

**Mike Lord**

**Incoming RD**



I'd like to take a second to say thanks to everyone in the Region for being so supportive of my wish to be the region director. Many thanks to John Lawson for his help in the change-over. I hope to be able to fill the position as well as he did. I'm looking forward to the coming year and will hopefully see all of you patrollers in the Region many times before our first snowfall. I'll be talking to the Region more when the fall issue of Valley Views is written. Until then let me remind everyone to check the Region web page often for the most up to date information, and I'll be seeing you all soon.

**John Lawson**

**Outgoing RD**

Well it has been fun, and interesting, to be RD for the last three years. I have met and worked with a large group of people that I never would have had the opportunity to get to know without having the position. I will miss being involved on the day to day basis that comes with the job. I will also miss the things you taught me about patrolling and life in general.

I do feel good for the Region. Mike Lord will do a super job. He will be as dedicated to doing his best in the RD position as he was as the OEC Advisor. The Region staff couldn't be better and they will continue to deliver quality programs for everyone.

The most difficult thing to do now is convey how much I appreciate all of the Region staff that has worked so hard and delivered so well. Thanks to all of you. I received compliments on all the programs that have been run, and the compliments really belong to you – the people who made them happen.

Thanks too to all of the patrollers in the Region, no matter what area you patrol at. Your participation has been super and has made the region one of the best. I won't say good-bye, just: "See-Ya in the Fall!"

## REGIONAL ADVISORS:

**Skip Millor**

**Awards**

Congratulations to the **Genesee Valley Nordic Patrol** for being selected as the **2003 Outstanding Nordic Patrol in Eastern Division**. **Genesee Valley Nordic** patroller **Tom Adler** was selected as **Eastern Division 2003 Outstanding Nordic Patroller**.



**Figure 1 - Tom Adler (L) Receiving the Division Outstanding Nordic patroller Award from RD John Lawson.**

**Jim Webster** received a White Merit star from the region in recognition of his work to secure a state grant for the Brantling patrol. **Steve Mitchell** also received a White Merit Star for his six year term as PR. **Martha Rich** was recognized for her service to Brantling and the Region with a White Merit Star.

**Richard Hitchcock** received a Leadership Commendation Appointment, and **Henry Williams** received a Yellow Merit star from Eastern Division for his work on the Division Transition Team. Fellow Transition Team member and National Board Member **Pamm Ferguson** also received a Yellow Merit Star for her work on the Transition Team and a Meritorious Service Award for her work as Assistant Division Director and Board Rep.

**Jeff Minter, Jeff Konzel** and **Bob Andre** received Region White Merit Stars for the extraordinary number of hours contributed to last year's OEC candidate training. **Nick Anastas, Carl Mabie** and **Richard McSorley** received National Certificates of Appreciation for their long years of service in the National Ski Patrol.



**Figure 2 – NSP Board Member Pamm Ferguson receiving the Division Meritorious Service Award and Yellow Merit Star from Div. Asst Legal Advisor Henry Williams.**

Reviewing awards applications gives one an idea of how many off-hill hours, late evenings, and weekends people contribute to the National Ski Patrol. The organization could not function without the contribution of the many people who give their time. We all see the instructors who teach in the many disciplines but we rarely see the invisible people who support programs behind the scenes. Some of the large group of invisible people are **Therese Costich-Sicker, Myron Crispino, Bonnie Hindman, Pete Peterson, John Lawson, Andrea Marino, Michael Sheehan and Gina Wyffels**. Year round these people quietly and diligently work to recognize those who keep our patrols and region functioning. Take time to say thanks to these and the other invisible people who keep us organized and functioning.

#### **Marcia Mundrick      Instructor Development**

The 2003 course for Instructor Development had 14 patrollers complete the course (listed below). They were a talented and creative group and should do well if they continue into the mentoring programs. As had been discussed in a previous region meeting, they have been instructed to contact the region advisor in charge of the program that they are interested in for instructing. Patrol Directors- please pass this information onto your OEC and S&T advisors, as I know some patrol advisors actively recruited some of these people.

