



Bob Andre RD

Our introduction to winter comes early this year, with natural snow on the ground before Thanksgiving, and areas open. Hope it lasts for a long season this time around. With OEC, CPR, and on hill training complete our Patrollers are ready to go and our Region candidate class are

off to their respective hills to complete their training.

The Region has some new faces this season as a result of retirements and elections. Mike Mooney was elected Assistant Region Director replacing Nick Schiavetti who has retired from Patrolling. While I am pleased to have Mike in this position I know we will all miss Nick in many ways for the behind the scenes support he has provided for so long. Fortunately he still is on my speed dial and answers his phone! His new role for your RD is one of gleaming the news and keeping me informed like the President with the early bird report.

Mike Lord, having been appointed Assistant Eastern Division OEC Supervisor, retired as Region Awards Advisor. I also want to thank Mary Emmighausen for her excellent service in the Supervisor position prior to Mike. Fortunately for the Region, Rick Micoli has stepped up and is doing a great job as our new Awards Advisor.

Dennis Whitney has reluctantly retired from the Swain Patrol and his position as Region Treasurer. He is currently mentoring Mike Wangler for the position so our bills will continue to be paid. Thank you Dennis for all the competent support and peace of mind that you have provided me. I look forward to working with Mike as our new Treasurer.

Peter Parker has turned over the Region S&T reins to Tom Wallin who has several programs scheduled for this season. Peter anchored our S&T for several years and deserves a strong thank you for his service. Check the Region calendar for upcoming S&T events, including a ladies clinic and an instructor development for the instructors clinic. Sign up; ski; have fun.

The Senior Program will be available for all this season. Why not gather up some fellow Patrollers and sign up for S&T or OEC? These are great programs that increase your skill level and instill confidence in your Patrolling. OEC in particular is not just a first aid course, but a

leadership experience. Contact Tom Wallin (S&T) or Bill Teamerson (OEC).

Results from our National Board election are in as I write this. Morgan Armstrong, Norris Woody, Dave Walker, and Tom Sherry were elected to the National Board of Directors. In addition, Article 14 amending the Bylaws passed. 17% of all Patrollers voted in the election.



John Lawson National Board

Well the election for the National Board is over. Now it will be 9-10 months before you start getting the reminders for you to vote. I am very pleased to see that Morgan Armstrong, Norris Woody, Dave Walker, and Tom Sherry were elected

to the board. Norris ran as an incumbent. I know all four of these people and I am confident they will do an excellent job making decisions that affect us all. Jim Decker, a patroller from Holiday Valley, that many in our region know, will be terming out as these folks come on board. Jim has done an exemplary job and having good people follow him is necessary. The people winning the election are the type of people who can continue Jim's good work.

Article XIV also approved by a 3:1 margin. This article amends the by-laws to clarify the method of By-Law changes. Of note is the new timing requirement of 60 days for a proposed change to exist between the time it is submitted to the board and when a board vote is taken. It also clarifies the Colorado law requirement for a vote to be called by the membership. That is, a petition signed by 10% of the members can require a direct vote from the membership without going through the board. This has been a gray area in our by-laws and this change eliminates any confusion. While it may seem like a very small change, it is, but it has large consequences that will serve the organization well.

There are two other very significant events going on in Denver. The first is the hiring of a new Executive Director. We have worked since the summer to review almost 50 applicants for the job. We narrowed the search down to 9 people with whom we did phone interviews. From those 9 we selected 3 for face to face interviews in Denver. I was one of the 3 board members who were in Denver for the interviews and after the interviews I felt we had 3 excellent candidates to choose

from. An offer to John McMahon, our first choice for the position, has been accepted. Mr. McMahon will become the Executive Director on 2 January 2014. You can read more about him from a link in the news section of the NSP web site (www.nsp.org). After meeting Mr. McMahon I am very excited about his acceptance of the job offer and I know he will do a super job in leading our organization.

The second big event in Denver is the upgrade to the servers, the internet service, and the web design for the organization. Frankly, the web site and data entry process for NSP has been a public embarrassment. Last spring a group of individuals, mostly patrollers or concerned skiers, who do IT work professionally was put together to address the issue. Since then the major accomplishments have been to upgrade the speed of the internet connection to the NSP site, the upgrade of the NSP catalog on line, improving the registration process, and a new web layout is being developed. The new web layout will reduce the number of pages by about 75% and have better functionality. Pull down menus will help people navigate through the web pages and will look and act like a modern site. This will however take a little time and implementation should be in 2014.

