

Valley Views

The Newsletter of the Genesee Valley Region

Summer, 2008

Mike Lord

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Hello to everyone in the region. I hope you're all having a good summer. While it's just getting started for most of us, it is that time when we on the region staff begin to plan for the coming season. Please take minute to read our region newsletter and mark your calendars for the events we'll be having this new season.

I have to say that this season will be bittersweet for me, as it will mark the beginning of my last season as Genesee Valley Region Director. I'd like to take this time to let you all know what an honor it has been for me, these past six years, to represent you, the members of this fine region. Over the years I have had the best opportunities to see what our region accomplishes on a regular basis compared to the other regions of the Eastern Division, and it has been my pleasure to serve each and everyone of you as your chosen voice as patrollers for the National Ski Patrol. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for giving me this privilege.

As my last term winds down though, I have to ask that anyone wishing to run for the position of Region Director take the time to send your name to the election committee so we can get your name on the ballot in October. It is a lot of work, but well worth the effort! So please don't be shy. Information on the makeup of the Election Committee will be posted on the Region web site as soon as it is available.

The region OEC class will be starting in a few weeks and I look forward to seeing many of you soon. Thank you all again for the chance to serve. Have a great summer. Mike

REGIONAL ADVISORS:

Nick Schiavetti

Instructor Development

We offer the Instructor Development class to region patrollers who want to become instructors in OEC, S&T, MTR, or Avalanche every spring after skiing ends to avoid the time conflicts that patrollers encounter during the ski season. The participants in this class begin the process of becoming instructors by learning principles of effective teaching, observing demonstration models, and applying classroom and field techniques. In addition, this course counts as a senior elective for those who need one.

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In response to student feedback regarding the difficulties of attending late night classes in previous years, we have successfully modified the schedule this year to present most of the course in an all day Saturday session followed with a wrap-up session on the next Thursday evening. Next year's Genesee Valley Region course will be offered at Hunt Hollow on Saturday April 25 and Thursday April 30, 2009. Look for the flyers and signup sheets that will be available at the Region OEC and On-the-Hill Refreshers in the fall and check the region the website for any updates on time and place. You can also contact me at redhill3@rochester.rr.com for information about the course.

We just completed the GV Region Instructor Development class in May 2008 with seven successful participants: Pam Mortensen and Mike Young of Genesee Valley Nordic, Kevin Boehm, Steve Roat, Mark Bowker, and Tom Jenssen of Bristol, and Diane Freiner of Swain. Talk to any of these people or to the other patrollers who have completed this course in recent years and you will hear lots of enthusiastic recommendations for this class. The instructors are looking forward to having another enthusiastic group of patrollers join us next year.



Figure 1 - The 2008 Instructor Development Class.

Several experienced instructors at different patrols within the region who have teaching experience in each of the NSP disciplines taught the Instructor Development course this year: Marcia Mundrick (Bristol: 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). 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 Cathy Bentzoni, and Webmaster Bill Gamble.

After completing the Instructor Development course, patrollers 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 recent years mentoring and evaluating patrollers and processing their applications through the national office to complete their instructor appointments. Experienced instructors 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.

Genesee Valley Region also has a Mentoring webpage that provides information about the mentoring process – you will find the link to it in the lower right column of the region homepage (www.nspgvr.org) right underneath the Instructor Development link. Another new feature on the region website this year is the posting of lists of the requirements and responsibilities of instructors in OEC, S&T, MTR, and Avalanche in this region. You can find these lists on both the Mentoring and Instructor Development webpages in Adobe Acrobat pdf format for downloading. The intent of these lists is to help potential instructors develop realistic expectations regarding what an instructor does and what the time commitments are to instruct in each discipline.

Instructor Development is the important primary 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.

Skip Millor **MTR**
We are pleased to announce GVR will host a combined Avalanche Fundamentals/ MTR Level 1 course next season. This combined course counts as 2 senior electives. The dates can be viewed on the region web site www.nspgvr.org. Click on Calendar. Registration forms will be available on the region web site October 1, 2008.

Congratulations to **Christopher Babcock, Steve Bateman, Geri Cherubim, Glen Huot, Robert Maloney and Gina Wyffels** for completing MTR L2 last season. Special thanks to **Dennis Whitney**, instructor of record. Dennis had a number of challenges, including the weather.

