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News from the Region Director: Guy Day

Hopefully by the time this edition of the Downhill is posted, Mother Nature will have flipped the switch to full summer mode. Those few weeks where she turned the switch back to “cold, wet & freezing” was not that exciting except for those that wanted a little extended time going after those “Ohio Steelhead”.

The end of the season business meeting and banquet was hosted by the Boston Mill, Brandywine & Alpine Valley Ski Patrol. Thank you to Tom Ciranna and his crew for putting on such a great event. In the morning, we were able to conduct our business meeting. We covered a wide range of topics and started the ground work for next season’s events. Please start looking after July 1st for dates being posted on Region activities. After the business meeting, those that were brave enough to grab the clubs got a quick 18 holes in. The evening was capped off by our annual awards banquet and dinner. We had over sixty five people from across the Region come celebrate our fellow patrollers. There were lots of service awards given including three 50 YEAR patrollers! Please take a look at all the awards presented and earned contained later in this newsletter.

The Division Spring meeting was held in Chicago prior to our Region meeting. The Division Skills Development Team presented several different ideas and proposed changes. The biggest will be reducing the number of Division STW’s down to two. These will be set up as invite only and the Division Skills Development team will be working with our Region team to coordinate numbers and invitations. More to follow on this as we get more information from the Division.

The Fall Division meeting will be held September 11th – 13th in Grand Rapids, MI by Western Michigan Region. This is also the opportunity to support our Region Outstanding winners who have made it to the Division level.

At the end of this season both Rich McNitt and David McKinley are stepping down in their roles as Region OET and Senior Program advisor. Thank you again to both of you for your hard work and dedication. Jim Vickroy and Tracy Buchanan will be taking over responsibility for those roles starting July 1st. Please offer any assistance you can if they ask for help.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Guy

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NATIONAL APPOINTMENT # 11670 RICH MCNITT BOSTON MILLS BRANDYWINE

This season, another Ohio Region patroller earned his national appointment number, Rich McNitt of BM/BW. As the recently retired Regional OET Advisor, his efforts in this and previous endeavors have not gone unnoticed.

Please congratulate Rich on this well-deserved honor.

REGION DIRECTORS AWARD: Rich McNitt, Ohio Region OET Advisor, was recognized for his outstanding and exhaustive service in that capacity for the last few years. This is a special award given at the discretion of the Region Director.

Richard McNitt – National Appointment

Richard McNitt is a dedicated patroller from the Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Patrol. Richard's patrol career started in 1996. Richard moved quickly from Candidate to Alpine Patroller to Alpine Senior, and then became a toboggan instructor, evolving to senior region instructor/evaluator. He is PSIA certified, achieving his Level I in 2002.

Locally, Richard continues as a member of the training team for Alpine & Senior Tobogganing. He developed the current BM/BW OET refresher ("frostie") procedures, helping to fulfill this requirement for a 275+ member patrol. In addition, Mr. McNitt just completed multiple terms as a board member at large, actively participating in the leadership of an award winning patrol. In 1999 and then again in 2003 Richard was awarded local Outstanding Instructor/Trainer.

At the region level, Richard has served as the Ohio Region Toboggan Administrator for 2 years, and was the assistant for 3 years preceding. He coordinated and participated in the Toboggan Enhancement Seminar programs held at most ski areas in the Ohio Region during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 ski seasons. In addition he has been a member of the Ohio Region Ski School for the last 10 years.

Rich McNitt has been recognized for his ongoing efforts through the Central Division Outstanding Program Director (OET) award, two years running for registering the most Toboggan Enhancement Seminars in the Central Division. Not only was the division staff impressed with the number of seminars but the reputation surrounding these seminars.

Enthusiasm, dedication, and leadership shown by Richard for the National Ski Patrol and its members are nothing but inspiring. Richard's fellow patrollers say that he is always positive, exuding the NSP's "lead by example". We believe his passion for the NSP, commitment to training, and leadership roles clearly shows that Richard McNitt fulfills the requirements for receiving a National Appointment.





Lori Ringley, Ohio Region Awards Advisor



HOT NEWS

**THE DIVISION WINNERS ARE HERE
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Well the results are in and the Ohio Region **ROCKED** the Central Division this year! Of six categories submitted, the Ohio Region has won or received first runner up in five of them !!!!!!! Our three division winners are now in the process of being judged at the national level, so with 1,000 pairs of fingers crossed, let's all hope for more good news come the September Division Meeting in Michigan this year.

So let's all give a **HUGE** congratulations to the following winners!

