



News from the Region Director: *Guy Day*

Fall Issue:

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As I sit here writing this article, the local temps hang just below 80 degrees and the sun is shining. Colorado, Montana, Minnesota and Michigan all have recorded the first snow of the year. We are well into our OEC refreshers and planning for our opening weeks. Please say some nice things to Mother Nature to encourage her to open up the gates to give us lots of snow and cold temps for snowmaking.

I was able to go to Wisconsin Dells in early September for the Division Meeting. The Ohio Region did well this year both at the Division and National level. Amy Arnold was the Central Division Outstanding Administrative Patroller, Jim Burns was 1st Runner Up for Central Division Outstanding Instructor, Sue Hendricks was 1st Runner Up for Central Division Outstanding Patrol Representative, Julie DuChane was Central Division Outstanding OEC Instructor and Boston Mills Brandywine Alpine Valley was National Outstanding Large Patrol. Way to go OHIO REGION!!!! We were also treated to several members of the Central Division being inducted into the National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame. (Please see next article in this edition for details)

The Central Division will be hosting the Alpine Skills Development Workshop (ASDW) in December up at Boyne Highlands. This will be held 7th - 9th. The Central Division Skills Development team will also be hosting an "Extend the Ladder Down Event" the weekend of January 26th and 27th at Boyne Highlands which is open to all current instructors who were not able to attend the event in December. If you have interest in attending this event please contact Amy Arnold or Rich McNitt. Also, if you are planning on going for your PSIA Level II or III this year, keep your eyes open as there is a better than average chance that the Division Ski School will have a non-scheduled PSIA/AASI workshop/prep.

Please welcome Rich McNitt as the new Assistant Region Director – Programs. He has graciously accepted to take over the role when Bryan Loveless resigned due to health concerns. We can't thank Bryan enough for all his hard work over the last three years. His presence will be missed this year and look forward to your return in the very near future!

If you have fellow patrollers that have decided not to patrol this year, please reach out to them and encourage them to keep their membership status as Alumni. As an Alumni Member you are still able to accrue service years. You are still able to take advantage of membership benefits and work with your local patrol as their needs require your assistance.

Two relatively new programs that the National Office is spending time and resources on are Bike Patrols/Bike Host Units and Young Adult Patrollers. We will be posting a Region Position very shortly for the Bike Patrol/Host Advisor so keep your eyes open for that if you are interested. Troy Green is the current YAP Advisor for the Region. Last year Eastern Michigan Region held a one day event in Detroit where there were about 12 young adult patrollers who participated in the event. I wouldn't be surprised if this happens again. We will make sure to keep you abreast of this as the season gets closer.

It was stressed at the Division meeting as well as at the Region meeting that the number of Code of Conducts are increasing at the National and Division level. Please remember that we are all volunteers and want to give back to the sport we love. We come from different points of views, lifestyles, economic, religious and ethnic backgrounds. This is one of the best thing about this organization is the diversity that it holds. It all started back in Kindergarten and Pre-School with a very simple thought – *Treat others as you would want to be treated. It is that simple.*



Looking forward, the Ohio Region will be hosting the Fall 2019 Division Patroller Conference, Board Meeting and Division Awards Banquet. This is going to be in Cleveland, September 6-8th. We have blocks of rooms at the Hilton Hotel Downtown Cleveland. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event starting now with the planning phase. Please reach out to me with your contact information and copy your Patrol Representative so they are in the loop. We are really excited about some of the events that we are looking to host. These could range from motorcycle, road bike/mountain bike tours to fishing on the big lake or local streams or a spa day on Friday. There may even be a tour or two of some local micro-breweries in the Cleveland area along with other fun events. Saturday would be more of the same with some educational or personal growth activities and the evening would finish off acknowledging our fellow patrollers and the awards they have earned for their outstanding work. Please stay tuned to the Region website for details.

See you when the snow flies! Guy Day, Ohio Region Director

National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame

During the Division meeting that was held the first weekend in September, we were treated to an awesome awards celebration. The Ohio Region did an outstanding job in getting both Division and National Awards for our patrols/patrollers. During the course of the evening we were also treated to an outstanding group of patrollers who were inducted into the National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame. In this group, Tom Worley from Perfect North Slopes was inducted as a member to the Class of 2018.

