



Mike Lord

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Well! The season is off to a great start! Our OEC refreshers are over and we can now move on to our hills and wait for snow. I want to thank all patrollers for being so attentive at the refreshers and of course purchasing lunch. We will have well over four hundred dollars to use to buy program equipment left after we pay the school. Thanks to you all. I'd also like to say thanks for a great job to all our OEC instructors without whom our refreshers wouldn't get off the ground. I think a special well done is owed to Mike Long our new OEC Administrator for an excellent start to our season. His attention to detail has already, in my opinion, shown him to be one of the best OEC administrators our region has had. Thanks Mike for a job well done.

By the time you receive this you should all have seen the ballot from the National Office regarding the vote on the member's petition. If you haven't all ready PLEASE take the time to log on to the voting web site to cast your vote. As members of NSP we need to make sure we exercise our right to be a part of guiding our Organization in a direction we are comfortable with. Voting for or against the member's petition is the first step in this process. Again, PLEASE take the time to vote!

I don't have much more to say, other than read the rest of our newsletter, check out the programs we are running this season and get signed up for one of your choice. They're fun, informative and a great way to bring a new wrinkle to those patrol days and activities we all have come to enjoy. Have a great season and I hope to ski with as many of you as I can this season. If you're down at Swain stop by the patrol room or the rental office and say "Hi", as I'll be supervising the rental department at Swain this season, along with spending some time coaching and patrolling. Hope to see you on the snow in the coming season.

Mike

REGIONAL ADVISORS:

Nick Schiavetti **Instructor Development**

The Instructor Development class will be offered each spring after ski patrolling responsibilities are completed to separate it from the time conflicts that busy patrollers encounter during the ski season. The class is an 8 hour

workshop on effective instruction and counts as a senior elective. The course instructors model the principles that are taught in the class and give participants a chance to apply some of these techniques. If you talk to people who have completed the Instructor Development class you are sure to hear a lot of positive recommendations to try it.

In 2006 we have planned to offer this class on Monday and Wednesday nights, May 1st and 3rd. Flyers and signup sheets are available at the Fall 2005 Region OEC Refreshers and anyone who is interested can also get a flyer and sign up by emailing me at redhill3@rochester.rr.com. Also, if these times and dates are impossible for your schedule, I can help you to find an Instructor Development course in a neighboring region, so contact me by email if you are interested but cannot make those dates.

In addition to completing this class, patrollers who want to become instructors need to complete a program of mentoring in the specific disciplines (OEC, S&T, MTR, or Avalanche) with an experienced instructor and then be evaluated by an Instructor Trainer (IT). We have experienced instructors in the region who have mentored and evaluated patrollers and successfully processed their applications through the national office to complete their instructor appointments. Those of us who have this experience would be happy to help out anyone in the region who wants assistance or advice on how to become an instructor or how to mentor or evaluate an instructor candidate.

Instructor development is an important gateway to training new patrollers and refreshing current patrollers' skills. Without it, we would be unable to replenish our ranks or keep our skills up to date. Come and join us for an enjoyable and educational experience. We look forward to seeing you in the program.

Jim Mussnug

Avalanche

This past winter we ran a combined Avalanche and Mountain Travel and Rescue program in Genesee Valley Region. This is the second time we offered this type of combined program in the Region. We totally revamped the program this year to ensure we met program delivery requirements in a reasonably condensed format. The first night of the program, was devoted to MTR fundamentals such as clothing, sleeping bags, shelters, cooking, food. The next indoor session, was devoted to the classroom

portion of the Avalanche program. The objective of this session was to cover the relationship of weather, snowpack, terrain and human element to provide the means to assess avalanche risk when traveling in the backcountry.

With these fundamentals covered in the indoor sessions, the final session was a weekend event, Saturday, January 8 and Sunday, January 9, 2005. The outdoor session was conducted at Webster Park. The weather provided some last minute snow cover just as we were starting the day – so we were able to conduct all exercises in realistic conditions. 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 were brought together, such as use of avalanche rescue beacons, probing, and search techniques, and use of Z-lines to extricate the injured skier. Those attending this session included: Grant Fowler, David C DuBreck, Deborah Whalen, Patrick Saeva, Geri Cherubim, Michael Middleton, Andrew Brychcy, Gina Wyffels, Timothy O.Scanlon, Julie Houle (Canada), John Burgess (PA).

