



**Mike Lord**

**RD**



As I write to you all I can't believe that the new season is just about ready to start. Mike Long our OEC Administrator is gearing up for the coming season, the instructors are getting ready for the new candidate class and we all are mowing grass wishing that it would stop growing and waiting for fall.

The coming season will be a good one, lets all check the web site and see what programs we would like to be involved with. Why not make this year the year you join the folks in MTR for a fun time. Maybe that avalanche training would be nice. This could be the best year to get involved in the senior program. Your choice.

I'd ask everyone to keep an eye on the web site for refresher dates and on-hill refreshers. For those of you who need to be concerned check out our legal advisors information on how, when and where fund raising can be done and not effect our tax-exempt status. In a note for you all here. Henry Williams, our legal and the division legal advisor, is the author of this detailed, piece. I'd like to take a minute to thank Henry for all his hard work.

I'll keep this short, but be sure to take a few minutes to read up on what's going on for the coming season in the rest of our Valley Views. Have a great summer and we'll see you when the snow flies.

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## REGIONAL ADVISORS:

**Nick Schiavetti** **Instructor Development**

The Instructor Development course is designed for ski patrollers who want to become instructors in OEC, S&T, MTR, or Avalanche. Participants begin the process of becoming an instructor in this class by learning about principles of adult education, observing demonstration teaching models, and applying effective teaching techniques.

The Instructor Development Course is taught by experienced instructors from different patrols within the region who have teaching experience in each of the NSP disciplines - Marcia Mundrick (Bristol & GV Nordic: OEC, EMM, MTR, Avalanche), Mike Mooney (Swain: S&T), Glen Gebhard (Swain & GV Nordic: OEC), John Lawson (Hunt Hollow: OEC, EMM), Bob Andre (Hunt Hollow: OEC,

EMM, MTR, Avalanche), and Nick Schiavetti (Swain: OEC, MTR, Avalanche). In addition, the program has received substantial administrative support over the years from members of the region staff, especially Region Director Mike Lord, Treasurer Diane Libby, and Webmaster Bill Gamble.

The class counts as a senior elective and is offered every spring after the ski season ends to avoid the time conflicts that patrollers encounter during the winter. Check the region website calendar for the future class dates in May of 2008 and look for the flyers and signup sheets that will be available at the Region OEC and On-the-Hill Refreshers in the fall. You can also contact me at [redhill3@rochester.rr.com](mailto:redhill3@rochester.rr.com) for information about the course. Talk to anyone who has completed this course in recent years and you will hear lots of enthusiastic recommendations for this class.

In addition to completing the Instructor Development course, patrollers who want to become instructors need to complete the mentoring program with an experienced instructor in their discipline and be evaluated by an Instructor Trainer. The region has been very successful in mentoring and evaluating new instructors and processing their applications through the national office to complete their instructor appointments. Experienced instructor-trainers are available to help out anyone in the region who wants assistance or advice on how to become an instructor or how to mentor an instructor candidate.

Instructor Development is the important gateway to training new patrol candidates and refreshing current patrollers and enables us to replenish our ranks and update our skills. We invite you to participate in an enjoyable learning experience and join the corps of instructors in the region who contribute so much both to the National Ski Patrol and to the skiing public.

**Marie Osypian** **Student Program**

The student patrollers have been very busy this past season mixing fun and learning.

Three Bristol students started at first snow fall working on their S&T skills, completing and passing the final exam given in March. Congratulations - Malcolm "Mac" Inglis, Connor Walsh and Colin Ronald

Five Swain students have been working hard in OEC the past season and will start S&T next year: Corey Bryant,

Greg Kramer, Luke Rague, Claire Revekant and Ryan Smith.

Three Bristol students joined and passed the region OEC class this past summer - Erin Austin, David Miller and Connor Walsh. Nice Job!

Devon Feeney from Hunt Hollow also joined the region OEC class this past summer and he passed the S&T exam during the winter. Good work Devon!

The first weekend in March the Swain students hosted a Boy Scout Jamboree for a weekend of camping, skiing, and fun at Swain.