**Merril Gray  
Valerie Sorrells  
Tim Eygabroad  
Elaine Pratt  
Ernst Meyer  
Peter Parker  
Barb Collins**

**Bill Teamerson  
Steve Bateman  
Bruce Hogarth  
Robert Bilhorn  
Kerry Meyer  
Charles Herb  
Mike Stamp**

As of the May course, **Nick Schiavetti** assumed my duties as region administrator for this program. Nick is a Swain patroller, past recipient of the region's instructor award, and finishing a term as division avalanche supervisor, so we'll be in good hands!

It's been a pleasure working with the region over the last few years. Have a fun, safe summer.

#### **Jeff Baker & John Topping      S&T** Ski and Toboggan Program, Genesee Valley Style

This season is just not going to quit! As I write, I'm looking out my window at the start of another 6-8" of fresh spring snow, another opportunity to tune the shoveling technique.

This season can be measured in any number of ways, anyway you add it up, it will fall heavily into the win column.

#### **Senior Program:**

We had a great group of candidates, each of whom worked very hard to improve themselves, smiled throughout and, without a doubt, are better skiers for the effort. We had the pleasure of handing out a few Senior patches: **Bonnie Andre** proved it's possible to cover two mountain's patrol shifts, practice the bumps 'til you drop, while achieving just about every elective available in the NSP and being a PSIA instructor at Hunt Hollow. **Jeff Minter** gave the mountain more than one thing to think about as he breezed through the bumps on his way to Senior status. **John Athans** (Hunt Hollow), **Steve LaCrosse**, **Jami Rushford** (Bristol) and **Andrea Marino** (Swain) successfully completed all the requirements for their Senior S&T program. Equally successful in either skiing or toboggan skills were: **Cathy Bentzoni** (Bristol), and **Tim Scanlon, Dennis Turner and Nick Schiavetti** (Swain). It was unanimously agreed that Nick Schiavetti showed the greatest improvement, matched only by his unflappable attitude.

We have identified several areas where the staff will be making changes to improve the process for this next season, so come out and see just how good it can be.

#### **Snowboard Enhancement:**

This season saw the Region's second effort at a Snowboard Enhancement clinic. Led by **Jeff Burgess** (WNY) and **Jonah DiPasquale**, it was widely applauded by those who attended.

#### **Women's Clinic:**

Another rousing success, though not in our Region this year! Next season will see this fine event show up in the GVR. Watch these pages next season for updates on when and where.

#### **Leadership, coming and going:**

**John Topping** volunteered two years ago to jump in as the Co-Advisor to assist in leading the various programs, help in the planning and maintain a certain level of sanity within the group. Always the gentleman, he has graciously and skillfully accepted further advancement (?) and will

lead the program this coming season. **Jeff Baker** will step back into the supporting role of Administrative Assistant, for the increase in salary and Bahamas vacation that comes with the position.

The entire Genesee Valley Region S&T staff would like to express our appreciation and respect for the fine job that **John Lawson** did in his guidance, support, involvement and general good natured leadership of our program. It will be a very tough act to follow. Thanks, John!

We'll be looking for you next year. Wax 'em up and come join us, you won't be sorry! See you in the Fall.

Jeff Baker

### **Holger Stave**

### **Nordic**

To go where no Alpine skier can go... That is the perk of the Nordic Patroller: Straight from this beautiful spot in the middle of the forest to the next place where you want to be. And: This year, there was so much snow that we skied right over fallen trees in Highland Forest, and Winona State Forest, and many of us in other regions across the State.

