



John Lawson

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As I sit here thinking of the upcoming season I realize how fortunate we are. We have had good snowmaking weather and the downhill areas are open. In addition, the Nordic patrol had their on-trail refresher with natural snow. The GVR-NSP upcoming programs are all well planned out, and the programs completed so far went very well. Now if Mother Nature continues to accommodate us, we will have a very good year.

I personally have had a good start to the season. I have been able to attend most of the region on-hill refreshers and have had the opportunity to see old friends. Many of these people are my friends because I met them at region events. It is with this in mind that I encourage you to get involved in the programs the Region has to offer. A lot of effort by our very capable Region Advisors will provide many excellent opportunities to improve your patrolling skills. Whether you are going for your Senior or just trying to further develop your skills these classes are for your own personal development. As patrollers, we have a lot of time invested in maintaining our general skill level. I view this as paying our dues to be a patroller. The programs offered above the minimum patroller requirements are for your own development and fun. Some of these programs, such as the Skier Enhancement Program, are almost impossible to get outside of the Ski Patrol system. So before you recycle this, or line the birdcage with it, make sure you check out the articles on the programs offered. There just might be something there for you. If there is, sign up early, sometimes space is limited – don't be left out.

Another group of people who are off to a great start to their season is the candidates who just completed the OEC class. We had a 100% pass rate, and as an evaluator, I can assure you they will be a great addition to their home areas. Kudos to all involved. I have heard very good feedback on the candidate's skill level from the areas that have started to work with them. In addition, I have also received feedback on the class from the candidates on how good it went. So congratulations to the candidates and thanks to Chris Stiegler and Mike Lord and all the instructors involved. A very successful program the entire region can be proud of!!

Included in this letter is an article from Henry Williams on legal matters. Henry has written a release form and included it in his article. This release is an example of what is needed when we run a region program. Please review it.

I know in a volunteer (and I believe tight-knit) organization it may seem a bit legalistic. It is what the national organization is requesting we do. It is unfortunate our society has become so litigious (can you spell Florida?) but it is a fact of life. I believe "good fences make good neighbors", so having a form is wise. Nuff said.

Before I ramble on forever, let me close out with some random thoughts. Things to check out: 1) The article on region clothing. We have tried to be responsive to patroller inputs. 2) The Web page. Bill has continued to do an exemplary job on documenting our events as well and keep the calendar as current as humanly possible. 3) Article on Awards – time is an issue here.

We're off to a great start. Thanks to all who have contributed to making this happen. It is appreciated. Happy Holidays to all!

GVR Apparel

John Lawson

As announced at the fall refreshers the region is making clothing with the GVR logo available this year. We have decided to make a change in the logo to include both the snowboard and Nordic patrollers in addition to the alpine skier. A preliminary drawing of the new logo follows:



In response to the significant demonstration for variety of clothing expressed at the regional OEC refreshers we are offering a wide choice of items. They are: sweatshirts (\$24), polo shirts (\$24), and hats (\$10 low profile) in black and red. In addition, we have a black fleece vest (\$35) and a fleece pullover (\$48) in red, black, or gray. Orders are being taken on a patrol basis. Each patrol has an individual responsible for taking and tabulating that patrol's orders. The orders have to be in to the Region by Jan 21. Please see your patrol GVR Clothing Rep (nice title) and let them know what you want. They will be collecting money at the time the order is taken.

REGIONAL ADVISORS:

Henry Williams **Legal**

On The Legal Front -

The busiest "legal" day of this job is the fall refresher: a reminder of a ski season soon to be. This year, the questions were about releases for Patrol events, a phenomenon generated by the *Kane* case and other liability situations.

I have attached a release prepared for the Nordic Patrol. It will protect them from liability if some participant makes a claim. If your Patrol needs a release for a planned event, try your hand at preparing your own release, and send me a copy by e-mail (henry_williams@msn.com) for final approval.

Have a great ski season.

General Release

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the Basic Mountaineering / Avalanche course starting Monday, November 13, 2000, and the Over-Night held in Webster Park on Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10, 2000, and with full knowledge of all of the risks involved in such an exercise and the hazards to which I personally may be exposed, I, hereby, release and agree to hold harmless the Nordic Patrol of the Genesee Valley Region, National Ski Patrol, (the "Patrol") and its members, collectively and individually, from any injury, death, property damage or any other injury to personal property. I understand that this release prevents me from bringing an action against any or all of the released parties, and that I may be asked to contribute to the defense of the released parties if my negligence or conduct causes injury or harm to a third party resulting in a claim to the released parties.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Signed on the ____ day of November, 2000 before me.