Our Region was well represented at the **US Army's Cold Regions Research and Environmental Lab (CRREL)** sponsored by the Eastern Division. Five people from our Valley Views

region MTR teaching staff attended the seminar. Topics included avalanche prediction, climbing accident safety and some new information on treating hypothermia. We all got a chance to tour the environmental test bays where we observed testing of frost heave resistant concrete for road surfaces, an Antarctica cold/snow test for a new towable vehicle and a river simulation.



Figure 2 - A scene from the 2008 MTR-2 Course at Salmon Hills.

Jim Mussnug

Avalanche

This upcoming season we are planning a combined Avalanche and Mountain Travel and Rescue program in Genesee Valley Region. This will be the fourth time for running this type of combined program in the Region. We have totally revamped the program to ensure we meet program delivery requirements in a reasonably condensed format. The first night of the program, we devote to MTR fundamentals such as clothing, sleeping bags, shelters, cooking, and food. The next indoor session, on a Saturday, we concentrate on the classroom portion of the Avalanche program. The objective of this session is 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. We also use this session to inspect everyone's pack to ensure they have assembled the appropriate gear for the upcoming overnight session.

With the fundamentals covered in the indoor sessions, the final session is a weekend event conducted at Webster Park in early January, 2009. 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 covers topics such as orienteering, low angle rescue rope work, emergency shelters and fire starting, avalanche rescue beacons and probing. The culmination of the event is a practical search and rescue exercise including avalanche rescue techniques. All elements of the program are integrated, such as use of avalanche rescue beacons, probing, and search techniques, and use of Z-lines to extricate injured skiers.

This is a great opportunity to get two Senior electives completed in one combined course. Students and instructors all consider this course format to be a success and a lot of fun. The Region is fortunate to have a dedicated staff of instructors for Avalanche and MTR to help you learn the course material, and have an enjoyable experience in a safe environment. Come on out and experience another aspect to Ski Patrolling! Check the Genesee Valley Region NSP calendar for dates and the Avalanche and MTR sites for course enrollment information.

Eastern Division will also conduct an Avalanche Level 2 course this upcoming season. Look to the Eastern Division NSP Calendar for the planned dates for this event. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn advanced avalanche concepts in actual avalanche terrain.

Mike Long **OEC**

As you are thinking about summer and the rust has finally found a home on the edges of your alpine skis, the OEC staff has already started plotting and planning for the upcoming season. Marcia Mundrick is again leading the effort of scheduling instructors for the fall OEC class. The instructors have been sent an email asking for their availability for fall teaching. The Patrol Reps will soon receive a request for the potential newbie's for each area. Again the class will be held at Avon and led by Mary Emminghausen and Mike Lord starting August 11th.

The OEC Region Refreshers, Cycle A, will be held at Honeoye High School tentatively on Saturday October 18th and Sunday November 2nd. Final confirmation will occur after school starts. 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 A refresher. So with your compatriots selected, why not review the material beforehand to make the day go smoothly? Be sure to watch our web site for further announcements and times.

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. See you soon!

Bonnie Andre' **EMM**

Congratulations to Chris Hellems (Bristol) and Jeff Crawford (Hunt Hollow) for successfully completing the requirements of Sr. EMM 2007-2008. Chris also received his Senior patch, having previously completed all of the other requirements.



Figure 3 - Chris Hellems receiving his Senior patch and certificate from Bonnie and Bob Andre'.

The final evaluation was once again held at Brantling on a beautiful sunny powder day. Marsha Wait and the Brantling Patrol go out of their way to provide outstanding support and make their facilities available year after year. Once again the Brantling Patrol slaved over hot coals to give us a delicious chicken barbeque to enjoy as we ended the day.

I can't begin to thank our wonderful T/E's enough for their dedication and support of the program. We are pleased that Chris Hellems (Bristol) and Patricia Camp (Brantling) will be, by this reading, newly minted EMM TE's. Welcome to two great additions to the team.

I also need to give a special thank you to my spouse, Bob, without whom I could never have made it through. He is not only a tough act to follow but an impossible one, at least for me. Fortunately, he was there all the way to make sure the program and evaluation ran smoothly.

