



Mike Lord

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There's lots of news from the end of last season and the coming season will see many new changes to our organization. While the new division board of directors is working hard to get the new division structure tweaked and pulled to make our division a finer place to be a ski patroller, our biggest and arguably most important job will be to make it seem like the Eastern Division of the National Ski Patrol, and the Genesee Valley Region is providing for you the patroller as it always has.

The biggest change for the coming season will be your opportunity to vote for the next region director. This huge change to the division by-laws is the corner stone on which your division board of directors is building its new home. Every patroller in the eastern division will now be part of the process of electing the division board of directors. As your region director I am now one of fifteen region directors that comprise the eastern division board of directors. I answer directly to you the patroller now, as you are the people who elect me. No more layers of patrollers between you and the division board. Each patroller has my e-mail or phone number, and I am a member of the board. The new election process will begin at this years OEC refresher. You will be electing a region director and an assistant region director this fall with those persons taking office in April of 2005. If you are interested in running for either of these positions contact the election committee to see what qualifications are needed and the process you need to begin to get your name on the ballot.

Another big task of the new Division Board of Directors will be to improve the delivery of all of NSP's programs to the line patroller. More clinics, closer locations, and a calendar of events on all division and region web pages so you the patroller can find the program or clinic closest to you. I know we all would like to keep continually improving as patrollers and the new board of directors wants to make this as easy as it can be for each patroller in the Eastern Division. Each region director as a member of the division board must chair a program committee. These committees will be set up for each NSP program and will include not only a region director but also the program supervisor, at least two section chiefs or assistant region directors and one or two members at large. The job of the committee and its chair will be to bring the voices of the patrollers who elected the division board of directors to the program

supervisors. The program supervisors will then be able to know where, when and who wants to participate in NSP programs and the Division will know from its patrollers if the programs are what they want when and where they want them.

All in all, a busy season ahead with a lot of new ideas to think about. Be sure to read further and check out the refresher schedules and program offerings. Snow is not that far away really and the new season will be upon us before we know it. As always if any patroller has questions or comments please send them too me via e-mail or call me and leave a message and I will get back to you right away. Have a safe summer and I'll be seeing you all soon.

REGIONAL ADVISORS:

Nick Schiavetti

Instructor Development

Are you interested in becoming an instructor in OEC, S&T, MTR, or Avalanche? Or do you just need a senior elective? Maybe your Patrol Director has appealed to your better nature about how much your patrol needs more instructors. Perhaps you are looking for another way to contribute your talents to the sport of skiing. Some of you may want to increase the satisfaction you get from providing service to the skiing public. In any of these cases, the Instructor Development course is right for you and we would be happy to have you join us for two nights of interesting and informative classes to show you the ropes of effective teaching.

The Instructor Development class is offered each spring after the ski season is over to distance it from the many time conflicts that busy patrollers encounter during the season. It is an 8 hour workshop on effective instruction spread over two nights that counts as a senior elective. We try to model the principles that are taught and give participants a chance to apply some of the techniques. Talk to people who have completed this course in the past and I'm sure that you'll get a lot of good recommendations to try it out! We just completed a region Instructor Development class in May 2004 with nine successful participants: Kate Bauma and Linda Pazral (Powder Mill), Grant Fowler and Debbie Whalen (GV Nordic), Jon Hess

(Brantling), Rick Micoli (Bristol), and Steve Duncan, Ron Honan, and Tim Scanlon (Swain). I look forward to seeing their future contributions to the region as instructors and I am sure that they would all be happy to share the quality of their experience with you and would encourage you to try the course next year.



Figure 1 - The GVR Instructor Development Class of 2004

In 2005, we will offer the Instructor Development class on Monday and Wednesday nights, May 2nd and 4th. Flyers and sign-up sheets will be available at the Region OEC Refreshers and at the On-the-Hill Refreshers at each area for those who are interested. The instructors are looking forward to seeing another enthusiastic group of patrollers join us for this class next year.

In addition to completing this class, patrollers aspiring to become instructors need to complete the mentoring program with an experienced instructor and then be evaluated by an Instructor Trainer. There are several 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.

The region is fortunate to have experienced instructors in each of the disciplines at various patrols who join me in teaching the Instructor Development course: Marcia Mundrick (Bristol: OEC, MTR, Avalanche), Mike Mooney (Swain: S&T), Glenn Gebhard (Swain: OEC), John Lawson (Hunt Hollow: OEC, EMM), and Bob Andre' (Hunt Hollow: OEC, EMM, MTR). I would also like to acknowledge the substantial contributions made over the years to the program by Merrily and Bob Hoover of Bristol who have just retired as Instructor Development instructors this year. We will miss their teaching and

camaraderie and we thank them for everything they have done to maintain to our esprit de corps!

