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From the topby Jim Woodrum

Have you noticed the days are getting shorter, the morning dew is heavier, and the days and nights are beginning to get a little cooler? Did you also notice that if you haven't participated in a ski patrol event, your already missing the boat. The season is just around the corner!

There are three major actions to prepare for the coming season: 1) refresh our OEC and CPR skills, 2) get physically fit for the strenuous requirements of patrolling, and 3) getting ready for one of our great programs that are run through out the year. You need to be aware of a couple of changes this season: 1) only one Senior OEC clinic will be offered and, 2) Ski school clinics will be offered *all over the region* in preparation for Senior ST&S and Level I, II, III Certification tests.

This season the Region must reduce costs. On this point, read the item by Cheryl, our Region Treasurer, about our deficit for last year. At the Spring meeting our Region Board withdrew funds from Region Reserves to continue the programs last season without increasing dues. Please note that your small gesture of accepting this newsletter via Email and using the Region Web Site can add up to region costs reductions of nearly a \$1000 a season, and allow us to continue to build programs at the current dues level. Otherwise, current dues may have to be raised by up to \$4 per season.

I give special thanks, before the year starts, to all our instructors and trainers. These special patrollers go above and beyond to maintain the excellent programs offered you.

Also thanks to the program administrators for pulling all the NSP program materials together. If there were a NSP Outstanding Region Award, the Ohio Region would certainly be a consistent strong contender. Not for extreme terrain, area vertical, length of season, nor big areas, but because the Ohio Region Patrollers have established outstanding patroller records year after year. Look below at the Division and National Outstanding Awards Ohio Region Patrollers received last season. In the past 10 seasons patrols and patrollers from the Ohio Region received 18 Division or National level Outstanding Awards. I'm looking forward to another outstanding year in Ohio and I want to ski with anyone that cares to make some turns!

Jim



Region Patrollers Win Division and National Outstanding Awards

Three Ohio Region 2000-2001 Season Outstanding Award winners received higher level recognition. Terri Alig, PNS SP, was selected National Outstanding Auxiliary Runner-up for her record of service to skiers, patrollers and area management. The National Outstanding Patrol Representative (Patrol Director) award went to Frank Cleary, PNS PR. Dale Mihuta, Region Ski School Director, is the National Outstanding Administrator Award recipient. Dale played a key role in developing the NSP-C Ski School and the Ski School Manual. More information about these Outstanding Award winners can be found in the June 01 Issue of DOWNHILL (available on our region website).



Terri



Frank



Dale

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2001-2002 Ohio Region Calendar**September, 2001**

- 4 DOWNHILL V 29.1 mailed
- 14-16 Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet, Crystal MT, MI
- 15 Phase 1 - Snow Trails - 9 AM - Bill Harkins
- 22 Boston Mills OEC Refresher
- 29 OEC Phase 2 - Snow Trails - 9 AM - Bill Harkins
- 23 Ohio Region Fall Meeting, Officers, Advisors, PRs, Awards writing training Session - 9:30AM Key Bank, Bethel Rd, Columbus
- 30 Section O-3 OEC Instructor Refresher -Snow Trails - 6 PM- Bill Harkins harkinsws@aol.com

October, 2001

- 6 OEC Instructor Refresher - Spicy Run - 9 AM
- 7 OEC and OTH Refresher - Mad River Mountain - 7:30 AM - Troy Green
- 7 OEC and OTH Refresher - Brandywine
- 7 OEC and OTH Refresher - Section O-3 at Snow Trails 8 AM - Bill Harkins
- 7 OEC and OTH Refresher - Section O-4 - at Alpine Valley
- 12-14 Open House and Ski Swap - Boston Mills/ Brandywine
- 13 OEC Refresher - Spicy Run - 9 AM
- 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
- 17-18 Ski Swap and Open House - Spicy Run - 9-5
- 30 Dec 1-2 Central Division Testing and Training Clinic Boyne Mt MI - Layton Ives