The Genesee Valley Nordic Ski Patrol sent another one of their very strong skiers, **Dr. Tom Adler**, to the Senior Evaluation this year. It was a very challenging day, as it should be, but the entire group of candidates and examiners and our visiting, esteemed leader, **ADD Marcia Mundrick** reveled in nature's bounty. They also rejoiced when they passed their Senior ski & toboggan test! Our Division Nordic Supervisor Pete Snyder reaffirmed the necessity for Nordic Patrollers to go back to the basics of Nordic training and requirements, and refresh the skills and knowledge that make the Nordics so unique: To be able to provide, with confidence, essential emergency services, survival skills, and a safer skiing experience to the public when they are out there "somewhere in the middle of nowhere," all on their own, even when the radio or the cell phone don't work. This confidence is one of the big results from passing the Senior evaluation as a Nordic Patroller.

### **Mike Lord**

### **OEC**

Although this has been one of the longest seasons in quite awhile, it still seems like only a few weeks ago that we were starting the OEC candidate class and looking forward to the first flakes of the coming winter. Looking back the hard work has paid off and we have more than thirty five new members of NSP all of whom are looking forward to their coming years of being in the National Ski Patrol.

I'd like to take a minute and thank all the OEC instructors who worked many hours to make this years class such a big success. Without their many hours of dedicated work our OEC skills would not be what they are. Thanks to all of you in the region for the work you do.

I'd also like to take a moment to thank the Instructor /Trainers who help me administer the region OEC program. The time they give is truly the reason the region membership has such a high quality program to depend on for the skills they use during the ski season to treat and protect the skiing public. Many thanks to; **Nick Schiavetti, Mike Long, John Lawson, Ben Emerson, Jeff Baker, Sue Navarra, Andy Cruikshank, Bob Finger, Joe Menichino, Chris Stiegler, Janet Remizoski, John McManus, and Kris Vasiliauskas**. As you can all see these people are doing much more around the region and their patrols than only what they do for me. Please take a moment the next time you see any of them and say thanks for the time they give.

Now I'd like to say thank you to all of you in the region for being so understanding of the changes we put into effect while I have been your region administrator. Your feed back over the years led me when I was trying to make your programs more meaning full and I will try and always do the same as I take over my new duties. Thanks to all of you and your patrol representatives for having the confidence in my abilities to vote for me as your new region director. I will have a big challenge in trying to do the job as well as John Lawson has, but with your support, I'm looking forward to the coming seasons in our region. As I move up, **Chris Stiegler** has accepted the position of region OEC administrator. As Chris and I have worked closely over the years as ski patrollers and instructors, I have every confidence that he will serve you and the region as well if not better than I did. I hope you can show him the same willingness to be better prepared for our roles as you have shown me.

The region candidate class will begin on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to stop by and say Hi to our newest members when the class starts. The region OEC refreshers will be planned for the same times as in the past, but the exact dates will not be available until school starts in the fall and the Honeoye Falls Lima School has firmed its calendar. Any of you patrollers who feel you've the time and would like to become OEC instructor please contact Chris Stiegler so he can schedule your mentoring into the system. Remember that the NSP course in instructor development is a prerequisite for anyone wanting to teach courses within the NSP. Marcia Mundrick's class is scheduled for early in May. Check the region web site for times, dates and locations.

Thanks again for all the great times over the past six years. I'm looking forward to serving you as the region director. Have a great summer for snow will be here sooner than we think.

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

Another season melts away, but not before being thoroughly enjoyed by a few adventurous souls. It was a prosperous season for MTR in the "Valley". Several new instructors were crowned, with prospects for more this coming season. As always, we had a dedicated turn-out from the veteran instructors. Kudos to them. We ran one MTR1 course in the region this year. It doesn't sound like a whole lot until you've participated in one. If you haven't.....maybe you should consider it. Not sure what to expect? You could always ask one of these people, they more than survived it!

<b>Rob Bilhorn</b>	<b>Peter Marino</b>
<b>David Curry</b>	<b>Andrea Marino</b>
<b>Damon Flick</b>	<b>Jami Rushford</b>
<b>Pam Gebbie</b>	<b>Jeff Simpson</b>
<b>Mike Long</b>	<b>Rick Walzer</b>

If you do see or talk to them, congratulate them too. They spent a weekend outdoors at Webster Park in January. They took a healthy hike into their base camp fully loaded with gear. Set-up their base camp, and then practiced what we preached to them at the indoor session; that being Navigation, Search & Rescue, Low angle rope rescue & belay to mention a few. They spent the night out (about 20 F. plus windchill ) and then had some more fun the next day before hiking out. Everyone did very well and we all had a lot of fun.

