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From the topby Jim Woodrum



We finished the season with a very productive Region Meeting where we discussed all the activities for this past season and what is coming for the 2001/2002 Ski Season. After the meeting we had a wonderful Region Awards Banquet and we recognized all those individuals that have contributed so much to the programs, to our local patrols and the Region patrollers at large. Our hosts for the day was the Clear Fork Patrol headed by George Scheff and the committee of Kim Finley, Bob Casey & Jerry Dunlap. They hosted a wonderful meeting in a wonderful setting at Camp Nuhop in Mohican State Park with excellent food, dinner music by Jane Price and Paul Chadroff, and down home hospitality. From all the staff, patrollers and our guests we "Thank you".

Region NSP! As I have traveled about the Region this year I've heard nothing other than praise for all the hard work and dedication about the members of the local patrols. My hat is off to each of you.

Next season won't be any different, as we will have a full calendar with activities through out the Region offering every program that the NSP has to offer. We are actually starting off the new season by participating in the National meeting in Indy by hosting the Hospitality Room for all the participants. The Perfect North Slopes Patrol is handling most of the people power for this. Not to be out done, we will continue a full calendar by the hosting of the Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet in the Columbus area next fall. Our leaders of the event are the team of Don and Cathleen Phipps, along with a full committee, from the Mad River Patrol. So, you can jump in at any point and truly understand and participate in the workings of the NSP with all the programs offered in the middle of the calendar with two major meeting on either side.

The Award winners will be discussed further in the Newsletter. On behalf of the NSP, the skiing public, and all the area owners, "Congratulations" to each person that was recognized for all the time, effort and contributions to a truly Outstanding year in Ohio. All our programs flourished this year with record number of participants and the kicking off our Ohio Region Ski School with over 50 new members for the first year. Nearly every area reported best ever seasons and we all know it won't happen without the 800+ volunteers in the Ohio

I trust everyone will have a great summer and look forward to when everything starts to crank up for a new season in the fall!

Jim

REGION SPRING 2001 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The 2000/2001 season was a record season for hill days open (4 areas open over 100 days), patroller duty hours (over 85,000) and accomplishments across the Ohio Region. Condensed versions of many patrol and program 00/01 reports appear in this issue.

Ron Plumer, Division Director and Trudy Olsson, ADD and National Board Representative discussed several National and Division level topics including the G-1 Study. This NSP study by a paid consulting firm is based on data obtained from members and associated organizations. It will evaluate NSP goals and functional alternatives for guiding the NSP during the next 20 years. Final recommendations are due at the 2002 National Meeting in Garmish Germany. (For interim reports see the *Ski Patroller Magazine*, *Rusty Parka News* and on the www.nsp.org website.) He hopes that the study will help redirect National Board to long term strategic thinking instead of current operational problem solving. Trudy Olsson summarized changes occurring in NSP Emergency Care and instructor development

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2001-2002 Ohio Region Calendar

June, 2001

- 9 Alpine Valley Golf Outing - at Wicked Woods 1 PM
- 20-24 NSP National Conference, Indianapolis IN
- 29 *DOWNHILL* vol 28.4 mailed
- 30 Region Advisor/Officer 2001/2002 Budgets Due to Treasurer

July, 2001

- 1 Start NSP Fiscal Year
- 13 Registration Deadline, MRM Golf Outing
- 15 End of Prior Fiscal Year Financial Reports due to Section Chief

August, 2001

- 3 End of Prior Fiscal Year Reports due from Section Chief
- 4 MRM Golf Outing, Tree Links Golf Course
- 16 *DOWNHILL* Fall issue deadline

September, 2001

- 4 *DOWNHILL* V 29.1 mailed
- 7-9 Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet, Crystal MT. MI
- 22 Boston Mills Fall Refresher
- 30 Ohio Region Fall Meeting, Officers, Advisors, PRs, Awards Training, Location TBD

October, 2001

- 7 OEC and OTH Refresher - Mad River Mountain - 7:30 AM - Jim Vickroy
- 7 OEC and OTH Refresher - Brandywine
- 7 OEC and OTH Refresher - Section O-3 at Snow Trails
- 7 OEC and OTH Refresher - Section O-4 -Alpine Valley
- 12-14 Open House and Ski Swap - Boston Mills/ Brandywine
- 21 OEC and OTH Refresher - PNS - 7:30 AM

November, 2001

- 3-4 Ski Swap - Perfect North Slopes
- 4 Ski Swap - Mad River Mountain
- 6 (Tues Evening) OEC Refresher Cuyahoga Nordics
- 11 On the Trail Refresher - Cuyahoga Nordics
- 15 *DOWNHILL* December issue deadline

December, 2001

- 1 Appointment and DSA nomination postmark deadline

- 3 *DOWNHILL* mailed
- TBD Central Division Testing and Training Clinic - Boyne
- 15 Cafeteria-style S&T clinic - Mad River Mountain - 9 AM
- TBD Basic Mountain Travel & Rescue (North)
- TBD Basic Mountain Travel & Rescue (South)
- TBD NSP Appointments Review Bd.

January, 2002

- 2 Snowboard Clinic, (MRM)
- 5 PSIA E-Staff Level II Prep - Central Division (PNS 8:30 AM)
- 6 Testing & Training Clinic (North), Ohio Region
- 12 PSIA E-Staff Level II Prep - Central Division - (BM/ BW 8:30 PM)
- 19 Snowboard Clinic -(Snow Trails)
- 19 Ohio Ski School Staff Level II - (Spicy Run 9AM)
- 26 Cafeteria-style Clinic (Clear Fork - 9:00AM)
- 26 Snowboard Clinic - (Mad River Mountain)

February, 2002

- 2 Level II Prep, by Ohio Ski School Staff - (Alpine Valley - 9:00AM)
- 2-3 Winterfest - (Clear Fork)
- 23 Ohio Region Award Nominations deadline

March, 2002

- 3 Avalanche Level I, BM
- 15 *DOWNHILL* spring issue deadline
- 24 Avalanche Level I, PNS

April, 2002

- 1 *DOWNHILL* spring issue mailed
- 7 Avalanche Level I, Section O-3

May, 2002

- 4 Region Meeting and awards banquet
- 11 Instructor Development, Phase I -
- 16 *DOWNHILL* June Issue deadline
- 25 OEC Phase II, PNS

June, 2002

- 3 *DOWNHILL* June Issue mailed
- 20-24 NSP National Conference - (Garmish, Germany)

September, 2002

- 12-15 Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet, (Embassy Suites)

Patrol & Section News

MRM Ski Patrol - Congratulations to all the MRM Patrollers and the other Ohio Region Patrollers who received awards at the Ohio Spring Banquet. Special recognition goes to the MRM Ski Area Manager, Bruce Mowrey. Bruce was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for his generosity and service to the ski industry and ski patrol. Our own Cathleen Phipps also received the Distinguished Server Award for her tireless efforts benefiting our patrol and the Ohio Region. She also received the Super Angel Award.