December, 2001

- 1 Phase 1 - Spicy Run 9 AM
- 1 Basic Mountain Travel & Rescue - PNS - 7:30AM
- 1 Appointment and DSA nomination postmark deadline
- 3 DOWNHILL mailed
- 3-10-17 PSIA Level II Prep - PNS 8:30 PM - Dale Mihuta
- 8 Chair Evac Refresher - Spicy Run - 9 AM
- 8 Senior OEC Clinic - MRM - *only Sr OEC clinic this season*
- 15 Cafeteria-style S&T clinic - Mad River Mountain - 8:30 AM
- 15 Basic Mountain Travel & Rescue (North) 7:30AM
- 19 -Jan 2,9 PSIA Level II Prep - PNS 8:30 PM - J. Cole

January, 2002

- 2 Snowboard Clinic, (MRM)
- 5 S&T Instructor Refresher - Spicy Run 9 AM
- 5 PSIA E-Staff Level II Prep - Central Division BM/BW - 8:30 AM
- 5-6 Region Testing and Training Clinic -North -BM/BW
- 12 Ski Along - Spicy Run
- 12 PSIA E-Staff Level II Prep - Central Division - PNS - 8:30 PM
- 12-13 Basic MTR Field Session - Ceasar's Creek St. Pk.
- 12-13 Region Testing & Training Clinic -South -PNS
- 18-20 Adv. MTR- Spicy Run (pending)
- 19 Snowboard Clinic -Snow Trails
- 19 Ohio Ski School Staff Level II - Spicy Run 8:30AM
- 26 Cafeteria-style Clinic -Clear Fork - 8:30AM
- 26 Snowboard Clinic - (Mad River Mountain)

February, 2002

- 2 Level II Prep, by Ohio Ski School Staff - (Alpine Valley - 8:30AM)
- 2-3 Winterfest - (Clear Fork)
- 3 Extrication Clinic - PNS - 10 AM - Rick King
- 16-17 Winter Carnival - Spicy Run - 10 AM - 5 PM
- 23 Ohio Region Award Nominations deadline
- 23 Snow Trails Carnival
- 23 American Birkebeiner Nordic race - Hayward WI

March, 2002

- 3 Avalanche Level 1, Boston Mills
- 15 DOWNHILL spring issue deadline
- 24 Avalanche Level 1, PNS

April, 2002

- 1 DOWNHILL spring issue mailed
- 7 Avalanche Level 1, Section O-3
- 27 MTR Phase II, Miami Twp N FD - Rick King

May, 2002

- 4 Region Meeting and Awards Banquet
- 11 Instructor Development, Phase I - PNS
- 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 Hotel, Dublin, OH)

Patrol & Section News

MRM Ski Patrol - The upcoming season is warming (? ed.) up to be another fantastic year for Mad River Mountain. A significant hill expansion investment will create 4 new slopes. We anticipate expanded ski patrol facilities. We will certainly be challenged with managing the extra space, both on and off the hill.



Three Mad River patrollers are scheduled to help at the 2002 Olympics. John Holt, John Norris, and Kent Oliver will be covering different events in Utah. Congratulations and good luck! (Could we read about it in a future issue? ed.)

Seven new candidates started the second half of our OEC program started this September. This is the first year that we split our OEC class into Spring and Autumn sessions. So far it is well received, especially because the plan avoids the heat of the summer.

Our OEC and Chairlift Evacuation refresher will occur on Oct 7th, 7:30am. We will also be re-running the Chairlift Evacuation refresher on Oct 28th for MRM ski instructors.

Our annual, one-day Ski Swap is scheduled for Sunday, November 4th. We hope to draw an even bigger crowd with our aggressive advertising campaign. Our sales grew by 25% last year. The bar has been set for us this year!

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Spicy Run - No news from management about the coming 2001-2002 season yet, but I will keep you informed as soon as I learn of any developments.

Dates for the Spicy Run Ski Patrol October OEC refreshers, November ski swap and open house, December Chair Evac refresher and Phase I course, and January Frosty Hill refresher and Ski Along are all listed in the region calendar. We also have scheduled a CPR refresher for 10 AM September 8, our patrol house cleanup for November 3 and 4 at 9 AM and our End-of-Season Party in March.

Come ski with us at Spicy Run this season.