Yes, it was a great season before it all melted away.

## **Henry Williams** **Legal** **HIPAA: A New Animal?**

When the prescription my physician gave me was ready, I went to my pharmacy to pick it up. I stood in line behind one of my neighbors whose name I could not remember. When he left the counter in a minute or two, he said, "Hello, Henry." I said, "Hello" back, a bit too enthusiastically to cover my embarrassment and moved to the counter where Marge had already retrieved my prescription.

"Who is that guy? What's his name?" I asked.

She paused and said, "I'm not supposed to tell you."

"Spooky," I said. "I bet it's that new law."

"You're right," she said. "It's called HIPAA, like 'hippo'."

"Suppose he just bought a pack of gum, could you tell me then?" I asked.

She knitted her brow into a frown, glanced away and then back to me and said, "I still wouldn't tell you. Can't take any chances with the Feds."

This little tale illustrates the caution and uncertainty that comes with the new Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Everyone is playing his cards close to the chest – disclosing nothing to "outsiders" – and we should do likewise. However, it should be easier for a

ski patrol to comply with the privacy requirements of HIPAA than a retail drugstore. Their customers mob the counters; ours come to a non-public area in trickles.

In spite of the ambiguity, here is what I think the law stands for: a patient's illness or condition belongs to the patient, and caregivers or service providers or pill salesmen have no business disclosing any information to outsiders without permission. Ask yourself: haven't we been circumspect in giving out accident information to curious skiers? When uninvolved people ask we don't tell. The feds have simply made a long-winded institution out of our standard practices of privacy.

The law requires three things:

1. Ski patrollers as caregivers are required to maintain the privacy of "Protected Health Information" (which I will call "PHI"), and;
2. We must give our patients notice of our legal duties and privacy practices under the Act, and;
3. We must provide, upon request or as a matter of course, information that we generate in the treatment process (read: most definitely "The Accident Report" but not necessarily the card we give to the ambulance EMTs with patient's vitals when we turn the patient over.)

We may not disclose any PHI without the patient's written authorization except for the following as relevant to ski patrollers:

First: Information necessary for treatment. In the turnover situation, we may give information to the new caregiver and to other persons involved in care, such as family members, relatives, guardians or close personal friends.

Second: Worker's Compensation claims. Very rare for us.

Third: Public health, law enforcement or as required by law. Drug issues or other criminal proceedings come to mind.

Fourth: Judicial and administrative proceedings. This would definitely include a subpoena or discovery request in a civil or criminal case

Fifth: Coroners, medical examiners and funeral directors.

Sixth: "To avert a serious threat to health or safety." Very rare.

Seventh: Other uses and disclosures of PHI.

In all other cases, a written authorization should be obtained before disclosure. When in doubt, get authorization.

A notice should be posted on the on the patrol room wall, with copies available to those patients wanting one, stating that the patrol will keep the details of treatment confidential except as provided by HIPAA and outlining the patient's rights to the records of their treatment. That should suffice. However, I really don't know much about this statute except what it says. As it burrows its way into the healthcare profession, it will take on a life of its own and gain definition. Patrollers should be alert for suggested protocol and treatment procedure modification.

### **Bill Gamble**      **Member Communications**

First, I want to thank all the patrols and Region Advisors for allowing me to participate in your refreshers and events throughout the season. I hope the pictures on the Region web site and in this newsletter will help make the events more memorable for everyone.