Witness: _____

Sheila Fovel **Alumni**

ALUMNI SKI OUTING -

All Alumni, please join us for the Alumni Ski Outing, which will be held Wednesday, February 14, 2001 at Hunt Hollow. Last year we had over 20 alumni, and it was a great day. A letter with all the information and a flier will be mailed to alumni soon. If you have any questions, please call Sheila Fovel at 266-7389. See you on the 14th. Let's see if we can top the number of alumni that we had last year.

Joe Menichino **Awards**

This year's award program has a new advisor and a new team as follows:

Chairman- Joe Menichino 607-587-8229

menichino@infoblvd.net

Bristol- Win Beers 716-442-2418

winb@eznet.net

Brantling- Pete Peterson 716-671-3882

mjandp@aol.com

Hunt Hollow- Bonnie Hindman 716-461-0193

bhindman@racf.org

Nordic- Skip Millor 716-381-0572

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Northampton- Anthony Simoni 716-234-9792

Powder Mills- Glen Becker 716-924-5113

glenn.becker@usa.xerox.com

Swain- Dave Hanning 716-544-4437

The goal of the program remains unchanged from previous seasons- we hope to acquire as many well deserved awards as we possibly can at both the National and Region levels. This cannot be done without your help and support. Knowledge of the need to honor one of our peers lies most prevalently within the rank and file of our membership. These details need to be pushed upward from you to your local Awards Advisor then on the Region committee. Don't wait for those that administer our system to start the process. Make sure it happens by getting involved- early.

Bill Gamble, our web page expert, has supplied us with all the tools we need to identify the requirements for awards this year. The new Genesee Valley Awards web page (www.nspgvr.org) includes a write up that identifies all available awards, their purpose, and timing for consideration in this year's program. It also includes all required forms and a copy of the National Awards Program guide. If you are wondering about Merit stars, Meritorious Service or National appointments- the information is all there.

The Region deadline for National level award submissions is 1/31/01. This includes National Appointments, Merit Stars, etc. These awards take time to compile so we need an early start. Much detail and patience is required to successfully complete a National level award so please be ready for the long haul.

The deadline for Region Level awards, including Outstanding Patroller of the year, Outstanding Instructor of the year and Region Distinguished Service is 3/1/01. With all the hardworking patrollers and instructors on our teams, anything less than 100 nominations will be disappointing. These nominations need to start with you.

Feel free to contact me or your local advisor if you have questions or can't access the web material. I look forward to working with you.

Joe Menichino

Certified

The snows been great so far and my new skis are so easy to ride its amazing. I can't help but wish these boards had been under me a few years ago when I was working through the Certified test cycle. The shorter lengths we ride now are super in the bumps and the smooth, round turn arcs are so easy to produce. But don't be misled- one reason my skis are riding easy is because I tune them and I know they are ready.

Knowing your equipment is right is one aspect of our preparation that we have full control over. Wax, binding checks, and most important sharpening are critical to success on hard snow and difficult terrain. As candidates for basic, senior and certified, we wait nearly an entire year to prove our stuff in clinics and in the test course. Have your gear ready so at least that element can be at rest in your mind. I know from experience what a hassle weak equipment can be. During my Certified Pretest at Jay Peak my Marker MMR heel fell apart on the lift line between runs. I was doing pretty well up until then. Dave Young, the Certified S&T advisor at the time saved my butt by stopping to show me how to tape the bits back together. Not a long term fix but just enough to finish the day successfully and avoid ruining a long trip to Jay (the test would not have waited for me). Spend the time or money to have your equipment right as you work through your clinics and tests this season.

This year's Certified Program is very similar to last year's. The schedule is:

Intro to Certified: Ski Windham- 1/20-21, Gordie Bell 717-637-7216

Certified Pre-course Test- Ski Windham- 1/27, Ted Davis 518-743-4300

2nd Certified Pre-course Test- TBD , Ted Davis 518-743-4300

Certified Test and Annual Meeting, Sugarbush 3/23-24, Steve Barnes 603-433-9556

If you are interested in the program, I recommend attending the Intro school in January. Its fun, low key and actually has you participate in the various requirements. This is about the only "clinic" the program offers. Another great way to learn about the program is to visit the March test as a guest. You can work as an injured skier to help out and audit the requirements at the same time. This year at Sugarbush in March should be fabulous. Let me know if you are interested so I can help make the arrangements. Committed Certified candidates should have their application and letters of recommendation in process right now. Let me know if you need help.

Please call me at 607-587-8229 if you have any questions or would like a copy of the excellent new Certified program guide.

