

# VALLEY VIEWS

The Newsletter of the Genesee Valley Region

Summer, 2005

## **Mike Lord**

## **RD**



Well, summer is on it's way finally, I can tell because roto tilling the garden has been added to the top of my honey do list. I hope every one of you had as good a ski season as I did and are settling in for a fine summer.

The region staff has been busy though, getting things done for, believe it or not, next years ski season. Nick Schiavetti and the instructor development staff just finished another fine Instructor development course. We're all looking forward to working with the new instructors in the coming season. Our new Division OEC Supervisor, Jeff Baker, is finishing up the planning on a senior EMM trainer/evaluator clinic to be held in our region on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The OEC I/T's meet just a few days ago to go over purposed dates for the up coming seasons refreshers. The rest of the region staff and patrol reps are winding down their respective hills for the warm weather to come.

I'd like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to the region's two new patrol reps, Cathy Bentzoni, the new patrol rep at Bristol and Tim Cassidy, the new patrol rep at Swain. Welcome to the group of Genesee Valley Region officers and staff.

This spring has seen some very vocal patrollers asking hard questions of our leadership, both at the division and the national levels. I ask you all to pay a visit to both the division and the national website, read the information there and begin to think about how you feel the National Ski Patrol System at all it's levels can better serve you it's members. Then send me your thoughts. I will then take them with me to the summer division officers meeting to add to the thoughts from the rest of our division. Your board of directors will then be sending our thoughts to the national office to aid in improving our organization. I will also be sending your patrol reps a copy of the document the Eastern Division board sent to Bill Sachs and the National Board listing our concerns for the future and some suggestions to help better serve the membership. You will also be able to find the documents on the division web site.

Please make an effort to check the region web site on a regular basis to find the dates for programs and refreshers for the coming season as they are posted. OEC instructors please take note that the region candidate class will start

on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August. You should be getting your class assignments sometime in July.

I hope all of you have a great summer and we'll be seeing you in the fall.

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## REGIONAL ADVISORS:

### **Nick Schiavetti**

### **Instructor Development**

For those patrollers who want to become an instructor in OEC, S&T, MTR, or Avalanche, the Instructor Development course is offered to help you begin the process by learning about the principles of effective teaching. We offer an eight hour class that is completed in two night sessions and we try to model the principles and give participants a chance to apply some of the techniques.

The Instructor Development class is offered every spring after the ski season is over to separate it from all of the time conflicts that patrollers encounter during the ski season. In 2006 we will offer this class on Monday and Wednesday nights, May 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bristol Mountain. Flyers and signup sheets will be available at the Region OEC Refreshers and at the On-the-Hill Refreshers at each area for those who are interested. This course counts as a senior elective.

The instructors are looking forward to having another enthusiastic group of patrollers join us next year. We just completed the GV Region Instructor Development class in May 2005 with eight successful participants: Kate Belaskas and Chris Wendel (Powder Mill), Andy Brychcy and John Long (Hunt Hollow), Dawn Wright (Brantling), Glen Huot and Doyle Pruitt (Bristol), and Kathy Revekant (Swain). Talk to these people or any of the other patrollers who have completed this course in recent years and you will hear lots of enthusiastic recommendations to try this class out.

In addition to completing this class, patrollers who want to become instructors need to complete the mentoring program with an experienced instructor and be evaluated by an Instructor Trainer. The region has been very successful in mentoring and evaluating patrollers and processing their applications through the national office to complete their instructor appointments. Experienced instructors are always available 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.

Several experienced instructors at different patrols with teaching experience in each of the disciplines taught the Instructor Development course this year: Marcia Mundrick (Bristol: OEC, MTR, Avalanche), Mike Mooney (Swain: S&T), John Lawson (Hunt Hollow: OEC, EMM), Bob Andre (Hunt Hollow: OEC, EMM, MTR, Avalanche), and Nick Schiavetti (Swain: OEC, MTR, Avalanche). I would also like to acknowledge the substantial administrative contributions made over the years to the program by members of the region staff, especially Region Director Mike Lord, Treasurer Diane Libby, and Webmaster Bill Gamble.

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 both to ski patrolling and to the skiing public.

### **Henry Williams** **Legal**

There is now a form of General Release on the Region website which Patrol Directors and Program Chairs should use for all Ski Patrol events. It is intended to be signed not only by Patrollers but by all participants who may be invited to share our activities.