Our OEC class started earlier than normal this year highlighting a new class schedule and a new class setting! On March 15th, 7 new candidates dived into the OEC course to prepare for the 2001/2002 ski season. Thanks to the generosity of the Bellefontaine JVS, we have access to their health care classroom facilities and equipment.

The MRM annual Mad Mad Scramble is scheduled for Saturday, August 4th. If you would like to join us for a great day of golf and fun, please contact John Norris at 614-272-8800 before July 15th.

The MRM OEC and On-the-hill Refresher is scheduled for October 7th, 7:30am, at the MRM Ski Resort. Visiting patrollers that plan on attending should contact Jim Vickroy.

Chris Raudabaugh,

Mad River Mountain PR



Perfect North Slopes - enjoyed a record season this year. Great snow, the earliest opening ever, November 30, and 101 straight days of skiing. The area did well also, as the longest season ever was out done by a record number of skier visits. PNS ski area opened the season with the annual Ski Swap and ended the season with the annual spring Carnival, both Patrol hosted.

This season PNS Patrol graduated a record number of promotions, a new Certified Patroller (congratulations Bob Rosselot), 3 new Seniors, 20 new Basics, 13 new PSIA Level 1 Instructors, and 6 new Instructor Trainers.

The Ski Training really picked up the tempo this year and the PNS S&T trainers set the pace. Most trainers joined the PSIA-C Ski School, worked to improve their teaching skills, and 13 became PSIA certified. Our self-paced Basic program graduated a record number of Basics this year and we hope to use our new ski training skills to improve our Senior program for next season. Our new ski trainer enhancement program kept our trainers extra busy since they already offered training every weekday evening as well as Saturday and Sunday morning. As busy as we all were, four PNS Patrollers took time to attend the World Cup Races in Utah this year in training for the 2002 Olympics volunteer patrol and many PNS patrollers helped teach our eight PNS Junior Patrol educational clinics.

The PNS Patrol celebrated this record season with a Banquet at the area on April 21. The "off" season will be highlighted with many PNS patrollers hosting the hospitality room in Indy for the National Meeting in June, a Red's baseball game and a golf outing. After a short break our new season begins with OEC classes August 7, for a class of about 20 candidates.

Frank Cleary

Perfect North Slopes PR

Boston Mills/Brandywine - This season's stats look great. Two hundred forty patrollers registered with BM/BW Ski Patrol served nearly 24,000 duty hours during the 2000-2001 season. This season all 14 OEC Candidates completed the course. We have 13 new basic patrollers (some were K1s last season) with only two K1s to test next season. Jay Zedak passed his certified clinic so that we now have three certified patrollers. There are a dozen dual ski/snowboard patrollers, some have passed the senior snowboard clinic. We had four patrollers complete their Senior requirements. Two from this area patrolled at the World Cup events in Utah this season.

Our OEC class for the 27 new candidates started on March 28th. We held two OEC refreshers last fall and for fun we do chair lift evacuation practices in the dark!

Besides routine hill duties we provided extra coverage for the Brandywine "Big Air Competition". Some Brandywine early birds provided first aid coverage for a TV 5 snowboard lesson held at 5:30 AM. The Ski Swap and Open House was a success again. The Special Olympics program involved 20 patrollers during the 3 day event not only providing first aid coverage, but setting the course, plowing the gates and overseeing course safety. This was our 4th year and no contestant was permitted on the course until the patrol gave the safety OK. The patrol also supported out of season event, Thomas Tank Engine, an Art Fest, 2 concerts in the National Park, 4 pancake breakfasts, and Skiing and Tubing for MCI. Our Patrol Representative was featured in a Dec 20, 2000 *Plain Dealer* issue.

The Jackson Hole Ski and Snowboard Demo Team was bigger and better this year. In this event, shared with the ski school, the team spent 4 days at Boston Mills/Brandywine and a day at Holiday Valley. Participants skied, snow boarded and ran the toboggans. Holiday Valley patrollers joined in the fun when we were in New York. We definitely plan to invite the Demo team back for the 2001-2002 season.

Rumor has it that the season was really good and we could use another one next year just like it!

Freddie Shima

Boston Mills/Brandywine PR



Cuyahoga Nordics - No lift lines! Only eight incidents (1 was severe) and 220 duty hours for the entire season. Patrollers are on call on weekends and when there is natural snow serve 5 hour shifts. Patrol T-shirts and caps. The Cuyahoga Nordics are recruiting members and have a new patrol information tri-fold brochure.

Contact me!

Daryl Knauss

Cuyahoga Nordics PR

A heartfelt thanks from me and my family for the sympathy cards, the e-mails and the two containers of flowers from the Monday night crew, and from other ski patrol friends, for my mother who passed away the evening of May 5. So many of you knew of my mother and asked about her, so often this last year. Thank you for your caring.

Doris Noe

Snow Trails PR

Section O3 - We would like to thank everyone again for attending the Spring Meeting and Awards banquet at NuHop. I think everyone left with some very nice awards and certainly a full stomach. Thanks again to the banquet committee and Jerry Dunlop's crew (let us know if it is a boy or girl) for providing the facility and doing a GREAT job.



Once the schedule has been put together for the CPR classes there will be a mailing or we will be contacting your Patrol Representative.

Thanks to the Snow Trails patrollers who helped with the Rehab Chili Cookoff on May 19. And a reminder, your help is needed August 4 at the Med Central Hospital picnic.