Ed Allhouse

Spicy Run PR



PNS - PNS ski patrollers and ski instructors will conduct a new fund-raiser on September 8 and 9, an Archery Fest. Chairs will lift archers to the hill top start of three courses with 3-D targets. Patrollers will provide first aid support, be available for chair evac if needed, and other general assistance. The annual ski swap is scheduled November 3rd and 4th. Patrollers

working either of these fund-raisers have their annual patrol fees waived.

Kim Garrett is the OEC IOR for this year's 21 candidates. The course started in August and the final practical exam is scheduled for November 17.

PNS cont. -PNS patrollers and spouses provided most of the Section O-1 support for operating the hospitality suite at the July National meeting held in Indianapolis. It was a great chance to learn about new NSP perspectives by informally meeting and talking with NSP leaders from all the Divisions.

Three PNS Region Outstanding Award winners will attend the Division Awards banquet on September 17 to receive National level awards.

Frank Cleary

Perfect North Slopes PR



Section O-3 - Clearfork has elected a new Patrol Representative for the 2001-2003 seasons. Welcome and congratulations to Mark Reisdorf!

Clearfork's Ryan Hayes has been accepted as a patroller for the Olympics. Ryan's duties will begin in Utah in February 2002. Good luck!

Clearfork added four new candidates for this coming season and we warmly welcome them. Our candidates are in full swing in CPR and OEC classes.

Bill Harkins will conduct a Phase I (Sept.15 @ 9:00 AM) and an OEC Phase II (Sept. 29th @ 9:00 AM) at Snow Trails. Any one interested in taking these sessions should contact Bill (harkinsws@aol.com) or Doris Noe (doranoe@aol.com).

Section 03 fall OEC refresher for Snow Trails and Clear Fork is October 7th. starting at 8:00 AM. at Snow Trails. The OEC Instructor refresher will be held Sunday September 30 starting about 6 PM.

Hope you had a good summer. Think Snow!

Richard James

Section Chief O-3



Snow Trails - The new candidates for Snow Trails are: Lynn Kapple, Ashley White, Mike Cole and Harry Oettinger.

This summer we had two money-making events. In May, we parked cars for the Chili Cook Off held at Snow Trails with 18 patrollers helping. This became a 10 - 12 hour day for many. And on August, 29 patrollers and family members gave up their Saturday to help with the Med Central Hospital picnic held at Snow Trails. *Thanks to all those who helped.*

Our OEC classes at Snow Trails, are held weekly with many of our 2nd year candidates showing up to refresh.

Dates and times for our OEC refresher, Frosty Refresher and February Carnival are listed in the Region Calendar. Notice that the weather cancellation date for the 8 AM December 9 Frosty Refresher is December 23rd at the same time. Also Snow Trails patrollers note:

Hut Cleanup: November 4, 2001, @8am: all candidates needed to help

Hill Captain/Asst. HC meeting: November 7@ 7pm, patrol hut, all interested patrollers welcome.

Doris Noe

Snow Trails P.R.



The Ohio Region Ski School will be coming to an area near you. Our intention is to deliver ski school products for your training needs.

The courses we offer are:

- One day PSIA level I or II preparation courses
- Cafeteria style training for patrollers (you may pick the subject, i.e. inside foot steering, better carving skills, etc.)
- PSIA Education Staff clinics (tentatively scheduled)
- Multi-day Training and Preparation for PSIA level II evaluation

I would recommend that your area training advisor contact either Jay Zedak or myself (Dale Mihuta) for course dates. The dates and events that have already been scheduled are as follows:

December 15 th	Cafeteria Style at Mad River
January 5 th	PSIA Ed. Level II Prep. at BM/BW
January 12 th	PSIA Ed. Level II Prep. at PNS
January 19 th	Level II Prep. by Ohio Staff at Spicy
January 26 th	Cafeteria Style at Clearfork
February 2 nd	Level II Prep. by Ohio Staff at Alpine

Multi-day PSIA Level II Preps at PNS (3 hour evening classes)

Set One—Instructor, Dale Mihuta, Dec. 3, 10 and 17.
Set Two—Instructor, John Cole, Dec. 19, Jan. 2, 9.

Evening classes start at 6:30 PM. All other event start times are 8:30 AM.

To keep abreast of regional activities and other training opportunities check out our web-site through the divisional site www.nsp-skischool.com.