Winner Outstanding OEC Instructor: James Bichl Sr. of BM/BW

Winner Outstanding Alpine Patrollers: Keith Brown of BM/BW

Winner Outstanding Patroller: Al Czarnecki of PNS

Outstanding Patrol Representative Runner Up: Sue Cline Snow Trails

Outstanding Administrative Patroller Runner Up: Guy Day BM/BW

This boys and girls is what it's all about – get involved with your local awards committee this year and be part of this process!

Thank you to Lori Ringley for her dedication to the Ohio Region Ski Patrol as Awards Advisor. Her dedication shows through her service continuing to disseminate and gather awards information, procure awards plaques and certificates, and present the Awards Program. Thank you for a **JOB WELL DONE!!!**



2015 Region Awards Banquet

The 2015 Ohio Region Banquet was held at Roses Run Country Club in Stow, Ohio on April 25th after a day of region spring meeting business and a golf outing. The Ohio Region appreciates all the hard work that Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima, Alida Moonen and Tom Ciranna did in planning the event. Roses Run Country Club was a lovely facility that was a working Thoroughbred farm until it was converted, barns and all, into the event facility and golf course that it is today, complete with a real racetrack starting gate at the entrance to the building.

Special guests present for the day included Janet Glaeser, member of the NSP National Board of Directors, and Jay Zedak, National OET Director. Also present representing the Central Division were Chris and Cheryl Raudabaugh, Assistant Division Director and Division Administrative Assistant, respectively. Among the highlights of the night were the announcement of three 50 year service awards, and the announcement of a Purple Merit Star this year for a life saving CPR incident at Mad River Mountain. Chuck Middlestetter received a Purple and his supporting cast of Don Berlin and Nick Gallo received Yellows. Due to conflicts with the local banquet, the merit star recipients, or the 50 year patrollers, were unfortunately not able to attend.

We had some excellent award submissions this year, as always, and I expect we will see the Ohio Region represented at the Division Awards level. I'd like to take this opportunity to urge anyone interested in the awards process to contact either their local awards advisors or myself for more information. The earlier you start in the season, the better! Believe me, NOW is not too soon. Likewise, if you would like to become involved as a judge, especially if you are from Section 04, please contact me and I will tutor you in the process over the summer.

A strong awards program takes time and patience to build, but it's all worth it when your patrol or someone in your patrol gets recognized as Division or National Outstanding!

Lori Ringley MHS PT, Ohio Region Awards Advisor

Outstanding OEC Instructor: James Bichl, Boston Mills Brandywine

Once this man started patrolling, he got deeply involved, especially in the OEC program. Only a couple of years after becoming an OEC instructor, he assumed the role of IOR for the incoming patroller class, and did this for two years. After that, he remained a frequent volunteer at the course, even as he moved on to become an OEC IT, Senior Evaluator, and Q/A throughout the region. Another area where this patroller provides creativity and passion is during our annual Refresher training. Not only has he taught during all of the Refreshers he has been on the patrol; he has also stepped up as an IT to develop the events, serve as a coach and mentor to other instructors, and assist in the overall smooth running of them as well. Now, he provides that same consistent, well-informed, and effective guidance as he travels the region providing QA for other refreshers and OEC classes. In addition to his QA roles in the region he helps with the region's administration of the OEC module evaluation. He ensures that region evaluators have attended the recently required calibration clinics, and he goes around the region offering clinics so that more interested OEC instructors can participate as evaluators at the region event. Additionally, he is a regular at the OEC practice clinics offered by our patrol for our senior candidates. For many instructors giving critical feedback is a challenge. This instructor has a casual way about himself in general, and his feedback always comes across as supportive and constructive. Mentoring new OEC instructors is another way in which this patroller excels. He goes beyond ensuring that the new instructor meets the knowledge and basic skill requirements of becoming a new instructor.



Outstanding Alpine Patroller: Keith Brown, Boston Mills Brandywine

From the time Keith Brown was enrolled in OEC, he was focused on continuing his progression to Alpine patroller quickly and to being mentored as an OEC instructor. He also became a CPR Instructor through his local fire department and brought that skill to the patrol as well. He then began his mentorship for toboggan training, and is currently an OET Instructor. Along the way he completed all requirements to become a Senior Alpine Patroller, and shortly thereafter became involved in OEC training and evaluation for the Senior Module. Keith has become a ski instructor, passing PSIA Level I in 2011 and is currently preparing to take the Level II exam. In his early years of patrolling, he was a Boy Scout leader and Eagle Scout advisor, and he continues to work with the Scouts who spend a weekend each winter at our area working on several different badges. In each of the last three years, he has put in more than 100 hours of patrolling and on-hill training in addition to the 120+ pre-season hours he puts in in OEC and CPR training and as the coordinator for our local ski swap.