The form was prepared by Assistant Region Director John McManus, Instructor Development Chair, Nick Schiavetti and Region Legal Advisor, Henry Williams. It has five separate parts as follows:

1. The individual participating in the program or event recognizes the hazards of the activity, states that he/she is in appropriate physical condition and accepts the risk of any injury from participation.
2. The participant agrees to absolve Genesee Valley Region, whether the Region or its agents are negligent or not. The participant agrees to indemnify Genesee Valley for any damage caused by his/her negligence.
3. The participant grants Genesee Valley or its representatives the right to treat the participant, who asserts that he/she is covered by adequate medical insurance.
4. The participant states that the agreement binds his family or representatives.
5. The release is governed by the laws of New York, and the courts of the county in which the incident occurred are given jurisdiction.

After you read the Release, if you have any comments or questions, please call Henry Williams (585-889-3000), Nick Schiavetti (585-243-5079) or John McManus (585-586-3675).

### **Skip Millor**

### **MTR**

This season we once again combined Avalanche level 1 and Mountain Travel and Rescue level 1. Those completing both portions of the course received 2 elective credits.

Congratulations to **Patrick Saeva, Geri Cherubim, Dave DuBreck, Grant Fowler, Mike Middleton, Deborah Whalen, and Gina Wyffels** for completing MTR level 1 this year. I would like to express special thanks for the time everyone took to fill out our two course evaluation forms and the constructive discussion about how we can improve the combined course. We were encouraged by the recommendation that the region continue to offer the combined course.

Thanks to our MTR instructors, **Marcia Mundrick, Jerry Sherman, Nick Schiavetti, Brian Walsh, Bob Andre, John Benitez, Ben Emerson, William Lutz, Jamie Rushford and Jim Mussnug** for all their MTR course preparation work and suggestions.

Soon we will have an instructor meeting to plan for next season. Keep an eye on the region calendar this summer for more information about the MTR 2005-2006 course offering in the Genesee Valley Region. Once again we will have early fall course registration.

### **Joe Menichino**

### **Certified**

This year's annual meeting and test program was run at Sugarbush North (the old Glen Ellen slope) in Vermont the first weekend in April. The snow and weather conditions were terrible. It rained almost the whole time- just like last year. This did not diminish the enthusiasm of the examiners, nor did it alleviate any of the work for the candidates. Genesee Valley was well represented. Besides myself Jim and Marylyn Nickerson, Tom Wallin, Peter Parker, John Long, Bonnie and Bob Andre and Marcia Mundrick all attended and participated. During the 3 day program we completed the ski test, toboggan test, evac exam, written first aid, practical first aid, bystander first aid, nineteen 1-hour-plus interviews on Hill Safety and Patrol Management, avalanche exam and low angle rope rescue exam.

As usual, the best part of the test was the OEC segment. This year's favorite was an exploding Propane tank that burned a snowmaker. Pyrotechnics in the pouring rain, and it worked.... Rick Hamlin, our amazing Division Director was smart enough to bring a huge plastic tarp that turned out to be a life saver for working under to moulage and set up the OEC problems. No detail is left out!

Three of the 15 candidates completed all their requirements and joined the Certified ranks. I am happy to say the Greg Boberg and John Zajac, both from Holiday Mountain in Western New York were 2 of the 3 successful candidates. Small mountain folks can be successful in this program.

While the challenge and workload has not diminished in any aspect, the program has evolved from a rough and tumble struggle into a more 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.

### **Bob Andre'**

### **Senior EMM**

The EMM Final Evaluation was held at Brantling this year. Linda Pazral (Powdermills) and Steve Duncan (Swain) were successful in the evaluation. Mark Tornatore (Hunt Hollow) participated in the Eastern Division Senior In a weekend at Hunter Mountain and completed his electives, S&T and EMM to become a senior patroller. Jerry Sherman (Mr. Hospitality) helped organize Senior In a Weekend and evaluated the EMM portion as well as did Bob Andre'.

The EMM staff worked with the candidates from January through the final at the end of February and looks forward to the coming season. An EMM T/E recertification was held on June 5 at Bristol for the Genesee Valley Region.

For further information on the EMM program, please contact Bob Andre' ([ehf1@Direcway.com](mailto:ehf1@Direcway.com)) or visit the EMM page on the Region Website.

### **John Topping**

### **S&T**

This past year was another successful one for the **Senior S&T** program.

