

**Mike Lord**

**Incoming RD**



Well, here we are at the beginning of the coming season and once again activity in our region is starting to pick up. The new candidate class has been meeting for the last few weeks and we have another enthusiastic group of new patrollers in training. Region program advisors have been getting their schedules for the coming season finalized and by refresher time we'll have the usual full slate of activities to tempt patrollers to find a few spare moments to use for a little extra fun.

Not everything though is business as usual for the coming season. Having just gotten back from the fall division meeting I can say there are fundamental issues being discussed at the division level to address at our division, region and patrol level the historic changes that the National Office took last year. I can tell you from personal experience that "spirited debate" has been the rule of the day for the last two division meetings. It's thought provoking to see the amount of energy that the appointed committee members are bring to the process of trying to improve the way our division will provide meaningful progress to the membership of our division in the years ahead.

I do have to say that we are experiencing some difficulty within our region finding facilities to hold some of our programs. At the top of this list is the four-fold increase that schools are charging for using their facilities on a Sunday. I have to ask each of you to spend some time asking the question: Can we run the region refreshers on Saturday both times? I will have a short questionnaire for patrollers to fill out at the region refreshers this year to start a process to help me move the region programs in the direction most favorable to the majority of our region. I won't be making any changes to the programs though, until I have more input from all of you.

Take a few minutes now to read about what's happening in the region and be sure and check the web site for updates of region program times and dates. Be watching your mail for questionnaire from national in early October. Please fill it out and get it back as this will be critical for the planning of or future. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in the coming weeks. Have a great end of summer and as always if you need answers to questions please feel free to drop me a line or call.

**REGIONAL ADVISORS:**

**Skip Millor**

**Awards**

Congratulations to the **Genesee Valley Nordic Patrol** for being selected **National Outstanding Nordic Patrol - 2003**.

The **Nordic Patrol** also received a **Unit Citation and a Gold Merit Star** from National during their August Picnic. **PR Chuck Crockett** was presented a Yellow Merit Star for his leadership. **Gina Wyffels** was recognized by the Region for her work in preparing the application that won the Eastern Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol Award 2003.



**Figure 1 - Chuck Crockett receiving the National Outstanding Nordic Patrol Award from Division Director Jerry Sherman at the Nordic Picnic.**

**Keith Snyder** received a Distinguished Service Award and **Tom Wallin** and **Virginia Illi** received Yellow Merit Stars. **Jon Gorton** was presented a National Certificate of Appreciation for his contributions to skier safety. All four awards were presented at the Swain Picnic

While attending the Swain picnic **Mike Lord** was awarded the Genesee Valley Region 2003 Instructor of The Year award.



**Figure 2 - Gina Wyffels admiring the National Outstanding Nordic Patrol Award with her children and Peter Parker.**



**Figure 3 - Keith Snyder Receiving a National Distinguished Service Award from RD Mike Lord at the Swain Picnic. Mike Lord later received the Region Instructor of the Year Award.**



**Figure 4 - John Gorton Receiving a National Certificate of Appreciation and the Region Doyle Award from PR Joe Menichino and Region Awards Advisor Skip Millor.**

Look for more awards at the Fall Refresher.

## **Nick Schiavetti                  Instructor Development**

I am pleased to assume the duties of conducting the Instructor Development Program for the Genesee Valley Region. My predecessors, **Marcia Mundrick** and **Merrily Hoover**, have done such an excellent job of managing this program in the region over the past few years that I have inherited a program that "ain't broke" and so I won't fix it.

The Instructor Development class that used to be called "Phase I" will continue to be offered each spring after the ski season is over to remove it from the many time conflicts that busy patrollers encounter during the season. It is an 8 hour workshop on effective instruction and counts as a senior elective. We try to model the principles that are taught in the class and to give the participants a chance to apply some of the techniques. Talk to the people who have completed this course in the past and I'm sure that you will hear a lot of recommendations to try it out!