If you have questions or want to join the ski school just ask us at your area refresher. Either Jay or Dale will be there. Until then start that exercise regime and collect together your PSIA stuff for review.

Dale Mihuta drmihuta@concentric.net
Jay Zedak bbuster@concentric.net



Alpine Toboggan Training and Standardization - It's that time of year again when we start to schedule our ski lives. This year we will have four Alpine Ski and Toboggan events that involve Ohio

Region Training and Testing Advisors.

The first event will be the Central Division Testers and Trainers Clinic held at Boyne Mountain the weekend of November 30th, December 1st and

2nd. Last year 20 of our staff attend. I have not been advised of the number we can take this year. I hope it will be the same. Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to attend this very good event. I will pick those to attend on a first-come-first-served basis with priority going to people who did not attend last year. This clinic is open to Ski and Toboggan Instructor Trainers, to Trainers who have completed Phase II Toboggan and refreshed it as necessary, to Region Ski and Toboggan Training Advisors and to Region Ski School Advisors.

Next will be two Ohio Region Ski School and Ski and Toboggan Standardization Weekends. January 5th and 6th at Boston Mills/Brandywine and January 12th and 13th at Perfect North Slopes. These clinics will consist of ski standards reviews and level II PSIA prep on Saturday and toboggan standards reviews on Sunday. All the sessions are designed to help assure that our senior candidates will receive a fair Senior Evaluation Clinic. The clinics are open to all senior testers and trainers and senior candidates. *Please contact me to let me know which weekend you will attend.*

The fourth event will be the Senior Evaluation Clinic, date and sight to be announced after the Ohio Region Meeting.

You may contact me by email at lives@lnc.com, or by phone days at 216-765-7418, evenings at 216-921-3093.

I hope all of you have had a great summer and are ready for a fun filled ski season.

Layton Ives Toboggan Training and Standardization Advisor



Snowboarder Ramblings - The dog days of summer are coming to a close and evenings are dropping in temperature, that means it's time to think about winter outdoor activities. Who said winter was a time for hibernation? Maybe for the faint of heart, but not for National Ski Patrollers. We have so many things

we can get started on - it is mind boggling; CPR class, schedules, patrol rosters to maintain and a host of training objectives.

I took little time and asked myself questions about exercise, like what we need to do to keep not only mentally but physically fit. How many patrollers have some type of a planned exercise program for themselves? I started thinking about my program when I asked myself about safety and shape I want to be in at the start of the Ski/Snowboard season. There are several ways to start a program but have you ever sat down and made a schedule and tried to stick to the darn thing. Holy cow! I blew it in a short five days after I started. But not all was lost. The day after I missed I made a good excuse why I had not worked out the day before. I had to let my dog out

Snowboard cont. -in the fenced-in back yard. Yep. it took a long time to open the door. The I decided to watch TV because the Cleveland Indians were playing a ball game and God only knows it was in the high 70's. Too hot to get started.

Ok, I felt so bad I hopped on my motorcycle headed out to Dairy Queen for a treat. It was a small one. But I was hungry, so it was a medium Blizzard. No, not a large; I still had to eat dinner later. We can make up all types of excuses not to start an exercise program. But, the main thing is, we *start* some type of physical program.

With the Refresher classes happening in a few short weeks why not get the ball rolling . Call another patroller and go run around the block. Hey, it is a start and remember: "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today". Because if you do it - and like then - you can always do it again tomorrow.

Speaking of tomorrow, has anyone had a chance to pick up a ski or snowboard magazine. The new equipment is incredible. The new shaped ski's are getting better and the new composite snowboards are the cats pajamas. I found a snowboard I would like to have and ride (but I need to borrow a few zillion dollars) . The new boots have come a long way for comfort and fit. I think we are going to see major equipment changes which will allow the skier and snowboarder to develop new skills and of course work to correct old bad habits. Bad habits? No I planned on them to happen that way...SURE YOU DID..!!!!