This was a great opportunity to get two Senior electives completed in one combined course. Students and instructors all considered this format course to be a success. With some minor tweaks, we will most likely offer this type of combined Avalanche and MTR course again during the 2006-7 ski season.

Eastern Division conducted an Avalanche Level 2 course this past season at Whiteface Mountain. Two of our instructors helped teach this program. This is a phenomenal opportunity to advance your skills. This four day program has been revised over the last two sessions to focus on avalanche course content delivery without requiring overnight camping. This program is next scheduled in March, 2007.

Please consider joining us for upcoming Avalanche and Mountain Travel and Rescue programs. This season (2005-6) we are focusing on offering MTR Level 2, so we will not have an Avalanche course in the Region this year. We are very fortunate to have a very talented and hard working group of instructors in our programs – a fact that both Eastern Division and National have recognized

Mike Long **OEC**

By the time you are reading this, hopefully you have completed a refresher, Cycle A, have been recertified again, or maybe for the first time, and are enjoying some fine winter skiing. Almost 400 patrollers of the Genesee Valley Region attended one of the region refreshers along with several visiting patrollers.

I want to sincerely thank the staff of Regional Instructor Trainers who planned the refreshers, refreshed the OEC

Regional Instructors and then attended one or both of the Regional Refreshers. With the OEC class commitment, refreshers, and preparation time, plus miscellaneous staff duties, most of the ITs put in excess of 80 hours this fall. The OEC Regional Instructors, who in turn refreshed the patrollers at the Region OEC Refreshers, probably put in well over 50 hours not including area commitments. So when you see you're friendly, but bedraggled OEC Instructor, please give them a sincere thank you.

Speaking of the OEC class and many hours, Thanks is certainly due to the Regions two co-IORs, Steve Duncan and Bill Teamerson. These two individuals along with support of many have patiently shepherd this year's class of newbies through the trials, tribulations, and mysticism of the OEC curriculum and lead them on to the sainthood of being an auxiliary or patroller. The OEC Practical Final was November 19th at Bristol.

That was the past, now what does the future hold? Mark your calendars for January 22. In combination with the Senior EMM Program, there will be an OEC Enhancement Ski Rally at Swain on Sunday, January 22. Although this new event is still in the planning stages, we are preparing for a day of skiing interlaced with some very educational and challenging OEC problems. It will be conducted along the lines of a road rally on snow with possibly a treasure hunt thrown in for added variety. The cost will be minimal, the problems fun, and skiing will depend on the cooperation of Mother Nature along with the great snowmaking capabilities of Swain. So mark your calendars and watch the Genesee Valley Web Site for more information, and THINK SNOW!

P.S. from the IOR's:

This season, there were two Nordic candidates: Eric Zeise and Joe Giorgi, plus seven Bristol candidates: Steve Roat, Emily Wood, Reg Allen, Rosanne Chauncey, Malcolm Inglis, Chris Babcock, and Darcy Dorwart.

We would like to take the opportunity to personally thank all the hard working, dedicated instructors who have given their time and expertise. I know that the candidates have really enjoyed meeting and working with all of you. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Marcia Mundrick who took on the task of scheduling all the instructors. Without her help, our job would have been exponentially more difficult.

We look forward to seeing all these hard working candidates on the hill. Have a great season!

Steve Duncan
Bill Teamerson
OEC IOR's

"Flying High Cover"

Some of you may know that I recently accepted the position as one of the Assistants to the Division OEC Supervisor, Ed McNamara. (Okay, so I'm a little slow and thought I was saying yes to "would you like another beer?")

The new position affords me the opportunity to witness, first hand, how first aid training is being conducted in other parts of our Division. I get to experience the various systems currently in place, for training and evaluation.

I am very pleased to reinforce, that as a Genesee Valley Region patroller, you are getting some of the very finest guidance and support available today. The myriad of folks who make the additional effort to instruct, mentor and coach are exceptional people with an incredible zeal for making us all better patrollers. It will come as no surprise then, that I've witnessed equally exceptional performances, by many of you, at these two most recent refreshers. You folks are some hot stuff first aiders! And I, (one of many), am proud and grateful to serve next to each and every one of you. Keep up the great work and many thanks from the entire Eastern Division for the wonderful effort and passion you put into your work as a Genesee Valley patroller.