Richard E. James

Section Chief - 03

Alpine Valley Ski Patrol - The 2000/2001 season is now history, but what a season it was! The Alpine Valley Ski Area had the earliest opening I can remember, ever. And with somewhere around 87 ski days the action didn't let up until early March. By mid December just about all the trails had a good base and snowmaking continued to improve conditions through



out the season. When I went out to the area on Saturday April 1, Main Street still had some snow cover. It sure was tempting to get just one more run in.

This past season brought improvements in snowmaking and grooming. Some new waterlines were installed and two new snow cats made short work of keeping the trails in top condition. A new trail cut near the top of Alpine Twist to Exhibition further expanding skiable terrain. Next season snowmaking again will be improved with new high-pressure pumps and several pole mounted snow guns. The food service and banquet facilities were also sharpened up a bit with re-modeled counters and an improved layout of the kitchen area.

Our ski patrol at Alpine Valley is also on the move. During this past season 15 new candidates came on board bringing the total number of registered patrollers and candidates to 75. This is the largest OEC class ever at Alpine Valley. The next largest class was in 1991 with 13 candidates. Next season our patrol will find itself in the strongest position it has been in recent years. With the prospect of having several more candidates for next season we could see our number grow and stabilize in the 75 to 80 member range. All in all we have a great bunch of patrollers at Alpine Valley, and things seem to be getting better each year.

This summer at alpine Valley:

- OEC course was wrapped up on June 2.
- June 9 Annual NSP (Alpine Valley) Golf Outing
- July 8 Mountain Bike Race **Double Points**
- Aug 5 Mountain Bike Race and Dual Slalom
- Sep 9 Mountain Bike race **Final Points**
- Oct 7 Fall OEC and OTH Refresher

Kurt Tenerove -

Alpine Valley P R

Cleveland Ski Club - This was great a 60day season at Big Creek Ski Area. We sold lift tickets to the public on weekends and 55 new families joined the club. We have a new capital improvements plan. Ohio Nordics want to do some training at our family friendly area.

Charles Seaman

Cleveland Ski Club PR

Ohio Nordic Ski Patrol - This year we had 3 primary and 3 secondary patrollers. There were no new candidates once again. My top priority for next season is to change that. We patrolled at Chapin Forest, Holden Arboretum, and also helped at the mountain bike races at Alpine Valley. Our members put in approximately 100 hours of service. We had weekly ski practice on Wednesday evenings at Alpine Valley as we have done for the past several seasons. Two patrollers also helped with ski classes at the "Winter at Holden" weekend event. Here's hoping we have a ton of snow again next year!

Steve Barbour

Ohio Nordic Ski Patrol PR

ELECTIONS REPORT

Larry Vasel was elected as 0-2 Section Chief for a fourth two-year term. Congratulations, Larry!

Next season the Section Chief of O-3 will be elected.

Nancy Kohrieser

Region Elections Officer

Region Personnel Changes

Carol Cobb is retiring as Ohio Memorial advisor. Carol has served in this position since 1995. Nomination of a new advisor for this position will depend on the Ohio-Greene memorial future program recommendation by a special committee appointed by the RD. The recommendation is due at the Region Fall 2001 meeting.

Mark Reisdorf was elected Patrol Representative for Clear Fork Ski Patrol replacing George Scheff who has served as a PR since 1999.



PROFICIENCY



NSP-C PSIA Ohio Region Ski School

This was the first operational season for the Central Division NSP-C PSIA Ski School. I am proud to say that in the Ohio Region it has been an astounding success. We have a total of 49 members with 22 members PSIA certified at level I, 3 members at level II and 2 members at level III (full certification). That's an amazing start.

In support of Ohio Region patrollers we provided two clinics, north and south, lead by PSIA education/certification staff. Fifty-two attended. We also provided numerous unscheduled level one examinations in addition to the scheduled events. On February 25th Jay Zedak, co-director of the ski school, organized a cafeteria style clinic at Mad River Mt. It was a resounding success and we plan to incorporate this style of delivery in addition to the other clinics.

The Ohio Region NSP-C ski school has a website at nspc.webohio.net with five pages; home page (calendar), member news, scrapbook, links and the roster. In the future we plan to have a section for commonly requested forms for downloading. Come visit the site.

A 62+ page Ski School Handbook based on PSIA data was compiled. The handbook includes sample progressions, commonly used exercises and a technical glossary. It was adopted by the Central Division. We developed a ski school patch emblem that was adopted by NSP. (See bottom of page 4.)

The NSP-C ski school has been a major effort for the instructors with many training clinics in and outside of the region. PSIA membership and certification costs exceeded \$211 each. Some patrols have reimbursed their active training staffs costs by up to 50%, others are giving trainers hill duty credit for conducting training sessions.

One of the best things about belonging to this ski school is the camaraderie and the learning opportunities it presents. The next best thing is the apparel line brought to you by Jay Zedak. I'm not kidding we have some way cool stuff. You'll see us modeling it.

Next season we have plans to carry the training to more areas, Clear Fork, Spicy, Alpine Valley and Mad River. We will work for more level II and III instructor certifications and developing our own internal education staff to provide training at your local area tailored to your specific needs.

Come and join us!

Dale R. Mihuta drmihuta@concentric.net Ski School Director
Jay Zedak bbuster@concentric.net Assistant Director



Snowboard - Snowboarding continues to grow across the nation, in Ohio and in the region's ski patrols. This season Janet Glaeser and Chris Raudabaugh qualified as snowboard seniors (how about new tricks for veteran patrollers!)

Several professional snowboard instructors conducted an exciting clinic at BM/BW starting with basic snowboard techniques and continuing into advanced techniques. The Demo team from Jackson Hole scheduled by Tom Boor, included an excellent board instructor, Mikey. He was so popular that the boarders followed the demo team to Holiday Valley for another day of instruction.

Snowboarding cont. - I held several unscheduled snowboard clinics at Clear Fork this season. Next season two clinics are tentatively scheduled in January at Snow Trails and Mad River Mountain. (See calendar). Join us!