In 2004 we will offer this class on Monday and Wednesday nights, May 3rd and 5th. Flyers and signup sheets will be available at the Region OEC Refreshers and at the On-the-Hill Refreshers at each area for those who are interested.

In addition to completing this class, patrollers aspiring to become instructors need to complete a program of mentoring with an experienced instructor and then be evaluated by an Instructor Trainer (IT). We have experienced instructors in the region who have mentored and evaluated patrollers recently and successfully processed their applications through the national office to complete their instructor appointments. Those of us who have this experience would be happy to help out anyone in the region who wants assistance or advice on how to become an instructor or how to mentor or evaluate an instructor candidate.

Instructor development is an important gateway to training new patrollers and refreshing current patrollers' skills. Without it, we would not be able to replenish our ranks or keep our skills up to date. Come and join us for an enjoyable and educational experience. We look forward to seeing you in the program.

## **Chris Stiegler                                  OEC**

As summer turns to fall it is time again to start thinking about Ski Patrol and OEC. The Candidate class has been under way since August 4<sup>th</sup>, and thanks to the 91 instructors helping to teach, this class will be ready by the time the first snowflakes fly.

This year's refresher will have the same format as last year, with a few exceptions. We have made changes based on the feedback we received from you. The first change is that registration will only be a half an hour long; no more long wait to start. The second major and

noticeable change is the reduction of all those “damn” questions. They have been reduced to 100 and will be given in small sections at the skill stations. We will once again have a station to review and answer questions from the open book refresher guide. As usual, lunch will be available for a small fee from the booster club. Please help support the sport programs and buy lunch.

Things you will need to bring to the refresher: completed refresher study guide (if you didn't receive one in the mail in Ski Patrol Magazine, go to [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org) where it can be downloaded), patrol pack, OEC card (if you don't have one you can order a replacement from National by calling (303) 988-1646), pens, and a positive attitude to learn and meet old friends.

We are looking for more OEC instructors. If you enjoy helping patrollers with OEC or if you need an elective for your senior, the new mentoring program is for you. The time commitment for becoming an instructor is minimal and could be completed by the end of November. If you are interested or want more information just email me at [chs@hatherall.net](mailto:chs@hatherall.net).

As always if you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me.

Thanks,  
Chris Stiegler

**John Topping & Jeff Baker** **S&T**  
**GVR Ski, Snowboard, Tele, Flying Saucer and**  
**Toboggan Program**

The season is on us like white on rice. Shake the mice out of your boots and grind the rust off the edges 'cause you'll be on the slopes sooner than you think.

This year brings some significant changes to the S&T Program. Here's the short list of the more notable happenings and events:

- We have several patrollers in the **Mentoring Program for S&T Instructors**: Peter Parker (Hunt), Kerry Meyer (Bristol) and Steve Shelley (Swain) are working hard and will be tested this year at a Division evaluation. Wish them luck when you see them around the mountain!
- John Topping was honored this year to be elected to the position of Hunt Hollow's Patrol Representative. As it was originally intended that John take the lead of S&T this season, (allowing Jeff to pursue butterfly collecting and doily weaving), John's rise to the top of the food chain has increased his workload dramatically. This means that they will again share equally in the administration duties of the program this season. The doilies will just have to wait another year.
- **The 2003-2004 Program Lineup**

- Toboggan Enhancement (Tune up tips and racing stripes: make that sled sing!)
- Women's Only Clinic (Sign up early, this one sells out fast)
- PSIA lead- Learn to Ski with the Big Dogs (for all of us puppies)
- Patroller School @ Windham (Learn from the Best in the East)
- The Senior Program (New and Improved, see details below)
- Intro to the World of S&T Instructor Staff (The Region needs you, come and take a peek)
- Senior Recertification (Not just a chance to show off any more, you'll leave a better person)

The Senior Program:

We know...your time is precious; and while **you know you would benefit from the Senior Program**, how can you make the training sessions? We have the answers!

### **ALL NEW FOR THIS YEAR!**

**LESS TIME:** We are reducing the number of structured classes to allow more time for one-on-one training with the Instructor of your choice.