To ensure that our patrollers are physically ready to patrol and care for patients safely, he has helped to launch an affordable "Patroller Fitness Program." Beginning in September, he secured a personal trainer to lead patrollers, ski instructors and friends through a fitness regime that met twice a week focusing on core and back training. Additionally he has been a hill captain for many years, and has extended his organizational skills outside the patrol by being very involved in local marathons and the MS 150 fund and awareness raising events. This patroller has truly made patrolling and patrol-related activities a year-round passion.



Outstanding Patroller: Al Czarnecki, Perfect North Slope

Al Czarnecki personifies the spirit of teamwork, and effectively transfers that aura to those around him. He consistently exceeds the standard number of duty shift hours each season, is an OEC instructor and regularly instructs during OEC candidate classes and serves as a lead instructor at the OEC On-Hill Refresher. This season he assisted Patrollers with accessing the on-line portion of our refresher. He is also an active Board Member for the local patrol and has served on the Mountain Bike Patrol. He also is actively involved in the area ski swap and mud-runs, providing and ensuring that equipment is in place and adequate for the event and that Patrollers are signed in.

Al's primary responsibility is acquisition and maintaining of our medical supplies. During the season, he devotes countless hours at the area, long after everyone else has departed for home, examining, maintaining, and resupplying each station, ensuring a clean work environment; *always* cleaning. During off-season, this Patroller maintains contact with equipment suppliers, establishing and nurturing relationships with vendors - locating and learning about more efficient and user-friendly products and acquiring them at the most affordable prices. In the past several years, medical upgrades, directly attributable to the nominee, include more efficient traction splints, pelvic splints, blood pressure cuffs, oxygen bottles and numerous disposable patient care items and bedside reagents. Additionally, this individual has been working with other Region patrols in evaluating their equipment needs and assisting them in obtaining appropriate and up-to-date equipment.



Outstanding Patrol Representative: Sue Cline, Snow Trails

As patrol representative Sue has been very busy, innovative and dedicated to making the patrol stand out to area management, our guests, and the community. This includes providing coverage for various community events off ski season, along with working with our local handicap skier program to be sure Snow Trails stayed current on the set ups of their skis and arranged for them to attend the chair evacuation refresher. She was also instrumental in the development, promotion to management and coordination of fundraising for an ongoing "Lids for Kids" program which this year provided discounted pricing on 40 helmets for kids to own, and 177 rentals for children under 18.

Recognizing the issue of an aging patrol Sue Cline sold the idea of developing a program that will allow aging patrollers to continue their association with the area and patrol after they would normally retire from patrolling. Developed as primarily a PR program she was instrumental in implementing a "Ski With The Patrol" day, offering a behind the scene look at the patrol by skiing with a patroller for at least a shift. This program is for guests that are interested in knowing more about the ski patrol or have interest in joining the patrol. Those who participated in this program that were interested in becoming a patroller were instructed how to apply and had to participate a "ski along" for potential candidates. We have a 100% retention rate for those who went through the "Ski With The Patrol" program.

Outstanding Administrative Patroller: Guy Day, Boston Mills Brandywine

From the first days as a patroller in 1984 when just a teenager, Guy Day has excelled at every discipline that the National Ski Patrol has had to offer. From achieving all his personal goals of improving his OEC, skiing, toboggan and mountaineering skills, to today where he focuses on improving other patroller's skills, he has made National Ski Patrol administrative duties part of his everyday life for over 30 years. His passion and commitment to this organization makes him an excellent regional representative for this prestigious award.

He has excelled at completing his administrative duties in almost every discipline from being a Hill Captain, to Division OEC, Skiing, and Toboggan Instructor/Evaluator and managing OEC Modules for the Certified Program. At the division level, he continued to excel as the Certified Program Assistant Advisor. He has successfully enhanced his administrative duties in our region by accepting positions as the Assistant Region Administration Director, Assistant Region Director Line, and ultimately now as the Region Director. In his first year as RD, he has immersed himself in learning all aspects of his officer's duties and programs, taking a very hands on approach to administration and taking the Ohio Region in new and exciting directions.