The weekend of March 16-19 eight students participated in a competition in the Eastern Division National Ski Patrol Student Seminar held at Bretton Woods in NH. The student's skills were tested in the following categories: Skiing/Boarding, Toboggan Handling, Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) and Assessment. Student patroller Malcolm "Mac" Inglis (Bristol) took second place overall, second place in the area of Toboggan Handling, and third place in Skiing. Student patroller Trevor Mooney (Swain) took second place in the area Skiing. Student patroller Marie Revekant (Swain) took fourth place in the area of Assessment. Other Student patrollers participating were Matt Apenowich (Swain), Corey Bryant (Swain), Luke Rague (Swain), Claire Revekant (Swain), and Connor Walsh (Bristol). All Students did well in the competition. Next year, the Eastern Division Student Seminar will be held at Killington Resorts, if you are interested in joining as a chaperone, let us know.



**Figure 1 - The students from across the Division attending the Seminar at Bretton Woods**

Student Mackenzie Osypian (Swain) was awarded a scholarship through the Eastern Division's Memorial/Scholarship Fund to assist with her higher education costs. Mackenzie will be studying Environmental Resources and Forestry Engineering at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. To learn more about the Eastern Division's Memorial Fund visit <http://www.nspeat.org/>.

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Several other great student patrollers will be graduating and heading off to college this fall. Matt Apenowich (Swain) - Alfred University for Business, Erin Austin (Bristol) - RIT for Biomedical Sciences/Pre Med, Corey Bryant (Swain) Monroe Community College for Science Communications Photography/Television, Nick Crispino (Swain) Corning Community College for Business Administration, Malcolm "Mac" Inglis (Bristol) University of Rochester for Pre-Med, David Miller (Bristol) Monroe Community College Undeclared and Trevor Mooney (Swain) - SUNY Geneseo for Secondary Education in History. Congratulations and good luck in your studies!

The student program is succeeding in producing some very enthusiastic, ambitious and highly qualified patrollers for the region. We currently have several interested students joining next season; Shane Kramer (Swain), and Michaela Donnelly (Swain) who will be shadowing in the program in the upcoming season.

### **Skip Millor**

### **MTR**

We plan to hold MTR level 2 in the region during the 2007-2008 seasons. Dates and registration information will be posted on the GVR web site by the end of September.

**Dennis Whitney** has agreed to be instructor of record for the L2 course.

I would like to recognize **Brian Walsh** instructor of record, **Chris Babcock, Joe Giorgi, Tony Imperato, Eric Ziese, Doyle Pruitt, Robert Maloney, Dawn Wright, Mac Inglis and Glen Huot** for their effort in completing the L1 course last season.



**Figure 2 - Now THAT's a shelter!**

The L2 course started two seasons ago was completed this year to the delight of **Nick Schiavetti**, who was the instructor of record for the longest MTR course held in the region. **Deb Whalen, Pat Fluharty, Patrick Seava, Dave**

**DuBreck** and **Clark Hayward** (ENY Region) completed the course against all efforts of "mother nature".

Special thanks go to all our instructors for work on the L1 and L2 MTR courses this season. We were able to deliver both programs with the help of 100% of our instructors.

### **Jim Mussnug** **Avalanche**

This past (2006-7) season we offered a combined Avalanche and Mountain Travel and Rescue program in Genesee Valley Region. This was the third time for running this type of combined program in the Region. We totally revamped the program when it was last offered to ensure we met program delivery requirements in a reasonably condensed format. The first night of the program, November 30, 2006, we devoted to MTR fundamentals such as clothing, sleeping bags, shelters, cooking, and food. The next indoor session, December 9, 2006, we devoted to the classroom portion of the Avalanche program. The objective of this session was to cover the relationship of weather, snow pack, terrain and human element to provide the means to assess avalanche risk when traveling in the backcountry.

With the fundamentals covered in the indoor sessions, the final session was a weekend. We ran the outdoor session at Webster Park on January 6/7, 2007. While winter weather had not yet arrived, we continued on with the course and had to contend with rain. Even so, all had an enjoyable experience. We have found that Webster Park provides reasonable terrain to work with, a shelter to conduct some training at night and to gather in for socializing, and close access to vehicles. This session covered topics such as orienteering, low angle rescue rope work, emergency shelters and fire starting, avalanche rescue beacons and probing. The culmination of the event was a practical search and rescue exercise including avalanche rescue techniques. All elements of the program were brought together, such as use of avalanche rescue beacons, probing, and search techniques, and use of Z-lines to extricate injured skiers.