Second, I'd like to make a plea to those with internet access, especially if it's the broadband variety, to consider foregoing their mailed paper copy of this newsletter in favor of accessing it as a PDF file on the Region web site. We have been posting the newsletters there since 1999, when about 30% of our members signed up for web-only access, but the number of participants has not increased. Our mailing costs have increased over the last 4 years, and though we are currently getting the copying done at no charge through the generosity of Heidelberg and John Lawson, this may not always be the case. The newsletter costs are paid for out of your Region dues. The PDF files can run from 400K to 900 K or more in size, depending on the number of pictures included, so people with slow internet connections will understandably want to continue to receive paper copies, but I hope the rest of you web-savvy folks will consider making the switch. If you want to switch from paper to web access, just send me an e-mail to that effect at [wgamble.me65@gtalumni.org](mailto:wgamble.me65@gtalumni.org). To check out the newsletters currently posted there, go to <http://www.nspgvr.org/html/valley.htm>.

I hope you all have a great summer. I'll see you at the fall refreshers.

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## NEWS FROM THE PATROLS:

### **BRANTLING**

Whatta season! For everyone, but especially for Wayne County's largest ski area. Brantling finished a 99-day season March 16 in brilliant sunshine, 60-degree temperatures, wall-to-wall snow...and beer specials! (We would have hit the century mark, but were unable to open

a couple of days because of closed schools and roads!) Just like western areas, we closed not for lack of white stuff, but because people were tired of consistent great skiing from Thanksgiving to mid-March.

And it was a super season for the Brantling patrol also. In January, we learned that our application for a state grant of \$5,000.00 was approved. We immediately added an AED to our patrol room and are planning additional purchases this summer; new toboggans, additional radios and related equipment and supplies. Our thanks go out to patrol treasurer **Jim Webster** for single-handedly steering the application through two years of paperwork. Again this year, Scheduling APD **John Williams** doled out the coverage assignments skillfully and received not one complaint. (He says.) Patrol Representative **Steve Mitchell** is finishing his sixth season at Brantling's helm and is stepping down. Steve is also completing 30 years on the patrol and has indicated he will be staying on at least until the next OEC manual comes out.

Additional thank yous go out to **Robert Centro**, **Marsha Wait**, **Mike McManus** and Steve for construction work and equipment upgrades throughout the season. And to **Martha Rich**, **Dave Vinke** and **Greg Bernhard** for successfully shepherding our candidates through their S&T training. And congratulations to **George** and **Beth DeVecchio**, patrollers who were wed in mid-February. Who says patrolling isn't romantic?

And we finished the season in style, with our annual banquet at Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Over 60% of Brantling's patrollers attended, along with numerous spouses and guests and area owners **Pat** and **Fiffi Steinrotter**. Once again **Bob Hillegeer** did a splendid job in setting up the affair, which featured a stretched-out cocktail hour, delicious dinner and socializing. There were awards galore to end the official part of the evening. Long service recognition went to **Steve Mitchell** (30 years), **Rich Koehn** (20), **Kim Buell** (10), **Mark Johnson** (10), **Mike McManus** (10), **Chuck Norton** (10) and **Beth DeVecchio** (10). (Beth actually has many more than ten years as a patroller, but her years of service as a "kid" at Swain got lost at National.) Region White Merit Stars went to **Steve Mitchell** in recognition of his six years as PD and 30 years of NSPS service, **Martha Rich** for her many terms as APD for OEC and S&T and CPR/AED instructor for the patrol, and **Jim Webster** for his efforts in securing the NYS grant. Jim also received the Harry Rich Award as Brantling Patroller of the Year for the outstanding work on the grant. New officers who will lead the patrol for the next two years are PD/PR **Marsha Wait**, APD S&T **Greg Bernhard**, APD OEC **Pete Peterson** and APD Scheduling **John Williams** (reluctantly re-elected). A great evening to end a great season!

Pete Peterson, Newsletter Editor

## **SWAIN**

The 2002-2003 ski season was a great success for Swain. Snow was in great abundance, as were skiers to our area. Our official closing date was April 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by a weekend of Snowmobile Races, our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual, held April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

Elections for Executive offices were held March 29<sup>th</sup>. The following patrollers were elected to represent the patrol for a 2-year term:

**Patrol Director – Joe Menichino**  
**Treasurer – Chris Hickok**  
**Secretary – Mary Emmighausen**

Thank you to **Roger Slade** (past Treasurer) and **Mark Whitford** (past Secretary) for serving 4-year terms each. The patrol greatly appreciates the time and effort you devoted to our patrol.

