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Guy Day: Region Director

Well we just finished a week of 90+ Degrees in Northern Ohio. It seems a long time ago when we were in the 20's with a dusting of snow on the ground and the areas were making snow to cover some grass that was poking through. The good news is that we are about 90 to 120 days before the CPR, OEC and fall meetings start us getting ready for a new season.

Speaking of next season, we have some staff changes that will be taking place going into the fall. Please welcome the following individuals to the Region Staff:

- Alida Moonen and Janet Glaser (BMBWAV) will be team Advisors for the Senior OEC Test Coordinators with Tyyla Southall (MRM) being the assistant
- Troy Green (MRM) will take on the Safety Team Advisors role
- Rose DeJarnette (PNS) will take on the role as the ID Advisor role with Denise Galicki (BMBWAV) being her assistant;
- Julie DuChane (Paoli Peak) will take on the role as Aid Room Management (ARM) Advisor.

We had great success posting these leadership / Advisor roles on the Region website. As other roles become available, we will continue to post these opportunities on the website so everyone is aware of them. Thank you to all the new advisors and the assistants for volunteering. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. Section O-3 Section Chief election was won by Robert Wilson from Snow Trails. Robert will begin his three year term starting July 1st, Congratulations Robert!

A great big GIANT thank you to the Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol and Peak Resorts for hosting the Spring Meeting and awards banquet. Troy Green, Scott Griffith and the rest of the organizational committee rolled out the red carpet for those that were able to make it. The Patrol Representatives/Patrol Directors were able to spend a couple of hours going over several topics that are critical for patrol operations. They were also able to spend some time alone working in a small group. The Region leadership was able to also get together in a small group to review this past season and start to plan going into next season.

The Ohio Region Fall meeting will be held in the Columbus Area on Sunday October 8th. The location will be determined and announced at a later day. All Region Advisors are expected to participate in this event. The meeting is open to any Ohio Region Patroller. We will be having a general session then breaking out into disciplines and organizational structures to plan for the upcoming season.

The Central Division Fall meeting will be held September 8th – 10th at Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, Michigan. There are a ton of activities and programs planned for the event. There are classes in MTR Level 1, Low Angle Rescue, Adaptive Lift Evacuation, Risk Management and Bike Patrols just to name a few. You will be able to play Golf on either The Alpine or The Monument Courses. They have Zip Lines for both kids and adults as well as an indoor water park. There will be a Senior TE clinic, a presentation for a highbred ID class and Jeannie Thoren boot fitting analysis. There will be several National Board Members present from around the country coming in for the event as well. This event is also the opportunity for the Division to recognize all the Outstanding and First Runner up Award winners. Please consider making the trip to support your fellow patrollers and for all the great educational events that will be taking place. Plus it is just an absolutely beautiful part of the country.

We will be posting all the refreshers on the Region website in the next 30 days so if you are not able to make the one scheduled for your area, you can see what other options you have. Enjoy the rest of the summer playing golf, riding your bike, being on the water or spending time with friends and family. Thank you for being a part of such a wonderful organization!



2017 Region Awards Banquet

The 2017 Ohio Region Banquet was hosted by Mad River Mountain, at their new 45,000 square foot gorgeous facility that became fully operational this past ski season. The lodge boasts greatly expanded seating in both the main cafeteria and in the upstairs Loft Bar, where the iconic stained glass shines on the hill. The Ohio Region appreciates all the hard work that **Troy Green, Scott Griffith and Laura McCabe** did in planning the meeting and banquet. Special thanks as well to Paoli Peaks own **Bruce Heichelbech** as Trivia Quizmaster, pulling some really great questions out of the manly Big Pink Bag.

Lori Ringley, Ohio Region Awards Coordinator



Special guests present were Cheryl, Division Skills Development Supervisor, Chris Raudabaugh, Assistant Division Director, and Janet Glaeser, retired member of the NSP National Board of Directors, who also received a special Distinguished Service Award.



Special Guests
CHRIS RAUDABAUGH
CENTRAL DIVISION ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR

CHERYL RAUDABAUGH
CENTRAL DIVISION ADMIN ASSISTANT



Special Guest
JANET GLAESER
NATIONAL BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
2010 - 2015



50 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

KEN ROSE

#5792

Among the highlights of the night was the announcement of a very special 50 year service award for Ken Rose of Snow Trails.