Respectfully and thankfully,
Jeff Baker
Assistant Eastern Division OEC Supervisor

Bob Andre' Senior EMM

The EMM course is scheduled to begin the second week in January. EMM is an acronym for Emergency Management Module, with the emphasis on management. This is not an advanced first aid course. Are your OEC skills a bit rusty, would you like to build on your existing skills, or would you like to feel more confident handling more involved emergency care? You will have the opportunity to gain confidence using your existing OEC skills to manage emergency care of injured patients in more complicated, realistic scenarios. All training is on the snow and consists of working on scenarios involving multiple injuries, patients, and spectators. The emphasis is on managing the scenario to maximize patient care and minimize distractions. At the same time you will be sharpening your OEC skills and learning variations of technique to achieve your objective. The bottom line is that you should end up a more qualified, more confident patroller.

Training is available at Powder Mills, Swain, Hunt Hollow, and Bristol, with a final evaluation at Brantling. Our dedicated instructors are also available at other times by simply asking. The EMM page on the Genesee Valley Region website has more information and a calendar. In addition, this year we are combining the EMM schedule with an OEC Enhancement Seminar at Swain on January

22nd. We have a ski race concept for the seminar so stay tuned for fun in the snow.

One last thought would be the fact that the knowledge gained in this course can be immediately put to use in your everyday patrolling experience-instant application and gratification.

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

John Topping

S&T

IT snowed today!! (as I write)

We will be skiing before you know it, and the Senior S&T program will start soon after the season gets underway, so sign up today.

There is no better way to become a better skier and toboggan handler than to join the **Senior S&T Program**. The Senior Ski (ski, snowboard, tele) and Toboggan program is just twelve working sessions with plenty of personalized instruction from our region staff. This program is all about being better! We will improve your patroller skills and toboggan handling. We have PSIA instructors that will help you work on your skiing, snowboarding and free heeling. The Senior S&T schedule and applications for the program are on the Web site. Check it out!!

Additional Programs:

SKIER'S ENHANCEMENT! February 19th. How about just skiing, isn't that what it's all about? Learn some new tricks on the shaped skis you have been on for a few years now.

Toboggan Enhancement for Men, Taught by Women: February 25th, look for more details in the future on this one. This is not one you are going to want to miss!

The Patroller School at Windham....a great mountain, loaded with patrolling talent; a weekend away doing what you like to do, ski ski and ski. Date TBA.

Senior recertifications. If you have not recertified your senior S&T in a while it may be time (due every 3 years). Check the web page for the date and location that fits your schedule.

Skip Millor

MTR

This year's MTR Level 2 course is full thanks to the hard work of **Nick Schiavetti**. Nick is the course instructor of record and one of two Division MTR ITs in our region. The region support for the MTR program continues to be excellent. We are pleased to have most of the people who took last year's combined Avalanche/MTR Level 1 course sign up for Level 2. This was a high energy group that was fun to work with. After the Level 2 course they will have earned 3 senior elective credits.

I would like to recognize our instructors who make the MTR program successful. **Brian Schanket** has recently resigned as an instructor because of limited time. Brian is a past Genesee Valley Region MTR advisor who brought a great deal of energy to the program. His enthusiasm and experience will be missed.

All programs have people who work behind the scenes to keep things moving ahead. **Ben Emerson, Brian Walsh,** and **Marcia Mundrick** continue to help me with a lot of details. **Bob Andre, John Benitez, Peter Falise, Jim Hopkins, Jim Mussnug,** and **Jerry Sherman** continue to volunteer to teach every year. These people seem to look for an excuse to sleep in the snow. We could not deliver quality programs without them!

We have little difficulty getting new instructors. This year, we welcome **John Long** into our mentor program. **Jami Rushford** and **Dennis Whitney** will be finishing up their final requirements and will soon become full instructors. **William Lutz** is on leave due to work. We hope to have him back so he can finish the mentor program in the near future.

If you have not taken the Level 1 Avalanche and Mountaineering, consider joining us next season and earn 2 elective senior credits. Keep an eye on the region calendar next summer for dates.