The National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame is presented to individuals whose association with the NSP has had a substantial and lasting positive effect on the organization of historical significance. NSP patrollers and non-members are eligible to receive this award.

Requirements to become a member of the Hall of Fame are:

- A nominee must have 25 years of active NSP membership; must have a National Appointment or Leadership Commendation Appointment; and have accomplished a minimum of 4 of the following 5 criteria to be submitted to the HOF selection committee
- Received the Minnie Dole Award
- Served as an Officer, Program Director, Supervisor or Advisor at the Division or National level
- Received a Distinguished Service Award and/or Meritorious Service Award
- Served as an active certified NSP Instructor in any NSP program for 20 years or more
- Served as a National Board Member, Division Director, Region Director, Patrol Representative, Section Chief and/or an Instructor Trainer in one or many NSP Programs with a combined total of 20 years

Tom joined the Ski Patrol in 1964 and is currently an active member of Perfect North Slopes. During his patrol career Tom has been a member of seven different patrols across three divisions. He has served as a Patrol Director, Section Chief, Region Director, Division Program Supervisor in several programs, National Program Supervisor, and a National Board Rep. He has received a Central Division Lifetime Achievement Award, 3 Yellow Merit Stars, a Gold Merit Star, and a Purple Merit Star. Tom has also been awarded a Meritorious Service Award & Distinguished Service Award. He has also won Outstanding Ski Patroller at the Region (twice), Division and National Level, Outstanding Patrol Director, and Outstanding Division Administrator. Tom received his National Appointment #5073 in 1977 and he earned Certified #179 in 1983. Tom was inducted as part of the 2017 and 2018 Class to the Hall of Fame. Also included in this class was Ron Chavey, Jeff Olsen, Linda Jacobs, Chuck Martschinke, Ron Plumer and Beach Day. This is truly an incredible group of individuals who have done so much for our organization. Please congratulate Tom as you see him this season.



***Congratulations
Tom Worley,
National Ski Hall of Fame
Inductee***



2018 DIVISION AND NATIONAL AWARDS WINNERS!!

This year, as usual, the Ohio Region was well represented at the division level, with 3 winners, 2 runners up, and...wait for it....a National Winner! It was announced at the 2018 Central Division Meeting at the Chula Vista Resort at the Wisconsin Dells that Julie DuChane (Paoli) was named Outstanding OEC Instructor, Amy Arnold (BMBWAV) the Outstanding Administrative Patroller, with Boston Mills Brandywine Alpine Valley named the Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol. Sue Hendricks of Snow Trails was the Division First Runner Up Patrol Representative, and Jim Burns of BMBWAV was Outstanding Instructor Runner Up. Julie DuChane also received a Yellow Merit Star for being Central Division's OEC Instructor Nominee to National. Tom Ciranna also received a Yellow Merit Star for being the National Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol's Patrol Representative.

Yes, you read that right! Boston Mills Brandywine Alpine Valley was named the 2018 National Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol! This is an amazing feat and one of which the Ohio Region couldn't be prouder! So the next time you see any of these people, congratulate them on their accomplishments!



Congratulations to Julie DuChane, Amy Arnold, Jim Burns, Sue Hendricks, Tom Ciranna and the whole Boston Mills Brandywine Alpine Valley Ski Patrol!



Lori Ringley, MHS PT, Ohio Region Awards Advisor



HFALL OUSEKEEPING ITEMS from the Assistant Region Director, Administration

GET A FLU SHOT

As we prepare for the ski season, the flu shot should be part of our ski patrol Standard Precautions. According to the CDC, last year's flu season was so intense that the number of people that ended up at the doctor's office or emergency room was almost as high as during the peak of the 2009-2010 swine flu pandemic. By the end of February, it had caused the most hospitalizations in nearly a decade, and a total number of deaths of at least 114 nationwide. Yet, people who got a flu shot cut their risk of a flu-related trip to the doctor by nearly 60 percent!