**BETTER TRAINING:** In a smaller group the training can be tailored to your specific needs, both in skill and time commitment.

**FAMILIAR TERRAIN:** The Region's Staff is packed with talented folks who are willing to take the time to work with you on your own turf.

**IMPROVED EFFICIENCY:** Don't just haul frozen bodies...fill your shift duty with quality S&T training; take an extra hour before or after your shift to work on your transitions under the tutelage of an instructor. Maximize your time!

**PRICES SLASHED(!):** Before Midnight tonight: only \$39.95 (every nickel counts)

Got Questions??? Drop John or Jeff a line, they will be happy to answer your questions.

John Topping - 585-303-1647

Jeff Baker – 585-615-1576

**Holger Stave** **Nordic Advisor Emeritus**  
**"Musings From Our Retiring Nordic Advisor"**

Tranquility Alert:

A unique condition exists in certain parts of this State that need to be pointed out to the general public. It is a rare condition that, if it were a species of plant or animal, would be on the "endangered" list. Civilization, as we call it, with its combined force of technology and development is encroaching at a breath-taking pace, eliminating it not only in the terms of available habitat, but destroying our very ability to partake of it. Yet those who realize its immense importance to our well-being, those who recognize it's

healing capacity, will go far and battle gruesome traffic to find it and cherish it. Yet only too often, the technology follows and pits the glistening calm with tunes of electronic chirps and tweedles.

This precious condition we attempt to create artificially by submerging ourselves in the virtual creations thought to be a substitute. Yet the true essence of the condition can be found only in one kind of place: Where the snow lies still, undisturbed, gently shifting in the breeze. Where a bird's wing will leave ripples in the surface. Where golden sunlight reflects up. Where men can make angels and children build dreams.

Tranquility, the nectar of a healthy mind, nourishing the body, lifting the load. This is the secret we are empowered to protect: The enjoyment of this condition by all who want to preserve it. And in the process these "Nordics" have the distinct privilege and envious advantage of knowing where these pools of tranquility exist around us, to drink this nectar and nourish our minds and bodies all in the name of service. We share this key with those who desire to live happier, healthier, fuller lives. The challenge hosts in the ability to free one's self from the need for the burgeoning bustle and build the confidence to face and love tranquility. We'll teach you how, but you must bring the courage with you!

### **Kevin and Patricia Campbell MTR**

I sit here in the first week of September, and there is a fragrance in the air. Can you smell it? It's winter and it's coming. I am thinking of all the patrollers that are assuming they just took their last camping trip of the season over the Labor Day Weekend. Unfortunately, they are cheating themselves out of some of the best camping there is to be had. If you haven't ever camped in the winter, give it some thought. Talk to those that have. Consider the idea of going on a trip with a group of skilled peers who will guide you through the ropes. You also will get the chance to pick up some rescue and survival skills. Most of all, the chance to get out of the house and have a whole lot of fun.

Watch for future postings on the GVR web page and at the region refreshers for Mountain Travel and Rescue courses being offered both locally and through the Division this upcoming season.  
See you in the Snow!

Kevin

### **Richard Stearns Student Patrolling**

The Genesee Valley Region Student Patrol completed its 5<sup>th</sup> year with four new students completing the OEC program. Amelia Feller, John Gaehring, Andy Mattison, Malorie Osypian, all from Avon, worked hard throughout last winter and were successful in the final practical exam last spring. Congratulations to them and a special thanks to all the OEC instructors that helped in their training.

They will be joined by Adam Gebhard and Wesley Buth in working on S&T this year at Swain.

We did lose one of our students. Jeremy Willetts, from Hornell, should be well underway with his Marine Corps training. He will be missed by the Swain patrol, as he provided many hours of outstanding service to the patrol.