Of course, success is measured in many ways. We feel our candidates are successful if they come away with a positive experience and having learned new skills or improved their current skills. We had 7 candidates in the program and watched as each one improved their patroller and toboggan handling skills.

We had other clinics too: We had a very successful telemark clinic this year. Jeff Baker organized the event, held at Bristol Mountain. We had our Division Director Rick Hamlin as our lead instructor, and he did a great job involving everyone who attended.

**OTHER SENIOR PROGRAMS:** We had 3 senior recerts for those senior patrollers who had not been to one in 3 years. You are supposed to attend a senior recert every three years, so plan on attending one next year if it has been awhile. Your APD in charge of S&T should be keeping a list to remind you.

Next winter look for more Programs to hone your skills. We are looking at some Skiing Clinics with PSIA instructors along with our normal programs. If you have any suggestions of something you would like to see, let

me know. We will be getting together soon to talk about how we can improve the programs we bring to you.

I would like to thank the senior instructors who gave their time to help run our programs. If you are interested in becoming a Senior TE, please contact me. It does take some time, but is very rewarding.

We would like to thank the ski areas for allowing us to use their facilities. Without them being so generous, we would not be able run our program.

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### **Some Comments From National Board Member Pamm Ferguson**

*Pamm offered these remarks at the recent Hunt Hollow Patrol Banquet. While they were addressed to Hunt Hollow Patrollers, they are applicable to all NSP Patrollers.*  
- Ed.

John Topping wanted me to make a few remarks about "what's up at National"...So here goes...Your NSP Board of Directors will hold its annual meeting June 23-25, in Colorado. Currently, the three standing committees are doing their homework, some of which includes –

- The governance committee is working on revisions to the Policies and Procedures manual, reviewing and proposing bylaw changes, reviewing the nominations process.
- The finance committee is working on budget, reviewing lifetime memberships, the planned giving program, and organization sponsorships.
- And, the planning committee is working on a quality improvement program and other items that we'll hear about next month.

Meanwhile, the National Staff is busy behind the scenes doing all the operational work, including installation of new association software.

Now, what I'd really like to say is --- thank you for the honor and privilege of patrolling with all of you. Hunt Hollow has been my home patrol for 33 years. In those years, I've seen patrollers and their families mature and move on, and others provide the next generation of patrollers....Why, I remember Rick Wambach and Katie Foley when they were.....well, kids!!!

Each of you brings unique skills to this patrol that go above and beyond the ones you are credentialed for. Those skills, along with your patrol skills, make each of you a leader, or a potential leader in this organization.

Please, if you are looking for ways to participate beyond what you do now as a Hunt Hollow patroller, consider becoming an instructor, a patrol board member, a committee member, a region advisor, a division officer, or a National Board Member.

Research shows that members of volunteer organizations

are most satisfied with their membership relative to their level of participation. It's evident by the number of recognition awards that most of this patrol is likely highly satisfied with their membership, because of the vast contributions you make.

On behalf of the National Board of Directors, thank you -- to each of you -- for your dedicated participation and contributions as volunteer members of the NSP.

Let me close by sharing something Larry Bost (National OEC program Director) wrote on the NSP Forum recently -- 16 Southern Division Patrollers went to Lake Tahoe for a wedding of two of their members, and he reflects upon his NSP membership.....

"I have been so lucky to be in a position for the last few years to travel to almost every division and meet so many wonderful and dedicated patrollers. Patrolling is not a hobby for these people, it is a part of their lives and they give, give and give. It's not about jackets and back crosses, it's about patrolling and how we can do the job better and give even more. Please, let's not lose sight of what patrolling really means to each of us and what we mean to each other."

"We are a group of people from all walks of life. We laugh together and we cry together. We work together and we play together. We rejoice with each other with each success, and we console each other over our losses. We argue, we fight and sometimes we even stop talking. You know, this doesn't sound like an organization, or association -- It kind of sounds like a family." *Larry Bost*

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## NEWS FROM THE PATROLS:

### HUNT HOLLOW

It's been a few months since we skied the last shift at Hunt Hollow. The season ended around March 20<sup>th</sup>, and in looking back, it was a great ski season. Once we got through a warmer December, we enjoyed excellent snow right up until the last day. The club management did such a great job; we even had snow to spare.