We have added many new faces to our patrol this season. Congratulations to **Beth Fuller** and **Damon Flick** for achieving Patroller status with completion of the S&T exam and to the following patrollers for achieving Auxiliary status after successfully completing the OEC test:

**Dave Ciranni**  
**Ray Cipriano**  
**Mike Middleton**  
**Stu Sotherden**  
**Malorie Osygian (Student Patroller Status)**  
**Amelia Feller (Student Patroller Status)**  
**John Gaehring (Student Patroller Status)**  
**Andy Mattison (Student Patroller Status)**

We also welcome two additional doctors to our patrol, **Dr. Jeffery Tomlin** and **Dr. Elizabeth Bostock**.

In the Senior program, Congratulations to **Chris Steigler** on passing the Senior OEC and **Andrea Marino** for completing the Senior S&T.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Swain Family Fun-Day was held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day and one of our most successful Family Fun-Day's ever. Once again we entertained the Canaseraga Fire and Ambulance crew. Great job to the Swain team for retaining the trophy by winning the annual volleyball match. The Great Toboggan Race was run with winners **Judy Bonczyk-Scott** and **Ron Honan** in the Combined Division and **Susan Forsyth & Lori Kloesz** taking the Woman's Division. Thanks to all who helped organize this sensational event.

The next Swain event will be our annual year-end awards picnic. It will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the A-ON-DU-WA-NUH Sportsman Club in Cuylerville. For reservations, log on to our website at <http://www.swainskipatrol.org/picnic.php>, call Marie

Osygian at 585-226-2889 or e-mail Marie at [webmaster@swainskipatrol.org](mailto:webmaster@swainskipatrol.org) by June 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for September 20, 2003 Swain's On-the-hill refresher. Have a great summer!

Mary Emmighausen, Secretary

## **NORDIC**

On March 9, the Nordic patrol held a banquet which, like the rest of our patrol year, was a spectacular success. With 41 people in attendance, plenty of good food and drink was had. Patrol Representative **Chuck Crockett** introduced our many guests including **Charles Effrige** (the founder of our patrol) who was accompanied by **Mary Hyder** and **Freddie Holms**, **Clyde Glover**, **Stan Perry**, **Bill Gamble**, **Bob Smith**, **John and Marjorie Lawson**, and Eastern Division Director, **Jerry Sherman and his wife, Carol**. Also in attendance were **Daan Zwick** who recently retired from our patrol, with his wife, **Janice**, and **Bob Cooper**, Assistant Director of Cumming Nature Center.



Figure 3 - Charlie Effrige, Founder of the GV Nordic Patrol

Then the podium was handed over to **Mike Tallon** and **Skip Millor** who proceeded to "roast" **Bob Hacker** for not falling off one of the bridges at Cumming this year, **Peter Parker, Sr.** for best exemplifying the NSP "Patroller Recycling Program", and **John Benitez** for spotless hygiene while climbing Denali. (All the other members of John's climbing party fell prey to variety of gastrointestinal ailments which John, epidemiologist that he is, traced to a spoiled pre-climb dinner consumed by one of his fellow climbers.)

**Dr. Tom Adler** was recognized for (among other things) going off patrolling some remote trails at Mendon with his radio turned off late one afternoon. **Jack Hustler** was about to activate the "Without a Trace" search and rescue team to find him. (They could have called his exchange...."What? lost? again?") Then the meeting was turned over to **Jerry Sherman**, Eastern Division Director,

and **John Lawson**, outgoing Genesee Valley Regional Director who presented two awards. Our Patrol was recognized for being "The Outstanding Nordic Patrol in the Eastern Division," and this award was received by Chuck Crockett. The other award was given to Dr. Tom Adler for being the "Outstanding Nordic Patroller" in the Eastern Division, who, once again was caught with his Lycra® down. Having failed to draft his acceptance speech in a timely fashion he could only stand there like a deer caught in the headlights and mumble "thank you".