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

To start the awards evening, the Ohio Region Snow Sports School recognized those who advanced their skills by passing PSIA tests, along with Certificates Of Achievements for those without who's support the Snow Sports School could not have been successful this past ski season.

SKI SCHOOL AWARDS

INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

- Vern DeHaven
- Jonathan French
- Andrew French
- Brian Harrison
- Amy Arnold



SKI SCHOOL AWARDS

PSIA/AAIS ADVANCEMENTS

TRACY BUCHANAN

LEVEL III PSIA

SKI SCHOOL AWARDS

PSIA/AAIS ADVANCEMENTS

**JONATHAN
FRENCH**

**PSIA-Central Ski Examiner
for the Central Division**



**Amy Arnold and
Tracy Buchanan**

There was special recognition of Jonathan French of PNS, who successfully achieved the status of PSIA-Central Ski Examiner for the Central Division, a very prestigious title of which few can boast.

A special certificate of appreciation from the Women's Program was presented by Dana Zedak to BMBWAV's Tracy Buchanan, for encouraging and inspiring women throughout the Ohio region and beyond, by • Achieving her PSIA Level III Alpine certification • Advancing her skills through her certified journey • Serving as Ohio Region Senior Administrator • Serving her local area as an Assistant Patrol director • Serving as an incredible instructor in skiing, transportation and OEC

2017 OHIO REGION NSP Service Awards

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 2017 database. 151 service awards were awarded, with 44 of those being 25 years or beyond, 15 being 35 and beyond, and 2 with 50 years. Please congratulate your fellow patrollers with long standing service.



5 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Jerod Mulqueeny	Paul Abshire
Charles Smith	Todd Cline
Andrej Gutik	Kim Corrigan
Eric Newkick	Tim Crum
Eireann O' Connor	Vern DeHaven
Bill O'Neill	Josh Flannery
Tim Pawlaczyk	Andrew Goret
	Nick Hammons

5 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Kendahl	David Oliverio
Herrmann	Paula Osorio
Jess Hopple	David Patrick
Steve Johnson	Jan-Erik
Thomas Korte	Rosenberg
Clara Nin-Hilgefort	David Rutter

5 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Steven Bard	Adam Frigy
Michael Bird	Michele Gillombardo
John Darr	Charles Kashary
Norman Dotson	Lida Lehky
Bruce Emrick	Chris Miller
Colleen Fisher	Renee Owen
Dale Fisher	Diane Taylor
Tyler Friebe	Amin Withington
	Dana Zedak

Clara Nin-Hilgefort



Dana Zedak



10 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Laura McCabe	Michael Clapper
Brett Foster	Daniel Fay
Clifton Carpenter	Cat Hufnagle
Teri Hoffman	Jacqueline Kim
David Lattier	Matthew Kim
Matthew Silvati	



Laura McCabe: 10 Years



Jim Hilgefort: 15 Years

15 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Leonard Jaworski	Mark Santos
Staci Kailner	Kristin Dawson
Nancy Lukens	Mike Donahue
Irene Lyden	Jonathan French
Diane Maslar	Andy Guinigundo
Gary McKenna	Jim Hilgefort
Kristina Moser	Bill Hizer

20 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Guy Weiever	Daniel Golando
Phill Willand	Phil Japikse
Brian Wolf	Eric Johann
Dave Walker 10550	James Seeger
Yvette Gerdes	Brad Strand



**Cheryl Raudabaugh, Dave Walker, and
Cara Schmitt: 20 Years**

20 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Cheryl	Ellen Johnson
Raudabaugh 8391	Cara Schmitt
Monty Doseck	Rebecca Baxter
Barbara	Sara Finan
McConnell	Andrei Gata
W. Wilson	



William Harkins: 25 Years

25 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Darcy Hanley	Bruce Davis
Dan Barthel	Jeff Dudas
Ron Lovan	Tricia Mencin
William Harkins 10344	Kurt Nelson
Don Berlin	Melissa Tirpak- Chylik
Craig Smith	Jim Barber
Kurt Tenerove	



30 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Lyle Collins	Jay Hader
Daniel Beckman	Brian Monroe
Gary Lunsford	Joe Palmer
Steve Tardiff	Lori Palmer
Frank Cleary 8966	Nancy Reymann
Michael Case	Phillip Sherman
Randy Beecham	Gloria Snow
Christine Gerberick	Al Parkinson

Lyle (Joe) Collins, Brian Monroe, and Frank Cleary

35 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Jonathan Lester
Thomas Sattler
Kristine Weigel
Cindy Moore
Steve Moore

40 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Chris Raudabaugh 8962
Mark Reisdorf
William Bradach
Elizabeth Good

45 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Ralph Eckart
Lynn Plichta
Richard Schieltz 7581
Robert Schraedly



Chris Raudabaugh: 40 Years



Richard Schieltz: 45 Years

Rae Grommel unfortunately couldn't attend the banquet, but Guy Day spoke a few words of his long time service to the NSP, which also included being a role model for Lori Ringley, your current Ohio Region Awards Advisor.