Instructor Development is the 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 for an enjoyable learning experience and join the corps of instructors in the region who contribute so much to ski patrolling and the skiing public.

Steve Shelley

Lift Evacuation

Have you thought about how to evac a Mono-skier, or Pulk Skier? Or extricating a person who has transported himself down into a ravine?



Figure 2 - Mono-ski training from an earlier evac clinic

On Nov 14, we plan a seminar at Swain where you can get hands-on practice for these problems, as well as other techniques useful in usual and/or unusual situations. For example, ascending a rope to a chair, or practice in flipping the belay line over chairs (This seems to frustrate a number of people at Swain's evac drills)

We are looking forward for a fun day, and expect to benefit from each others suggestions and demonstrations during the day. If any of you from Patrols other than Swain would like to participate in planning the event, please contact me at n2bxn@frontiernet.net. (Put a ski term in the subject line so I don't blow it away!)

I'll have a sign-up sheet at the Refreshers, but if you are definitely interested, please drop me a note so we can get an early heads-up as to the number of participants.

I am pleased that I was asked by Mike to become the awards advisor for GVR. Skip Millor has resigned after many years on the region Committee and chairing the committee for the last 4 years. Skip did an excellent job over this time period and through his guidance the region received many awards including National Outstanding Nordic Patrol, Division Outstanding Nordic patroller, and recently Division Outstanding Auxiliary patroller. In addition, each year many awards were given out to region patrollers. The awards were both from National and the Region. This year, for example, a total of 17 awards were received from either National or the Division, and 5 Region awards were received. Not all of these have been awarded as yet so they will not all be listed in this newsletter. Congrats to the following patrollers who have received their awards:

Patricia Campbell - Outstanding Eastern Division Auxiliary Patroller
Dave Hanning – Distinguished Service Award
Vince Patane - Distinguished Service Award
Jim Mussnug – National Number 9930
Win Beers - National Number 9944
Tom Wallin – National Number 9946
Nick Schiavetti – National Number 10072

Jim Nickerson - Meritorious Service Award
Mike Morgan - Meritorious Service Award
Melissa Doyle- Yellow Merit Star
Scott Mundrick - Yellow Merit Star
Jerry Sherman - Yellow Merit Star
Merrily Hoover - Doyle Award (Region DSA)
Sue Navarra - GVR Outstanding Patroller (Stevens Award)
Bob Andre' - GVR Outstanding Instructor (Lehman Award)
Bob Hillegeer - Region White Merit Star

Bottom Line, Skip successfully led a very busy awards team that was very productive for our hard working GVR members. When you see him, pat him on the back and say thanks. It's OK to remind him I still owe him a beer.

Skip has left the awards committee in good shape. My plans for the committee will be to continue to improve the award "consciousness" of the GVR patrollers. It is a program that relies on everyone in the region to be successful - the award nominees come from you. To improve the region awareness I plan on a fall meeting with Patrol Directors and Region advisors to discuss their role in the program. In addition, I will be working to make the program less "mysterious" so that everyone feels comfortable suggesting an award. I also intend to increase slightly the number of people sitting on the committee. This should help lighten the load for everyone and help award submission turnaround time.

The awards process will not be changed much, if any. The committee will accept nominations for an award. The nominations should contain a succinct description of why you feel an individual merits recognition. The committee will then review the criteria and verify, with your help, that the award is merited and the criteria for the award is met. The award committee will then make sure the letters are written and all the paperwork is correctly filled out. One thing that helps the awards committee a great deal is having the personal data on the nominee available. Local patrols have much of the patroller data on file and it is much more readily available to them than to us. If you are not familiar with the awards available and the information required to submit an award check out the awards section of the GVR web page. There are descriptions of the awards posted and there are samples of the applications that need to be filled out so you know the kind of information required for any given award.

I look forward to working with each of you on this very important project that rewards the hard work of our fellow patrollers.

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. The actual program consists of you participating as leader or helper in scenarios designed to teach good leadership skills. You need to participate as a successful leader in four scenarios. There will be a minimum of 10-12 sessions available-attend when you can. Class start is tentatively Jan 16th with the final February 20th at Brantling. There will be a checkoff of basic OEC skills prior to the on hill sessions.

Bottom line - 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 who goes through this program, pass or fail, has positive feedback on its value. Feel free to discuss the program with last year's graduates or call me. Check the EMM page on the Region Website for more information. You may sign up for this program now by contacting me.

Any questions call or e-mail:

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Henry Williams

Legal

On Wednesday June 9, the Region Patrol Directors adopted a revised set of By-laws. They achieved the following goals set forth in the new Division By-Laws:

- Gave every active Patroller a vote during the fall refreshers for Region Director and Assistant Region Director.
- Established an Executive Committee consisting of the Region Director, the Assistant Region Directors and the Patrol Directors.
- Provided for an Alternate Region Director in case the Region Director cannot serve temporarily or otherwise. (The new Executive Committee chose Bob Smith until this fall's elections).