This was a great opportunity to get two Senior electives completed in one combined course. Students and instructors all considered this course format to be a success. We had 12 students completing all requirements for Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue and 10 students completing all requirements for MTR Level 1. The Region is fortunate to have a dedicated staff of instructors. We had 9 Avalanche instructors and 12 MTR instructors participating in these programs. Dennis Whitney also completed his mentoring and is now a full instructor for both Avalanche and MTR programs.

Eastern Division also conducted an Avalanche Level 2 course this past season.

We plan to continue to offer this same type of combined Avalanche/MTR program in the Region again in the 2008-9 season. Thus, this upcoming, 2007-8 season, we will

not be conducting an Avalanche program in the Region. If you are interested in other Avalanche courses, please refer to the Eastern Division calendar.

### **Mike Long** **OEC**

Yes, I know that summer has just started and the first cutting of hay hasn't even been stored yet, but the OEC staff is already busy planning for the fall and upcoming season. However, before we start on the future, we need to say goodbye to the past. After several seasons of great leadership, our own Eastern Division OEC Supervisor Jeff Baker has regrettably resigned. He now will be able to stay home on the weekends and ski in the Genesee Valley Region at areas he can find. Great job Jeff and thanks the fine support to our region. However, all is not lost, as Bob Andre, has stepped up and will be the new Eastern Division Supervisor for our area. Welcome Bob, and we're glad your new vehicle has a GPS.

The OEC Region Refreshers, Cycle C, will be held at Honeoye High School on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>. I have negotiated with our new Eastern Division OEC Supervisor for a cold, misty, rain on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>, so why not plan on coming to the first refresher which usually has fewer patrollers and shorter station waits? Registration, coffee and donuts will be at 7:30 AM with a short business meeting starting by 8:15 AM. The same format will be used this year as in the past, so think about who your two compatriots might be. Your *On Scene™: The Journal of Outdoor Emergency Care®* should be arriving shortly which will contain the preparatory information for this years Cycle C refresher. So with your compatriots selected, why not review the material beforehand to make the day go smoothly?



**Figure 3 - Some of the instructors at last year's refresher.**

This years OEC class will start Monday August 13 and will be held Monday and Wednesday nights at Avon High School, 6:30 to 9:30 PM. The newbies will be guided through their journey by the veteran co-instructors Mary Emmighausen and Mike Lord. Marcia Mundrick again has graciously volunteered to do the instructor scheduling for the class, so when you get an email from her, please

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promptly reply and volunteer for two (or more) slots. It is rumored that the last person to respond will be the scheduler for next year!

The instructor refreshers will be held in again September most likely at Bristol with dates awaiting confirmation. Information on the Senior EMM course will be available at the Region Refreshers in October and November. So we will have to wait until then to hear from our NEW Senior EMM Advisor, Bonnie Andre.

See you soon!

### **Bill Gamble**

### **Alumni**

On Friday, March 2, 9 Alumni and family members enjoyed a day of skiing at Hunt Hollow. It's too bad that more of the Alumni registered in the region could not attend. Hopefully, more will be able to make it next year.



**Figure 4 - A few of the Alumni socialize at the top.**

The "mission" of the Alumni Association is "to utilize the experience, knowledge and energies of those who have retired from active patrolling, while extending to them the recognition, dignity and awards they have earned." Alumni can stay involved by teaching NSP courses, as long as they maintain their teaching credentials, they can be members of courtesy patrols, work with the Special Olympics, act in administrative capacities as newsletter editors, webmasters, treasurers, registrars, social directors, etc., and assist with any and all NSP-sponsored activities.

In the Genesee Valley Region, in addition to one "Alumni Ski Day" per year, Alumni receive Ski Patrol magazine and the Ski Patrol Catalog, Trail Sweep, the Eastern Division newsletter, Valley Views, the Region newsletter, and invitations to local Ski Shops' Pro Nights.

The registration fee for Alumni membership is \$27 per year. Lifetime membership is \$700, or \$350 for members with 30 years of active service. It is free for those with 60 years service. In the Eastern Division, the first year is free for those with 25 years service. Lifetime Patrollers retain Valley Views

lifetime status as Alumni. For an application form, see the GVR web site at <http://www.nspgvr.org>, or contact me at [gamblewl@hotmail.com](mailto:gamblewl@hotmail.com).