Bill Gamble **Alumni**

On Friday, February 29th, 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.

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 Summer, 2008

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 Division pays Lifetime dues for those with 50 years of service. Lifetime Patrollers retain lifetime status as Alumni. For an application form, see the GVR web site at <http://www.nspgvr.org>, or contact me at wgamble.me65@gtalumni.org.

Joe Menichino

Certified

I am proud to announce that the Genesee Valley Region has a new Certified Patroller in our ranks. Tom Wallin passed his final test elements and is now officially known as Certified Number 681. The program has issued just under 700 Certified numbers since the classification was created in the mid 60's. It's a rare achievement considering the many thousands of NSP members in the system during the same time frame. Congratulations to Tom- we are proud of his determination and demonstrated skills.



Figure 4 - Tom was tired but happy when he posed at Hunter with his Certified patch and certificate.

The test was held at Hunter this year the last weekend of March. Tom was our only candidate. Dick and Joanne Taylor and Cathy Rague from Swain and Mac Ingils from Bristol attended the test representing the Genesee Valley to cheer Tom on and help with the OEC exam. Sadly I had to cancel at the last minute due to the much beloved work part of my life. I had my portion of the exam set up, complete and issued so the only thing I missed was sharing Tom's success and party. Its interesting to note that at one point in the after test party a small gang of Certs sat on Tom and cut off part of his beard..... Yes- we are a strange bunch.

Considering that I missed the test, I asked our folks to document what they saw and heard that weekend. Here are 2 snippets of their feedback:

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“It was a dark and foggy Friday, as the Certified Test began. It was low 40's, pouring rain, with heavy fog, and 20 yards of visibility. Then the chair lift stopped for 20 minutes, as we were half way up the lift to start the skiing portion of the test. Definitely a Certified kind of day. You improvise, adapt and overcome. The snow conditions were knee deep, heavy mush, with bumps the size of Mini Coopers. The S&T portion of the test was a challenge for all participants, candidates, examiners and spectators alike. The runs were long, the snow conditions, the rain and fog made for very flat light and depth perception was a challenge. The sled portion of the day, was like the skiing, rain, little visibility, and mush. Saturday morning saw the commencement of the OEC portions of the test. It was a bright, sunny day, in dramatic contrast to Friday, but the temps had taken a nose dive, and were in the low 20's, with about a 20 mph wind, blowing straight up the mountain. Needless to say, the mushy snow from the day before, had (what's a polite way to say it) firmed up, so footing around the accident sites was treacherous, and steep. You had to keep an eye on your gear, otherwise it slid down the hill. The problems were typical of the Certified Test, #1 a blind skier with a dislocated shoulder and head laceration, the blind skier's guide wrapped around a tree with an acute abdomen, vitals heading south fast, and the third skier, (who ran into the other two) with an open tib fib fracture slightly down the trail. #2 a diabetic patient who runs into two other people, a ruptured spleen with vitals heading south, and a closed tib fib fracture wrapped around a tree, the third patient with a closed femur fracture, and stable vitals. #3 Using the famous 'Hunta' fences, an eviscerated patient, with vitals heading south very fast, a woman 5 month's pregnant with an open tib/fib fracture, and the last patient who caused the wreck an open femur.”

Cathy Rague-

“Sat morning we woke up to sunshine. Natalie Wallin made sure we had breakfast. We skied from the hotel to the base lodge. The OEC Test "patients" met at the top of the lift - and we skied down to a trail set aside especially for the test and separated into three groups for the three different scenarios of the morning. The problem in which I participated was a triage. One diabetic skier, low on sugar, skis into two other skiers who are standing at the side of the hill. The two other skiers end up mangled in the rocks and trees. The candidates were very professional. The problems were complicated, but the patrollers were quick and decisive. Their assessment skills were excellent. Our leader was able to quickly and correctly assess the problems and begin the tasks of stabilization and rescue. I was able to closely watch the "by-standers" scenario". During this scenario, one patroller is available to rescue an injured skier who is caught in the fencing along the trail. The patroller must use by-standers to help. Teaching, delegating, communicating clearly, are all necessary skills here. I learned quite a lot from being involved in these scenarios. Also, during a bit of down time, I had a nice time talking to the other patrollers. We talked about the mountains we worked at and the different equipment we used and were seeing at the test. During the afternoon,