While it's still too early to tell, there is no indication that there's anything new or unusual about the upcoming flu season. Health authorities recommend getting the flu shot by October or November at the latest. Protection lasts about 6 months and most healthcare plans cover most or all of the cost.

NEW REGION ORG CHART

An updated org chart for the Ohio Region has been posted to the Region website. Take a look if you'd like to learn how the Region staff is structured and who is in it. <https://www.ohionsp.org/org-chart>

REGION-LEVEL ROLES

Be on the lookout for new Region-level job postings. There are always opportunities that come up to build leadership skills, expand your ski patrol network and contribute beyond your local area. We need new talent and fresh ideas!



Wishing a healthy, safe and fun ski season,

Clara Nin-Hilgefort
Assistant Region Director, Administration
NSP Ohio Region



ALUMNI

It's almost time for another season with the NSP. Where did Spring and Summer go?? As far as I know there are no changes to the Alumni program for the 2018/2019 season. However, I do want to point out that Central Division has confirmed that Alumni are eligible for service awards. This is contrary to what they told us in the past. This means that some Alumni have not received service awards for which they were eligible. The Region Awards Advisor, Lori Ringley, and I will be working together to identify those who were missed, and, hopefully be able to award them for the years of service that were missed at the Spring 2019 Awards Banquet.

Once again it's time for Alumni to register and pay dues to National (dues remain at \$30). Current members will receive an email containing registration instructions. New members should follow the procedure outlined in the National Ski Patrol Alumni Manual that can be found on the NSP web site. If you know of anyone who is considering retirement from active patrolling, please encourage them to consider becoming an NSP Alumni. Among the other benefits you will continue to earn credits for your years of service, have full access to the NSP web site including the NSP Store, receive NSP publications, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow patrollers. If you are an instructor in an NSP program you may be able to continue in that role as an Alumni. Contact your local patrol director to learn more.

Bill Currier, Ohio Region Alumni Advisor



Instructor Development

Interested in becoming an instructor of any discipline for your resort or the Ohio Region? Do you need a Senior Elective? Enrolling in an Instructor Development, ID, class is the answer! Learn how to perfect your Six-Pack Lesson Plan, gather a list of activities to keep the attention of your students, and gain insight on how to navigate the resources available to instructors on nsp.org.

Perfect North Slopes is hosting the next ID Class in the Ohio Region on **Saturday, October 20**. This class will be a hybrid online and in-person class. Interested candidates may register for the online class through nsp.org; Member Resources; Course Schedule. The course number is C106180015. Candidates must also register for the in-person class on ohionsp.org; Sign-Up for Events. The online portion of the class must be finished before candidates attend the in-person class on October 20. Print your online certificate of completion and bring it with you to the in-person class. Hope to see you there!

A final note. As NSP states in Instructor Development: Training the Adult Learner, "Nothing is more important to the success of NSP's education programs than the cadre of hard-working, well-trained instructors who deliver those programs." The Ohio Region is in need of new ID Instructors for our Instructor Development Program. If you are interested in training the future instructors of your region, please send me a message.

Thank you...

Denise Zakrajsek Galicki

Ohio Region Instructor Development Administrator

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Ohio Region Avalanche Program

Ohio Region purchased two new transceivers at the end of the year. Two courses were held last year. We are trying to schedule a course in Colorado in Nov but are waiting for Rocky Mountain Division to approve the boundary cross.....more to come later.

If any Ohio Region Patrol Director wants to have a course for their local membership, please let us know and we'll make it happen!

Thanks,

Jay Zedak

Ohio Region Avalanche Advisor



OHIO REGION SNOWSPORTS

Hello Ohio Region,

We just moved into fall and a new season is upon us. It won't be long and we will be pulling skis and jackets out for our next season of skiing. Looking back to this past season we had some good goals in place many of which were accomplished. We were able to conduct several ski seminars at various areas with an overall increase in our Involvement in those events. We also had several new instructors join the ranks in the region adding to our "New Blood".