Old bad habits, not me, never... Yea ! right.. My middle name is bad habits. Have you given any thought about skills improvement for the up coming season? With the new relationship with the PSIA and NSP the opportunities are wonderful. What a benefit we as patrollers have as well as PSIA personnel working and learning more about NSP. Over the past couple years I have been associated with PSIA. PSIA members are as dedicated to the sport as we Ski Patrollers. I realized we both have several good qualities to pass on to each other and learn to improve our skills. I think this will move to a ONE SPORT partnership and it is time we as patrollers need to learn PSIA training techniques. Why...because it improves our ability to help ourselves. Many of you have heard about the need for NSP members to train and become PSIA members. The insurance industry is telling us for our protection. But, do not think of it as legislation, think of it as a TRAINING AID for us. We have the best of both worlds. We receive very good skilled training at a small cost (because of dues etc.) and you can make money in return if you desire. Not bad, a two for one deal. A win-win situation for all. I would like for any patroller interested in teaching for NSP or PSIA (MAKE MONEY) to investigate, talk to a PSIA school and take the training for PSIA Level I. I really feel like my snowboarding skills have improved (like I don't even need it) and teaching has given me a more rounded education when it comes to skiing and snowboarding.

As the Ohio Region Snowboard Advisor I want to thank to everyone who helped make my position fun and exciting. The season is right around the corner and I invite any skiing patroller to try snowboarding. I have several training days to schedule around Ohio this year. Please feel free to call me so we can setup times for instruction. Most of you know I patrol at Snow Trails in Mansfield, Ohio and, if you call ahead, you can stop by for snowboard instruction. (419-7561918 (H), 419-755-8155 (W)) Just bring lots of money or food which ever you have the most ... No not reallyJust seeing if you are reading this article. But please do call if you want to stop by for some training so that I can plan my activities accordingly.

As with all... time is short and my job is calling. But, it is a good

day to think about your exercise program , CPR , OEC and buying the new equipment this year. I hope everyone has a great season this year. By all means, take some type of training over and above the minimum to stay current. Why, because it just makes you a better patroller and let's face it.....IT MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD ALL OVER...Warm and Fuzzy..!!!!

Have a great season and enjoy every minute of it....

Life is only positive if you make and want it that way...

Frank Ujvari

Ohio Region Snowboard Advisor

Region Operating Policy Changes - The Ohio Region has had a relatively complete set of bylaws and operations policies since 1980 when John Birchfield, then Region Director, approved (and may have written) the first set. The second edition, approved by Dick Ike 1985, consolidated six sets of revisions made in 5 years. Clifford Eck reorganized, renumbered and revised region policies again and issued a third edition in September of 1986. The third edition lasted until September 1993 when Gary Bizjack approved an amended 4th edition. The Region has been using that edition since, but revisions are added about every other year. Over these years, keeping the operating polices current has helped focus, clarify, coordinate, and guide region activities. The many changes have chronicled the Ohio region's responses to the ever changing NSP programs.

During the 2001 Spring Region meeting some minor updates were proposed to terms (e.g. Patrol Representative) in the Bylaws. More significant changes to the Region Operating Policies were tabled until the Fall meeting. The proposed changes include new sections for the NSP school and region web site, modifications to DOWNHILL policies, inclusion of new NSP Meritorious Service and Patrollers Cross Awards, changes in NSP designations for Patrol Representative, Moutaineering Travel and Rescue and Avalanche Levels 1 & 2 courses. These and other change proposals will be posted on the Region wesite www.ohionsp.org. Other proposals for changed operating policies can be introduced as agenda items, with prior notice to the meeting chair, our Region Director.

Max Davis

Region Policy Manual Project

Malabar Farm Requests Assistance in Starting Nordic Skiing Program

Malabar Farm State Park has contacted the Ohio Region NSP and has requested patrol services for its expanding Nordic ski program. Malabar plans to operate 3 single-track trails and a warming hut. A gift shop will offer snacks. Rental XC ski equipment will be available. Given a three-inch natural snow minimum base, they plan to open on weekends after Christmas.

Malabar Farm would like patrol coverage and also wants to find some patrollers who would be able to conduct some Nordic workshops. Your help is needed. I ask any patroller, who would be willing and able to help support this request, to please contact me.

Barbara Hartman

Region Nordic Advisor

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Bill Blake Retires as Alumni Advisor

Jim Woodrum announced that Bill Blake is retiring as Region Alumni Advisor. Thanks Bill for your many years of service. Any Region Patroller interested in this position should contact the Region Director.

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