Frank Ujarvi

Ohio Region SnowBoard Advisor

Senior Snowboard, Ski & Toboggan Clinic



The torrential rain that poured on Perfect North Slopes the night before the 2001 Senior Clinic didn't deter the dedicated Ohio Region patrollers from travelling from all corners of the region to participate in this year's Senior Snowboard, Ski & Toboggan clinic. A group of 75 patrollers from every alpine patrol in the region gathered at PNS on February 10 & 11 to help 27 candidates complete the Ski/Toboggan portion of the Senior program. Fortunately, the skies cleared and we had dry conditions for both days of the clinic.

We were also joined by two candidates and two evaluators from Paoli Peaks in the Southern Region. This inter-regional participation is a great opportunity to bring training ideas and new perspective into the Region, as well as get to know a few of our Southern neighbors.

Please extend your congratulations to these Senior candidates who passed one or both events (ski/snowboard and toboggan) at this year's clinic.

BM/BW - Sue Adgate, Janet Glaeser (Snowboard),
 Dan Conway, Eric Emch, Karen Hooper, Rod Loy
 Clear Fork - Don Noble
 MRM - Monty Doseck, Chris Raudabaugh (Snowboard),
 Jon Selig
 PNS - Susan Allen, Barry Applegate, Phil Japikse, Matt
 Knoll, Gary North

We also had overwhelming interest from Ski & Toboggan trainers throughout the region to become Senior Certified Evaluators. Under a new mentoring program introduced this year, some of the region's most experienced trainers helped the following evaluator-candidates successfully complete the observing/scoring requirement for Senior evaluator certification.

BM/BW - Sharon Borrer, Jim Burns, Bob Hooper
 CSC - Tod Chapin
 MRM - John Holt, Kent Oliver,
 PNS - Bev Benzing, Rick King, John McGoff

Many thanks to Frank Cleary, PNS Patrol Rep, the Perfect family and staff for hosting the Senior clinic (including the snowboarders). They graciously provided ample meeting space, food and logistical support which helped make the clinic a great success.

The Senior program is a great opportunity for Basic patrollers throughout the Region to improve their patrolling skills. As our season draws to a close, now is the time to commit to Senior for next year. If you have been thinking about the getting involved in the Senior program, give your name to your Patrol Rep or Senior coordinator. You'll get off to an early start and will be well prepared for the clinics in 2002!

Greg Schmidt

Region Senior Clinic Advisor

Proficiency cont.**Alpine Toboggan Instructor Training and Standardization**

For Alpine toboggan instructors 2000/2001 season preparations started early, in June 2000 at the Instructor Trainer Workshop in the Chicago area. To be ready for the February Senior SS&T clinic, 22 region toboggan trainers attended the December 3 day, Boyne Highlands Central Division Clinic and 30 participated in two big January Ohio Region Evaluator Clinics at

PNS and BM. The region had 27 Alpine ITs as of December 2000. Brent Bowman from Snow Trails became the Assistant Advisor for Toboggan Training and Standardization.

This summer editing and production will be completed on a new region Senior Toboggan Handling Skills video. Filming was completed last season. We want it ready for next season.

Layton Ives Toboggan Training and Standardization Advisor



Certified Patroller - In the last *DOWNHILL* issue we reported that Jay Zedak of BM/BW and Bob Rosselot of PNS completed their Certified Patroller requirements. Both were recognized at the Region Awards banquet. Jay distinguished himself this year as assistant director of the NSP-C/PSIA ski school. Bob Rosselot has taken over as Region Certified Advisor, replacing the Tom Worley who

served in this position for 9 seasons.

Bob described the 9 part Certified test including skiing, toboggan handling, OEC, avalanche, low angle rescue (like MTR), and area management. (You can read more in Chapter 12 of the *Ski Patroller's Manual*). Bob's most vivid memory of the Certified exam was the great camaraderie among the candidates.

Jim Woodrum is encouraging more Ohio Region Patrollers to accept the Certified challenge. He requested that every Patrol Representative develop a list of 1 to 3 patrollers who consider the Certified Program. In 2003 the Certified test will be at PNS. What an opportunity for Ohio Region Patrollers! Preparations should start during the 2001/2002 season.

Bob Rosselot Region Certified Program Advisor

**OEC Annual Report**

OEC quality management was a major part of the region OEC program this year. The season started with a May 2000 Region OEC Instructor's clinic. We had OEC ITs monitoring sessions in all out OEC courses and visiting ITs attend all the OEC refreshers. Three new OEC ITs were added in section 0-1 (Alida Moonen from Spicy and Rose DeJarnette and Rick King from PNS).

OEC Report cont. - Twelve patrollers from Spicy Run, BM/BW and PNS, completed OEC Phase II classes giving us the expectation of more new OEC Instructors.

I received OEC Course Completion Record copies from Boston Mills/Brandywine, Snow Trails, Mad River and PNS indicating that 58 candidates passed. (Reminder, I need to receive a copy of all OEC and OEC Phase II Course Completion Records next season.)

Two senior OEC clinics were conducted (see *DOWNHILL* v28.3). Seven candidates completed the southern clinic and 6 completed the northern clinic.

OEC classes and refresher planning for the 2001/2002 season have already started. Next season the region OEC program will see refinements rather than any major changes.

Ed Humphrey

Region OEC Program Administrator



Senior Program Administration- Jim Vickroy, Senior Program Administrator, recommended some changes to the Region Senior Program Administration. By using the NSP patroller record database we can avoid record duplication, reduce some problems in maintaining the region database and to reduce the candidate's paper work. Changes for next season:

1. Remove the 3 year limit for the Region Senior candidate records. Senior candidate files will remain in the region records indefinitely.
2. Include only Region Senior OEC and S&T clinic information in the region senior database. Drop all senior elective data since NSP course completion information is now available in the NSP patroller database.
3. Send all clinic application fees to the clinic advisor. The Senior Program Advisor will handle no money.
4. Senior candidates are responsible for maintaining their own senior activity record. Patrol Representatives sign this record to certify that all senior program requirements have been completed.
5. Change the name of the Senior Program Administrator to Senior Program Advisor.

These changes follow NSP policy and reduce record duplication.