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we observed the Certified recertification sled runs. Afterwards, I took a run down the hill myself, with no sled, of course. It was challenging. The rain from the day before, and the wind from that day, combined to make the snow of a snowcone consistency. You see the mogul one minute, stick your pole in it for a turn, and the mogul disintegrates down the hill in front of your skis. It was another great learning experience! Of course, the dinner was the highlight. The announcer said they would be posting the test results the next morning. So, everyone ate, and talked, and enjoyed the evening. Then, the announcer said he had just a couple announcements to make, and before we know it, Jim Nickerson was announcing that Tom Wallin was being awarded number #681 as a Certified Member of the National Ski Patrol. I thought our table was going to crash through the floor. We were all clapping and yelling, and hooting and hollering. Tom made his way through the gauntlet of congratulators up to the front of the room. Somehow, they got Natalie up there, too, and he put his arm around her and flashes went off and people cheered. It was great. The next morning, Tom appeared somewhat tired - and he had a bit less hair about his face than he did at dinner. Natalie did a great job making all the arrangements, keeping everyone apprised of details, making sure we ate well and keeping us entertained with stories of her own adventures, such as her solo backpacking trips. Tom is one lucky guy! Along with JoAnn, Dick, and Mac, we all had fun. ""

Jeff Baker **S&T**

The GVR Ski and Toboggan Program: Opportunity Knocking!

It's pretty common to become introspective at this time of the year, looking back on the hours standing on the hill, and you find yourself **wondering if you are going to return to patrolling next season**. Work, kids, schooling and maybe just a few hours for yourself, all seem to tug at the seams of life. **Take heart**, you certainly aren't alone and we think **we have the solution** to making your effort even more worthwhile!

The S&T staff **works hard to bring some of the fun back** to your patrolling life. We strive to share our experience in a style that keeps every participant involved, **yearning for more and smiling....always smiling**.

This coming season will be no exception. We are already **looking forward** to a full schedule of opportunity **for self improvement, experimentation and inspiration**.

Many of your friends/fellow patrollers have discovered the **thrill of a new skill set** or a **successful season** of working on the Senior program.

We plan to share with you the following courses:

- Telemark for the Directionally Challenged: Tree Hugging 101
- Ski and Board Enhancement: Opening New Terrain

- Toboggan Training: Proving a Sled Always Knows Best!
- Senior Program: You're Never Too Old!

Come on, have some fun with us! See us at the Fall Refresher, sign up for a class and take home a new toaster!

Congratulations to the new Seniors who received their credentials at the conclusion of the 2008 Senior S&T evaluation at Bristol. The presentations were made by ARD's Marcia Mundrick and Bob Smith:



Figure 5 - Linda Balbeck



Figure 6 - Pam Welch



Figure 7 - David Curry



Figure 8 - Mac Inglis

John Lawson

Awards

We have had another busy season working to recognize the many people in the Genesee Valley Region who have contributed so much to all of us who patrol.

This year I am very proud and pleased to report that at the Eastern Division Spring Officers Meeting, Marcia Mundrick was presented with the Division Instructor of the Year Award. Marcia is a tireless volunteer who is involved in essentially all teaching aspects of the NSP and works at the local, region, and division levels. I believe everyone in the region has attended at least one class Marcia has taught. She has helped us all and we are pleased to see her get this high level of recognition.

Also at the Spring Officers' Meeting, our Region and Eastern Division Webmaster and Region Alumni Advisor Bill Gamble was presented with the Division Patrollers for Patrollers Award, recognizing the value of his work in furthering patroller information and communication.

This year's recipient of the Lehman Award for Region Instructor of the Year is Joe Menichino from Swain. Joe is also a multi-discipline teacher who has been instructing patrollers for many years. All of us who have worked with Valley Views

Joe, or have had a class taught by him, appreciate his dedication to improving patroller skills across the region.