**Figure 4 - PR Chuck Crockett receiving the Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol Award from Div. Director Jerry Sherman.**

All who attended were pleased with the location, food, and service. We owe thanks to **Mell Gleason** for organizing this event, to **Chuck Crockett**, for being a flawless MC, and to both for "directing" the Outstanding Nordic Patrol in the Eastern Division. Dr. Tom Adler feels he owes his award to **Skip Millor** and **Gina Wyffels** who campaigned diligently on his behalf. But credit really goes to our entire patrol for responding to the challenges of ongoing training and skill enhancement, for performing well in spite of having few opportunities to use their skills, and for accommodating nicely to the "natural" environment where sleds need to be pulled uphill as well as lowered down.

Dr. Tom Adler  
GVNSP Secretary

## **HUNT HOLLOW**

It was a fantastic year of skiing at Hunt Hollow. We had the longest season ever with terrific snow and a lot of fun and achievements. The season was topped off with our annual banquet, where many of the achievements were recognized.

Of the more notable achievements, **Bonnie Andre**, **Pete Meitus** and **Toby Thomas** all achieved Senior Patroller status this year. **Bob Andre** and **Jeff Konzel** each received a White Merit Star for their help with the candidate class. Also, **Pamm Ferguson** received Yellow Merit Star for her work on the Transition Committee and

Meritorious Service Award for her work as Assistant Division Director. **Henry Williams** also received a Yellow Merit Star for his work on the Transition Committee. **Dick Hitchcock** received a Leadership Commendation Award for his years of tireless service. **Bonnie Hindman** received the Hunt Hollow Patroller of the Year Award. **Will Hitchcock** received a Division Memorial Fund Scholarship award, to be used next year when he starts at Penn State.



**Figure 5 - Dick Hitchcock (L) receiving his Leadership Commendation Award from RD John Lawson (R) and Awards Advisor Skip Miller.**

This is my last article as Patrol Representative at Hunt Hollow. It has been a great two years that went very quickly. Thanks for all who helped make my job easier. **John Topping** has been elected the new Patrol Representative, and I wish him the best of luck.

Andrew Cruikshank

## **BRISTOL**

Bristol Mountain was open for 125 days of skiing and riding this season. What a wonderful winter it was.

The patrol has 26 new patrollers and auxiliaries. "The herd" did well learning their new positions.

We have a new hut at the top of the Morningstar area. Many thanks to **Joe Beyer** and his BOCES students as well as **Bob Smith** and **Jeff Minter** for the work on this building.

Results of April elections:

**Kris Vasiliauskas – Patrol Representative**  
**Steve Cunningham - 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant PR**  
**Cathy Bentzoni - 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant PR**  
**Marilyn Nickerson - Secretary**  
**Al Kraus - Treasurer**

Congratulations to **Rick Walzer**, **Jennifer Grant**, **Jami Rushford** and **Jeff Minter** for achieving Senior status this season!



The end of the year picnic was on May 17<sup>th</sup>. A contest of the “dish to pass” with prizes was a hit. A special 40year Service Award was presented to **Bob Smith** along with an extensive resume of his patrolling history. National Certificates of Appreciation for service were awarded to **Nick Anastas**, 40 Years, **Carl Mabie**, 35 Years and **Dick McSorley**, 38 years. Instructor of the Year went to **Tom Lyons** in OEC and **Brenda Rizzo** in S&T. Candidate of the Year is **Kerry Meyer** and the Patroller of the Year is **Jeff Minter**.

Have a wonderful summer!

Kris Vasiliauskas



**Figure 6 - Bob Smith (L) receiving his certificate for 40 years of service from PR Kris Vasiliauskas (R) and DD Jerry Sherman.**

## **POWDER MILLS PARK**

Spring has sprung we turned the facilities back over to the county at Powder Mills April 1<sup>st</sup>. The skis, sleds, backboards, etc. are put away for the season.

