auto accident on his way to his patrol duty on January 16, 2011, a very cold, snowy Sunday. Jack was the first person to stop to see if he could assist.

After surveying the scene for injured passengers in the vehicle on the road he determined that there were no life threatening injuries. Looking over a bank, he saw a car partially submerged, on its side. Two of the four passengers in it had been able to get out, but a man and woman remained inside the vehicle. Putting himself at peril, he immersed himself in ice-cold water. Jack's first observation was that both of the victims were either partially or totally submerged.

He raised the head of the male occupant, and finding no pulse, determined that there was probably no chance of resuscitating him. However, he was able to raise the head of the woman out of the water determining that she was alive but incoherent. He maintained her airway by keeping her head above water. He did all he could to calm her by struggling to keep the male passenger's head above the water level also.

Jack remained in this life saving situation, in very cold water, for almost 40 minutes until the woman could be extricated through the sunroof. He assisted the EMS personnel with the extrication.

Jack proceeded the remaining five miles to Holiday Valley where he was, fortunately, able to receive the assistance of a physician on the patrol. Jack's feet and lower legs sustained frostbite and swelling but it was determined that he did not have any permanent injury. Jack maintains that all of his fellow patrollers would have performed as he did and that he did not do anything heroic but simply did as he was trained as a NSP Ski Patroller.

After 25 years of involvement in the Young Adult Program, Gerry Hyson will step down as Eastern Division's YAP Advisor after this year's Young Adult Training Seminar. Craig Larson will succeed Gerry as the new advisor.

Let's make this year's Young Adult Training Seminar the largest event ever as a send off to Gerry and a welcome to Craig! This will make "Gerry Smile."

We're going to Bromley Mountain Resort, 3984 Vermont Route 11, Peru, VT, the mountain voted #1 for family programs by SKI Magazine, for four fun-filled days of skiing and riding.

As always, included are great lodging, great food, great skiing, great friendships, and a full schedule of fun! The seminar officially kicks off on Friday evening at dinner but free skiing and riding are available to those that arrive early on Friday or stay through Monday. The seminar concludes on Sunday evening with the awards banquet.

Want a bargain? Here's what you get for just \$325:

- Three nights of lodging (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
- Dinner on Friday, breakfast and dinner on Saturday and Sunday
- Lift tickets (Please note that everyone will be required to wear patrol coats. These will be your lift tickets.)
- Free skiing on Friday and Monday
- Division evaluators and instructors
- Mystery events
- Lots of fun!

Because of last year's great success, we will again offer an Enhancement Track for those who do not want to compete. It will focus on the three skill areas offered in the Competitive Track; Skiing, Toboggan, and OEC and is designed to help young adult patrollers hone their skills and attain higher skill levels. Both tracks will have Eastern Division S&T and OEC staffing.

Make your reservation early by filling out the registration form and mailing it to Gerry before February 18. We know it's hard to know what you're going to do this far out but help us by sending in your reservation as soon as possible. It will make it easier for the Bromley staff to find condos for everyone!

Come join us and help make "Gerry Smile." Let's honor his years of dedication and hard work with the largest and best seminar ever!

If you have any questions, please contact Gerry at hysonski@gmail.com or 508-459-9078.

YOUNG ADULT PATROLLER SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Bromley Mountain Resort, Peru, VT - March 16-19, 2012

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 18, 2011 - NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 1, 2012

Registrations received after the deadline will be charged a late fee of \$50, if there is still availability, as space is limited

Fill in completely and return with a \$325.00 check made payable to NSP Eastern Division to:

Jerry Hyson, 46 Brooks Road, Paxton, MA 01612

THIS FORM IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DIVISION WEBSITE AS A PDF

Please type or legibly print all information except for signatures.

Last _____ First _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Male Female

NSP # _____ Mountain _____

I understand my commitment and responsibilities to the National Ski Patrol while I am attending this seminar.

Young Adult Patroller Signature _____

To help us plan, fill in the following:

FREE SKI FRIDAY

FREE SKI MONDAY

ENHANCEMENT TRACK

COMPETITION

ARRIVAL TIME _____

DEPARTURE TIME _____

Tickets will be granted to those who check off free skiing for the above days. Young Adult Patrollers will be enrolled in the competition unless checked otherwise.