We finished the year with our annual banquet, on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Shadow Lake Golf Club. A few of us enjoyed 9 holes of golf before the banquet and Jack Starke, replaced knee and all, won the trophy for the lowest score. We had the annual gag gifts handed out with Mark Tornatore receiving the "why don't you take up bowling award", for his golfing efforts. John McManus and Mike Podhorecki received pink flamingos for the "yard sales" they had on the hill during the season. Caitlin Wilterdink received a bubble wrap outfit to protect her from future falls in the terrain park. Jack Starke was awarded the golden crutch award for his injured knee. Greg Cox got a "missing shift" award to remind him to look at the schedule next year.

Bob Andre got a toy bulldozer to play with this summer, since we couldn't afford the real thing. Scott Wilkins got a deflated basketball to keep him from playing basketball and hurting himself next season. Dick Hitchcock received "the interior decorator" award, taking home a stylish new chandelier and John Long got a new pair of sunglasses however, he will have to tell you the story behind them.

Our more serious awards showed the hard work and dedication of the Hunt Hollow ski patrol.

Marsha Wait was chosen as our Patroller of the year. Marsha is what patrolling is all about. She is truly dedicated to patrolling. Marsha arrives early and stays late. She is very professional in her duties during her shifts and takes it very seriously. When there is a job to be done, she makes sure it gets done. Her duties also include being the patrol representative at Brantling, which I know is a lot of hard work. We are proud to have Marsha as one of Hunt Hollow's patrollers.

Marsha Wait was also awarded the Stevens award for region outstanding patroller of the year by Region Director Mike Lord. Marsha has been a model patroller at Hunt Hollow and Brantling for many years and deserves this wonderful honor.



*Illustration 1 - Marsha Wait receiving the Stevens Award from RD Mike Lord*

Peter Mietus was presented with the Lehman Award as the region Instructor of the year. Peter is an OEC instructor, an EMM instructor, an OEC IT in addition to being an S&T instructor and a S&T TE/IT. All that, and he became a new father this year. Peter put countless hours into teaching, and we are proud to have him at Hunt Hollow. Congratulations Peter!!



*Illustration 2 - Peter Mietus receiving the Lehman Award from RD Mike Lord.*



*Illustration 4 - Henry Williams receiving the new "Williams Award" from RD Mike Lord.*

Diane Libby received the Doyle award for her long distinguished service to Hunt Hollow and the Genesee Valley region. Diane is the Hunt Hollow and Region treasurer, and contributes a great deal to both with her hard work and dedication. We at Hunt Hollow know what Diane has done for us; thank you and congratulations!



*Illustration 3 - Diane Libby receiving the Doyle Award.*

A new award was presented by the region this year and is named after the first recipient. Henry Williams was awarded the "Williams Award" for his work both for the National Ski Patrol and as a volunteer and contributor to the community. Henry is a tireless champion and fundraiser for many community projects. His dedication and work for the National Ski Patrol now spans 30 years. Thank you Henry, we are all very proud.



*Illustration 5 - John Topping receiving his National Appointment from NSP Board Member Pamm Ferguson.*

In addition to our awards we held an election for two positions. Greg Cox is our new member at large on the Board of Directors. Greg replaces Mike Podhorecki after 6 years on the Board. Thank you Mike! Also, I will be serving two more years as Patrol Representative.

Have a great summer!

John Topping, PR

## **BRISTOL**

I hope everyone had a great winter. The Bristol Patrol officially ended the season with our end of the year picnic at Gleason Recreation area in Honeoye Falls. The weather was perfect, the food was super and all had a terrific time. We handed out many awards for length of service and some just for fun. The following is a list of our more serious awards:

Awarded National Appointment – Kris Vasiliauskas  
Patroller of the year - Bruce Hogarth  
Auxiliary of the year – Gina Wyffels  
Instructor of the year – Pam Welch  
Hill Chief of the year – Mark Haboian  
Candidate of the year – Fred Shelley



*Illustration 6 - Kris Vasiliauskas receiving her National Appointment from past DD Jerry Sherman and RD Mike Lord.*

The season has just ended and we are already planning for the next season. May and June we will be interviewing potential candidates and transfer patrollers. July and August we have work to do on our hilltop and patrol

building. **September 10<sup>th</sup>** will be our on the hill refresher and on **September 24<sup>th</sup>** we are planning our first ever lawn sale. Stop by on your way to the Naples Festival. Sometime in November we will have our kick-off the season patrol meeting and **December 4<sup>th</sup>** as the season starts up again, will be our black out chair evac. I hope everyone has a great summer let's hope for lots of sunshine.