As we look to the 2018-2019 ski season we are hoping to add to the base of enhancing our fundamentals in skiing. In addition, we are hoping to provide a clear path with mentoring to those individuals that wish to pursue an education role. We have a tremendous amount of talent in the Ohio Region! There is great opportunity to enhance that talent as our seasoned veterans mentor those that are coming up through the ranks. The Ohio region has demonstrated through the past years that we are up to the challenge of educating, learning and bringing new talent forward.

I'm asking for those of you that are seasoned instructors to refresh your skills with that which is new and reach out to those coming up. Those of you that are new, reach out to those above you and ask to be mentored. We both can learn from each other as we move forward.

Let's continue to strive to make the Ohio Region the best it can be!

Brian Harrison,
Ohio Region Snow Sports Advisor



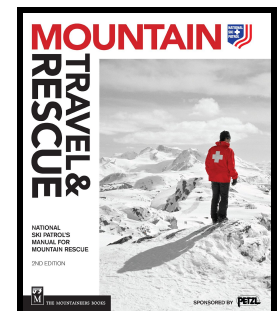
Mountain Travel and Rescue

The Mountain Travel and Rescue I (MTR) has been rescheduled for October 19 – 21 at Perfect North Ski Area. MTR II is scheduled for November 10-12, 2018 at Lake Hope.

"NSP's Mountain Travel and Rescue Program offers a sequence of courses that prepare ski patrollers and others to manage group safety and to participate in search-and-rescue operations in the mountains, including backcountry and off-piste settings. The courses cover basic survival skills, mountain travel techniques, wilderness navigation, hazard management, mountain weather, group dynamics, environmental considerations, medical problems specific to mountain environments, search-and-rescue principles, and emergency rescue techniques, including rope work." (www.nsp.org)

If you are interested in the program as an elective for senior, for your edification, or for lots of good comradery, contact Cat Hufnagle at crhufnagle1@hotmail.com.

Catherine R Hufnagle, Ohio Region MTR Advisor



SENIOR OUTDOOR EMERGENCY CARE

I am looking forward to the upcoming 2018-2019 season and the opportunity to coordinate the OEC Module of the Senior Program. The goal is to continue to build upon the excellent bar that has been established in the Ohio Region.

Please be aware that the test this season will occur slightly earlier than in past years. Since the test is now occurs on the same weekend as the Ski and Toboggan test, the earlier date was selected to improve the odds of having better snow conditions. The February 9, 2019 test date means that all pre-requisite activities and sign-offs have also been scheduled earlier. Please be sure to mark the new dates down and plan accordingly (*dates below*).

Not sure but thinking of obtaining your OEC Sr. Status? Any Ohio Region OEC Technician with a minimum of 1 ski season of experience and approval from the Patrol Director is eligible to pursue the Senior OEC classification. You can take the OEC Module even if you have not already taken or do not plan to take the Ski/Toboggan test. We encourage you to speak to your local Senior Program Coordinator about participating in the training offered at your resort.

Trainer/Evaluator:

An email will be sent in early October to all Trainer /Evaluators (T/Es) that need to re-certify this year. If you are up for certification this year, please plan now to attend one of the schedule TE Clinics.

Local Calibration Clinics will be offered this year at Mad River and Snow Trails for Potential and Existing T/Es. The dates and locations are listed below.

All OEC Instructors who have completed the OEC Module of the Senior Program and have been an Instructor for at least 1 year are eligible to become a T/E for the OEC Module of the Senior Program. To become a T/E, you must attend a T/E clinic and participate in an OEC Senior test event as a Scoring Observer.

The T/E certification is good for 3 years and then requires recertification. To recertify you need to attend a T/E clinic and you need to have participated in at least 1 OEC Senior test event.