The Stevens Award for Outstanding GVR Patroller this year was awarded to Bob Andre. Bob has continued to support all aspects of region activities. He teaches multiple disciplines and serves at the division level as an OEC supervisor. Bob also continues to be very involved in the Sr. EMM program. Bob works tirelessly to help all people in the region improve their patrolling skills.

This year a National Distinguished Service Award was presented to Melissa Doyle. Melissa is retiring after 35 years of patrolling at Bristol Mountain. During her patrolling career, Melissa has held many local positions at Bristol, including Patrol Director. In addition, she has been a long time OEC instructor and was a Sr. EMM instructor and a Region Advisor for the Sr. EMM program. We were pleased to be able to present this prestigious award to Melissa and wish her the best in her retirement.

We have several more awards from the National Office that have not been presented as yet. Stay tuned, as we will be presenting them in the fall.

In closing I would like to thank those who have supported the award program this year. Mike Lord (RD), Bob Smith (ARD), and Marcia Mundrick (ARD) representing the region. Patrol representatives are: Kris Vasiliauskas and Rick Micoli from Bristol Mtn., Myron Crispino and Nick Schiavetti from Swain, John McManus from Hunt Hollow, Threse Costich-Sicker, from Powder Mills, Pete Peterson from Brantling, and Gina Wyffels and Geri Cherubim from Nordic. These folks have the responsibility of bringing deserving people forward to the committee, deciding the best award to recognize the person's contributions, and then doing the paperwork for the submittal. Submitting the awards is a lot of work and these folks deserve a lot of credit for the time and effort they provide to getting others in the region recognized. Thanks to you all.

As always, keep thinking of those individuals in the organization who have made a difference. Let me or anyone on the committee know who it is and what they did. We'll do our best to get the recognition the individual deserves.



Figure 9 - Marcia Mundrick received the Division Instructor of the Year Award from DD Rick Hamlin.

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Figure 10 - Bill Gamble received the Division Patrollers for Patrollers Award.



Figure 13 - Melissa Doyle accepted her National DSA from PD Scott Mundrick and Kris Vasiliaskas.



Figure 11 – Bob Andre' receiving the Stevens Award from RD Mike Lord and Awards Advisor John Lawson.



Figure 12 - The Lehman Award presentation was made by Herb Lehman, and Region Awards Advisor John Lawson.

NEWS FROM THE PATROLS:

HUNT HOLLOW

Hunt Hollow's 2007-2008 season came and went without much in the way of snowstorms – at least naturally. The club's General Manager, Rick Roxin and Mountain Manager Greg Sherman, continually amazed the members with homemade snow that covered trails well into May.

The main focus of the patrol this season was to increase our manpower. We had six candidates pass their S&T and are now preparing for the OEC course to begin. Joining them will be a few other candidates beginning with OEC then moving on to S&T in January. More than half of the candidates are legacy members – following in a parent's ski boots with the NSP. With the Hunt Hollow membership growing and the improvements to the terrain and lodge – fortifying our ranks is a necessity.

The patrol banquet was held on May 2nd at the Canandaigua Yacht club. We had a great time and thank you to Mark Tornatore for organizing/coordinating the particulars. We had several awards to present, and special thanks to John McManus as our awards representative for a great job. Service awards were quite impressive this year with these highlights – Jerry Sherman received his 30yr pin, Bob Hansen 25 yrs, Rick Wambach 25yrs, and Mike Podhorecki 20yrs.

Our Patroller of the Year Award went to Bob Andre for his never-ending commitment to the Hunt Hollow patrol. That announcement was quickly followed up with Bob receiving the Stevens Patroller of the Year Award from Mike Lord and the Genesee Valley Region. Bob's commitment to the NSP – specifically the Eastern Division and our Genesee Valley Region is nothing short of exemplary.

The elections were held for a new Board member from the patrol as a Member-at-large. Norm Robinson was elected and begins his 3 year term.

We're all now gearing up for the summer – exploring various activities and past times that will help us keep our ski legs in shape during the off-season. One of them will be running around the hills at 1707 Murray Road in Victor volunteering for the Stuart Horse Trials in July. Another will be working on the glades at Hunt Hollow to improve the tree skiing the club has to offer.