If you would like to have a copy of the new By-laws, e-mail your request to Henry Williams:

henryww@rochester.rr.com

Richard Stearns

Student Patrolling

WOW!! Summer just got here and we are thing about the upcoming ski season already. Looks like we have another Student group in the making, Swain has at least three students interested in joining the program this year and plans are being made for training. I would ask all region Patrollers to take a minute and see if you know some young adult who would be a good candidate to join our ranks.

I am looking for a patroller from Bristol, Brantling, Hunt Hollow, Nordic and Northampton who would like to join the effort and serve as the contact person, and someone to champion the program, at their respective areas. The way to make the program grow is to get additional activity at all the region Patrols. If you would like to get involved in the student program, let me know. The diversity the region offers a great learning experience for all involved, and it is fun working with enthusiastic students.

We are going to try and expand the student program with the addition of some events in the region and division this year.

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 or call me at 585-343-4463 evenings.

Joe Menichino

Certified

This year's annual meeting and test program was run at Smugglers Notch in Vermont the first weekend in April. The snow and weather conditions were very rough, making it hard on everyone. It rained almost the whole time and much of the mountain was closed. Of course these are perfect conditions from the Certified examiners' point of view. Genesee Valley was well represented with Jeff Baker and myself working the test and Tom Wallin and Peter Meitius as guests. Jeff has accepted the post of Certified Program secretary. I know he will do a good job because he is a great worker and more importantly Pam Baker will be helping. I am now chairing the Patrol Management and Hill Safety Interviews portion of the test program. All 20+ interviews went very well, mostly because Pam Baker was helping me keep it all organized! It is a good thing to see the Genesee Valley working into leadership roles in the Division program. The best part of the test was the OEC segment of course. My personal favorite problem (which most failed I'm sorry to report) was an on slope electrocution in the middle of a ground lift. It was really hard to find the entrance and exit wounds and treat the cardiac aspects. It was really fun for me to prep the moulage for the burns. I only burned myself a little bit. During the test I was lugging a huge bag of gear from the top that weighed a ton. I never actually looked in it because it wasn't needed till we reached the bottom and the electrocution problem was run. It turns out the bag had 6 AED's in it! The batteries were removed but they still were heavy. No detail is left out! Seriously- I believe that while the challenge and workload has not diminished in any aspect, the program has evolved from a rough and tumble struggle into a more accommodating gentler and manageable focus that actually allows for tremendous learning opportunities. More of our excellent patrollers should try it. I am always ready to discuss the requirements with any of you. Please call or email if you'd like more information. Have a great, happy and safe summer.

John Topping

S&T

The **Region S&T staff** met last week and plans have already been started for next season, even though yesterday was 93 degrees in the shade.

Transitions

I'd like to thank Jeff Baker for his leadership for the past 3 years. Jeff is stepping down as advisor of the S&T program as he had planned. As advisor Jeff continued a long tradition of solid program delivery and well organized events in the GVR. Jeff's mentoring has meant a lot to me and to the program and we will continue to work towards offering the best S&T programs possible.

The Snow is Finally Gone!

Students and instructors alike enjoyed a **very successful Senior S&T program**, with 10 out of 13 passing both the Skiing and Toboggan evaluations, and 13 out of 13 learning some **new techniques** and having a **good time** doing it.

Two other perennial favorite events were delivered to standing room only attendance: the **Women - Only** clinic and the **Toboggan Enhancement Seminar**. Both programs continue to result in **smiles and improved techniques**. We very much appreciate the extra effort put in by those who organized the events; thanks go to **Pamm Ferguson** for the Women-only clinic held at Bristol as well as to **Roland Lunser** for traveling in from Holiday Valley, for the Toboggan Enhancement Seminar.

A Ton of Help

Of course none of our activities would be possible if it were not for the **gracious and generous assistance from the ownership and management staffs of Bristol, Swain and Hunt Hollow**. By allowing us to use their hills for our training and events we all win. Without their help, our program would be very different indeed.

Anticipation!

For this coming season we have scheduled several **new and exciting programs**: a Telemark clinic, a Men-Only clinic, instructed by women (no.... really!) and of course, the Senior S&T program. This year, the final Senior S&T evaluation will be a one day event. Another new improvement for this coming year is the involvement of all the S&T trainers from the local patrols in an early season workshop. This training session will insure that every instructor understands, instructs and demonstrates a consistent program delivery message. All of the dates for these events will be on the web calendar in the next few months, so you can plan ahead and join us for the fun. See you in December.