Key Program Dates:

- Sept 30th – PDs confirm OEC Module POC
- Oct 10th – Notify all T/Es of recertification status
- Dec 1st – T/E Calibration Clinic – Mad River Mountain
- Dec 8th – T/E Calibration Clinic – Snow Trails - *tentative*
- Jan 11th – Submit Candidate Names
- Jan 23rd – Candidate Application/Sign-offs, Fees due
- Feb 8th – Calibration clinic with all test staff
- Feb 9th – Senior OEC Test (BMBW)



For more information or to review all of the requirements, please visit the Ohio Region's website Senior Program page, <https://www.ohionsp.org/programs/senior>. If you can't find what you're looking for or if you have additional questions, feel free to contact me,

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Ohio Region SROEC Administrator.



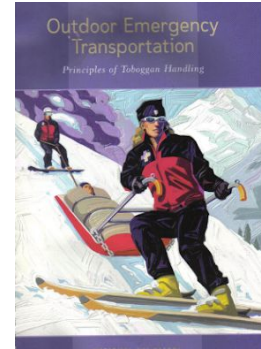
Outdoor Transportation Program

I would first like to say thank you to Jim Vickroy for heading this program up for the last 3 years! I'm excited to continue developing the Outdoor Emergency Transportation, OES, program and to bring more clinics and training opportunities to our home resorts!!

Together, with the Snowsports and Senior Programs, we will be organizing various Tobaggon Enhancement Seminars and Ski Enhancement Seminars, TES/SES clinic, opportunities for all levels of our patrol. Once these dates are confirmed with each patrol we will be publishing them on our Ohio Region website by early December at the latest.

I look forward to a great season full of new clinics, new faces and fun running the sled! See you on the SNOW!

Tracy Buchanan
Ohio Region Transportation Advisor
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Ohio Region Certified

Dave McKinley has taken over as the Certified Advisor for the Ohio Region. For this season, we want to continue to encourage patrollers to learn about the Certified program, observe and join the program. Check the Ohio Region webpage for the Certified for updates.

needs to better understand the program. ohionsp.org/programs/certified

Typically, the annual pre-qualification clinic is the first weekend in January - January 5&6, 2019, (to be confirmed). All staff is encouraged to attend and assist with qualification. Recertification will happen if the terrain/conditions dictate. Current candidates are encouraged to attend and work on their specific modules needed. New applicants need to have their applications turned in by Dec 31, 2018 - this can be accessed via the Ohio Region webpage.

The 2019 exam will be held February 28 - March 3, 2019 at Nubs Nob/Boyne Highlands. Staff is highly encouraged to attend and assist with the exam. Current candidates will need to bring the necessary equipment needed for their remaining modules. New Candidates need to bring everything! Observers/Potential Applicants - those interested in the program are highly encouraged to attend. This is a great way to introduce YOURSELF to the program and get prepared. We highly encourage anyone thinking about Certified to observe at least once before committing to the program.

We are seeking an assistant to take over in three seasons. If you are interested, contact us.

Dave McKinley,
Ohio Region Certified Advisor



Snow Trails Ski Patrol

This year looks to be an exciting one for the members of Snow Trails' patrol. We are currently training 7 new candidates in OEC. Bookwork has been completed and they are now going through 8 weeks of hands on training to ready them for the season. Each one of these candidates have been very active and we look forward to each of them becoming a member of NSP.

I am currently reaching out to many patrol members to recruit their support to fill positions, such as Senior OEC advisor, Skiing and Toboggan Trainers, and group leaders. Response have been good and I hope to have all positions filled in the next couple of weeks. Snow Trails Management has purchased a new Polaris Ranger for us use in the transportation of injured guest across the bottom of the resort. They have stated that snowmobiles will no longer be used to transport guest and will not be allowed during operation hours. Training on the new equipment is being created and will be available soon. This also means that we will set up our toboggan training to ensure patroller efficiency and customer safety.

Management has introduced a new Ski School supervisor who is excited to work with us to improve the relationship between patrol and ski school. We are very excited to welcome this change and look forward to working with Jason Cooper and his entire staff.

I would like to thank each of you for welcoming me into the Region's staff. I am looking forward to the coming season. I would also like to thank Sue Hendricks, our outgoing PD. Without her help, I would truly be lost in my new responsibilities as Snow Trails' Patrol Director.