Cathy Bentzoni, PR

## **NORDIC**

The Genesee Valley Nordic Ski Patrol made local patrol history this season when it started up the south end of Honeoye Lake to the top of Canadice Hill and, and upon reaching that height, commenced patrolling Harriet Hollister Spencer Recreation Area. Patrol operations started on January 2nd and ended at the end of March with 2 feet of natural snow still on the trails. Harriet Hollister Spencer is the third Nordic ski area that the Nordic patrol now serves in addition to Mendon Ponds

Park and Cumming Nature Center. Because of the high elevation (2,100 feet) at Harriet Hollister Spencer, and as there is no heated shelter, Patrollers quickly learned to "ski or be prepared to shiver", but there is always snow available for Nordic skiing, even when the snow is sparse in the lowlands.

Another successful event this ski season was the annual February full moon Lunar Ski and Hot Dog Days weekend at Cumming Nature Center. During this full moon weekend event, the Nordic patrol sells hot dogs, chili, brownies and hot refreshments. This year's fundraiser was the most successful ever with profits soaring 25% over prior years. Many thanks again to Jim Drew and Mell Gleason for their tireless efforts to organize this event. If any alpine patroller wants to take a weekend off from the slopes and try on a pair of cross-country skis, then Hot Dog Days at Cumming Nature Center is the place to get started.

For those of you who missed it, the Nordic Awards Banquet featured numerous awards, and some important patrol business. Mike Tallon reported on the Nordic Ski Patrol questionnaire, which was sent out to all patrollers, seeking their opinions on the direction the patrol was taking on a number of issues. The Nordic executive board will be meeting to craft a response to the opinions and suggestions received to date, so, stay tuned.

The Nordic summer picnic will happen on July 31st. There will be further communications about the picnic as details become more clear.

Tom welcomed the guests to the Nordic awards banquet including John Lawson, Bill Gamble, and Mike Lord from the Genesee Valley Region; NYS Parks manager Tom Barrile from Stony Brook State Park and Harriet Hollister Spencer Recreation Area; and former Nordic ski patrollers Daan Zwick, Stan Perry and Clyde Glover.

Tom Barrile announced that New York State Parks has agreed to acquire the property adjacent to Harriet Hollister Spencer Recreation Area where a number of outbuildings from a former church camp still stand. These structures have been privately owned until now, but the owner has agreed to sell the property to the State. We hope this marks an end to the "ski or be prepared to shiver" Harriet Hollister patrol shifts by providing a heated indoor Patrol shelter.

Tom recognized Grant Fowler for his work with Nordic candidates. Grant announced that we have four Nordic candidates committed to attend OEC classes this fall. Great job Grant! Geri Cherubim was recognized for her help with public relations, John Benitez for assistance with radios, and thanks were also given to Peter Parker, Brian Schankat, and Jim Drew for being the area coordinators for Mendon Ponds Park, Harriet Hollister Spencer, and Cumming Nature Center respectively. Instructor pins were presented to Mell Gleason and Gina Wyffels; and Deb

Whalen was acknowledged for her assistance with S&T instruction. Certificates were presented to Mike Tallon, Gina Wyffels, Tom Adler, and Deb Whalen for completing PSIA Level I instructor's certification. Grant Fowler, Geri Cherubim, Deb Whalen, Gina Wyffels, Mike Middleton, and Dave DuBreck were congratulated for completing Avalanche and Mountain Travel and Rescue Level 1.

Skip Millor presented the Nordic Ski Patrol awards: The "Tom Adler Lost Patroller Award" for stealth patrolling with both cell phone and radio turned off was earned "without any runners up" by Mell Gleason, who almost had a formal search and rescue called on her behalf when she lost radio contact while patrolling at Cumming Nature Center. It appears that a group of six patrollers upon completing training exercises at Harriet Hollister Spencer were celebrating their triumphs at the Shamrock Bar in Honeoye when they overheard the alert go out. Fortunately, for all involved, Mell was found before the group finished their pitchers and stumbled out into the blinding sunshine to find an out-of-the-way spot behind a tree on the pretext of "looking for the lost patroller."