Chris Stiegler

OEC

Hi Everyone,

June is a hard time to be thinking of Ski Patrol. The region OEC staff is busy planning and getting ready for the fall. There are just a few things to keep in mind as we have fun and enjoy the summer.

1. You should receive in the mail from the National office the summer issue of the Ski Patrol Magazine, with the refresher guide in it. If you don't, a refresher guide will be available to download from www.nsp.org. Please bring it with you to the refresher this fall.
2. Check to see if you have an OEC card. If you do not have one, please contact Member Services at the National office by calling 303-988-1111. They

will be happy to help you obtain a new card. Please bring it with you to the fall refresher.

3. Keep checking the region web site for the dates of the fall refreshers and other courses being offered this year. Please keep in mind that most patrols have websites and post dates, the only information that can be counted on as gospel is the information at www.nspgvr.org.
4. If you have work commitments and cannot attend one of the region refreshers please contact your Patrol Director and they can help you with alternative plans. If you go outside of the region for a refresher make sure that you have your course completion sheet signed, it is in the back of your refresher guide and keep it as proof of attending.

If you have any questions about the OEC program please feel free to contact me at chs@hatherall.net or 585-233-0265. I will be glad to help.

Enjoy the water in its liquid state because it will be solid soon.

Kevin and Patricia Campbell

MTR

Strap on some snowshoes, trek out in the woods, shovel some snow into a big pile, hollow it out, then crawl in for a night. Sounds good right about now, huh? OK, maybe not...but when January rolls around and you've been cooped up in the house like a "mouse potato" in front of the computer for a couple months it will probably sound inviting. Keep the thought in the back of your mind because we will be offering a beginner MTR1 course this coming season. It is a basic course designed for those with no experience. Even if you have had some experience, we would be willing to bet you learn some new things. Either way it promises to be rewarding and fun. The MTR1 course has some tentative dates.

The indoor is to be December 2, 2004, with the outdoor overnight being January 8th-9th, 2005. We look forward to seeing you out there!

Jim Mussnug

Avalanche

Here we are between ski seasons again. Just to make sure I'm prepared for any type of upstate NY weather, my garage is still filled with a full assortment of downhill skis, along with water skis, canoe paddles, and mountain bikes. Somehow those intentions to wax the skis before storing them away never quite materialize!

However, now is the time to start planning out your calendar for this year. Are you planning that ski trip out west this season? 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. We have moved the dates earlier to try to avoid conflicts. The day long session will be offered on Saturday December 4, 2004. An additional half day session will be run on Saturday January 8, 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), or myself (mussnug@eznet.net).

Enjoy the summer, time goes by quickly, and soon we'll be back at the Fall Refreshers, On-the-Hill, etc. OK, let's not dismiss summer yet. Besides, just think - the avalanche threat is low! Seriously – please do consider participating in an Avalanche Program this year. We're fortunate to have a very talented team of instructors here in Genesee Valley Region, and we guarantee you'll learn a lot and have a great time. Put these dates on the calendar now – the sessions will come up quickly after the Fall Refreshers.

Bill Gamble Member Communications

With this newsletter, we are switching to a semi-annual schedule for Valley Views – Summer and Winter. Last winter, the region officers decided to do this as both a cost saving measure and as a way to better align the publication dates with the need to communicate information and patrollers' need to plan their schedules well in advance. The calendar at the end of this newsletter has all the fall events listed through the beginning of ski season, as well as some 2005 dates (such as the Senior

EMM and S&T evaluations). This newsletter also has news of all the awards presented at the spring banquets and picnics to date, and the results of the amendment of the region by-laws at the June 9th meeting.

On the calendar, note especially the dates and location of the region OEC refreshers. They **will not be held at Honeoye Falls - Lima High School**, as in the past, **but rather at Honeoye High School** in Honeoye. This was necessary to get the facilities we need, at a price we could afford, in the time frame we needed.

In other news, I have been tapped to chair a new Eastern Division World Wide Web Committee which will, as its first project, harmonize the presentation of calendar information on the division web site and all of the region web sites. This will result in some change in format of the Genesee Valley Region Calendar, once the final common format is set. It also means that all event information for each jurisdiction will be on one comprehensive calendar in that jurisdiction. There will no longer be separate calendars for OEC, S&T, EMM, Avalanche, MTR, etc. As I write this, as Division Webmaster, and with the Division Director's approval, I have reformatted the division calendar to match our GVR calendar, and have applied the comments of the Board from their meeting on June 19th. This includes color coding of the programs, but the colors will not reproduce well in the grayscale calendar in this newsletter; they are intended for web site use. I ask that as the region program advisors send me their calendar information, they try to do so in the common calendar format.