Outstanding Instructor: Vern DeHaven, Perfect North Slopes

This awardee dedicates an incredible amount of his time on and off the snow. Not only is he an OEC instructor, he is also a ski and toboggan instructor. If you have never seen him snowboard or ski you are truly missing out. It is very rare that someone can switch from snowboarding to skiing and be completely seamless at both -- he earned his PSIA/ASIA Level II on both his skis and snowboard. This patroller has earned his Senior SEM and has passed the senior ski and toboggan on both snowboard and skis. He is a member of the NSP-CI ski school. He participates in both local and regional S&T workshops. This season he has started a Facebook page for ski and toboggan training to aid in matching up trainers with Candidates and others who are looking to improve their skills. In the short time that this Patroller has been on the patrol, he has accomplished a lot and he will not stop there.

Vern goes above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to teaching and training. He often switches from his snowboard to his skis in order to train someone. He is able to adapt his teaching technique to fit with the student. If one of his teaching methods isn't working he has multiple methods to help you learn the skill. He is very patient. He is willing to work as long as it takes for you to learn the skill. His lessons are filled with humor and laughter. You forget you are in a lesson because you are having such a great time!

Tom Worley Awarded Dale Mihuta Award for 2015

for Outstanding Contributions to Ohio Region Ski/Snowboard & Toboggan Programs

Over his 50 plus years on the Ski Patrol, Tom Worley has travelled thousands of miles to training and proficiency clinics. Tom has been instrumental in organizing the Division Certified Test and has organized and conducted many Ski Enhancement Seminars and Toboggan Enhancement Seminars over the years.

Tom has an enthusiasm and willingness to try new things and take different approaches to teaching. He has been instrumental in bringing PSIA certification trainers into the Ski Patrol training programs to deliver the quality and consistency of training needed for our specialized needs. In furtherance of the goals to bring quality to the training of the Ski Patrol, Tom began his journey to become PSIA certified and is now a Level 3, certified ski instructor. It may seem that he is just an overachiever, but he didn't do it for himself, he did it to help others, and Ohio Region's Ski and Toboggan.

2015 Ohio Region National Outstanding Winners

NSP OUTSTANDING nominations are competitive and are based on the current and three previous season's records and activities. The nominations must follow a strict format and are scored using a NSP specified set of criteria. Region winners automatically become contenders for Division outstanding recognition in the same category. NSP National Outstanding winners are selected from the Division winner pool.



PSIA Achievements

Andre Gutik (MRM) PSIA Level II
Colleen Fisher (BMBW) PSIA Level II (pictured)
Brian Harrison (PNS) PSIA Level II
Jim Seeger (PNS) PSIA Level I
Ryan Blackburn (Paoli Peaks) PSIA Level I
Bruce Heichebech (Paoli Peaks) PSIA Level I



Certificates of Appreciation

Ohio Region
SKI SCHOOL AWARDS
CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Dan Moss	Amy Arnold
Vern DeHaven	Dale Mihuta
Troy Southwick	Matt Kim
Bryan Loveless	Chris
Mike Abrams	Raudabaugh
Jim Vickroy	Harold Park



Amy Arnold & Chris Raudabaugh

Division Certificates of Appreciation

Retiring Division Award Judges

Marilyn Hanson, Boston Mills/Brandywine

Region Certificates of Appreciation

for Support of Senior Outdoor Emeraency



Retiring Region Certificates of Appreciation

Dave McKinley, Perfect North Slopes
Richard McNitt, Boston Mills/Brandywine

Recognized were retiring region personnel Dave McKinley of PNS as Region Senior Advisor and Rich McNitt of BMBW as Region OET Advisor.

Patroller Spirit Award

Brian Monroe, Alpine Valley (pictured)
Gordon Gavin, Perfect North

SPIRIT AWARD – 2 outstanding patrollers were recognized for their selfless efforts on behalf of their patrols, being willing to do any job that needs to be done, large or small, all without any expectation of recognition or glory. These 2 patrollers were Brian Monroe of Alpine Valley and Gordon Gavin of Perfect North Slopes. This region specific award is a memorial award for Dennis Maslar and Chuck Huff, both of whom passed of very untimely deaths within a couple of weeks of each other, both of whom were willing to do anything their patrols needed.



Wally James Award

Outstanding Administrative Officer
Dave McKinley, Perfect North Slopes

WALLY JAMES AWARD – Dave McKinley of PNS was recognized as the Outstanding Administrative Officer in this region specific award for his efforts with the Senior Program.