The Denver office has also been working very hard on sponsorships and pro deals. NSP now has over 75 sponsors who not only pay us a fee to be a sponsor but provide excellent prices on their products for NSP members. You can get to the Pro Deals Page to see what is now available. If you have not been to the page for a while you may be surprised on what you find.

In addition to the Pro Deals the annual Ski Patrol Catalog has been mailed and is also on line. During a survey last year the catalog and pro deals were some of the most highly valued aspects of being an NSP member. Because of the high value to members and high web traffic on the catalog pages it was one of the first aspects of the web upgrades to be implemented. Purchasing items from the catalog is now very straightforward and the turnaround time to ship for electronic orders is typically within 24 hours.

In closing, one last item on sponsors. Subaru is the largest sponsor we have. Last year we received over \$110,000 from them. This was from a direct fee to be a major sponsor and from money received from Subaru for each automobile bought through the Ski Patrol system. In return for the sponsorship and for offering the cars at a very significant price reduction to members Subaru is requesting that those of us who drive the Subaru cars help them out by promoting the cars with the wraps on social media. You may remember that at the refreshers this year I asked people to come out and be photographed with the car. I made this request as a direct result of the request (a strong request) from Subaru. I then share the photos with the National Office and with Subaru. They will then post on the social media sites. Subaru is asking each of us to continue to take Valley Views

photos at all the ski patrol or skiing events that we attend. I know it can be an inconvenience for those of you to attend a photo op when you could be talking with old friends or just relaxing but it will really help our relationship with Subaru by keeping our best sponsor happy.

A little "Inside Baseball" on the Subaru request. Each of the different organizations Subaru sponsors is rated in seven areas. I have been told what they were but I do not remember all seven. What I do remember is that number of vehicles sold is one metric and how the cars are promoted on social media is another. I understand we are number one in number of vehicles sold. We are last, or close to last, in social media. So, my opinion is that Subaru is just looking at how affective their investments are. They see an area where we could be better and in the spirit of continuous improvement is asking us to make an effort to do better in promoting the cars in social media. So for the near term we will need to continue to do the photo ops. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

As always please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or you feel I can help in any way. My email is jlawson@rochester.rr.com.

Have a great Christmas and New Year. See you on the snow.

REGIONAL ADVISORS:

Rick Micoli Awards

A compilation of Awards given through the October Refreshers:

- 1.) MSA John Lawson - GVR Awards advisor 2000-09
 - 2.) MSA Gina Wyffels - GVR OEC advisor 2009-11
 - 3.) MSA Marie Osypian - GVR Student Patroller Program advisor 2004-08
 - 4.) MSA Jeff Baker - GVR Senior S&T advisor 2001-03
 - 5.) MSA Bob Andre - GVR Senior EMM advisor 2004-07
 - 6.) MSA Bonnie Andre - GVR Senior EMM advisor 2008-10
 - 7.) YMS Marie Osypian - OEC IOR at Swain 2012
 - 8.) YMS Eric Washburn - Swain APD 2009-13
 - 9.) DSA Don Strine - Swain
 - 10.) DSA Bob Drew - Nordic
- [DSA= Distinguished Service Award]
[MSA= Meritorious Service Award]
[YMS= Yellow Merit Star]

The Doyle Award for Outstanding Service was presented to Scott Mundrick at Bristol's On-hill Refresher.

The Stevens Outstanding Patroller Award was presented to Bruce Hogarth at the OEC Refresher.

The Lehman Outstanding Instructor Award was presented to Rick Micoli at the OEC Refresher

The region christened a new named award for outstanding OEC instructor this year. Keeping in our tradition of presenting the first award to the person after whom the award was named, Marcia Mundrick was recognized for her outstanding dedication to instruction of OEC skills. In the future we will award 2 outstanding instructors, with the Marcia Mundrick Award going to OEC instructors and the Lehman Award to all the other disciplines.

The following patrollers were given the Eastern Division's Patroller Achievement Award (EDPAA):

Kim Buell	Pat Fluharty.	Mike McManus
Anne Boise.	Ron Perrin.	Kate Belaskas
Roger Slade.	Ken Streb.	Jeff Tallon
Mark Haboian.	Al Kraus.	Rick Walzer
Mary Jo DeBolt		

Mike Mooney Instructor Development

Patrollers who want to become instructors in Outdoor Emergency Care, Ski & Toboggan Transportation, Mountain Travel & Rescue, or Avalanche need to enroll in the Instructor Development course to begin the process of becoming an instructor. This class is offered every spring after the end of the ski season, to avoid the time conflicts that patrollers encounter during the ski season, and counts as a senior elective. Participants in the course learn the principles of effective classroom and field teaching techniques and observe a variety of demonstration teaching models.