### **Henry Williams**

### **Legal**

Besides being our Region Legal Advisor, Henry Williams is the Eastern Division Legal Advisor, and in that capacity he has produced a guide for patrols to use in complying with the requirements of the US Tax Code as it applies to not-for-profit organizations. The guide, entitled "**Patrol Finances & Expenditures, A Common Sense Guideline for Operating Under Section 501(c)(3) of the US Tax Code**" is available as a PDF file on the Eastern Division web site at

[http://www.nspeast.org/images/guidelines\\_501c3\\_3-5-07.pdf](http://www.nspeast.org/images/guidelines_501c3_3-5-07.pdf). If you need assistance with any issues, you can contact Henry at [HenryWW@rochester.rr.com](mailto:HenryWW@rochester.rr.com). Ed.

### **Bob Andre'**

### **Senior EMM**

First lets all congratulate this year's graduating EMM class. Pam Welch, Chris Babcock, Dave Curry and Mac Inglis, from Bristol passed the final evaluation at Brantling with flying colors. From an instructor's point of view, this group was a pleasure to work with as we all went through the training together.

This was an interesting season to work with as our usual weekday training facility at Powder Mills Mountain was devoid of snow like so many other areas, in the middle of the season. Weekday training was held at our farm, which worked out very well geographically for the candidates and instructors. We enjoyed after training hot dogs and beverages during our scenario discussion period. Steve Duncan provided the longest hot dog.

Thanks again to Marcia Wait and the Brantling Patrol for hosting the final evaluation. The facilities were excellent and Marcia's breakfast fare wasn't too shabby. The after evaluation chicken barbeque was, as usual, very well received after a day of evaluation. Also thanks to Brenda Rizzo, for her usual outstanding performance as an injured patient.

The good news, bad news is that I will be retiring as Senior Training Coordinator. I would love to continue, but having accepted the Division OEC Supervisor position for CNY, GVR and WNY, there would be a conflict of interest. The good news is that Bonnie has volunteered to be the new STC for the Region. I have no doubt that the program will only improve with her leadership.

There will be ample opportunity to sign up for next year's program at the Region refreshers. The class will start in late November/early December with an evening or two of review and then move on to on-hill training in January. This is a great course that promotes leadership and instills confidence in your handling of real life first aid problems. The skills learned here can be immediately applied to your every day patrolling time.

Last, but not least, I'd like to thank the Region Senior EMM Trainer/Evaluators for the tremendous support they have given me over the past 4 years. Having visited other areas I now know what a talented and dedicated group they are. Jeff Baker, Jennifer Grant, Bonnie Andre', Norm Robinson, Sue Navarra Haefner, Mike Long, Chris Stiegler, Mike Lord, Pat Fluharty, Marcia Mundrick, John Lawson, John McManus, Janet Remizowski, Steve Duncan, Ben Emerson, Steve Duncan, and our newest TE, Rick Micoli, are truly outstanding individuals who exemplify the term teamwork.

### **Joe Menichino**

### **Certified**

This year's annual meeting and test program was run at Killington the third week of March. The snow and weather conditions were pretty darn good for that late in the season and we managed to keep everyone fairly dry for most of the events. Genesee Valley was well represented with Jeff Baker, Jim Nickerson and myself working the test and Tom Wallin taking as a candidate.

I continue to chair both the Patrol Management and Hill Safety Interview test stations. We completed a total of 26 interviews this year with a roughly 50% pass rate. It is a riot trying to squeeze all these in from Friday until Sunday morning. Each interview requires 3 examiners and lasts at least an hour. The team then usually takes another half hour to compile results. Management interviews are held in the lodge and deal with all the aspects of running a large patrol using a sample mountain as a guide. The Hill safety interview actually involves a trip up the lift reviewing chair lift details, slope marking and legal aspects all in a 1 hour session. Both interviews can be grueling. The best part of the test was the OEC segment of course. Once again during the test I was lugging a huge bag of gear from the top that weighed a ton. The bag was packed with cool moulage goodies that we used to prep all the OEC IP's.

Everyone had fun including at least a few of the candidates. Tom did extremely well passing the very difficult ski and toboggan exams with flying colors. He did us small mountain folks proud. In general 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.