REGION AUXILIARY PROGRAM - Eleven patrollers completed a Patroller Enrichment Seminar conducted in October 2000 at Mad River Mountain. A big thank you to Mad River, Chris and Cheryl Raudabaugh, for supporting the seminar and Max Davis for instructing.

After reviewing the videotape of the seminar, Ginny Illlich, Central Division Advisor for Leadership Development certified Max Davis and I as PES Instructor Trainers. If you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a PES instructor, please let me know.

Ginny Illlich is part of a National Task Force re-examining the requirements for Senior Auxiliary status. PES is a current requirement for Senior Auxiliary. Until the task force's recommendations are made, there will be no new NSP resources for PES course updates. The program may be modified or eventually replaced. The core topics in PES will be preserved no matter how the course is modified. NSP is also developing new Leadership Development modules. These could be self study lessons.

I would be interested in your ideas and reactions. (see organization chart for phone, USPS and email address)

Phyllis Mauntel

Region Auxiliary Advisor



Avalanche - Basic Avalanche is now called Avalanche Level I, Advanced Avalanche is now Level II. The new names align NSP training nomenclature with standard international training designations. This season 20 Ohio Region Patrollers completed Level I Avalanche I courses given at Boston Mills and Perfect North Slopes. We are grateful for the

hospitality shown by both ski areas and also for the instructors, Rod Childs, Rae Gommel, Max Davis and Rick King for doing a GREAT JOB.

To bring Level I to more patrollers and to minimize travel, we will conduct 3 Level I courses next season.

Boston Mills	March 3, 2002
Perfect North Slopes	March 24, 2002
Snow Trails	April 7, 2002

We encourage non-patrollers to take the course, if you ski/snowboard with friends bring them along.

The cost of the course will be \$25 for patrollers and \$35 for persons not registered with NSP.

I have been invited to instruct at the Central Division Level II Avalanche course next season. Anyone interested in taking that course should contact me.

Dale Grugle

Region Avalanche Advisor

Spring Meeting Highlights cont.

Cheryl Raudabaugh, Region Treasurer reported that the region is financially sound with about \$30,000 in savings and checking accounts. Region annual income exceeds \$11000, over half derived from the \$8 annual member fee. A \$3000 deficit is projected for the current season due to extraordinary startup costs for the Ski School and for some other programs. The Board decided to cover the current deficit by using about 10% of the region reserve fund. Those operating major cost programs such as DOWNHILL and training were asked to consider cost reducing options. Pending review of the proposed 2001/2002 season budget and the current year deficit, the Board tabled any consideration of a member dues increase for the next season until the fall meeting. A final annual summary financial report is due in the next DOWNHILL issue.

Jim Woodrum, RD, listed some important region accomplishments of the past season:

1. Developed a Region NSP-C Ski School with 49 members
2. Over 30 NSP-C instructors certified at a PSIA 1, 2 or 3 level.
3. All patrols have activated the National Database to update patroller information
4. Certified Patroller requirements completed by 2 patrollers
5. Senior requirements completed by 12 patrollers
6. Twelve ITs attended Summer IT conference in Chicago (also a major NSP-C planning session)
7. 21 SS&T Trainers attended Boyne Highlands Division Clinic
8. 80 patrollers, evaluators and observers participated in Senior SS&T clinic
9. 13 patrollers completed the senior OEC clinic
10. PSIA education Staff conducted 4, well attended, Skier Enhancement seminars across the region

11. NSP education courses: 33 in basic MTR class sessions and 32 attended MTR field session and 5 completed the MTR Phase II class, 32 patrollers completed Avalanche Level 1, 1 completed avalanche level 2, 11 completed PES. There were many Phase 1 courses, Global Management Phase II courses, OEC and SS&T phase II courses.

12. The region's first 2 Patroller Enrichment Seminar ITs were certified. Now we can train our own PES instructors.

Region Director's Goals for the 2001/2002 season:

1. Continue building training capabilities for alpine SS&T, OEC, MTR, Avalanche and PES.
2. Qualify all region program advisors as ITs. (Requires MTR and Avalanche advisor IT appointments.)
3. Establish and start attaining PSIA level 2 or 3 as a certification standard for all region senior evaluators
4. Make a substantial start in electronic distribution of *DOWNHILL* to members
5. Ohio Region Nordics participation in Burkie Patrol
6. Start new Nordic Patrol at Malabar Farm

General Goals

1. Host the Hospitality Suite at the June 2001 National Meeting in Indianapolis
2. Host the 2002 Fall Central Division Meeting in Columbus
3. RD will participate in all Division meetings when expected.

Rae Gommel, Awards Advisor, thanked those patrols submitting award nominations. He regretted that some awards were unclaimed and that most of the nominations were submitted by only three patrols. In an effort to improve the representation, Rae will conduct a patrol award program class at the Region 2001 Fall meeting. PRs and patrol Award Advisors will learn how set up a winning award program starting with a patroller record update at the refresher, building an awards committee and preparing the final nomination.

Richard Nau, NSP Appointments Review Board Chair, noted that relatively few appointment nominations for Nordic Patrollers and Patrollers in sections 02 and 04 (NE Ohio) have been received. He called attention to the appropriate use of a Distinguished Service Award at the completion of a long and extraordinary NSP career. Appointment nominators were reminded to use the latest forms and carefully read the instructions.

After preparations were made by the Snow Trails Ski Area and Patrol, the March 11 Ohio Greene Memorial event was cancelled because of inadequate registrations. Jim Woodrum appointed Rae Gommel, Larry Vasel and Max Davis as a committee to report its recommendations to the 2001 Fall meeting about alternatives for preserving a Greene Memorial as an event, award or another form. Region members can contact a committee member or send *DOWNHILL* their ideas.

The meeting ran past the planned adjournment time. Several proposed changes to the Region Operating Policies were tabled until the Fall meeting. Following National and Central Division practices, the Board decided that the Ohio Region Policies will be published only on the region web site. By eliminating paper copy distribution the region will save at least \$5.00 printing costs per copy plus distribution costs.