If you would like to get involved in the student training in either OEC or S&T, let me know. The diversity the region offers makes for a great learning experience for all involved, and it is fun teaching enthusiastic students. I still have hopes that we can get more participation from the other region patrols in the program. The student program has succeeded in producing some very enthusiastic, ambitious and highly qualified patrollers for the region. If you know someone that might be interested please feel free to contact me and I will answer any questions you may have. My e-mail is [rstearns@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rstearns@rochester.rr.com) or call me at 585-343-4463 evenings.

### **Joe Menichino Certified**

Wow- here we go again. The summer sure went fast and our jackets are coming out again. I love it.

I'd like to use this article to remind you about the excellent source of information we have about the Certified program that exists on the NSP Eastern Division Web page. The Certified Web Page is found at <http://www.nspeast.org/html/certified.htm>. I wish I had an information source as comprehensive as this when I joined. Everything you might want to learn about the program is defined.

The Program Guide located at - <http://www.nspeast.org/html/certguide.htm> is particularly excellent for completely detailing each step in the Certification program. Makes interesting reading even if you are only "wondering".

If you want to attend a great clinic and meet some of the great people in the program at the same time, I highly recommend the Patroller School & Introduction to Certified program which is scheduled for late January at Ski Windham, NY. Contact Gordie Bell at 717-637-7216, [ggbell@blazenet.net](mailto:ggbell@blazenet.net) to register. A number of us from the Genesee Valley go and it's always fun. The atmosphere is relaxed and the learning opportunities are great. Note that the Intro to Certified clinic is actually separate from the Patroller School.

The Certified test will be held at Smugglers Notch in Vermont this year in late March/ early April. Potential candidates and a few patroller guests are welcome at the test. We use the visitors as injured skiers in the OEC portion, and it is always a riot. Getting a 3 day pass at

Smuggs is nice too. Let me know if you think you might like to “witness” and help. I’ll try to arrange it.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Jim Mussnug** **Avalanche**

While some of us are still water skiing, mowing lawns, and biking, it is hard to be thinking about snow, let alone AVALANCHES! However, five of the Region Avalanche Instructors just participated in the Eastern Division Fall Instructor meeting held this year at Belleayre Ski area in the Catskills. This was a great opportunity to network, trade notes on course design, and plan the Division schedule of courses for the upcoming year. Look to the NSP Eastern Division web site for the current course listings.

This past season three of our instructors were fortunate to participate in the Eastern Division Level II Avalanche course (previously known as Advanced Avalanche). This course ran March 6 – 9, 2003 at Whiteface Mountain (NY). Previously, this course has been offered at Tuckerman’s Ravine, Mt. Washington, NH. So this was a great opportunity to have this high level class considerably closer! Any avid skier at Whiteface will be interested in learning more about the events run over at the “Slides”. This is a great course – intensive 2 days of class work, rescue simulation, and beacon practice, followed by 2 days of field work including snow pits and a full-scale rescue event. Add this to your “must do” list!

Now is the time to start planning out your calendar for this year. Are you planning that ski trip out west later this year? Are you considering the Senior Program? Has it been a few years since you’ve participated in a patrol continuing education opportunity? Would you like to participate in the next Level II Avalanche Program? Then you may want to consider joining us at an upcoming Avalanche program. We are very fortunate to have a great group of dedicated and very experienced instructors in the Region. Many of our instructors are certified in both Avalanche and Mountain Travel and Rescue. We often alternate between offering Avalanche or Mountain Travel and Rescue programs in the Region. This allows us to best utilize our instructor staff and allow patrollers the ability to progress from Level I to Level II courses in both Avalanche and Mountain Travel and Rescue. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming an avalanche instructor – it’s a fun program to stay current on the latest equipment and techniques in avalanche risk control and rescue.

Within Genesee Valley Region, we will be offering the option to take either the one day Mountain Avalanche Awareness course or the 1-1/2 day Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue course. The day long session will be offered on Saturday Jan. 31, 2004. An additional half day session will be run on Sun. Feb. 1, 2004 where

we will spend time in the field studying snow pits, using rescue beacons, and conducting a rescue simulation. Those participating in the additional half day session will receive credit for the Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue program. While both of these courses count towards the senior elective requirement, only the 1-1/2 day Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue program meets the prerequisite requirement (as would the 2 day long Avalanche Level I program) for participating in the Avalanche Level II class. Look for registration information at the Fall Refreshers, or contact Instructor of Record - Dick Harding ([rharding@acsu.buffalo.edu](mailto:rharding@acsu.buffalo.edu)).