50 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

RAE GROMMEL

KEN ROSE



Ken Rose: 50 Years



RETIRING REGION PERSONNEL

Phyllis Mauntel
Aide Room Module
Advisor
2011 - 2017

- **Bill Schick, Mountain Travel and Rescue Advisor 2010 - 2017**
- **Dale Fisher, Avalanche Advisor 2013 - 2016**

RETIRING REGION PERSONNEL

Jim Seeger, NSP-C Snow Sports School
2014-2017
Cindy Wert, Senior Training Coordinator
2014-2017

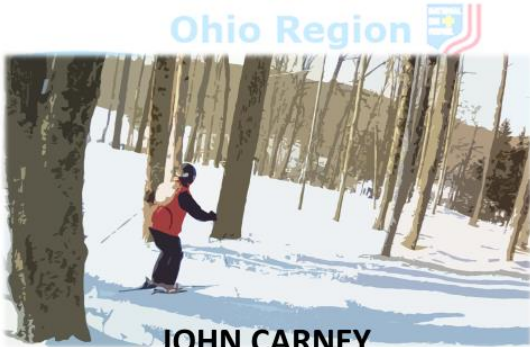
Cindy Wert: Retiring Senior Training Coordinator





Ohio Region PATROLLER CROSS

JOHN DARR
MEREDITH JUNKO
MARGE RICKSECKER
MATTHEW SWIGER



JOHN CARNEY
1957-2017

The Blue Merit Star is awarded for a lifesaving effort that falls unsuccessful of the patient surviving for 24 hours. This year's BMS is awarded to 3 Snow Trails' patrollers for a particularly difficult situation, in which they were working on a retired Clear Fork patroller, John Carney. While his injuries were not compatible with life, his family requested memorials be sent to benefit the Snow Trails Ski Patrol. Those patrollers are Al Parkinson, Jane Price and Mark Reisdorf. A moment of silence was held in his honor.



Ohio Region BLUE MERIT STAR

AL PARKINSON
JANE PRICE
MARK REISDORF



Ohio Region BLUE MERIT STAR

SNOW TRAILS
FOR A LIFE SAVING CPR
ATEMPT OF A FELLOW
(RETIRED) PATROLLER

Nelson
Whisler

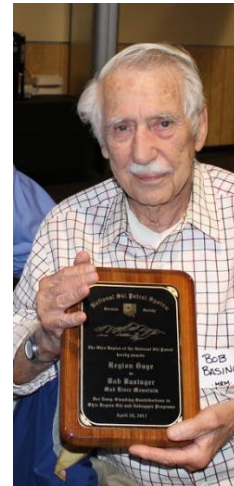


REGIONAL AWARDS

BRAVO AWARD
NELSON WHISLER – Snow Trails
421.5 hours in 82 days

SAGE AWARD
BOB BASINGER – Mad River Mountain
DOB -- ??

Bob
Basinger



TERRI ALIG
1952-2017

Also this year, and which will likely be recognized by the Purple Merit Star, was the untimely death of a PNS patroller, Terri Alig. A moment of silence for her opened the banquet. Terri was at the tubing hill at the annual tubing party for children with difficult and challenging living situations when she was struck by a brain aneurysm. Due to the effective CPR (all the way to the hospital in the squad as well) of PNS patrollers she did survive over 24 hours which allowed her out of state family to arrive, and her passing resulted in the gift of life for several people through organ donation.

PATROLLER SPIRIT AWARD

In honor of Chuck Huff and Dennis Maslar, the Patroller Spirit award is given to the patroller who most exhibits the spirit of those lost to untimely deaths. It is for the unsung hero who takes on any task with a smile, often tasks no one else wants to do, but ones that need to be done, while always exhibiting the spirit of those whom we've lost.