Skip awarded plaques to Tom Adler, Chuck Crockett, and Jim Drew for skiing the most shifts at Cumming Nature Center; to Deb Whalen and Geri Cherubim for skiing the most shifts at Mendon Ponds Park; and to Charles Feller for skiing the most shifts at Harriet Hollister Spencer Recreation Area. Service recognition awards were given to Mike Tallon, Mell Gleason, and Tom Adler for 5 years of service; Holger Stave was not in attendance to collect his 25-year pin; and the banquet attendees had the pleasure of Mike Tallon showing restraint and limiting his comments to just a few minutes when presenting Skip Millor with his 40-year service pin. Skip countered by showing a photograph of Mike when he was in the "Witness Protection Program." (Don't ask. ...We haven't seen the photo.)

A certificate was given to Tony Imperato for "Candidate of the Year." He was also awarded the nickname of 'CB' (Cat Burglar). Apparently, Tony had no difficulty breaking into the equipment bunker at Harriet when the proper Allen Wrench was not available and Section V races were ready to start.

The Nordic awards committee decided to present an award for "Patroller of the Year" to recognize the outstanding contributions of three Nordic patrollers whose efforts culminated in making our service at Harriet Hollister a reality. These certificates were received by Brian Schankat, Charles Feller, and Mike Tallon. Plaques will be presented at the Nordic summer picnic.

The "Daan Zwick Award for Outstanding and Continued Service to the Nordic Patrol" was awarded to Jim Drew for his help with Hot Dog Days at Cumming Nature Center, equipment procurement, and his willingness to help without qualification. A plaque will be designated for this

award and inscribed with Jim's name as the first of many recipients to be awarded this honor in the future.

The "Charlie Effrige Award for Excellence in Leadership and Achievement in Patrol Work" was awarded to Mell Gleason, for her continued, steady and consistent guidance. We overlooked the fact that she turns off her radio from time-to-time so as to be spared the intrusive calls for 'radio checks.' A plaque was created to commemorate this award and Mell's name will be the first to be placed on the plaque.

Finally, Mike Lord and John Lawson came to the podium to present a White Merit Star from the Genesee Valley Region to Peter Parker for valuable service and assistance by teaching CPR/AED. Mike then presented a National Meritorious Service Award to Skip Millor for his many contributions to the Genesee Valley region over his 40 years of service. ...and, that was that.



*Illustration 7 - Skip Millor receiving the Meritorious Service Award from RD Mike Lord.*

Any patroller who is still headed down on shaped skis and missing the fun of getting back up on skinny skis, check out the Genesee Valley Nordic Ski Patrol at <http://www.GVNordic.org/>

Tom (Dr. Advil) Adler, Nordic Patrol Representative  
Charles (Nordic Chaz) Feller, Nordic Secretary

## **BRANTLING**

Congratulations to Brantling Patrol Director **Marsha Wait**, who was named Genesee Valley Region Outstanding Patroller of the Year (*Stevens Award* – see photo under *Hunt Hollow* above) at the at the Patrol's Annual End-of-Season Banquet on April 9! Region Director **Mike Lord** was on hand to present the Stevens Award to a very surprised Marsha, particularly for her efforts in support of the major expansion undertaken by the area during the past season. The presentation was a grand finale to a flurry of awards handed out, including service awards to **Terry Bruno** (five years), **Scott Crighton** (5), **Karen**

**Merritt (5), Marcia Cleason (10), Brian Mayou (10), Cindy Showman (10), Kristen Peterson Becker (15) and Martha Rich (a glorious 30).** **Mark Johnson** received special patrol recognition for his ongoing support of our chicken BBQs. Before shocking Marsha with her award, Mike Lord presented Region White Merit Stars to **John Williams** for his excellent four years as Assistant Patrol Director for Scheduling and to **Martha Rich** and **Chuck Norton** for their support of the CPR Program. To cap off the patrol awards, **Kim Buell** was named Brantling Patroller of the Year, the Harry Rich Award, for his outstanding work in organizing two very successful chicken BBQs; the Fall Fund-Raiser and the February Senior EMM Clinic. As usual, Brantling owner/operator **Fiffi Steinrotter** and his wife **Pat** were on hand as our special guests and Fiffi conveyed words of thanks and plans for the upcoming season. This year was an election year and to no one's surprise Marsha was reelected PD along with OEC APD **Pete Peterson** and S&T APD **Greg Bernhard**. **Rob Hutteman** will be filling John Williams shoes as our new Scheduling APD. Our thanks again to **Bob Hillegeer**, who as usual planned a great evening.