This newsletter will continue to be posted as a PDF file on the region web site. Right now, somewhere between 25% and 30% of the region patrollers have signed up to forego their paper copy and download it from the web site. Thanks to all of you. If you're willing to join that group and help us control the costs and person-hours associated with mailing, send me your name and e-mail address to wgamble.me65@gtalumni.org. We will continue to print paper copies for those who have no internet access, slow connections or simply want a paper copy.

NEWS FROM THE PATROLS:

BRISTOL

With the winter one of the coldest in many years (40 days below zero) we all worked hard and had fun. I'm sure we're all looking forward to a winter that stays in the twenties next year. Bristol Mountain will be busy this year digging new wells for the drinking water and also widening Lower Meteor. They will also be on top of the mountain cutting new cross country trails. These trails will also have snowmaking and lighting.

We had our annual awards banquet on May 15th and fun was had by all who attended. The following were some of the awards that were handed out:

Vince Patane – Distinguished Service Award (upon retirement with over 50 years of service)

Win Beers - National Appointment

Mike Morgan - Meritorious Service Award

Jim Nickerson - Meritorious Service Award

Scott Mundrick - Division Yellow Merit Star

Jerry Sherman - Division Yellow Merit Star

Melissa Doyle - GVR Yellow Merit Star

Merrily Hoover - GVR Doyle Award

Doyle Pruitt – Bristol Candidate of the year (our 1 and only candidate)

Brenda Rizzo – Bristol Patroller of the year

25 years

Alan Lockwood

25 years LCA

Merrily Hoover

25 years National

Bob Hoover

The season just ended and the work for next year has already begun. Please note the following dates for next year - The Bristol on Hill refresher will be September 12th and the Black out Evac will be December 5th. I hope everyone enjoys the summer warmth. We'll all be together sooner then you think.

Jeff Welch, PR

NORDIC

The Nordic Patrol is enjoying good times. We now have 15 Nordic Patrollers and 10 duals. We expect five new Nordic patrol candidates entering OEC for next season and one or two new dual candidates for Skiability. We owe a debt of gratitude to **Chuck Crockett**, our outgoing Patrol Rep who presided over our improvements and brought us the "National Nordic Patrol of the Year Award." Three of the four patrol officers remain in office and we welcome **Cristina Carey** who stepped in as Secretary, to join **Mike Tallon**, Treasurer, **Mell Gleason**, Assistant Patrol Rep, and **Tom Adler**, Patrol Rep.

We recognize that our success may be as transient as the weather, given our complete reliance on natural snowfall. We are planning to begin patrolling at Harriet Hollister State Park next year. This is a small hilltop park in the Bristol Hills near Hunt Hollow (elevation, 2000 feet) where we join a coalition of winter sports enthusiasts comprised of Section V High School Nordic Ski Racing teams, Citizen racers, snowmobilers and Scouting organizations to provide a safe recreational environment. **Brian Shankat** is heading up our planning committee with the assistance of **Charles Feller**. Our patrol shifts will increase quite a bit with the addition of Harriet Hollister to our existing areas, Mendon Ponds, and Cumming Nature Center. Because of

our continual need to add patrollers, we are encouraging Alpine Patrollers with an interest in Nordic to ski with us as dual patrollers. Contact grantfowler@frontiernet.net. We will again be inviting Mickey Stone, a PSIA level 3 Nordic Instructor and former member of the US National Telemark Team to lead us in a Tele/Nordic Ski Enhancement Seminar. The clinic will be held on the weekend of December 18-19, 2004. Location to be arranged, and will again be open to any ski patroller in the Eastern Division. You may sign up just for Saturday's Tele clinic (Lift-served; equipment Rentals may be arranged) or just Sunday's Nordic (Skinny Skis) clinic. Enrollment is limited. If interested, contact me ASAP at

tomadler@frontiernet.net.

Our Calendar at this early date:

July 31: Nordic Picnic. Contact Jack Hustler.

hustlerjack@yahoo.com

September 1: Nordic Ski Patrol Meeting. Contact

tomadler@frontiernet.net

October 6: Nordic Ski Patrol Meeting. Contact

tomadler@frontiernet.net

November 3: Nordic Ski Patrol Meeting. Contact

tomadler@frontiernet.net

December 4: On the Trail Refresher. Contact

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December 18-19: Nordic Ski Enhancement Clinic. Contact

tomadler@frontiernet.net

February 2005 TBA Nordic Hot Dog Days. Contact

James Drew. J.drew@worldnet.att.net

Happy trails! Tom Adler, Nordic P.R.

HUNT HOLLOW

The Hunt Hollow Patrol held their annual banquet on May 22nd at the Greystone Golf Club. We had such a great turnout we had to move out to the tent to fit everyone. Fortunately the weather cooperated and we had a pleasant evening to socialize, eat too much and give out some awards. A couple of the attendees even got to play a bit of golf before the banquet started. I think Jeff Tallon was the big winner on the links; at least it's what he said.