Henry Williams Legal & Election Committee **BALLOT SUMMARY, 2005, +/- 3%**

Total Vote: 227

Assistant Region Director Vote:

For Bob Smith: 199

For second candidate: one

"Choose Not to vote": 15

Write in: 12 (*Marcia Mundrick 5, Mike Long 3, Gordy Crosby 2, Joe Menichino 1, illegible 1*)

Vote by Patrols:

Hunt Hollow: 45

Nordic: 17

Brantling: 21

North Hampton: one

Swain: 27

Bristol: 87

Powder Mill: 7

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Respectfully submitted,

Election Committee: Nick Schiavetti, John Lawson, John Mc Manus, Tom Adler, Henry Williams, Chair

Joe Menichino

Certified

It's cold and snowing here in Alfred tonight and we'll be back to work patrolling soon. I can't wait. Of course this will be a great season to challenge yourself by joining the Certified program. This year's test weekend will be held at one of the coolest mountains in the East. Cannon Mountain in New Hampshire will host our annual program starting March 25. This is at least 1 week earlier than normal. Certified leadership is wisely attempting to hold our program using snow rather than rain as our sliding media. The bad news is that Steve Barnes has stepped down as Program Chair after 6 excellent years. The good news is that Dave Walker, past Eastern Division S&T Chair has taken over lead of the Eastern Division Certified Program. We are lucky to have such excellent staff leading our program. Dave is working to continue improving the all aspects of the Certification process. I am confident that this year's program will remain as demanding as any test in the NSP system yet it will be fairly administered, tremendously challenging and amazingly educational. If you want a challenge we can help you out. Lots of Genesee Valley Region folks have come to the test in recent years to help as injured skiers in the OEC portion and it's always a riot. Plus a 3 day free pass is fun too. Let me know early if you think you might like to "witness" and help. I'll try to arrange it. Please feel free to call me (607-587-8229) or any of the Certified Patrollers in our region if you want to discuss any aspect of the program.

As in the past I'd like to use this article to remind you of the excellent sources of information about the Certified program that exist on the NSP Eastern Division Web page. The Certified Web Page is found at <http://www.nspeat.org/html/certified.htm>. I wish I had an information source as comprehensive as this when I joined. Everything you might want to learn about the program is defined. The Program Guide located at - <http://www.nspeat.org/html/certguide.htm> is particularly excellent for completely detailing each step in the Certification program. Makes interesting reading even if you are only "wondering".

If you want to attend a great clinic and meet some of the great people in the program at the same time I highly recommend the Patroller School & Intro to Certified program which is scheduled for January 21/22 at Ski Windham, NY. Contact Gordie Bell at 717-637-7216, ggbell505@earthlink.net to register. A number of us are planning to go and it's always fun. The atmosphere is relaxed and the learning opportunities are great. Note that the Intro to Certified clinic is actually separate from the Patroller School. This is great Senior training too.

Have a great and safe season

John Lawson

Awards

As the snow starts to fall and we start to think about another skiing season I would like to take this opportunity to suggest everyone think about who you believe deserves special recognition for their contributions to the Ski Patrol. The people who volunteer their time to support region activities need to be recognized and thanked for their contributions. The Genesee Valley Awards Committee is there to help get these deserving people recognized. Awards are given in one of two broad categories. The first category is for long-term outstanding service. The second category is a one-time act that deserves recognition. It is we, the people who work with them each day, who observe the activities of our fellow patrollers that need to bring the names forward. Please see either your awards committee person (names follow) or me to begin the process of getting an award for someone you feel is deserving of recognition.

I want to thank the people who were on the awards committee last year. They are:

Melissa Doyle – Bristol
Myron Crispino, Andrea Marino – Swain
Bonnie Andre, Rick Wambach – Hunt Hollow
Pete Peterson – Brantling
Gina Wyffles – Nordic
Therese Costich-Sicker – Powdermill

I wish to extend special thanks to Melissa Doyle, from Bristol, and Rick Wambach, from Hunt Hollow, for their support. Melissa and Rick are stepping down from the committee this year. Rick Micoli and Kris Vasilaiuskas will be the new representatives from Bristol and John Topping the new representative from Hunt Hollow. These people have e-mail and phone numbers on the Region web page. Please contact them or me with your award candidate's names.

Last year was very successful for the Genesee Valley Region. The Region gave out 36 awards and was successful in obtaining 9 awards from National.

The region award winners are:

Patroller of the year –
Marcia Wait
Instructor of the year –
Peter Mietus
Doyle Awards –
Diane Libby
John Hynd
Williams Award –
Henry Williams

NEWS FROM THE PATROLS:

HUNT HOLLOW

The Hunt Hollow Patrol held their refresher on October 2nd on a most beautiful day so all of the activities could be held outside. In addition to 1st aid we recertified our CPR, it is so nice to be able to get that done with! This year we are having our night evacuation on January 29th so we did not practice any additional chairlift skills. Thank you to Sue Navarra for running the refresher and to Peter Mietus for organizing as our new OEC APD. Also thank you to Pat Starke for helping out with the CPR.