See you on the snow, and remember to ski safely, ski with a buddy, and ensure your entire ski party is wearing rescue beacons, and carrying shovels and probes when traveling in avalanche terrain!

**Bob Andre’** **Senior EMM**

The Senior EMM program is an emergency management program. We expect OEC skills to be up to standards at the beginning of the program so that we can concentrate on managing more difficult scenarios. With that in mind there is a check-off requirement prior to the program for OEC skills. The actual program consists of participating as leader or helper in scenarios designed to teach good leadership skills. You need to participate as leader in four scenarios. There will be a minimum of 10-12 training sessions available; attend when you can. Classes will be (tentative) at Powder Mill on Wed. nights and at Hunt Hollow on Sunday afternoons. Class start is January 11; the final test is at the end of February (must coordinate with rest of Division/Region).

The bottom line is, this is a fun, very rewarding program that teaches leadership skills and refreshes OEC skills while exposing you to variations on how to succeed in the real world with multiple patients, aggravated bystanders, etc. Everyone that goes through this program, pass or fail, has positive feedback on its value.

Any questions call or e-mail

Bob Andre’

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## NEWS FROM THE PATROLS:

### **BRISTOL**

Where has the summer gone? Hopefully everyone is gearing up for the new ski season. New at Bristol Mountain this year is lighting and snowmaking on Milky Way, which was a popular beginner run with last years natural snow. The woods between Nova and Milky Way have been cleaned up for a new glade area. Pay attention at those OEC refreshers! There are also new fan guns on

Galaxy, the snowmaking pond has been enlarged and some grading and moving of snow guns has taken place on Southern Cross.

Bristol's Sky Rides start on September 20th until October 26th, on weekends from noon till 4pm. Come enjoy the leaves and the views.

Bristol's On Hill is on September 27th, start at 7:30am. Blackout will be on December 7th.

Looking forward to a wonderful season.

Kris Vasiliauskas

## HUNT HOLLOW

The Hunt Hollow patrol is just starting plans for the upcoming season. We have some new faces on our board of directors. **Peter Parker** is the new APD of S&T, **Sue Navarra** is the APD of OEC, **Greg Topping** is our Facilities and equipment APD. **Mike Podhorecki**, **David Neighbour** and **Bob Andre**, who is also the new Region Senior EMM advisor, are our board members, and our administrative assistant is **Dave Bushner**. **Diane Libby** thank goodness has remained as our treasurer, scheduler and much much more. I would like to thank **Andrew Cruikshank** for his guidance for the last two years as PD of Hunt Hollow. I know I will be calling on him for many things over the next few years.

We have five new candidates that started the Region OEC course in early August— **Matt Budd**, **Brian Fluharty**, **Paul Trippi**, **Joe Harding** and **Brian Phillips**. Hunt's, **Jeff Konzel** is the instructor of record for the candidates and we wish all them well during this busy time.

We will be having our **on-hill refresher on October 4<sup>th</sup>**. We are planning the usual 1<sup>st</sup> aid stations, an extrication station and a CPR AED refresher. We have tentatively scheduled a night evacuation drill for January 11<sup>th</sup>, when we know there will be plenty of snow.

Our end of the summer party will be held on September 6th, hosted by member Doug Steitz. Doug hosted last year's and if this one is half as successful, it will be great.

The snow making project is complete, we may have a new trail and some new lights before the season opens, so we are looking forward to another great year at Hunt Hollow.