We had some good natured awards given out by our awards advisor Bonnie Andre. Rick Wambach won the Tarzan award for his vine swinging in our new glade area. Mark Tubbs received a electrical tree to plant at his new home in honor of all of the electrical work he did around Hunt Hollow. Mike Podhorecki was awarded the golden crutch award for his injured shoulder. Greg Cox got the nurse bunny award for attending the most accidents. Jack Starke got an award for something we can't discuss in case some kids may be reading this and John McManus was awarded the annual crash helmet for taking a spill on rollerblades.

We did have our share of more serious awards too. Chris Midgley was chosen as our Patroller of the year. In addition to being an OEC instructor and an S&T instructor,

Chris had done so much for our patrol. We want to thank Chris for his dedication to the Hunt Hollow Ski Patrol. Brian Phillips was picked as candidate of the year due to his exceptional first aid and his S&T evaluation scores. Both choices were very difficult, due to the many other choices possible.

Bob Andre was awarded the Lehman award as the Region Instructor of the Year. Bob ran the senior EMM program and taught OEC on the local and region level. Bob put countless hours in and we are proud to have him at Hunt Hollow. Congratulations Bob!!

Sue Navarra, took home the grand prize. Sue was given the Region Patroller of the Year by region awards advisor Skip Millor. Sue has been model patroller at Hunt Hollow for many years. Sue is an OEC instructor and an OEC IT. Sue was the instructor of record at one time of the candidate class. Sue has served as an APD in charge of OEC at Hunt Hollow for a number of years. We are so proud the region recognized Sue as patroller of the year; we have known she was special for a long time.

We are beginning to plan for next season and will hold our on-hill refresher on October 17th. Have a great summer.

John Topping, PR



Figure 3 - Chris Midgley, Hunt Hollow Patroller of the Year

SWAIN

Hi everyone-

We had a great season at Swain, once the snow arrived. The accident count was down, the snow was great and we had very few injuries. The biggest problem of the season revolved around being able to store the wide shaped skis in the storage room racks that were designed 10 years ago for "skinny" skis. We completed an excellent Evac of the long chair one Saturday afternoon. The evac ran like clockwork. Training does pay off. Swain ran 3 successful days of snowmobile races at the end of the season. These are a fun way to end the season. It's hard to

believe how tough the drivers are. And it's not uncommon to witness a crash, race over only to find the driver is a long pony tailed gal, waving you off, trying to restart the machine. Crazy stuff.

We added 6 excellent new members from the candidate class. Congrats to all of them. Amelia Feller from our student patrol was also successful in passing S&T. She has completed all the requirements to work as a patroller. The Swain patrol merged nicely with our cousins from the Powder Mill patrol, successfully training a number of their Candidates and Auxiliaries in the S&T program. Tom Wallin did a fine job coordinating that effort.

I am happy to announce that 5 patrollers successfully completed Senior S&T. That's a huge number and a great accomplishment. The patrol also added two new full seniors. Andrea Marino (formally Shelley) and Nick Schiavetti both completed all necessary requirements and earned their Senior Rocker. We are proud of both these hard working patrollers. They are role models for all of us. We have a large number of candidates and student patrollers coming in next season, some of them with strong EMT and Fire/Rescue backgrounds. We are looking forward to training and getting to know them. I am sad to say that Dave Hanning has decided to retire this year. This terrific 40-year patroller will be very sorely missed.

Our Swain picnic is scheduled for 6/19 at a Rod and Gun club near Geneseo that has an un-spellable name (I won't even try). We have a great awards program this year thanks to an excellent local and region committee. Thanks to all.

In closing have a great summer; be safe and happy. I'm hoping to pick up the OEC book once in a while and read a bit, hope you do the same.

Joe Menichino, PR

POWDER MILLS

This was a fun, exciting and changeable year for us. We closed out the Season on March 20th and the year on May 22nd with our end of season picnic. Congratulations to Kate Bauma and Linda Pazral who completed their Phase 1 course this spring.

Earlier in the season, Kathy Revekant, Barb Collins, Chris Wendel, Eric Leinberg and Rick Church completed their S&T course. Our thanks to all of the instructors and patrollers at Swain that helped make this possible. Especially to Tom Wallin for planning, coordinating and instructing the program for us.



Figure 4 - the S&T Class

At the end of Season picnic, our awards representative Therese Costich-Sicker handed out recognition to several patrollers including:



Figure 5 - Therese handing Kate her hat

Kate Belaskas for her many contributions to the patrol, including the greatest number of patrol hours for the season.