In response to student feedback, we made some changes to the timing for the course. The schedule is to present the course in an evening session, with the students required to complete a CD/DVD prior to the evening session. The evening session reinforced the materials brought forward on the CD/DVD, and allowed for practice by the students before presenting their mini lesson, using the foundations developed in the course. Eight patrollers completed this Instructor Development class in April 2013 and are now going through the mentoring process to become instructors. In our survey of the patrollers who completed the course, we received lots of enthusiastic feedback about the class format. Check the region website for further information. Signup sheets were available at the Region Refreshers in the fall, and you can also contact me at mooney@geneseo.edu to register for the course.

In addition to completing the Instructor Development course, Patrollers who want to become instructors need to complete the mentoring program with an experienced instructor in each discipline and be evaluated by an Instructor Trainer. The Genesee Valley Region has been very successful in mentoring and evaluating new

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instructors, and there are lots of experienced instructors who are available to give you assistance or advice on the instructor mentoring program. The region now also has a mentoring webpage that provides information about the mentoring process – you will find the link to it in the lower right column of the GV Region homepage (<http://www.nspgvr.org>) right underneath the Instructor Development link. Another new feature on the region website this year is the posting of lists of the requirements and responsibilities of region instructors in OEC, S&T, MTR, and Avalanche, on both the Mentoring and Instructor Development webpages, in Adobe Acrobat PDF format for downloading. The intent of these documents is to help potential instructors develop realistic expectations regarding what an instructor does and what the time commitments are to instruct in each discipline before signing up.

We have instructors from various patrols in the region with teaching experience in each of the NSP disciplines who will teach the Instructor Development course this year: Marcia Mundrick (Bristol: OEC, EMM, MTR, Avalanche), Mike Mooney (Swain: S&T,OEC), John Lawson (Hunt Hollow: OEC, EMM), Bob Andre (Hunt Hollow: OEC, EMM, MTR, Avalanche) and Pam Welch (Bristol: OEC).

The Instructor Development class is the gateway to becoming an instructor who trains new patrol candidates and refreshes current patrollers. These training activities enable the region to replenish our ranks and update our patroller skills. We invite you to take part in an enjoyable learning experience and join the corps of instructors in this region who contribute so much both to the patrols and to the skiing public.

Bill Teamerson Senior OEC

Hi Everyone,

The snow is falling, and most of you have been out for at least a run or two.

We are starting the Sr. OEC (formally EMM) soon; in fact, our first skills check off and orientation is December 14th at Bristol Mountain. We currently have about 4 people signed up, and have PLENTY of room for more. Why not look at the schedule, check with a friend, and join together?

EMM SCHEDULE 2013-2014

D ay	Da te	Time	Location	Focus	Instructors
Sa t	12/14	9:00 – 12:00	Bristol Family Room	SKILLS CHECK OFF AND ORIENTATION	Bill T, Gary M
Sa t	1/4	12:30-3:30	Hunt Hollow	OEC Skills	Bill T.
W ed	1/8	6-9	Powdermill	EMM Scenarios based on OEC Skills- <u>Upper extremities</u>	Bill G, Rick M

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Su n	1/1 2	9:30- 12:30	Hunt Hollow	EMM Scenarios	Bob, Bonnie
Tue	1/1 4	6-9	Powdermill	EMM Scenarios based on OEC Skills- <u>Lower extremities</u>	Bill G., Steve D
Su n	1/1 9	12:30- 3:30	Hunt Hollow	EMM Scenarios	Bob, Bonnie, Rick M
Wed	1/2 2	6-9	Powdermill	EMM Scenarios based on OEC Skills- <u>Backboard</u>	Steve D, Rick M
Sat	1/2 5	9:30- 12:30	Brantling	EMM Scenarios	Gary M
Tue	1/2 8	6-9	Powdermill	EMM Scenarios based on OEC Skills- <u>Hips/Pelvis</u>	
Su n	2/2	12:30- 3:30	Hunt Hollow	EMM Scenarios- <u>Mid Term Session</u>	Bob, Bonnie, Rick M
Wed	2/5	6-9	Powdermill	EMM Scenarios based on OEC Skills- <u>Chest/Shoulders</u>	
Sat	2/8	9:30- 12:30	Hunt Hollow	EMM Scenarios	
Tue	2/1 1	6-9	Powdermill	EMM Scenarios based on OEC Skills- <u>Mountain Mgmt</u>	
Sat	2/1 5	8-3	Swain	FINAL	Bill T, Steve , Rick , Bob, Bonnie

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at bill@waysidegardencenter.com, or give me a call (585) 455-7000.