We had some of our long time patrollers retire and therefore have some new faces on our board of directors. John Long is our new APD in charge of the patrol building. He also is our evacuation advisor. Peter Mietus as mentioned is the new OEC APD. Rob Bilhorn is the secretary for the board and Greg Cox is the new board member at large, voted in at last year's banquet. Mark Tornatore has taken over the job of running our fundraiser.

Hunt Hollow ski club is expanding the lodge by adding about 1500 square feet of basement for a new locker area. It is designed for a future 2nd and third floor similar to the South end of the lodge now. Hunt Hollow will also be finishing up the water system upgrade for the season. The new system is in and by the time the hill is open, it should be tested and ready for use.

With no candidates this year our patrol is really looking forward to opening day which should be around December 3rd.

Attached is a picture of our patrol at the Refresher.

John Topping, PR



Figure 1 - The Hunt Hollow Patrol

BRISTOL

Many patrollers have been busy since the end of last season planning the 2005/2006 season. Our instructors started us off with a very successful on-hill refresher with the theme of "Back to Basics". A special thanks goes to Bill Smith and Marykae Hoercher for planning the refresher. After the refresher we had our first social event

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of the season a catered chicken BBQ. Over 130 patrollers, alumni and family members attended the BBQ what a great time everyone had. Kudos goes out to Mary Turner and Elaine Pratt for successfully planning a wonderful event. We are looking forward to many social events this year.

We made several improvements to our base building including staining the building and deck, installing new doors, drains and light fixtures. We also moved our radios to a new location and changed the area for loading the bags. Thanks to Russ Perrin for leading the effort in the building improvements and to Bill Macumber for leading the staining crew.

We are welcoming 7 new candidates, 2 transfers and 3 new dual patrollers this year.

The mountain made a few changes but the most noticeable improvement to the trails is the widening of lower Meteor and the improvement to the snowmaking. As soon as the temperature drops we will be looking forward to 'blanketing the mountain' with snow.

Hope everyone has a great winter!

Cathy Bentzoni, PR

NORDIC

Nordic plans to further expand it's coverage at Harriet Hollister Spencer State Park this year; we will continue our weekend coverage at Mendon Ponds Park and Cumming Nature Center. We have 2 new recruits in OEC now, but we lost 2 patrollers, and our numbers are steady at 25 patrollers, including primary and secondary patrollers.

We will have a structure furnished by the State to serve as our Patrol Building at Harriet Hollister Spencer, and work parties are planned to make the building usable. We received a welcome gift of two cascade toboggans from Bristol Mountain this year which are much appreciated. Our on the Trail refresher is scheduled December 3rd, and we welcome visitors. We will again participate in Winterfest at Mendon Ponds Park this year. However, the Northeast Regional Snowshoe Races will be running in the Park that weekend. The date is January 21.

Tom (Dr. Advil) Adler, Nordic Patrol Representative

POWDER MILLS

Looking forward to another great upcoming season. It is hard to believe that we will be opening soon when it is 70° in the middle of November.

We completed the On – Hill on November 5th. It was a great day with members from Swain, Bristol, Hunt Hollow, and Nordic joining in for the OEC and CPR/AED refresher. I wish to thank all the visiting patrollers for sharing their

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experience. It made it a fun day and a great learning experience. I would also like to thank Chris Wendell, one of Powder Mills new CPR instructors, for getting all the equipment and leading the CPR/AED refresher in the afternoon. Our other new CPR instructors are Barb Collins, Kate Belaskas and Doug Bennett who assisted in the training.

Kate Belaskas is coordinating the calendar for us again this year and has it well underway. Watch for it to come out electronically shortly.

Upcoming events on the calendar are the set up on December 3rd and opening day is scheduled for December 10th assuming we have snow. In addition, Eric Leinberg will be coordinating our S&T refresher / sign-off this season. Watch for the date.

We would like to extend a welcome this year to our new patrollers: Mel Gleason is joining us as a dual patroller with Nordic and transferring patroller Jim Nickerson from Swain. We also wish our best to Glenn Becker and Linda Pazral who start dual patrolling with Bristol this year. In addition, we would like to recognize Bob McNamara who is retiring from the patrol after 17 years with Ski Valley and Powder Mills. Our thanks for all of your contributions to the patrol.