October 4th will be the Hunt Hollow on-hill refresher – please feel free to contact me to inquire about attending if you can't make your own – prp2@rochester.rr.com.

Have a great summer!

Peter Parker
PD Hunt Hollow

POWDER MILLS

We held our annual patrol picnic on May 17th, and a good time was had by all.

The annual on-hill refresher for all Powder Mills patrollers is scheduled for Saturday, November 1st.

Eric Leinberg, PD

BRISTOL

Bristol held their end of the year Picnic at the home of Bill and Nancy Gottermeier on June 21. Melissa Doyle, who is retiring after 35 of patrolling, was presented with a Distinguished Service Award.

The hot topic at the picnic was the new patrol building raising taking place the weekend of June 28 and 29. That raising was a tremendous success. With the help of the employees of New Energy Works, the patrollers were able to raise the structure over the weekend. There is still a lot of finish work to do but the "heavy" work is complete. Visit <http://www.bristolskipatrol.com> and follow the link to many pictures of the weekend.



Figure 14 - The "top hut raising" crew.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENESEE VALLEY REGION:

I would like to take a moment to thank the many members of this region that assisted me, guided me, answered questions, dreamed up extremely tough OEC scenarios, laid in the snow, gave me rigorous and tough feedback, even when I wasn't quite ready to hear it, showed me the serial numbers on a Cascade toboggan numerous times, mercilessly ran me through mogul field after mogul field, and otherwise assisted me in my goal to successfully complete the NSP Certified Program.

Of special note I would like to thank the members of the Swain Ski Patrol, my second family, for their support all these years. I would also like to thank, in no specific order, other members of the region, past and present, from whom I gained much valuable knowledge about all aspects of patrolling, including: Joe Menichino, Jim Nickerson, Jeff Baker, Peter Osborne, Mike Morgan, Scott Mundrick, Gerry Sherman, Mike Lord, Bob Smith, John Topping, Marcia Mundrick, Myron Crispino, and Jeanne and Knobby Eldridge.

The Certified Program is not an easy program, and as a candidate, one of the things you need to realize is that the information that you need to learn in order to be successful, is not going to be found just at your home area. Your perspective must be broadened to include view points from all different directions, and to be able to think outside the box. To achieve this you must seek out the information and the skills, from your own home area, from within your region, and from within the division. In all the years of working toward this goal, whenever I requested to work with a patroller from Swain, the Genesee Valley Region, or within the Eastern Division, I was never turned down. And I always came away learning something from that encounter. For that I am deeply indebted to the members of this region, as well as all the patrollers throughout the Eastern division who gave up their time to help me. For that I want to thank you all again.

Sincerely,
Tom Wallin
Swain Ski Patrol
Certified #681

GOLF REPORT

By Marcia Mundrick

The second annual Dick Doyle Memorial Golf Gathering was well attended, with 64 players from all over the region. 18-hole first place honors went to the team from Swain... check out the report on the region web page.

Thanks to the generous donations from the golfers, we have a lovely bench to commemorate Dick's service to NSP.

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Figure 15 - Some of the putting action at the Golf Gathering.

For the latest information on Region matters, visit the Region web site regularly: <http://www.nspgvr.org>.

IN MEMORIAM

Harry Miller



Harry Miller, an alumnus of the Hunt Hollow Patrol, passed away on March 23. In addition to being a skier and patroller, Harry was an avid sailor and golfer. He was retired from Kodak.

Robert Freemesser

Penfield, NY: May 23, 2008. Survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Kathleen; 3 children, Lisa (Lloyd) LeBlanc, Kristin (Anup) Barde & Katherine Freemesser; 2 grandchildren, McKenna & Priya; sister, Mary Ellen (Paul) Manning; brother, Fr. Paul Freemesser; his golf buddy and brother-in-law, Michael McKenna.

Bob was a patroller at Hickory Ridge, Power Mill, and Hunt Hollow. I think that some of the older patrollers will remember him. He and I go back into the 60's, when we patrolled Hickory Ridge and Powder Mills. Bob, Ross Kitt and myself became Senior TE's together way back when. He was a National patroller, first aid instructor. I will miss his dry humor and great way of teaching both patrol candidates and senior candidates.

Bob Smith