John Topping

## BRANTLING

Just like everyone else in the Region (presumably), the folks out in the Wayne County Alps are gearing up for the coming season. The Brantling Executive Committee met recently to set important dates on the calendar and communicate info to the patrollers. First up on the

schedule is the annual On-the-Hill Refresher, set for Sunday, October 19. As usual, a CPR refresher will be integrated into the day's program. Sunday, November 2 is the date of the umpteenth annual Brantling Open House, Used Equipment Sale and patrol chicken BBQ, our biggest fund-raiser of the season. Rather than combine a work party with the refresher, as has been done in the past, the patrol will get together on Saturday, November 15 to do some building, refurbishing and cleaning in preparation for the season opening, hopefully around Thanksgiving, just like last (great) season. We currently have three candidates in the Basic OEC Course and aren't anticipating any losses from last year's roster. As for the area, this summer's primary efforts have centered around rebuilding the maintenance building, which lost a section of roof to last winter's heavy snowfall. (Some things are worth putting up with.) The new building will incorporate a new, larger locker room and space for the Brantling Ski Racing Association.

Pete Peterson, Newsletter Editor

## SWAIN

### Hi everyone-

Here we are again- summer is mostly done and it's finally stopped raining. Next thing you know it will be cooling down and we will be thinking about patrolling again. Once again Marie Osypian and her helpers, Jennifer Conine and Mary Emmighausen did a terrific job organizing this year's picnic. We all had a great time and the chicken was fabulous as was all the food everyone brought. The Alfred Sports Center came through again with a huge quantity of goodies for the Chinese auction and Door Prizes. The highlight of the party was recognizing our members. Division Staff member Pamm Ferguson, Region Awards advisor Skip Millor and Bill Gamble joined us this year and helped Swain's Awards Committee leaders Andrea Shelley and Myron Crispino with the numerous presentations. The highlight of the ceremony was the awarding of a **National Certificate of Appreciation** to Swain's manager and local patroller Jon Gorton for all his excellent service to the skiing public and the NSP. Swain also presented Jon with a beautiful Steuben glass horse as a token of our appreciation for all he has done for us. Local Swain awards were distributed as follows:

**McKenna Award-** Swain Patroller of the Year-  
Marie Osypian

**Lehman Award-** Swain Instructor of the Year  
Cathy Rague OEC  
Mike Mooney S&T

**Hanning Award-** Swain Distinguished Service Award  
Don Strine  
Bruce Johnson

**Stoneham Award-** Swain Candidate of the Year

To be announced at the refresher  
**Region Doyle Award-** Distinguished Service to the  
Region presented by Skip Millor and Pamm Ferguson  
Jon Gorton

**Region Instructor of the Year**  
Mike Lord

**Yellow Merit Star**  
Tom Wallin  
Ginny Illi

**Angel Pins**  
Cecilia Stearns  
Linda Shelley  
Natalie Wallin

Finally, Swain was honored by the awarding of the **NSP Distinguished Service Cross** to Keith Snyder. This honor is one of the highest the NSP awards and is well deserved by Keith for all he has done for the NSP, for Swain and for all the thousands of kids he has helped join our sport. Please congratulate him when you see him.



**Figure 5 - Ginny Illi receiving a Yellow Merit Star for her service to the OEC Program.**



**Figure 6 - Tom Wallin with his Yellow Merit Star for his service to the S&T program.**

The Swain On-the-Hill is scheduled for Saturday 9/20. This year is not a night evac session so we will be starting at 8:30 am and should be done early. Registration is currently scheduled to start promptly at 7:30 am. Please bring pack, CPR cards with proof of AED certification and money for dues. Patrollers from other areas that wish to participate need to call Doug Hollinger (OEC chief at Swain) at 716-226-2021 to confirm. This year's on the hill will emphasize not only OEC but also Accident Investigation, Evac skills, Health, Safety and Admin issues.

Many of you know that we are losing Ginny and Bob Illi and Lei Mark. They have all chosen to retire and they will be sorely missed. I sure you will all agree in wishing them the best of luck in their new pursuits.

Enjoy the rest of your summer- Joe Menichino

### **POWDER MILLS PARK**

There is big news this year as we go into the new season! As most of you will have heard by now, the Monroe County Ski programs that have been administered by Bristol Mountain for the last 15 years will now be under the management of Swain Mountain.