**Figure 5 - Tom Wallin running a loaded sled in the moguls at the Certified Test.**

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Next year's test is at Hunter at the end of March. Hunter is just a few hours away. I can get you in for three days of free skiing if you'd like to help with the event. We love using patrollers as IP's. Please call 607-587-8229 or email me [jimenichino@gmail.com](mailto:jimenichino@gmail.com) if you'd like more information. Have a great, happy and safe summer.

### **John Topping**

### **S&T**

Look for program information at the Fall Refreshers.

## **NEWS FROM THE PATROLS:**

### **HUNT HOLLOW**

This past season started out a bit slowly, but ended up being a great ski season with more than a few 6 to 10 inch fresh snowfalls to enjoy. With the Membership at Hunt Hollow at an all-time high, no one wanted to see the season end. Unfortunately they closed the slopes for the year on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Patrol held our banquet on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Canandaigua Yacht Club. Thanks to Mark Tornatore and David Neighbour for organizing the banquet including finding the location and ordering the food. The food was outstanding and the room they reserved for us was perfect.

With many awards and elections to hold, it was a busy night. We started out with the appreciation certificates and with so many of our patrollers involved in different activities the list was quite long. The Service awards were next with Peter Parker earning his 10 year pin, Barb Knickerbocker, Jeff Tallon, Andy Brychy, and Ted Plenge earning their 15 years pins, John Starke and Sue (Navarra) Haefner getting their 20 year pins, Chris Ebmeyer earning his 25 year pin and it was a honor to give Pamm Ferguson her 35 year Pin.

We had some fun awards too, John McManus, Greg Cox, Jim Nickerson, Marsha Wait, Sue Haefner and Katy Foley all got some good natured ribbing for something they did during the season. Fortunately for them, what happens at the banquet stays at the banquet!

On the more serious side, Pamm Ferguson was given the "Williams Award" from the region awards advisor John Lawson. Pamm has had an outstanding career in patrolling, which she has been involved in so many different activities from OEC and S&T to officer positions with Hunt Hollow, the Region, the Division and Nationally just to name a few. The Williams award is for volunteering within the community for causes outside patrolling. The list of organizations that benefited from Pamm's unselfish time and energy is long and distinguished. Pamm was very deserving of this award and we are proud of her accomplishments.





**Figure 6 - Pamm Ferguson receiving the Williams Award from John Lawson.**



**Figure 7 - Diane Libby was recognized for her many years of service to the patrol.**

Our longtime treasurer and scheduler is leaving us. Diane Libby is moving to Maine and she will be missed. We presented Diane with a plaque of appreciation for 23 years of dedicated service to the Hunt Hollow ski patrol.

We nominated Greg Kott and Devon Feeney as co-candidates of the year. We are pleased to have them as a part of our patrol. Katy Foley was chosen as our patroller of the year. Katy has been a patroller at Hunt Hollow for 28 years. Devon is Katy's son and Katy's father Tom patrolled at Hunt Hollow also.

The elections were held for a new Board member and the new Patrol Representative. Greg Cox was voted in as the Board member extending his term an additional 3 years. Peter Parker Jr is the new Patrol Representative. I know Peter will do a great job and look forward to working with him.



**Figure 8 - Katy Foley received the HH Patroller of the Year Award. Her son Devon also tied for Candidate of the Year.**

## **BRISTOL**

The winter started off very slow but like an avalanche it gained momentum in mid January and gave Bristol Mountain 115 days of great skiing and riding. Thanks to all of the patrollers who made the season successful.

The Bristol Patrol officially ended the season with our end of the year picnic hosted by Bill and Nancy Gottermeier on June 2. It was a non-typical day for western NY, which meant it was great for a picnic. Sunny and warm, imagine that! The food was excellent and everyone had a good time. We handed out many awards for length of service and some just for fun. The following awards were presented; more will follow in the fall.

Patroller of the year – Elaine Pratt

Hill Chief of the year – Joe Beyer

Region Outstanding Instructor of the Year –  
Marcia Mundrick



**Figure 9 - Elaine Pratt was Bristol Patroller of the Year.**



Figure 10 - Joe Beyer was Bristol Hill Chief of the Year.



Figure 11 - Marcia Mundrick received the Region Lehman Outstanding Instructor of the Year Award from RD Mike Lord.