Despite another slow start the season was a big success; for the area and the patrol. Highlight events were the aforementioned chicken BBQ fundraiser, our hosting of the Nordic Patrol On-the-Hill (unfortunately without snow) Refresher and the Senior EMM Clinic. And the slow start limited the operation of the new "West Bowl" area to one Sunday afternoon. (Although we did have to chase adventurous snowboarders off a few times.) It gave us a chance to polish our coverage and response procedures. Another great season...let's see if we can do it again in 2005-06.

Pete Peterson,  
Newsletter Editor

## **POWDER MILLS**

This was a great year for learning to ski at Powder Mill. The weather was great and the snow plentiful. Grooming added some new terrain this year which kept the hill interesting for new skiers after they mastered the basics. We closed for the season on March 13 but the snow stuck around until May. Our annual end of year picnic is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Linda Pazral who passed the senior EMM this year. Kate Belaskas and Chris Wendell also finished the instructor development course and are starting on the mentoring process. Robert Maloney was our new candidate this year. He did an excellent job spending most of his shifts taking care of our Friday night regulars. Looking forward to next year, our on-hill will take place in early November. Keep an eye on the Regional calendar for confirmation of the dates.

Enjoy the summer!

Doug Bennett, PR



# Calendar

As of 7/17/05

OEC/EMM	S&T	AVALANCHE	MTR	NORDIC	CERTIFIED	STUDENT	ALUMNI	INST. DEVEL.
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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.

PROGRAM	EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT	COMMENTS
JUNE						
Powder Mills Patrollers	Powder Mills Picnic	Saturday, June 18			Doug Bennett 585-924-1534 <a href="mailto:dcbennett1975@yahoo.com">dcbennett1975@yahoo.com</a>	
JULY						
Nordic Patrollers	Nordic Picnic	Sunday, July 31		TBA	Tom Adler 585-787-1441 <a href="mailto:tomadler@frontiernet.net">tomadler@frontiernet.net</a>	
AUGUST						
Candidates OEC	Candidate OEC Course Starts	08/08/05		TBA	Mike Long 585-657-4582 <a href="mailto:mikelong@rochester.rr.com">mikelong@rochester.rr.com</a>	
SEPTEMBER						
Bristol Patrollers	Bristol On-hill Refresher	Saturday, September 10		Bristol	Cathy Bentzoni 585-738-5350 <a href="mailto:catherine.bentzoni@co.ontario.ny.us">catherine.bentzoni@co.ontario.ny.us</a>	
OEC	OEC Instructor Refresher	Tuesday, September 13	6:30 PM	Bristol Day Care	Mike Long 585-657-4582 <a href="mailto:mikelong@rochester.rr.com">mikelong@rochester.rr.com</a>	
OEC	OEC Instructor Refresher	Thursday, September 22	6:30 PM	Bristol Day Care	Mike Long 585-657-4582 <a href="mailto:mikelong@rochester.rr.com">mikelong@rochester.rr.com</a>	
Swain Patrollers	Swain On-hill Refresher	Saturday, September 24		Swain	Tim Cassidy 585-352-0442 <a href="mailto:timothy.c.cassidy@kodak.com">timothy.c.cassidy@kodak.com</a>	
OCTOBER						
OEC	Region OEC Refresher	Saturday, October 22	7:30 AM	Honeoye H.S.	Mike Long 585-657-4582 <a href="mailto:mikelong@rochester.rr.com">mikelong@rochester.rr.com</a>	
NOVEMBER						
OEC	Region OEC Refresher	Sunday, November 6	7:30 AM	Honeoye H.S.	Mike Long 585-657-4582 <a href="mailto:mikelong@rochester.rr.com">mikelong@rochester.rr.com</a>	
DECEMBER						
Bristol Patrollers	Blackout Lift Evacuation Drill	Sunday, December 4		Bristol	Cathy Bentzoni 585-738-5350 <a href="mailto:catherine.bentzoni@co.ontario.ny.us">catherine.bentzoni@co.ontario.ny.us</a>	
MAY						
Instructor Development	Instructor Dev. Course	Mon. & Wed., May 1 & 3, 2006	6:30 - 10:30 PM	Bristol Mountain	Nick Schiavetti H: 585-243-5079 <a href="mailto:redhill3@rochester.rr.com">redhill3@rochester.rr.com</a>	

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