See you on the slopes!

Tom Wallin **S&T**

With the snow beginning to fly, we can now turn our attention towards the Senior S&T program. The schedule for the program is posted on the Region website. If anyone is interested in Senior S&T, please get a hold of me; my contact info is on the Region Website.

Upcoming special programs within the Region this season include the Division Ladies-only S&T clinic, January 18th and 19th at Bristol. Any interested ladies are encouraged to contact Jane Williams or Denice Kaus, (contact info below). If you are a first year Patroller or a well seasoned one, you will have a lot of fun, and learn some new skills for skiing/boarding and running sleds.

Denice Kaus neecee@netsync.net
Jane Williams janewilliams89@gmail.com

We will have a Phase II program for S&T trainers clinic. For those patrollers who wish to become S&T instructors, and those wishing to refresh their skill sets, we are going to be running a Phase II program to assist. The dates for the clinic will be Thursday evening January 9th, and Sunday January 12th at Hunt Hollow. We will cover all aspects of an S&T program, ski skills, patroller skills, and sled skills, as well as reviewing the instructor development course, and paper work. This course is open to all patrollers interested in S&T.

There will also be a Senior S&T T/E clinic at Bristol this season, for those interested in becoming S&T T/E's. The date of this clinic will be announced.

Pamm Ferguson **Alumni**

Save the date – Friday, February 14, 2014, at Hunt Hollow for our annual Alumni get together! What a great way to spend Valentine's Day – with your skiing friends – both past and present!

Last year we had good skiing, friendly conversation and delicious food and wine. Merrily did an awesome job of pulling us all together (for sure she'll be missed this year). We anticipate repeating that again this year. Details will be emailed out in January, but in the meantime, I would like to ask a favor of all of our Alumni. Last year we had great fun reminiscing some early history of the Genesee Valley Region ski areas. If you have any more pictures you'd like to share, please bring them. If you have some anecdotal history, just put it in writing, and either bring it with you in February, or send it to me at justpef@gmail.com

If you know anyone who has recently retired but who has not yet joined the National Alumni Association, please direct them to the Genesee Valley website and navigate to the Alumni page, then follow the directions there for joining. We currently have the second highest Alumni registration in the Division. Let's go for #1! Tell them what a fun group of people we are!

Speaking of fun...would we like to try for a summer gathering? We can discuss your ideas at the Hunt Hollow ski day.

Joe Menichino **Certified**

Hi folks,

Swain opened early this year - fantastic! It felt really good to get back on skis again.

I want to remind you that our Division has a huge list of programs available for us this season covering Patroller Schools, Intro to Certified and a Women's Only Sled Clinic right here at Bristol. There are actually too many programs scheduled to list them all here. Find the details on the NSP Eastern Division Calendar web page. <http://www.nspeast.org/html/calendar.htm>

Good news – this years Certified test is at Whiteface Mountain on the weekend of March 20th. It's really a fun time, with free passes, lots of sharing with patrollers from all around the division, and parties. Your only commitment is acting in an IP role on Saturday morning during the OEC portion of the exam. Ask anyone who's come up - it's a great time, and a great learning experience. Call or email me if you want to learn more about the trip, or to confirm your intention to go (607-

587-8229). Don't wait too long; housing at Whiteface will be tight.

Finally, potential Certified candidates need to be seriously working toward both completing all required application details, including letters of recommendation and preparation for the Certified Pretest, including the required request form. Pretests are scheduled in January and February at Hunter, Sugarbush, Sunday River and Montage. Check the same web page listed above for details. Call or email me when you want to learn more.

Have a safe and fun season. See you on the slopes.

Patrick Saeva **MTR**

This year we are offering an exciting MTR 2 class, which will consist of two indoor classes and an extended weekend in the Adirondacks. By moving the class to the Adirondacks, we are looking to take advantage of more snow and more advanced terrain. We welcome anyone who has taken MTR 1 in the past, or those who have already taken MTR 2 and are looking for a refresher or a chance to test out gear in a fun and challenging environment.

Please check the MTR link on the region web site for dates and registration materials. John Topping is the Instructor of Record and is currently accepting registrations, so act now before the class fills up.

Think snow..

NEWS FROM THE PATROLS:

NORDIC

Welcome to the early snows and early grooming at Mendon Ponds Park; we have dusted off our "skinny skis"! With the successful completion of OEC, our new Patrollers will be out to challenge our S&T program starting in January. Let us know if you would like to join in the fun!