Advisor/Chaperone attending with Young Adult Patroller _____

Advisor/Chaperone attending with Young Adult Patroller Signature _____

Attending adult advisor/chaperone must be at least 21 years of age and be endorsed by the young adult patroller's parent or guardian.

No more than five (5) young adults per advisor/chaperone

To help with staffing please check your status (check all that apply)

Student Advisor Adult Chaperone Snowboard S&T T/E OEC T/E OEC Instructor Toboggan Instructor

The above named Young Adult Patroller is a registered member of NSP and approved for the seminar.

Patrol Director/Young Adult Advisor (Print/Signature) _____

REQUIRED MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FOR MINORS UNDER 18

This authorizes the ski patrol, EMS personnel, a licensed physician, surgeon, or other recognized hospital staff member to carry out emergency medical care deemed necessary for my child/ward in an emergency, when normal permission is unavailable.

Name of Minor _____ Emergency Contact # _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Physician's Name _____ Physician's # _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy/Plan _____

Special Emergency Information/Instructions _____

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT — REQUIRED FOR ALL YOUNG ADULT PATROLLERS

The undersigned, as a participant, or as a parent or guardian of a minor who is participating in the 2012 Eastern Division Young Adult Training Seminar, in consideration for being allowed to participate in such event, hereby releases the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and the Eastern Division, Bromley Mountain Resort and any and all officers, members, volunteers, agents and employees thereof from any and all claims or liabilities of any kind whatsoever arising out of my or such minor's participation in the 2012 Eastern Division Young Adult Training Seminar. I/we further release and waive any rights, causes of action, or claims against said Ski Patrol or Ski Area, and any officers, members, volunteers, agents, and employees thereof which I/we may have arising out of any personal injury, property loss or damage, or any other liability incurred during skiing and related activities of the 2012 Eastern Division Young Adult Training Seminar. As further consideration for being permitted to participate in the 2012 Eastern Division Young Adult Seminar, I, or we on behalf of said minor, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and the Eastern Division, Bromley Mountain Resort and any and all officers, members, volunteers, agents, and employees thereof from all damages, judgments, expenses (including attorney's fees) and costs whatsoever arising out of any claim or demand by the said minor or by persons acting for or on behalf of said minor in respect of the aforesaid injuries or damages.

Participant _____ Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

In Memoriam



Michael “Tazman” Manoway and “Hard Core” Harry J. Slagle II

There are always people, who, for one reason or another, make the special effort necessary to be the best they can be. As a result they become assets to any organization to which they belong.

Regrettably, Camelback Ski Patrol (CBSP) said goodbye to two such people during this last ski season when Harry (June 2010) and Mike (January 2011) passed over.

Harry, a soccer coach and athlete as well as an accomplished snowboarder and mountaineer, joined CBSP in the Fall of 2003. He died suddenly of cardiac arrest while out on a routine run.

Mike, an avid skier and bicyclist, had been with CBSP since the Fall of 1994. He succumbed to stomach cancer after a courageous battle.

Harry had recently been elected to the CBSP Board. Mike had recently become an OEC and CPR Instructor. Both men are past CBSP Patrollers-of-the-Year.

Mike and Harry had a real passion for patrolling...dedicated to “doing it right” and always willing to go the extra mile. They were devoted and loyal friends and always up for a bit of mischief. Each has made an indelible imprint on their brother and sister patrollers.

It is not enough to memorialize them, as we owe them so much. They live today in everything we do, from checking trails, caring for the injured, training others, and sharing their friendship. We could not do them justice by describing their many accomplishments, nor do we have the words to express our loss.

These men were our friends and brothers. We miss them deeply. We will remember them forever. It has been an honor to work and play beside them.

Mike is survived by his wife, Dina; Harry by his wife, Karen, son, Christopher, and daughter, Lindsey.

Base, Harry is on scene. Mike has his back. Copy that?

*Ollie Neith
(with contributions from
Joe Hall and Jeff Panucchio)
Camelback Ski Patrol*