We have completed another terrific season. We opened on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> with plenty of snow. We ran through the season for a final day on March 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a great last day with plenty of sunshine and snow. We had a great turnout of folks to tear down so we were done in plenty of time to have a few “pops”.

Thanks to **Bill Gamble** for posting some pictures on the region website of our on-hill as well as some mid – season photos courtesy of **John Lawson**. Check them out.

We also had the chance to host several evenings for Senior EMM and also welcomed our Nordic friends for an evening of training. It's a real pleasure to get a chance to mingle with our NSP brethren.

My thanks to everyone for the tremendous on hill presence which kept the number of bumps, bruises and incidents down to a minimum this season.

The end of season party for Powder Mills is going to be starting at 4pm on May 31<sup>st</sup> at my house. Kate has separately sent folks the details.

Pending confirmation that it won't conflict with the Region OEC dates, we are looking to have our On-hill on the traditional first Saturday in November. Most of the other patrols have also chosen their dates, so take a look at the region calendar if that looks to be a conflict.

Enjoy your summer.

Glenn Becker



**Figure 7 - A sunny day at Powder Mills Park in March**



**Figure 8 - On March 1st, the Region hosted WNY Region Director Jim Decker (far R) and his wife Terry (far L), for some skiing at Hunt Hollow. They were accompanied by DD Jerry Sherman, NSP Board Member Pam Ferguson and RD John Lawson (L-R).**



# Calendar

As of 5/23/03

<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>DISCIPLINE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>CONTACT</u></b>
Powder Mills End of Season Party	<b>Powder Mills Patrollers</b>	May 31	4:00 PM	Becker's home in Victor	Kate Belaskas H: 585-377-4963 <a href="mailto:KL13@frontiernet.net">KL13@frontiernet.net</a> R.S.V.P. by 5/25.
Kayak Trip for Nordic Patrol & Candidates	<b>Nordic Patrollers</b>	June 11	6:00 PM	Bay Creek Marina, Empire Blvd. \$10 rental	Mell Gleason <a href="mailto:mellgleason@yahoo.com">mellgleason@yahoo.com</a>
Swain Picnic	<b>Swain Patrollers</b>	June 14		A-ONDU-WA-NUH Sportsman Club, Cuylerville	Marie Osypan H: 585-226-2889 <a href="mailto:webmaster@swainskipatrol.org">webmaster@swainskipatrol.org</a>
Nordic Bike Ride & Ice Cream	<b>Nordic Patrollers</b>	July 9			Tom Adler <a href="mailto:tomadler@worldnet.att.net">tomadler@worldnet.att.net</a>
Candidate OEC Class Starts	<b>All Candidates</b>	August 4 (Mon. & Wed. thru Nov.)	Evening	Honeoye Falls - Lima H.S. (tent.)	Chris Stiegler 585-233-0265 <a href="mailto:chs@hatherall.net">chs@hatherall.net</a>
Swain On-hill Refresher	<b>Swain Patrollers</b>	September 20		Swain	
Bristol On-hill Refresher	<b>Bristol Patrollers</b>	September 27		Bristol Mountain	Kris Vasiliauskas H: 585-367-3234 <a href="mailto:vfam@frontiernet.net">vfam@frontiernet.net</a>
GV Nordic Patrol Meeting	<b>Nordic Patrollers</b>	October 7		RMSC lower level	Chuck Crockett <a href="mailto:ccrockett@rochester.rr.com">ccrockett@rochester.rr.com</a>
Hunt Hollow On-hill Refresher	<b>Hunt Hollow Patrollers</b>	October 11 (tentative)		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>	November 4		RMSC lower level	Chuck Crockett <a href="mailto:ccrockett@rochester.rr.com">ccrockett@rochester.rr.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:vfam@frontiernet.net">vfam@frontiernet.net</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>

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