Please join us at Cumming Nature Center for our Annual Nordic Hot Dog & Chili Days on Saturday, February 22nd and Sunday, February 23rd. Snow shoe and ski rentals will be available on site to check out the beautiful trails of the Nature Center.

For any Alpine Patrollers interested in learning more about the Nordic Patrol, we would love to have you come out and ski with us for an hour or so any Saturday or Sunday in January or February, 2014. Please visit our website www.gvnsp.org for contact information and more.

Deb Whalen, PD

BRISTOL

WOW! The 2013/2014 season is coming in like a lion; yee ha!

We opened Bristol Mountain Tuesday, 26-Nov-2013 the earliest I can remember since joining the BMSP. Mother Nature has been both kind and giving, with cold temperatures and natural snow. The skiing has been fantastic, and we hope and pray Mother Nature continues; we love this weather. Mountain management has been working tirelessly, making snow and grooming. "Sorry" to the other mountains, but Bristol's crew is the best you can get!

Bristol will be hosting some very fun NSP S&T events this year, so please watch for announcements from the GVR S&T, as well as your patrol directors. Our teams have worked very hard in setting up a training/meeting center at the top of the mountain, so we can host both OEC and S&T activities and meetings.

Please join the Senior OEC program this year. It truly is a great learning experience and a lot of fun!

A special thanks goes out to Pam Welch & Tom Jenssen for stepping up while I was out of town. I knew we had a great team last spring, but the way we have gone forward and opened the mountain without issue is outstanding; thanks guys!

Chris Hellems, PD

SWAIN

We have completed our 'On-The-Hill' training, Regional Refresher and CPR recertification in preparation for the 2013-2014 season. Work Parties have been held, and many improvements have been made to our area, including handicap fixtures within the Patrol Room.

Congratulations to all of our recent Swain award winners announced at the OTH, including Yellow Merit stars for Marie Osypian and Eric Washburn! Congratulations to Dennis Whitney for earning his National Number.

The mountain has been upgrading the snow making system over the summer, and is happily trying out the new guns on the hill.

We are happily enjoying one of the earliest starts to a ski season in several years, with 8 trails open to date. We are looking forward to the upcoming season, with four of our carry over candidates from last season working on completing the S&T portion of their training. We are also happy that Janet Snyder has returned home to our patrol, after a decade away from patrolling.

Sadly, we had a number of retirees this past season, including Nick Schiavetti, Dennis Whitney, Chris Hickock, and Jim Carney.

If there is anyone who would like to dual-register with Swain, we are happy to have you. Please contact Marie Osypian; her contact info is on the Region website.

Best wishes for a Happy & Safe 2013-2014 Season from the Swain Ski Patrol!

Tom Wallin

BRANTLING

Congratulations to our latest members joining Brantling Ski Patrol: Daniel Fee and Balazs Zsenits. Both are full Patrollers this season, having completed our hill's S & T training last season and this fall's OEC program.

Thanks to each of you for your commitment to our patrol. Unfortunately, we also lost two of our seasoned patrollers this season. Thanks to Terry Bruno and Tracy Mares for their contributions during past seasons.

A September On-hill Refresher provided warm temperatures for the outdoor scenarios that day. APD-OEC, Martha Lightfoot, assisted by her team, helped us work through the basics, as well a couple of thought-provoking scenarios.

Brantling's open house in early November included our annual Chicken Barbecue/Patrol fund-raiser. I'm pleased to report that we were able to continue the tradition of a sellout. Thanks to Chef Kim Buell for his organizational skills, and his team for their hard work that day.

Hard to believe, but this report finds Brantling open and the Patrol skiing on plentiful and great conditions, since Saturday, November 30th. Brantling's snow making expertise and a nice boost by Mother Nature broke the cycle of those mid-December openings we have experienced for the past few seasons. Thanks to newly-elected APD-Scheduling Cindy Showman for her persistence in chasing Patroller's availability, communicating opening dates, and getting the final schedule distributed to the Patrol. It appears that we are ready for a full season of patrolling and skiing.

Brian Mayou, PD

NORTHAMPTON PARK

Hello from Northampton Park, on Route 31 between Spencerport and Brockport, where we hope it will look

like this very soon! Just a reminder, our patrol is always looking for patrollers. If you live anywhere near the west side of Rochester, or even in Henrietta, Avon, or Geneseo, it's a really short trip to Northampton for a fun day of skiing. We are open on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Saturday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, and on Sunday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For more details, please contact Shannon Bielaska at (585) 225-5534, or via email at sbielaska@gmail.com.



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