PATROLLER SPIRIT AWARD

DAVE CHILDERS
BMBWAV



2017 REGION DIRECTORS AWARD

ROSE DeJARNETTE

FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE FOR
WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND
ONLINE SUPPORT OF THE OHIO
REGION



Ohio Region SENIORS

SENIOR PATROLLERS

- Sue Deming - BMBWAV
- Jonah Tugaoen - MRM

Ohio Region SENIORS

SENIOR ALPINE

- Chris Greenwood - PNS
- Chris Miller - BMBWAV



Ohio Region

2017 NATIONAL OUTSTANDINGS

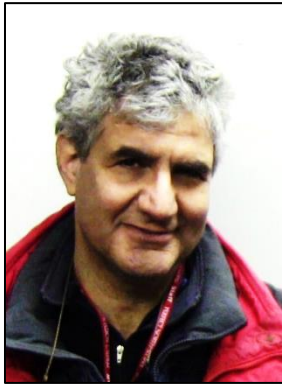
Outstanding Patroller

For that Patroller who does NOT
hold a position beyond the patrol
level, but gives outstanding
effort and devotion to their local
patrol



Patroller
DEBBI NIKRANT
BMBWAV





Outstanding Patrol Representative

MIKE REED
**PERFECT NORTH
SLOPES**



Outstanding Instructor

For that Patroller who exhibits
excellence in instructing multiple
disciplines of the NSP, with
exception of OEC



Outstanding OEC Instructor

For that instructor
who exhibits excellence
in all things OEC



OEC Instructor:
BRIAN MONROE
BMBWAV



Outstanding Alpine Patroller

For that **Alpine** Patroller who
does NOT hold a position
beyond the patrol level, but
gives outstanding effort and
devotion to their local patrol



Outstanding Alpine Patroller

VERN DeHAVEN
**PERFECT NORTH
SLOPES**



Outstanding Ski Patrol

**FOR THE OUTSTANDING OHIO
REGION PATROL OVER 41
MEMBERS**



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Given to members who have performed extraordinary service to the National Ski Patrol and the skiing public over a long period of time, distinguished by exceptional devotion to duty and outstanding performance. A member is normally the recipient of this award only once, and is widely considered the highest award the NSP gives to it's members

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

**JANET
GLAESER
BMBWAV**





On February 3-5, the Ohio Region hosted the first ever Ohio Region Women's Clinic. The first day, many participants and Instructors team enjoyed spending the day with D-Team Women's Ambassador, Heidi Ettlinger. The entire clinic was created to provide an opportunity for women patrollers to meet and support each other, and, in the words of one of the attendees, a place "to let our hair down and be ourselves." A chance to get away and meet other women in a clinic of our own, grows from the current status of women in the patrolling community. Many women in the Ohio Region discover that they are sometimes the only female on their duty shift, and when they show up for an SES or TES they will likely find that all, or most, of their trainers are men, as are most of the other participants. As for leadership positions, women in this roll are still in the minority.

The women's program and clinic are not aimed at replacing existing training activities which have been so valuable to all women in the region. (We have a fantastic Snowsports School and Transportation program in the Ohio Region!) Rather, its purpose is to create an engaging environment where women can gain support from each other, admit their vulnerability, and have a few laughs. Participants in this clinic left the weekend gathering with a renewed spirit and ready to share their enthusiasm for patrolling with the rest of the region.

The Ohio Region Women's Program is about leadership development and sisterhood. It's truly about making us better patrollers. If you want to understand more, just ask one of your patrol sisters who has attended a women's clinic and she will most likely be excited to chat you up. ☺

Dana Zedak, Women's Program Coordinator



Women's Clinic Staff: Barb Reed (PNS), Dana Zedak (BM/BW/AV), Linda Barthel (National Women's Program Director), Cheryl Raudaugh (MR), Tracy Buchanan (BM/BW/AV), Yvette Gerdes (PNS), Patty Johnson (PNS), Linda "Murph" Jacobs (Central Division Women's Staff) and Amy Arnold (ST)



Mountain Travel and Rescue

The Mountain Travel and Rescue courses are electives for the Senior Program. These events are a good way to learn wilderness survival skills and enhance your knowledge of outdoor travel and rescue. Cat Hufnagle is the new Ohio Region Mountain and Travel Advisor and encourages you to attend this program. Ohio Region has a great group of instructors that make this an outstanding program. If you are interested please contact Cat Hufnagle with any questions at cat@hufnagleinsurancegroup.net.

National Ski Patrol made significant changes to the Mountain Travel and Rescue Program (MTR) and instructor training requirements in November 2016. These changes included defined terrain guidelines, FEMA course requirements for MTR I and II and skills check off list for MTR II.