Bill Harkins
Patrol Director, Snow Trails Ski Patrol



Greetings from the Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol! The Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol has been busy preparing for the upcoming ski season. The OEC refresher and our first chairlift evacuation training were held Saturday, October 13. Our IOR, Mary Ellen Hardy, and her team of instructors put on an excellent refresher! Thank you to all who helped and attended.

Our OEC class, under the leadership of Julie DuChane, is going strong and will finish in November with the written test on the 8th and the practical on the 15th. We have eight strong candidates and expect each of them to complete the OEC class and become Patrollers. This includes the Paoli Peaks General Manager, Rick McMullen, who has decided to join the Ski Patrol and to serve as an active patroller in addition to his other duties at the resort.

Joe Collins,
Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol
Patrol Representative





Paoli Peaks Chair Evacuation, Photos by Bill Hardy



Check out the Women's Program at <https://www.ohionsp.org/programs/ohio-region-womens-program>

Members of the NSP Central Division

The voting has opened for you to vote for your NSP National Board Member. You can vote for one person or up to four people. It's your right to vote in this election and we urge you to exercise this right. We still believe we need representation for every member. The only way to accomplish that is to have Board members from every Division. When you are selecting the candidate or candidates to vote for, please keep the representative issue in mind.

Most years people ask who they should vote for. We am not creating a list this year. If you would like assistance in who to vote for you may contact any one of these leaders and have a discussion with them on who they feel would make a good National Board member and why they feel that way.

The list of people to contact is the following:

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Chris Raudabaugh chris@raudabaugh.net Current ADD
Jay Zedak jay@bugbusterinc.com Current Board member
Ty Damon tydamon@me.com Current Board member
Jim Woodrum jrwoodrum@centurytel.net Current Board member

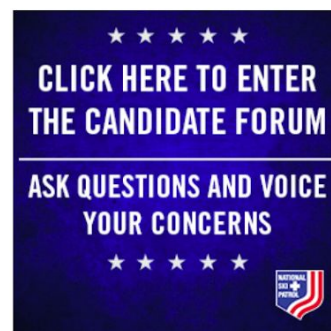
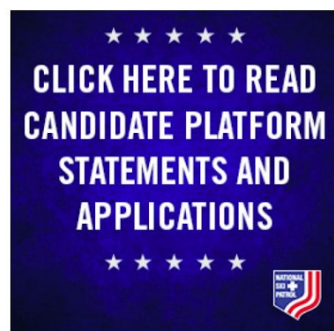
Your Region Director:
Guy Day gcdday@sbcglobal.net

To vote go to www.nsp.org and sign in as a member. Youmay also personally check out the candidate information at https://www.nsp.org/NSPMember/For_Members/NSP_Member_Home/Vote_18.aspx .

2018 NSP BOARD ELECTION

The board election opens on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, at 4 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time and will run through Friday, December 3, closing at 4 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The "Ask the Candidates 2018 Forum" is a place where you can ask questions of the candidates. To visit it, click the right button below. Click the left button to read the candidates' applications, resumes, and platform statements. The voting button in the center will be live on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, at 4 p.m. MDT

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Ohio Region Downhill Editor: Leah Morgan

As editor of the Ohio Region Newsletter, Downhill, I would like to request that all news items and recent photos be sent to downhilleditor@gmail.com. News items can be created in Word and/or the articles can be included in the body of an email. Please use Calibri or Times New Roman and 10 point font with single spacing. If you send a PDF file, please include a Word file also that is saved as a Word 97-2003 or Word 2010, not 2013. Digital photos should be clear and 300 DPI, dots per inch, or more. Many of the new cameras take 8 or higher gigabyte photos, but these are really much too large. One or two gigabyte photos are plenty big and still can take a long time to download. Please write out all acronyms..... as new members do not always know the lingo yet!

All patrollers are welcome to submit articles to be considered for publication in DOWNHILL. Send photographs from your area or that might be of interest to our patrollers. The Winter Edition will deal primarily with programs and patrol news!
Please send any items by December 15, 2018.

If you have suggestions for the "Downhill", feel free to send them to me along with information in a timely manner.

Thank you to all who sent articles and photos for this edition!