What does that mean for Powder Mills Ski Patrol... Well, the patrol is a stand-alone organization that supports the Powder Mills Park ski hill. Therefore, we will stay in place as an organization. However, the individual patrollers will be employees of Swain this year. Given the long tenure with Bristol and significant involvement of our patrollers' families with Bristol brigades, racing, ski clubs, etc. I'm sure that there will be disruption this year as individuals work out their personal situations. We will be working through the impact of that on the patrol during the course of the season. I want to thank the individual patrollers for their support and patience during these somewhat confusing times.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Bristol patrol and management for the years of support and cooperation that we have enjoyed in working with them over the years. I think that we have truly felt that we are part of the "Bristol family" over the years.

Looking forward, I've met with some of the folks from Swain and I think that the day to day patrol activities will not be significantly different from what we have done in the past. We do have one new Candidate that we would welcome this year, Kathy Revekant. She is currently in the OEC candidate class and should be on board with us for the season. I have no transfers identified at the moment, but will be entertaining that option to ensure that we are adequately staffed for the season. We have an informal meeting planned for September 24<sup>th</sup> at my house to discuss staffing, affiliation with Swain and other topics for the Fall.

Our on-the-hill refresher is planned for Saturday, November 8th from 8am (sharp) until Noon. That puts us on the same weekend with the second Region refresher. That should make for a busy, but productive weekend. Check your calendars, we are almost the last on-hill refresher again this year, so if you have a conflict, plan now; the other hills refreshers are already underway. If you do have to attend another hill's refresher, remember to contact the PR and make sure they have room beforehand. Also, let me know so we can plan our on-hill appropriately. Joe Menichino and John Gorton in particular made a point of inviting us to the Swain on-hill coming up on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Kate will be sending out the calendar and starting the scheduling process here shortly, once Swain gets a chance to develop a schedule. Again this year, we will also have a cookout for the hardy folks that help set up and organize for the year. So, plan to get a few of your hours in and see some friends at this event (we will note it on the schedule based upon the planned opening day).

Glenn Becker, PR

## IN MEMORIAM



**Louis J. Christakos**, who died on September 7, 2003, at his home in Pittsford, New York, was a 23-year veteran of NSP. He transferred from Kissing Bridge near Buffalo to Hunt Hollow Ski Patrol south of Rochester, New York. He assumed and led first aid training for the Patrol and the Section. He served as Patrol Director for two years in the early 1970's and was honored with a National Appointment Number. An understanding and compassionate leader, Lou was an accomplished listener with a fine sense of humor, which he used occasionally to make a point in first aid training. Once during a problem on a particularly steep hill, he noticed this writer's old leatherette fanny pack placed across the hill below the patient. With his toe, he turned the pack ninety degrees so that it was facing parallel with the fall line and watched it take off down the hill. It was a never to be forgotten lesson, which gave Lou much merriment. He is survived by his wife, Shula, three daughters and five grandchildren. Lou hailed from Cazenovia, New York and worked in the family business, The Chocolate Shop, as a child. He was a 1954 graduate of Trinity College and spent much of his business career as a sales representative for Johnston Equipment Company. He was past president of the Pittsford Rotary and was honored by that organization with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Lou lives on forever in the memory of his patrol buddies.