The major changes are the FEMA course requirements for MTR Fundamentals and MTR 1 require completion of the IS 100, 700. MTR 2 requires IS 200. These are free online classes in the Incident Command System with FEMA.

The MTR information on the Ohio Region website will be updated with the new requirements and details course descriptions. Lastly, NSP has outlined five course programs. There are the Fundamentals Class, MTR I and II, Clinics and Enhancement Seminars. The Clinics and Enhancement Seminars must be at least 6 hours in length to allow for more focused areas of training.

MTR 1 class was completed on March 24-26, 2017 at Ewing Woods near Mansfield Ohio. The classroom, field and camping sessions were all combined into one weekend-long course. MTR 2 is scheduled for November 10-12 at Lake Hope. The prerequisites for MTR 2 class are completion of MTR 1 and the FEMA courses IS 100,700 and 200.

MTR 1 course offers hands on practice and basic techniques in wilderness navigation, mountain travel, and survival, including emergency shelters, the Incident Command System, group dynamics, and SAR.

MTR 2 course offers at least two days and night field session of in-depth practice in land navigation, search and rescue, rescue rigging, survival skills and emergency shelters. To pass MTR 2, students must demonstrate independent proficiency in a well-defined set of backcountry travel, land navigation and emergency shelter.

Catherine Hufnagle
Ohio Region MTR Advisor



Spring 2017 Certified Program

Congratulations to Andrew French! Andrew qualified for the Certified Program this season at our Qualification Clinic at PNS in January and went on to pass an impressive number of modules at this year's Certified Test in Marquette, MI. He will join Tracy Buchanan and Mark Branham as they all work towards Certified next season. Ron Gerdes from PNS has stepped up to the plate and will serve as the next Central Division Certified Program Supervisor. The Region is proud to have one of our very own lead one of the most exciting programs within our Division.

Next year's annual test will be at Lutsen Mountain. This is an excellent opportunity for all interested patrollers to see what the Certified Program is all about. Any patroller wishing to enter the program must qualify at our annual Qualification Clinic held in early January at Perfect North. Please contact me if you would like more information about the Certified Program.



Eric Massanyi, Ohio Region Certified Advisor

Outdoor Emergency Care Module



On Sunday January 22, 2017 the Outdoor Emergency Care Module of the Senior Program held its annual test at Mad River Mountain. It turned out to be a beautiful sunny warm day for the test even though rain was predicted all week. I would like to extend a "Thank You", to everyone at Mad River Mountain, from the people in the office, to the grounds crew, to the people in the kitchen, but especially to the Ski Patrol. All of you did an awesome job of making sure everyone had what they needed. Bravo. Five candidates were successful in passing the test. They are, John Nassar and Piotr Mroz from Paoli Peak. Stuart Kanchuger and Jonah Tugaoen from Mad River Mountain and Chris Greenwood from Perfect North Slopes. Congratulation! Last but certainly not least to all who gave up their time to travel to Bellefontaine, Ohio and help the candidates achieve success.

Thank you, Cindy Wert: Ohio Region Senior Trainer Coordinator.



Passing Senior OEC were John Nassar and Piotr Mroz from PP, Chris Greenwood from PNS, Stuart Kanchuger from MRM, and (not pictured) Jonah Tugaoen MRM. Passing the Aid Room Module were Michael Ruckdaschel MRM and Kristen McKenna MRM, Krintina Dorn BMBWAV and (not pictured) was Sue Deming BMBWAV.

Perfect North Slopes - Spring 2017

Despite the less than ideal weather, we had a great season at Perfect North Slopes. We had a wonderful class of 11 candidates join us in August for our 16 week training course, which culminated in a 100% pass rate for both the written and practical tests. The short season (71 days and 12,351.51 hours worked by our patrollers) prevented some from finishing their board/ski and toboggan certifications, but those that finished crushed it and the remainder are well on their way. Our patrollers were active on a local, regional and national level, helping in traditional and non-traditional venues.



Mike Reed, Perfect North Patrol Representative



Mad River Mountain

The 2016 – 2017 Ski season was a new beginning for Mad River as this was the maiden voyage for our new lodge. We made some discoveries throughout the season of some changes that will be made and some begging that will have to be done in the future. Overall we have come out of the ashes and are very blessed to have our new facility. I would like to thank the Region for the wonderful donation of a new Projector and screen to replace ours that had been damaged in the fire. Thank you all again. This season was not without its challenges some of which I expected some I did not at all, overall the patrol pulled things together and came through in stellar fashion. We were open for 70 days this season with many breaks in between as I'm sure most areas dealt with as well.