Five Awarded National Appointments

NSP APPOINTMENTS

NSP Appointments nominees must be active patrollers with at least 8 years service including being a senior for at least one year. The nominee must have demonstrated leadership benefiting the NSP with service in at least one of the following categories; (1) beyond the patrol level, (2) 2 or more seasons service as a certified instructor, (3) exceptional service as a NSP patrol representative. NSP appointments include Leadership Commendation and National Appointments. A member cannot receive both.

Edward D. Allshouse # 9428 Spicy Run Ski Patrol

Ed Allshouse has served on 4 ski patrols. He started in 1981 at Chestnut Mountain in Illinois then patrolled at Echo Hills in Ohio where he served as Patrol director during its last 1984-85 season. He patrolled at Clear Fork until asked to form a new patrol for a new area called Spicy Run Mountain in southeastern Ohio. In 1993 when the patrol registered with 2 members, Ed and Leo Pruitt, the area was mostly a dream. Next season when Ed started recruiting they started with an abandoned old farmhouse for the patrol aid room. It needed electricity, water and heat. With a lot of patroller work the house was made usable in 1995. The area was projected to open during the next season in December 1995. Fourteen candidates completed OEC classes, became Auxiliary patrollers, and were ready for on-snow training. Spicy Run did not open that season. The candidates trained at areas within a 100-mile radius. About half the new members also completed basis avalanche, Phase I and OEC Phase II training that year. Spicy Run opened in mid-January 1997. The patrol became a reality and prospered. During the 98-99 season Spicy Run was the Central Division Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol. The area was still a struggling business and it appeared it would not re-open in 2000. Ed prepared to preserve the patrol's assets and made arrangements for the patrollers to attend refreshers and ski at other areas during the next season. In August a new buyer appeared and Ed rallied the members to re-schedule and accelerate preparations for the coming season. The 2000-2001 season just completed Ed is preparing again for another season at Spicy Run. His Patrol Representative record has been very successful under exceptional circumstances.

Mary Green #9432 - Perfect North Slopes Ski Patrol

In 1986, Mary followed the example set by both her parents and became a NSP member at the Cleveland Ski Club, a very family oriented area. Eight years later she began a 4 season term as CSC Patrol Director. Before that she had completed Phase I and Basic Avalanche and become a Senior (92). Mary has been very active in the Cleveland Ski Fair, organized a group ski helmet purchase, co-hosted the

Central Division Meeting when it was in Cleveland in 1996, directed a "Kids on Skis" CSC safety program, was selected "Outstanding CSC Member" in 1998, was the Region Treasurer from 1992-99, and has been a Special Assistant to the Division Treasurer since 1994. Mary, her husband and their three daughters moved to southwestern Ohio in 2000 and she is currently on the Perfect North Slopes Ski Patrol roster.

Dale Grugle #9436 - Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Patrol

Dale joined the NSP and Brandywine Ski Patrol in 1990, completed Phase I that year and became a WEC instructor. In 1991 he was appointed Assistant Patrol Director of Brandywine. After the merger with Boston Mills he served as Brandywine area director until 1993. He took WEC Phase II in 1992 when it became available. In 1993 he became a Senior and a Senior WEC Evaluator. In 1997 he became an OEC IT and has taught Phase I and OEC Phase II regularly since. Since 1994 Dale has been involved in ski and toboggan training. That same year he started snowboarding and within 2 seasons had passed his basic snowboard and toboggan test. By then he was training other patrollers in the art. He became a senior snowboarder in 1999 and in 2000 was certified as a senior evaluator and toboggan IT. In 1999 the region was looking for an Avalanche Advisor. Dale had demonstrated the leadership, instructor and administrative skills but he had to take basic Avalanche. Because of his Phase II background he was designated an Avalanche Instructor and he started teaching courses. This season he took the Central Division Advanced Avalanche course held in Utah and he is working to become an avalanche IT. In his spare time he is registered with an Eastern Division patrol where he is as liked and respected as he is at his home area.

Layton Ives #9434 - Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Patrol

Layton Ives joined the patrol in 1989 and soon was involved in the ski and toboggan training program. In 1991 he became a senior. He took Phase I in 1992, became an instructor/evaluator and took Phase II when it became available in 1994. His instructional skills were outstanding and he was immediately designated an IT, a job he has held since. As an IT he conducts at least one annual Phase II course, mentors instructor candidates through their certification and spends countless hours in basic and senior Ski & Toboggan Evaluation clinics. Layton works tirelessly to perfect his own skills by participating in clinics at the patrol, region, division and national levels. He has attended every Powderfall since the second one offered. When not offered in 2000, he organized a trip for 40 patrollers to ski in the French Alps. When the concept of a NSP Ski School was first mentioned, Layton became

involved in the BM/BW Ski School and passed the PSIA Level I and Level II clinics there. He teaches and clinics regularly as a Ski School instructor. Layton became involved in Ohio Region activities including many Ohio Memorial competitions and as Assistant Administrator for Ski and Toboggan Instructor Development. He became the Region Administrator (Advisor) in 2000 responsible for coordinating the region participation in Division clinics and conducting clinics at region, section and local levels. On the local patrol level, his organization and operation of the ski swap, held in conjunction with the ski area open house, are held in awe. The profits from the ski swap help underwrite patroller participation in region and division clinics.

Greg Schmidt # 9430 - Perfect North Slopes Ski Patrol

Greg joined the NSP at PNS in 1984. He completed Basic Avalanche in 1988 and Mountaineering in 1991 and became a senior in 1991. In 1993 he completed Phase I and in 1994 OEC Phase II. He has held several patrol level positions, scheduling advisor, crew chief, and since 1990 Assistant Patrol Director for Proficiency. As APD he became very involved in ski and toboggan training at the patrol level. He worked closely with the area PSIA ski school and made ski instruction available to candidates and other patrollers. He restructured the local basic and senior level training and encouraged certified patroller ski training. He brought Division Level PSIA instructors in for very popular Ski Enhancement Seminars. In 1990 he won the local outstanding patroller award and in 1997 the Region S&T Trainer Award. That year he organized a Region level Ski Enhancement Seminar, which was repeated in 1998. For two seasons he was Region Assistant S&T Proficiency Advisor and 2000-2001 became the Region Senior S&T Clinic Advisor. During these last years NSP skiing instruction has been rapidly changing. Greg has been the right person for the times. He is a good listener, very perceptive and an innovator. His analysis of senior candidate's needs became the basis for effectively planning the senior clinics. His efforts have benefited the NSP at the local patrol and region level.