Henry W. Williams, Jr.  
Hunt Hollow



# Calendar

As of 9/15/03

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DISCIPLIN E</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Swain On-hill Refresher	<b>Swain Patrollers</b>	September 20		Swain	Joe Menichino H: 607-587-8229 <a href="mailto:menichino@infoblvd.net">menichino@infoblvd.net</a>
Region OEC Instructor Refresher	<b>OEC Instructors</b>	September 24	6:00 PM	Bristol	Chris Stiegler H: 585-233-0265 <a href="mailto:chs@hatherall.net">chs@hatherall.net</a>
Bristol On-hill Refresher	<b>Bristol Patrollers</b>	September 27	7:30 AM	Bristol Mountain	Kris Vasiliauskas H: 585-367-3234 <a href="mailto:krisvito@rochester.rr.com">krisvito@rochester.rr.com</a>
Hunt Hollow On-hill Refresher	<b>Hunt Hollow Patrollers</b>	October 4		Hunt Hollow	John Topping H: 585-385-5706 <a href="mailto:jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com">jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com</a>
GV Nordic Patrol Meeting	<b>Nordic Patrollers</b>	October 8		RMSC lower level	Chuck Crockett <a href="mailto:ccrockett@rochester.rr.com">ccrockett@rochester.rr.com</a>
Brantling On-hill Refresher	<b>Brantling Patrollers</b>	October 19	8:00 AM	Brantling	Marsha Wait H:585-265-9152 <a href="mailto:hrwaitco@aol.com">hrwaitco@aol.com</a>
Region OEC Refresher	<b>All Patrollers</b>	October 25	7:30 Regis. 8:00 Start	Honeoye Falls-Lima HS	Chris Stiegler H: 585-233-0265 <a href="mailto:chs@hatherall.net">chs@hatherall.net</a>
Brantling Chicken BBQ	<b>Open to the Public</b>	November 2	11:00 AM	Brantling	Marsha Wait H:585-265-9152 <a href="mailto:hrwaitco@aol.com">hrwaitco@aol.com</a>
GV Nordic Patrol Meeting	<b>Nordic Patrollers</b>	November 5		RMSC lower level	Chuck Crockett <a href="mailto:ccrockett@rochester.rr.com">ccrockett@rochester.rr.com</a>
Powder Mills On-Hill Refresher	<b>Powder Mills Patrollers</b>	November 8	8:00 AM to Noon	Powder Mills Park	Glenn Becker H: 585-924-5113 <a href="mailto:Glenn.Becker@usa.xerox.com">Glenn.Becker@usa.xerox.com</a>
Region OEC Refresher	<b>All Patrollers</b>	November 9	7:30 Regis. 8:00 Start	Honeoye Falls-Lima HS	Chris Stiegler H: 585-233-0265 <a href="mailto:chs@hatherall.net">chs@hatherall.net</a>
Brantling Work Party	<b>Brantling Patrollers</b>	November 15	TBA	Brantling	Marsha Wait H:585-265-9152 <a href="mailto:hrwaitco@aol.com">hrwaitco@aol.com</a>
GV Nordic On-Trail Refresher	<b>Nordic Patrollers</b>	December 6		Mendon Ponds Park	Chuck Crockett <a href="mailto:ccrockett@rochester.rr.com">ccrockett@rochester.rr.com</a>

Bristol Blackout Lift Evac Drill	<b>Bristol Patrollers</b>	December 7		Bristol Mountain	Kris Vasiliauskas H: 585-367-3234 <a href="mailto:krisvito@rochester.rr.com">krisvito@rochester.rr.com</a>
GV Nordic 1st Day of Patrolling	<b>Nordic Patrollers</b>	December 27			Chuck Crockett <a href="mailto:ccrockett@rochester.rr.com">ccrockett@rochester.rr.com</a>
Hunt Hollow Night Evac Drill	<b>Hunt Hollow Patrollers</b>	January 11	~5:00 PM	Hunt Hollow	John Topping H: 585-385-5706 <a href="mailto:jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com">jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com</a>
Senior EMM Final Evaluation	<b>Senior EMM Candidates</b>	February 29		TBD	Bob Andre' H: 585-924-7215 <a href="mailto:rlandre@frontiernet.net">rlandre@frontiernet.net</a>
Instructor Development Course	<b>Potential Instructors</b>	May 3 & 5, 2004	6:30 - 10:30 PM	TBD	Nick Schiavetti H:585-243-5079 <a href="mailto:redhill3@rochester.rr.com">redhill3@rochester.rr.com</a>

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**Figure 7 - The hard-working Candidate Class of 2003.**

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