Figure 6 - Eric Leinberg with his clock award.

Eric Leinberg received a special "on" time award.



Figure 7 - Rick Church with his tree branch plaque

Rick Church received an "off – trail" tree branch plaque award.

And a special recognition went to Doug Bennet for the countless hours and tireless effort running our coffee and hot chocolate fund raiser the last several years.



Figure 8 - Doug Bennet with his Powder Mills glass coffee cup

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.

Pending confirmation of the Region OEC dates, we are looking to have our On-hill on the traditional first weekend in November (opposite the region refresher date). 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, PR

BRANTLING

The Brantling Ski Patrol finished off a great 2003-04 season with the usual well-attended End-of-Season Banquet at Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club on Friday, April 17. And this year the event boasted several special guests; former Brantling patroller and Region Director and current Eastern Division Director **Jerry Sherman**, former Region Director and current NSP Board Member **Pamm Ferguson** and Genesee Valley Region Director **Mike Lord**, as well as spouses and guest. (See what you can do when you don't schedule the banquet the same weekend as the Division Spring Officers Meeting?) Following cocktails, socializing and an excellent dinner, Patrol Director **Marsha Wait** presented service awards to several Brantling patrollers; **Bob Hillegeer** (15 years), **Dennis DelConte** (10 years) and **John Williams**, **Brian Bartleson**, **Robert Centro**, **Mark Lukacs** and **George DeIvecchio** (5 years). Region Director Mike Lord then recognized **Bob Hillegeer** with a Region White Star Award for his many years of service to the region and patrol as a OEC instructor and APD for OEC. (And for continuing to organize excellent banquets!)

In late 2003 Brantling owner **Fiffi Steinrotter** purchased 59 acres of land on the west side of the "mountain" and announced plans to develop the area for additional slopes and trails. This will result in a lot of planning and work, not only for Fiffi and the Brantling staff, but for the patrol. Under the direction of Robert Centro the patrol has begun an ambitious fund-raising campaign for equipment and materials to support the new "west bowl" complex. Another challenge for our small but hard-working patrol, but as always, Brantling patrollers will be up to that challenge.

Watch this space next issue for updates.

Pete Peterson,
Newsletter Editor

Some of the Major Award Recipients

(Photos not available for all.)



Figure 9 - Vince Patane received a Distinguished Service Award upon his retirement



Figure 10 - Win Beers received National Number 9944



Figure 11 - Mike Morgan received a Meritorious Service Award for service to the Division S&T program.



Figure 12 - Jim Nickerson received a Meritorious Service Award for service to the Division S&T program.



Figure 15 - Melissa Doyle received a Yellow Merit Star for service to the Region OEC/EMM programs



Figure 13 - Jerry Sherman received a Yellow Merit Star for service to the Division S&T program



Figure 16 - Merrily Hoover received the GVR Doyle Award for outstanding service to the Region



Figure 14 - Scott Mundrick received a Yellow Merit Star for service to the Division S&T program



Figure 17 - Sue Navarra received the GVR Stevens Patroller of the Year Award



Figure 18 - Bob Andre' received the GVR Lehman Instructor of the Year Award



Figure 19 - Patricia Campbell was honored as Eastern Division Auxiliary Patroller of the Year







Figure 20 - Dave Hanning was roasted and honored with a Distinguished Service Award upon his retirement.

Calendar

As of 6/22/04

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	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DISCIPLINE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
	Nordic Picnic	Nordic	Saturday, July 31			Jack Hustler hustlerjack@yahoo.com	
	Candidate OEC Training Class Starts	Candidates	Monday, August 2 - Mondays & Wednesdays	TBA	Pittsford, Bristol & Hunt Hollow	Chris Stiegler H: 585-233- 0265 chs@hatherall.net Cand. names needed by July. Jeff Konzal IOR: H: 585-436- 0538 jpkonzal@frontiernet.net	
	Region Meeting	Region Officers	Wednesday, September 8	7:00 PM	Hunt Hollow	Mike Lord Cell: 607-765- 1670 mglord@aol.com	
	Bristol On- hill Refresher	Bristol Patrollers	Sunday, September 12	8:00 AM	Bristol	Jeff Welch H: 585-624-3321 pwelch3@rochester.rr.com	
	Instructor OEC Refresher	OEC Instructors	Tuesday, September 14	TBA	Bristol	Chris Stiegler H: 585-233- 0265 chs@hatherall.net	
	Swain On-hill Refresher	Swain Patrollers	Saturday, September 18	8:00 AM	Swain	Joe Menichino H: 607-587- 8229 menichino@infoblvd.net	
	Instructor OEC Refresher	OEC Instructors	Thursday, September 30	TBA	Bristol	Chris Stiegler H: 585-233- 0265 chs@hatherall.net	
	Brantling On- hill Refresher	Brantling Patrollers	Saturday, October 16	8:00 AM	Brantling	Marcia Wait H:585-265- 9152 hrwaitco@aol.com	
	Hunt Hollow On-hill Refresher	Hunt Hollow Patrollers	Sunday, October 17	8:00 AM	Hunt Hollow	John Topping H: 585-385- 5706 jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com	
	Region OEC Refresher and Officer Election 	OEC - All Region Patrollers	Weekend of 10/23-24 - day TBA later	7:30 AM	Honeoye H.S. (NOT H.F.-L.) 	Chris Stiegler H: 585-233- 0265 chs@hatherall.net	NOTE new location!
	Region OEC Refresher and Officer Election 	OEC -All Region Patrollers	Weekend of 11/6-7 - day TBA later	7:30 AM	Honeoye H.S. (NOT H.F.-L.) 	Chris Stiegler H: 585-233- 0265 chs@hatherall.net	NOTE new location!