Doug Bennett, PR

BRANTLING

Unlike last year, when we were busy responding to owner **Fiffi Steinrotter's** opening of the new "West Bowl", the summer at Brantling was a quiet one. But the fall hasn't been. In addition to the usual region requirements; instructor refreshers, OEC refreshers and our own On-the-Hill get-together, the Brantling patrol has been involved a couple of work parties and the annual area Open House chicken BBQ fundraiser. This year the BBQ brought in over \$600.00 under the direction of **Kim Buell**, our chef and organizer. The weather cooperated nicely and the Brantling Ski Racing Association had a profitable day with their used equipment sale also.

On November 13 we held our On-the-Hill Refresher, joined by a number of visiting patrollers, as usual. Guess a number of folks from other areas, particularly Hunt Hollow, like to get out and see how a "small" area operates, especially when it involves a few trips up and down the hill on a four-wheeler. (You guys can have your lift evacs, we'll take ATV rides!)

Unfortunately, we have no new patrollers from the OEC candidate program, but joining the Brantling family this year are two transfers; **Jeff Simpson** from Bristol by way of Wisconsin and **Bill Bonczyk**, long-time Swain patroller. Congratulations go out to our two new OEC Instructors; **Dawn Wright** and PD **Marsha Wait**. As I sit at my keyboard (November 22) there are flurries swirling outside and forecasts of heavy lake effect snow for Thanksgiving

weekend. Did we get it? Will we open before December 1? Stay tuned...and have a great season!

Pete Peterson,
Newsletter Editor

SWAIN

For the first time in 53 years, Swain is operating without Harry Stoneham actively patrolling, as he decided to retire this summer after hip replacement surgery curtailed his toboggan handling activities. Fortunately, he has become an NSP Alumni member and will ski with us in this and many future winters, so we will benefit from his continuing friendship, sage advice, natural wisdom, and many years of experience.

Harry was a ski patroller from 1952 to 2005 and served the National Ski Patrol with distinction in a number of important capacities. His patrol career began at Burby Hollow and then moved to Swain where he received National Number 2700 in 1961. His history of accomplishments qualified him for the National Ski Patrol Distinguished Service Award in 1992 on the basis of his years of dedicated service and significant leadership to the National Ski Patrol as a Patroller, Patrol Director, Senior Patroller, and National Patroller.

Harry's greatest contribution over the years was in the area of administration. From 1959 to 1961 he served as secretary of the Swain Ski Patrol and for 8 years from 1961 to 1969 he served as Patrol Director. In later years, he also served on the awards committee, the membership committee, and as alumni director and candidate advisor. In addition to patrol administration, Harry served the skiing public in a number of administrative capacities in other skiing associations. He served the Eastern Division of the U.S. Ski Association as a member of the Board of Directors from 1963 to 1985, as Director of Alpine Competition from 1976 to 1982, as Treasurer from 1969 to 1971, as Vice President from 1971 to 1973, and as President from 1980 to 1982. He has also been a trustee of the Eastern Amateur Ski Educational Foundation since 1969 and has served as their Treasurer since 1982. Clearly, he has made significant administrative contributions to both the ski patrol and to the skiing public that we serve.

Although Harry patrolled for 53 years, longevity never tempted him to relax his contributions to ski patrolling or the skiing public. With his long list of accomplishments, he always set the example for younger patrollers and contributed way above the average hours per season of direct patrol duty, continued as a participant on committees, and worked closely with new patrol candidates during the training season. He was always there when the candidates needed an experienced patroller to look up to for guidance and assurance as they faced the difficult tasks of OEC and S&T training. For years he was a model to all patrol candidates who were

privileged to be advised by him. Despite his stature, longevity, and high standards of achievement, Harry was always a patient and graceful gentleman in dealing with new candidates to help them build their confidence. In recognition of his contribution to candidate training the Swain Ski Patrol has honored him by naming the "Candidate of the Year Award" after him as the "Harry Stoneham Award."



Figure 2 - Harry Stoneham (L) presents Eric Washburn the Harry Stoneham Award as Swain's Candidate of the year for 2004-2005.

In addition to his service with candidates, Harry distinguished himself as Alumni Advisor both at Swain and in the Genesee Valley Region. He set about organizing an Alumni day for the region many years ago, inviting Alumni from all over, including many who had moved far away, and arranging a day of complimentary skiing, a buffet luncheon, and a nostalgic ceremony with an official photographer on hand. Many Alumni attended that first event and it has been a continuing success in the region ever since.