Ohio Region Patrollers win Awards

OUTSTANDING AWARDS

These winning nominations are forwarded to compete for Division Outstanding Awards.

Outstanding Patroller

Rick King - Perfect North Slopes Rick King's reputation for contagious enthusiasm, high energy level, commitment and dependability is based on his service. He is Region MTR Advisor, an Assistant Patrol Director, and a NSP instructor for OEC, alpine toboggan, and the Ski Enhancement Seminar. In prior seasons he was named PNS outstanding patroller and Region OEC Trainer of the year.

Outstanding Student Patroller

Steve Hater - from Perfect North Slopes While a high school student, Steve has been very active on the patrol with over 200 hill duty hours this season as well as participating in the Ski Swap and the Area Carnival. He is an outstanding caregiver and he completed his OEC Instructor requirements this season. While a Scout he earned the skiing merit badge. Now he teaches other scouts those skills.

Outstanding Administrative Patroller

Dale Mihuta #8134 - from Perfect North Slopes This award is based on Dale's demonstrated administrative skills as Ski School Director in establishing the NSP-C/PSIA Ski School this season in the Ohio region. Under the policies set by the Central Division and PSIA, he worked closely with other instructors in the Ohio Region to plan the program, write the manual, and recruit and train the 27 PSIA certified ski school instructors. The methods, manual and the ski school logo have been adopted by the Central Division. Dale is a Certified patroller #424, a PSIA Level III instructor, has 30 years service as an instructor, and was selected National Outstanding Instructor in 1997.

Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller

Terri Alig - from Perfect North Slopes Every ski patrol needs (but often lacks) a Terri Alig. She is the newsletter editor and knows everyone on the patrol and is there for all the events. As an OEC instructor she meets all the candidates, gets them set up for candidate parkas, provides the meals for exam days. She handles the bio-hazard cleanup, developed the body fluid snow cleanup kit and retrieves equipment from the hospitals. The list goes on and on. And it is all done with a smile.

Outstanding Patrol Representative

Frank Cleary #8966 - From Perfect North Slopes Three times Patrol Representative for an Outstanding Ski Patrol, National Runner-up Outstanding Alpine Patroller (97), Region Outstanding Patrol Director in 1999, holder of three NSP Silver Merit stars, Frank

Cleary's leadership qualities are well known in his patrol and the region. He is a great advisor and counselor for all patrol members, and an instructor for OEC, the NSP-C ski school and NSP Toboggan, and basic MTR. He sets the example by taking every available NSP course and enhancement seminar. He works closely with area management to cut costs and to improve skier safety. Cleary was recently re-elected to another term as PR.

Outstanding Ski Patrol

Perfect North Slopes Ski Patrol The strength of this large, 150 member, patrol is based a close working relationship with area management, an adequate annual fund raiser, and a very strong emphasis on training. Over the years this policy has developed a strong leadership and trainer cadre. Ten of the Region's officers/advisors are from PNS. Collectively PNS instructors have been awarded 380 years of instructor service pins and there are 17 ITs on the patrol this season. Under the leadership of an Outstanding Patrol Representative, PNS SP is a high performance emergency care team.

Ohio Region Awards - Spring 2001

Bravo Award - Patroller with the most on-hill hours during the current season in Ohio Region

Kim Garrett, Perfect North Slopes 443 hours

Walley James Award - For outstanding administrative service as a region line officer

Larry Vasel -from BostonMills/Brandywine. Section Chief of O-2 since 1994. Served as Patrol Director, Patrol Board of Directors, OEC Instructor. Recently named outstanding volunteer for his summer Trailblazer bike/hike safety patrol for National Park Service.

Region Ski and Toboggan Trainer Award- Outstanding service in region as S&T Trainer

Jay Zedak Cert # 572 - from Boston Mills/Brandywine - This season was Assistant Director of the NSP-C Ski School. Actively recruited Ski School Staff, helped present skiing clinics across region, in addition to serving 200 duty hours and other patrol activities plus completing the PSIA certification exams and becoming a Certified

Region OEC Trainer Award - Outstanding service this season as an OEC trainer

Paul DeFranco from Boston Mills/Brandywine - was Instructor of Record for the Region's largest OEC refresher (held in two sessions). It was an outstanding refresher.

Region Director's Awards

Dale Mihuta - Director of Region NSP-C/PSIA Ski School - from PNS

Jay Zedak - Assistant Director of Region NSP-C/PSIA Ski School - from BM/BW

Dale and Jay started the NSP-C/PSIA ski school in the Ohio Region this season and had it operating for the benefits of patrollers throughout the region. They put the Ohio Region ahead of every other region in the Central Division and Central Division is leading the nation. Most important, they recruited and inspired a strong cadre of instructors to become PSIA certified. At the end of the first season the school has 22 PSIA level I, 3 level II, and 2 level III instructors. Their goal is for most instructors is level II and III PSIA certification. At these levels all region patrollers will have extraordinary ski education opportunities. These awards mark an important achievement for the Ohio region.

Angel Pin

Mary Childers Mary is a loving mother and wife of David Childers. David patrols at Boston Mills and is the patrol's maintenance guru. Mary not only tolerates her husbands extra duties, she is there helping him. And she also supports the patrol's Ski Swap and Open House and the summer Art Fest. Mary received a well deserved award and David now has an officially designated "angel" as his assistant.

Super Angel Award

Cathleen Phipps from Mad River Mountain. The Super Angle Award is for angels who received their pin sometime in the past. This is Cathleen's second Super Angel. As Don Phipps' wife there was more than enough justification for this award while he was PR at MRM. Don "retired" but both Cathleen and Don continue to be active at MRM and in the region. They are the co-chairs of the region committee for hosting 2002 Central Division Fall Meeting at Dublin Ohio.