	Powder Mills On-hill Refresher	Powder Mills Patrollers	Either Sat. 11/6 or Sun. 11/7	8:00 AM	Powder Mills Park	Glenn Becker H: 585-924-5113 Glenn.Becker@usa.xerox.com	
	Final Candidate OEC Test	Candidates	Saturday, November 13	8:00 AM	TBA	Chris Stiegler H: 585-233-0265 chs@hatherall.net Jeff Konzal IOR: H: 585-436-0538 jpkonzal@frontiernet.net	
	Region Lift Evac. Seminar	Interested Patrollers	Sunday, November 14	8:00 AM	Swain	Steve Shelley H: 585-392-6945 n2bxn@frontiernet.net	
	Valley Views Winter Newsletter Deadline	Region Staff	Sunday, November 14			Bill Gamble H:585-425-2134 wgamble.me65@gtalumni.org	
	MTR 1 Course - Indoor Session	MTR	Thursday, December 2, 2005	TBA	TBA	Kevin & Patricia Campbell H: 315-462-6490 soups@rochester.rr.com	
	Nordic On-trail Refresher	Nordic	Saturday, December 4	TBA	TBA	Tom Adler tomadler@frontiernet.net	
	Avalanche Awareness Course	Avalanche	Saturday, December 4	TBA - all day	Webster	Jim Mussgnug H: 585-872-0587 mussgnug@eznet.net & mussgnug@kodak.com	
	Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue Course - Indoor Session	Avalanche	Saturday, December 4	TBA	Webster	Jim Mussgnug H: 585-872-0587 mussgnug@eznet.net & mussgnug@kodak.com	
	Division S&T Clinic	S&T T/E's & other Interested Patrollers	Sat. & Sun. December 4 & 5	TBA	Killington	Randy McNeil H: 440-352-3204 rjm@mcneilindustries.com	
	Bristol Blackout Lift Evac Drill	Bristol Patrollers	Sunday, December 5	5:00 PM	Bristol	Jeff Welch H: 585-624-3321 pwelch3@rochester.rr.com	
	S&T T/E and APD Refresher	S&T T/E's and S&T APD's	Saturday, December 18	TBA	TBA	John Topping H: 585-385-5706 jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com	
	Nordic Skier Enhancement Clinic	Nordic	Sat. & Sun. December 18-19	TBA	TBA	Tom Adler tomadler@frontiernet.net	
	Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue Course - Outdoor Session	Avalanche	Saturday, January 8	TBA	Webster	Jim Mussgnug H: 585-872-0587 mussgnug@eznet.net & mussgnug@kodak.com	

MTR 1 Course - Outdoor Session	MTR	Sat. & Sun. January 8-9	TBA	TBA	Kevin & Patricia Campbell H: 315-462-6490 soups@rochester.rr.com	
Senior S&T Clinics Begin	S&T	Sunday, January 9	TBA	TBA	John Topping H: 585-385-5706 jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com	
Senior EMM Final Evaluation	Senior EMM	Sunday, February 20, 2005	8:00 AM	Brantling	Bob Andre' H: 585-924-7215 rlandre@frontiernet.net	
Senior S&T 1-Day Evaluation	S&T	Saturday, February 26, 2005	8:00 AM	Bristol (tent.)	John Topping H: 585-385-5706 jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com	
Instructor Development Course	Instructor Development	Mon. & Wed., May 2 & 4, 2005	6:30 - 10:30 PM	Bristol Mountain	Nick Schiavetti H: 585-243-5079 redhill3@rochester.rr.com	

Check out the GV Region web site at <http://www.nspgvr.org> regularly for updates to the calendar and other news items, as well as occasional coverage of Region events.



Figure 21 - Map locating Honeoye H.S., site of the Fall, 2004 OEC Refreshers.

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