According to the National Ski Patroller's Manual, the "Distinguished Service Award is designed to be awarded to patrollers who have performed extraordinary service to the National Ski Patrol and the skiing public over a long period of time, distinguished by exceptional devotion to duty and outstanding performance." Harry Stoneham certainly fulfilled this designation in his 53 years of patrolling and has always exemplified this description in his commitment of time, effort, and dedicated service to the National Ski Patrol and to the skiing public.

Nick Schiavetti
Newsletter Editor

Calendar

As of 11/20/05

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
DECEMBER						
MTR	MTR Level 2 Classroom session 1	Thursday, December 1	6:00 PM	Genesee Waterways Center, 149 Elmwood Ave.	Nick Schiavetti redhill3@rochester.rr.com	Registration Form Registration closes November 9.
Nordic Patrollers	Nordic On-trail Refresher	Saturday, December 3	8:00 AM	Mendon Ponds Park, Cavalry Lodge	Tom Adler 585-787-1441 tomadler@frontiernet.net	
Bristol Patrollers	Blackout Lift Evacuation Drill	Sunday, December 4		Bristol	Cathy Bentzoni 585-738-5350 catherine.bentzoni@co.ontario.ny.us	
Awards	Awards Committee Meeting	Monday, December 5	7:00 PM	TBA	John Lawson 585-248-5093 jlawson@rochester.rr.com	
S&T	Region S&T Staff On-hill Refresher	Saturday, December 17	9:00 AM	Bristol	John Topping 585-385-5706 jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com	
Awards	Awards Committee Meeting	Monday, December 19	7:00 PM	TBA	John Lawson 585-248-5093 jlawson@rochester.rr.com	
JANUARY						
MTR	MTR Level 2 Classroom session 2	Thursday, January 5	6:00 PM	Genesee Waterways Center, 149 Elmwood Ave.	Nick Schiavetti redhill3@rochester.rr.com	
Region Officers	Region Breakfast Meeting	Sunday, January 8	8:30 AM	Hunt Hollow	Mike Lord Cell: 607-765-1670 mglord@aol.com	
MTR	MTR Level 2 Field Exercise	Fri. - Sun., January 13 - 15		Arcade	Skip Millor smillor@yahoo.com	
EMM	EMM Clinics Begin (See EMM Page)	Sunday, January 15	1:00 PM	Hunt Hollow	Bob Andre' 585-924-7215 ehf1@direcway.com	Contact Bob Andre' prior to January 1 if interested.

OEC	OEC Region Enhancement Seminar	Sunday, January 22		TBD	Mike Long 585-657-4582 mikelong@rochester.rr.com or Bob Andre 585-924-7215 ehfl@direcway.com	
S&T	S&T T/E Recert. Clinic	Sat. & Sun., January 28, 29		Greek Peak		
Hunt Hollow Patrollers	Hunt Hollow Patrol Meeting & Night Evac.	Sunday, January 29		Hunt Hollow	John Topping 585-385-5706 jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com	
	FEBRUARY					
S&T	Ski Trainers' Workshop	Saturday, February 4	9:00 AM	Hunt Hollow	John Topping 585-385-5706 jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com	
S&T	S&T T/E Recert. Clinic	Sat. & Sun., February 11, 12		Smuggler's Notch		
EMM	Senior EMM Final Evaluation	Saturday, February 18	7:30 AM	Brantling	Bob Andre' 585-924-7215 ehfl@direcway.com	
S&T	Skier Enhancement Seminar	Sunday, February 19	9:00 AM	Bristol	John Topping 585-385-5706 jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com	
S&T	S&T Seminar for Men by Women	Saturday, February 25	9:00 AM	Hunt Hollow	John Topping 585-385-5706 jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com	
	MARCH					
S&T	Senior S&T Final Evaluation (2-day)	Sat. & Sun., March 4 & 5	8:00 AM	Hunt Hollow Sat.; Bristol Sun.	John Topping 585-385-5706 jtoppin1@rochester.rr.com	
	MAY					
Instructor Development	Instructor Development Course	Mon. & Wed., May 1 & 3, 2006	6:30 - 10:30 PM	Bristol Mountain	Nick Schiavetti H: 585-243-5079 redhill3@rochester.rr.com	

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