NSP Merit Stars

Mad River Mountain

Purple Merit Star Cheryl Raudabaugh

Blue Merit Star Chris Raudabaugh

On July 21, 2000 a patient accidentally severed an artery with a power saw. While controlling the hemorrhage by applying pressure at the brachial pressure point, the patient was transported to the local hospital. Later the patient was life flight lifted to another hospital for emergency surgery. The Purple Merit Star is awarded to the individual patroller primarily responsible for saving a human life regardless of the location. The Blue Merit Star is award for outstanding support roles associated with the Purple Merit Star.

Merit Stars cont.

Perfect North Slopes

Blue Merit Star	Krill Senoff
Yellow Merit Star	Bob Rosselot
Yellow Merit Star	Scott Hayes
Yellow Merit Star	Dan Dickman
Yellow Merit Star	Mike O'Hara
Yellow Merit Star	Bob Braun

A 14 year old skier was found off the trail, head down in a 30 foot ravine. Aware of the possibility of neck and back injuries, a team of patrollers applied OEC principles to immobilize the patient and performed a safe, expedient extrication from the soggy ravine. Subsequent medical diagnosis revealed compression fractures at T6 through T10. The Blue Merit Star is awarded for an outstanding use of ski patrol training in an attempt to save a life where the efforts do not meet the Purple Merit Star criteria. Yellow Merit Stars are presented for outstanding service in support roles associated with a Purple, Blue or Green Merit Star.

Boston Mills

Purple Merit Star	Thomas Borrer
Blue Merit Star	Mike Bell

On an overcast, below freezing day on advanced terrain a male skier was found inverted in a tower snow pit. The patient's open chest wound and head wounds were apparent. Tom stabilized the patient and directed other patrollers in the application of a C collar and backboard. A rapid assessment and immediate transportation followed. Medical diagnosis indicated that the patient suffered a flail chest, pulmonary contusion, multiple rib fractures and was deemed to suffer major trauma. The Purple Merit Star is awarded to the individual patroller primarily responsible for saving a human life. The Blue Merit Star is awarded for outstanding support roles associated with the Purple Merit Star.

Patroller's Cross

Richard Weber from Boston Mills/Brandywine

This relatively new NSP award is given to patrollers seriously injured in the line of duty or while in NSP training. Richard was injured by an out of control skier while attending a training clinic. He was able to rehabilitate to finish the season and he earned his parka.

Meritorious Service Award

Max Davis #6259 from Perfect North Slopes

The Meritorious Service Award is a new award for active NSP members who have given outstanding service and leadership as a region or division staff member. It fits between a Yellow Merit Star and a Distinguished Service Award. Max is the DOWNHILL Advisor and project leader for the region bylaws and operating policies manual. In his 26 years with the NSP he has served in many capacities at patrol and region levels and received

Certificate of Appreciation

Awards made upon the completion of service

George Scheff - for service as Clear Fork Patrol Representative since 1999

Carol Cobb #8324 - for service as Region Ohio Memorial Advisor since 1994

Distinguished Service Awards

Distinguished Service Awards are for members who have performed extraordinary service to the NSP over a long period of time or for non-members for outstanding contributions to the organization. An individual may receive but one DSA.

Cathleen Phipps - Mad River Mountain. Cathleen has worked every fix up/clean up and every ski swap at Mad River since 1990. She has provided the administrative support to all the CPR classes at MRM since 1994. She edited the patrol newsletter from 1997 until the present. She organized and hosted the patrol banquets from 1998 to 2000 and organized and hosted the region banquet in 1998. She supported the Senior OEC clinic with moulages from 1997 to 1999. She has been a special advisor to her spouse Don Phipps, MRM patrol director from 1997 to 2000. She is currently the co-chair of the Region committee to host the 2002 Fall Division Meeting. Her dedication, willingness and cheerfulness make her a joy to work with and her demonstrated organizational abilities are exceptional.

Bruce Mowrey - Area Manager of Mad River Mountain. Bruce has been at MRM for 24 years, serving under 4 management companies. He has worked to keep MRM current and viable. He supported the Learn-to-Ski program that has introduced thousands of people to skiing and snowboarding. He tries to provide a variety of fun options for all groups including snow tubing, Midnight Madness and discount price plans. His efforts have improved snow making and grooming and made the area more attractive, safer and enjoyable. NSP Patrol Representatives appreciate that Bruce worked closely with them to improve communications, bring benefits and perks to patrollers, improve equipment and back fund raising projects. He supported snowboard patrolling. He has been an asset to the NSP, skiers and the area.

New Senior Alpine Patrollers

Boston Mills/Brandywine

Daniel Conway	Karen Hooper
Eric Emch	John Reidy
Janet Glaeser #7409 (Snowboard)	

Mad River Mountain

Kristie Jarrett
Chris Raudabaugh #8962 (Snowboard)

Perfect North Slopes

Susan Allen	Mark Koch
Beverly Benzing	Joe Jacob

New Certified Patrollers

Boston Mills/Brandywine	
Jay Zedak - Cert.# 572	
Perfect North Slopes	
Bob Rosselot - Cert. # 573	

35 Year Service Awards

Boston Mills/Brandywine	
David Bender #4131	John Zawada #4757
Susann Drbal	Gunter Sprockhoff #7580
Mad River Mountain	
Joseph Gilliland #7853	
Perfect North Slopes	
Dale Mihuta #8134	Ned E. Myers

30 Year Service Awards

Alpine Valley	
Hans Knudson	
Boston Mills/Brandywine	
John Krivan	
Clear Fork	
Ken Radke #6036	Jon Reber #5443
Mad River Mountain	
Cheryl Nicol	

25 Year Service Awards

Alpine Valley	
Tim Clapper	Frank Keehl
Boston Mills/Brandywine	
Bruce Pearson	Irmin von Zastrow

20 Year Service Awards

Alpine Valley	
Chris Clapper	Thomas Kroth
James Richardson	
Boston Mills/Brandywine	
Wayne Babolil	Eugene Farruggia
Gregory Galehouse	Elizabeth Hanna
Clinton Woodward	Carol Currier
Clear Fork	
Mark Albert	Jerry Dunlap
Jim Heichel #7587	John McNutt
Donald Roach	
Cuyahoga Nordics	
Daryl Knauss	
Mad River Mountain	
Tim Kuenning	Roger Patterson
Snow Trails	
Robert Struble	Daryl Ward
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Spicy Run	
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