The season has just ended and we are already planning for the next season. We have already interviewed potential candidates and transfer patrollers. Continuing with improvements begun last summer, projects to improve our aid room and hilltop areas are slated for this summer. We have a great team of patrollers that are always willing to go above and beyond the tasks of normal patrol work. I hope everyone has a great summer.

Scott Mundrick, PR

## POWDER MILLS

It was a short but great season this year. We opened on January 18<sup>th</sup> and closed after a 1 week season extension on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Once the weather cooperated in mid January we had great skiing and full classes in the learn-to-ski program.

Welcome to our new members this year. Andrew Swartz, Steve Briggs, and Pam Mortensen who went through the OEC class this past fall and to Dennis DelConte who

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transferred from Brantling. Congratulations to Linda Pazral on her marriage this spring. Linda and Jeremiah were married in Prague, Czech Republic after ski season and managed to get back in time to attend the patrol picnic. Great planning!

Looking forward to next year, our on-hill will take place in early November (tentatively Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> depending on the Regional OEC schedule). Keep an eye on the Regional calendar for confirmation of the dates.

Enjoy the summer!

Doug Bennett, PR

## BRANTLING

Like everyone else, the Brantling season started off real slow... the annual Christmas Eve race was cancelled and the Christmas camps, with meager attendance, were held over two early January weekends. But by mid-January the snow gods finally smiled on us and we quickly got into full gear. By late in the month and through all of February, storm after storm, big and small, blessed the area, topped by a Valentine's Day gift of almost two feet. A season that looked lost actually turned into a profitable one, thanks to well-attended Spring camps, a couple of sold out "family days", the annual "snowmobile appreciation night" which welcomed over 400 riders, and some beautiful March weekends with great "spring" skiing. We even managed to host the Christmas Eve Race...three months late!

And the Brantling Patrol survived also. We welcomed two new patrollers; **Patricia Camp**, a transfer from Wisconsin who has over ten years of midwest patrolling experience and is also a OEC IT and **Lynne Baumgras**, who completed the region OEC course and the Brantling S&T training this season.

We topped off the season with our annual banquet on April 28 at Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club, again organized by **Bob Hillegeer**. After the usual social hour (plus) and a delicious dinner we swung into the awards portion of the evening. **Ann Boise** presented the election results: **Marsha Wait** was re-elected to a third two-year term as PD, **Jon Hess** takes over as APD for OEC, **Brian Bartleson** will be APD for Scheduling and the team of **Greg Bernhard** and **Mike McManus** will share the duties of S&T ADP.

**Bob Hillegeer**, who experienced some heart problems in mid-season was presented with a Guardian Angel pin, **Mark Johnson** received special recognition for extra efforts throughout the season and **Pat Steinrotter**, co-owner of Brantling, received an NSP Angel Pin. PD Marsha Wait also presented a 20-year award to Ann Boise and 30-year award to **Pete Peterson**. The Harry Rich Award, presented annually to Brantling's Patroller of the Year, went **Brian Mayou**, for his many extra hours on the hill and over and above efforts in support of the chicken BBQs.

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**Figure 12 - Brian Mayou was named Brantling Patroller of the Year.**

Topping off the great evening were the presentations of two top National Ski Patrol awards. Pete Peterson, Brantling representative on the Region Awards Committee, proudly presented the NSP Distinguished Service Award to Brantling owner **Fiffi Steinrotter** for his many decades of support to the sport of skiing and especially to the NSP at the region and local level.



**Figure 13 - Pete presenting the National Distinguished Service Award to Brantling owner Fifi Steinrotter.**

Region Director **Mike Lord** then surprised the h... out of Marsha Wait with National Appointment number 10548.



**Figure 14 - Marsha Wait receiving her National Appointment #10548.**

Congratulations to Marsha, Fiffi and all those recognized at this great event. Have a super summer!