Bravo Award

Nelson Whisler, Snow Trails
523 Hours

BRAVO AWARD – given to that Ohio Region patroller with the most duty hours, and as usual, Nelson Whisler of Snow Trails, with 523 hours this season, ran away with this award.

Sage Award

Bob Basinger
DOB: ????

SAGE AWARD – given to the “most experienced” Ohio Region patroller, was once again given to Bob Basinger of MRM, whose date of birth should remain.....a mystery.



NSP Angels

Snow Trails
John Hufnagle

Cat Hufnagle accepted the NSP Angel on behalf of her deserving spouse, John.



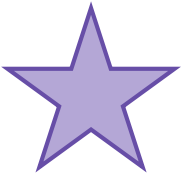
Purple Merit Star

Mad River Mountain:
Chuck Middlestetter

Yellow Merit Stars

Mad River Mountain:
Don Berlin

Announcement of a Purple Merit Star this year for a life saving CPR incident at Mad River Mountain was earned by Chuck Middlestetter. His supporting cast of Don Berlin and Nick Gallo received Yellow Merit Stars



Patroller Cross

Cindy Wert, Perfect North (pictured)
Galen Graham, Perfect North
Tracy Buchanan, Boston Mills/ Brandywine
Mark Fogt, Mad River Mountain

Four Patroller Crosses were awarded for significant injuries sustained in the line of duty.



Certified Patroller

Jim Seeger, #789

Jim Seeger was recognized as successfully passing all modules and becoming Certified Number #789.



SERVICE AWARDS

2015 OHIO REGION NSP SERVICE

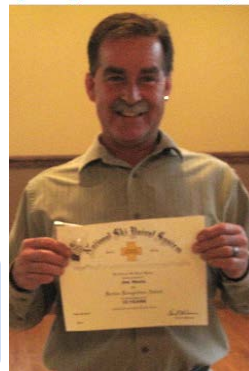
Service Award Certificates are issued in five year increments of registered NSP service. The certificates are mounted on plaques starting at year twenty five for those present to receive them. Service award pins are available in five year increments from 10 to 65 years. Names on this list were compiled from the Ohio Region NSP February 2015 database. 130 service awards were awarded this year, with 47 of those being 25 years or beyond, and 28 being 35 and beyond.

5 Year Service Awards

Bryan Scott, Nathan Murphy-DuBay, Alex Herrmann, Bethany Jarboe, Brian Miller, Chris Korte, James Cross, Han Vanderloo, John Corrigan, Kevin Rankey, Melanie French, Graham Wadds, Sander Wechsler, Stephen Jarboe, Collin O'Connor, Debby Cumbow, John McAnnich, Mike Mackay, Sarah Batchelder, Adam Garvin, Carl Branscom, Carl Woodworth, Dave Cieplinski, Emily Cahill-Camden, Garrett Scherba, James Bickl Jr., Jason Stasuk, Anthony Stilger, Mark Blankenburg, John Eakin, Luis Felipe Amunategul, Mike Abrams, Nick Vaccaro, Robert Waddington, Timothy Halliday-Williams, Tracy Pinkerton, Chris Ashcraft, and Elizabeth Chapman



Elizabeth Chapman
Five-Year Service Award



Joe Mack & Michael Spector
Ten-Year Service Award

10 Year Service Awards

Brent Kovacs, Dave Hehemann, David Lowenfeld, Matthew Shilling, Michael King, Michael Spector, Richard Kirby, Andrew French, Chris Ricketts, Jeff Cox, Mark Miller, Rob Schoenefeld, Will Haase, Any Jenkins, Denise Blackley, Brittany Compton, Chad Dworkin, David Hayden, Joe Mack, Paul McAllister, Dino Sehic, James Bosler, William Smock, Zack Ajanovic, Ester McEnery, Jennie Fogt, Lori Logan, Mac Logan, and Tammy Titus-Buddle

15 Year Service Awards

Laura Scott, Nathan Clapper, Carol Semmler, Dan Dickman, David Barnes, Jerry Simpson, Joe Hilgefert, Sharlena Hountz, Lori Ringley, Sharon Simpson, Tanya Cooper, Daniel CONway, Eric Emic, Greg Dillon, Shawn Roush, and Tammv Verhoff



Lori Ringley
Fifteen-Year Service Award



Mike Berman
Twenty-Year Service Award

20 Year Service Awards

Carrie Gardiner, Robert Cook, Beth Cramer, Rick Amore, Scott Gilbert, Gregory Whittington, Andy Janovsky, Dan Harting, Steven Billiar, Bob Charles Kashary, Maxwell Mehlman, Mike Berman, Dale Liikala, David Porter, Doug Michaels, Mark Koch, and Bev Benzing