We had 3 patrollers attain senior patroller status but unfortunately were not able to take the ski/ride- toboggan portion due to weather. We added 9 new candidates to the ranks of patroller. For the first time we conducted an OEC class DURING the season, it was a learning lesson but I believe we will continue this tradition if we have the interest. We will be finishing that OEC class at the end of May and starting a new class June 4th.

This season is my last as Patrol Director /Patrol Rep I am stepping down to give someone else a shot at the fun. On July 1, Scott Griffith will be taking my place as the new PD/PR at Mad River and I will be turned out to pasture. Scott has been patrolling for twenty-two years and has been my right hand guy for the last five, well except when he had to go receive a minor heart transplant. I wish Scott all the best and don't call me, I'll call you. I would like to thank Guy Day and his team for all of their support throughout the years it was appreciated, especially when I am calling Guy and saying,

"you're not going to believe this but..."

Thank you all for 5 great years!"

Troy Green, Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol



Boston Mills/Brandywine/Alpine Valley Ski Patrol, Spring 2017

- We were open 84 Days this season.
- Remodeled BM building & patrol area due to a fall flood and enhancements the first couple weeks of the season
- Added an auxiliary aid room at Alpine Valley to better serve our guests
- 17 passed our OEC technician
- 30 participated in S&T, 7 became Alpine
- 1 patroller achieved full Alpine Senior status
- Our Jr Ski Patrol had 20 participates this season
- Started a new Diamond Dogs toboggan enhancement training session for our seasoned male patrollers. 20 participated in our first event.
- Our annual D-Team event was very successful and we're planning for 2018
- We held joint training with local fire and hospital ED and ran various scenarios on slope. Great feedback
- Powderfall: 20 from our patrol
- 12 patrollers went through our March ID Class
- 18 Candidates in our current OEC class



Thomas Ciranna, Patrol Representative



It truly is Snow Trails passion to provide winter fun in Ohio! The many smiles, laughs, and memories made will last a lifetime - without a doubt! Snow Trails Patrol provided 237 helmet rentals for our guests this season, with our Lids on Kids program.

OEC Fall Refresher will be held on Sunday, October 1st

It is with a sad heart, I will mention that we lost one of our brothers on Saturday May 13th. Daryl Rafeld joined Snow Trails Patrol in 1980. May peace be with his family and all of those who he touched. Daryl, you will be missed!!!!

On-behalf of everyone here at Snow Trails Ski Patrol, we look forward to another fantastic winter season of fun, events and activities in the winter of 2017-2018!!

Fun Fact: Snow Trails finished out the 2016-2017 season being open 82 days, with a record breaking number of gallons of water being pumped out for snow that even continued into March this year. This is the most in our 56 year history, not surprising with the mild weather!

Respectfully yours,
Sue Hendricks, PD
Snow Trails Ski Patrol
(419) 566-8742
Scline424@gmail.com



The 2016/2017 ski season at Paoli Peaks began with high hopes as cold temperatures in early December allowed the resort to begin operations on December 16th. Unfortunately warmer weather throughout the winter hampered operations throughout the season. Paoli Peaks closed for the season on February 20th after being open 52 1/2 days. Our Tuesday night team was particularly hard hit as the resort was open only 3 Tuesday evenings during the season.

The Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol roster dropped by 12 patrollers this season leaving us with 67 registered patrollers. Of those only 60 were active this season. Despite the short season our patrollers averaged 48 hours each to log a total of 2855 hours.

We have been working on revamping our OEC training to utilize online resources to minimize the number of hands on hours required and to make that time more productive. The team will be meeting with the OEC instructors in late May to begin rolling out the new format. We have high hopes that this format will help the Patrol to recruit and strong candidate class for the 2017/2018 season.

Joe Collins, Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol

Paoli Crew at Awards Banquet

Julie DuChane, Bruce Heichelbech, Leah Morgan
(Downhill Editor), and Joe Collins (Paoli Patrol
Representative)





A huge THANK YOU to Lori Ringley for all her hard work and dedication to awards for the Ohio Region Ski Patrol!

Read more about awards in Lori's news at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6Tgt2-llaHjZkJjTONrN2puekU/view?usp=sharing>