Pete Peterson,  
Newsletter Editor

### **HERB LEHMAN: SAMARITAN OF THE SNOW FOR SIXTY YEARS**

By Nicholas Schiavetti and Dennis Whitney

On April 21, 2007 some 125 patrollers, friends, family and regional representatives came together at the A-ON-DO-WA-NUH Sportsman Club in Leicester, NY as the Swain Ski Patrol celebrated Herbert Lehman's sixty years of service as a "Samaritan of the Snow" to the skiing public. Herb's patrol career began at Burby Hollow in 1947, continued at Mad River Glen from 1953 to 1955 and, lucky for us, settled at Swain in 1956, where he continues to patrol today



**Figure 15 - Herb posed with his Life Membership credentials with ARD Marcia Mundrick and RD Mike Lord. He was also named an honorary member of the NYS Legislature.**



Herb's wife, Ginny, brother, Edgar, sister Margot, son Peter and daughters Carole and Ruth, sat front and center as Herb, beaming, was honored by his friends. Myron Crispino served as master of ceremonies. Marilyn Weidman presented Herb with an appreciation award and lifetime membership from Swain Ski and Snowboard, and the Swain Ski Patrol gave him an engraved mantel clock. Mike Lord presented him with a regional/national award of appreciation along with a lifetime membership from national. His state representative sent him a State proclamation and his congressional representative sent him a letter of recognition. Swain patrollers Dave Hanning and Harry Stoneham took the floor to speak of Herb's achievements as did regional representatives Bill Gamble and Marcia Mundrick. Herb laughed with the others as stories were told out of school by those remembering.

Herb has served the National Ski Patrol with distinction in a number of important capacities as indicated by his long list of patrol accomplishments. He received National Appointment Number 2447 in 1961. Herb's history of contributions also qualified him for the National Ski Patrol's Distinguished Service Award in 1991.

Although longevity might tempt other people to sit back on their laurels, Herb has never relaxed his contributions. As the "senior" patroller on the Swain Ski Patrol, he sets the example for all others. He averages between 175 and 200 hours per season of direct patrol duty and served as both a First Aid and a Ski and Toboggan Instructor, working closely with candidates each week during the training sessions and with refreshing patrollers at the Genesee Valley Region refreshers and Swain on-the-hill refresher. Herb is always there as an examiner for the candidate first aid and ski and toboggan tests, training and encouraging the new blood that revitalizes the patrol each year.

Despite having reached his 8<sup>th</sup> decade, his nickname of "Mr. Toboggan" continues each year in the Genesee Valley Region because all the younger patrollers recognize his skill and know that he has no peer as a toboggan handler, whether as driver or tail roper. He has served for years as a model of precision to all patrol candidates who have been privileged to be taught by him. With his stature, longevity, and high standards of achievement, there is no more graceful man in dealing with new candidates to help them build their confidence as they face the difficult tasks of Winter Emergency Care and Ski and Toboggan training. Herb is always teaching and he is always a gentleman.

Bob's Brother's Band filled the Lodge with music which set our toes to tapping. The crowd hit the dance floor and Herb just smiled and smiled.

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visit the Region web site regularly:  
<http://www.nspgvr.org>.***

## **GOLF REPORT**

By Marcia Mundrick

The Dick Doyle Memorial Golf Social was well-attended with 12 teams playing. We had a ski school team from Bristol, patrollers from Hunt Hollow, Bristol, GV Nordic, retirees and guests. We had other attendees who came for the social event and to honor Bristol patroller Dick Doyle in whose memory the event was being held.

Jim Ditzel, Shadow Pine pro and Bristol patroller, was very instrumental in making this event well-organized and fun. It was a nine hole scramble with many prizes donated by the following sponsors. I'd like to give them a big thank you for helping us with this first-time event.



**Figure 16 - Some of the putting action at the Golf Social.**

### **THANK YOU---**

**Shadow Pines, Wayside Gardens, Dan Fuller and Roseland Water Park, Walt Dyer and Dyer Straights, John Topping and Manitou Concrete, Golf Galaxy, Fred Shannon, and Alan and Kyle Keefe.**

**Chris Midgley** won the 50/50 raffle

**Margaret Lawson and Dick Chauncey** won Longest Drive

**Brenda Vowels and Steve Bateman** won Closest to the Pin

**Bristol's Ski School** team captained by **Chris Sansoucie** won Best Score (in a close match with Jack Starke's team) They also won Best Guess in a close tie breaker with **Jack Doyle and Roseanne Chauncey's** teams

I'd like to thank Rachel Miller, Merrily Hoover, Pam Thompson and Bill Teamerson for their assistance in the planning of this event and Jim Franco for being our scorekeeper Also an extra thank you to those who "put in a little extra". At this point in the figuring, we have raised over \$400.

I heard that many would like to come back next year, so-keep your eyes peeled on next year's event calendar!!