Steve Korane
Twenty-Five Year Service Award



25 Year Service Awards

Phyllis Mauntel, Ann Smith, Barry Bennett, John Reidy, Richard Michalosky, Robert Honaker, Steve Korane, Harold Holt, Kevin Chappelle, and Jill Combs

30 Year Service Awards

Guy Day, Kevin Courter, Tom Cox, Greg Schmidt, Pere Kapiske, Becky Corbett, Pamela Ashcraft, Kent Oliver, Leo Pruett, and Scott Garrod

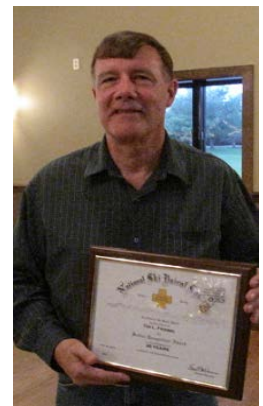


Guy Day and Becky Corbett, 30 Years

35 Service Awards

Freddie Shima, Tim Friebel, Ray Mortodam, Scott Lambert, Pat Flischel, Pete Oka, Jane Price, Mary Ellen Hardy, William Hardy III, Julie Murphy, Lynne Allison, Bruce Whitmyre, Darryl Rafeld, Doug Foster, Rebecca Sharp, Shirley Stumpner, and Tom Storck

Freddie Shima and Tim Friebel, 35 Years



40 year Service Awards

Gregory Nau, CSC
Norman Diederich, Boston Mills/Brandywine

45 Year Service Awards

David Faulkner, Mad River Mountain
Joe Gerstle, Perfect North Slopes

50 Year Service Awards

Bob Basinger, Mad River Mountain
James Nelson, Boston Mills/Brandywine
Rod Childs, Perfect North Slopes

Alpine Seniors

Ryan Blackburn, Paoli Peaks
Paula Osorio, Perfect North
Ricky Aminaka, Mad River Mountain
Jan-Erik Rosenburg, Perfect North
Jeff Reynolds, Boston Mills/ Brandywine

Senior Patroller

Julie DuChane, Paoli Peaks

Congratulations to these Senior Patrollers who have taken the time to hone their skills and achieve the rank of Senior and Alpine Senior. They could and have done this without countless hours of preparation and support of their individual patrols.



Thank you to Rick Jackson, Patrol Representative at Ski Paoli Peaks, for taking photos at the Awards Banquet for



Outdoor Emergency Care Module of the Senior Program

The goal of the Outdoor Emergency Care Module of the Senior Program provides the NSP member an opportunity to improve their skills and increase their confidence through handling complex situation involving decision making, problem management, and leadership. In order to participate in the Senior Program you must be willing to give of your time as you did in the OEC candidate program. It is a commitment to many hours of training. Eligibility requirements can be found on page 70 of the Senior Manual. Training is so essential that it must start early in the season, possibly in the summer. Please contact your local patrol Senior Coordinator to find out when the training sessions start and what the local requirements are.

It is recommended that the Senior Trainer get all the required paperwork done early so that the candidate can concentrate on scenarios and skills needed to be successful at the final test. This coming season there will be changes to the deadline for required paperwork. In the past new applicants must have their Senior Application in a month before the test. Applicants or the OEC test who are already Senior candidates need to have their test application in two weeks before the test. The change comes with the remaining paperwork. All skill sign offs, final four on snow scenarios and the original scenario must be turned in to Tracy Buchanan at horsehousehold@aol.com on or before January 15th 2016. The Senior test date has been moved from March to January 31st 2016. No paperwork will be accepted on the day of the test. If the required paperwork is not to Tracy by the deadline of January 15th you will not be allowed to test. This will provide the candidate time to concentrate on skills needed to be successful and also give organizers and evaluators the time needed for their duties to provide a fair test.

Senior Trainers, you have an enormous responsibility of organizing your local training programs. Laura Scott the Regional OEC Administrator and I are working on putting together Trainer/Evaluator clinics this summer. It is highly recommended that you or anyone else interested in becoming an Evaluator attend a T/E clinic. There will be more information sent out concerning these clinics either in future newsletters or to the local Patrol Directors and the local Senior Trainers.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at mwblackswan@yahoo.com . Please make sure you send me a current email address or phone number so I can respond.

Thank you and have a great summer.

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This is the time of the NSP year
that I offer Patrol Leadership
assistance from the region alumni