Alan Efron

S&T

ADDITIONS / CHANGES SINCE LAST VALLEY VIEWS:

- The indoor Phase 2 S&T session changed from Thursday, 1/4/01 to Tuesday, 1/2/01 at Hunt Hollow
- Advanced Board Seminar moved to Sunday, 2/4/01 from Saturday, 2/3/01
- Skier Enhancement Seminar dates set: Saturday and Sunday, 2/10-11/01 at Swain

Date / location for Toboggan Enhancement Seminar not set yet – but will be shortly!!!

The 2000 – 2001 S&T program schedule is nearly finalized and here it is:

- **Phase 2 S&T Program:** designed for anyone who is interested in becoming a local S&T trainer but also good for those interested in beefing up their S&T training skills or anyone who simply needs a Senior elective. The program will be held at Hunt Hollow, Tuesday evening January 4, 2001 (7:00 – 10:00 P.M.) and Saturday January 6, 2001 (9:00 – 5:00 PM). Price -- free.
- **Basic and Advanced Board Enhancement Seminars:** these are Region-designed, one-day clinics focused on improving your overall board skills. These clinics will not be held unless there are a minimum of 5 participants. To ensure the program provides individualized instruction, a maximum of 10 participants will be allowed in each clinic.
- The **Basic** BES is intended for patrollers already developing their board skills. One half of the day will be training provided by a SIA Instructor focused on your basic riding techniques, just as a PSIA would lead a ski ability clinic for skiing patrollers. The other half of the day will be a led by one of our Region or Division board instructors focused on developing your patroller skills. The clinic will be held Saturday, January 6 at Swain from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Price \$15.
- The **Advanced** BES clinic is just that. A one-day clinic half targeted at improving your board technique and half at patrol skills, but for more advanced boarders. To participate in the Advanced **BES you must already be approved to patrol** on a board at your home area. The clinic will be held Sunday, February 4 at Swain from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Price \$15.
- **Skier Enhancement Seminar:** This is a 2-Day clinic focused solely on your skiing skills. An Eastern Division PSIA level 3 or 4 instructor will work with a maximum of 15 patrollers for 2 days. If you have had any trouble with the Senior S&T program because of your ski skills or if you simply want to look better on the slopes, this clinic is for you. The clinic will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11 at Swain

from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The cost for the entire two days is \$75 – a real bargain!

- **Toboggan Enhancement Seminar:** This year we will be offering a one-day toboggan seminar to help you develop your toboggan handling skills. There will be a high ratio of trainers and sleds to participants to ensure you get focused training. Any level of patroller is welcomed and you will be grouped accordingly. The date, location and cost of this clinic are yet to be determined.
- **Senior Program:** This year's 2-Day Senior Clinic / Evaluation this season will be on Saturday and Sunday March 3 and 4 at Bristol Mountain from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The 2-Day will be preceded by a variety of optional patroller skill clinics to enable you to prepare. An optional PSIA clinic will also be offered. This is a great program for improving your skiing, riding, patroller and toboggan skills through a series of fun, light clinics. Even if you don't want to take the time to become a Senior the learning opportunity is great!! The schedule of clinics is available at the Region web site. The program will be offered for free!! If you are planning to take both the Senior OEC and Skiing this season, please contact Alan Efron (see below) as the final evaluations are planned for the same weekend. We have determined how we will support your desire to complete both sections in one season but we need to work with you on the dates.

Please go to the Region Web Page - <http://www.nspgvr.org> - for the up-to-date schedule, cost and sign-up information for any of these clinics or contact Alan Efron directly at (716) 924-1688 or E-mail Alan at: are1227@aol.com.

Mike Lord **OEC**

Winter OEC news

As the season enters full swing and we all have completed the yearly refresher cycle let me take a moment to say thanks to all of the region for your hard work and attention making my job as easy as it could be. Thanks to all the OEC Instructors for your hard work at making the refreshers fun and educational. With out all of you our region would not be ready for the coming season. A huge thanks goes to the instructor/trainers that help me plan and pull off all the first aid work for our region. Without them I would probably be in a psyche ward somewhere. John Lawson, Nick Schiavetti, Andy Crukshank, Kris Vasilauskis, Ben Emerson, Bob Finger, Joe Menichino, and the new folks, Leslie Kelly, Sue Navarra, Ginny Illi, John McManus and Mike Long. These are the people that help me make all our OEC in the region happen. When you see them please give them a big thanks from all of us.

The Candidate class is finished and once again we sent all of the candidates on to their hill fully OEC qualified. All

nineteen did an outstanding job and are some of the best folks we've seen come into our region. Welcome them and help them have a great year as they train at their hills to complete the requirements as patrollers. A special thanks goes to Chris Stiegler for again coordinating a great class. His strength at scheduling the material, lining up instructors and seeing the course runs smoothly shows in the strength of the candidates and the attitude they take with them from the course. All of you instructors, who taught the classes, Thanks for your time and effort. You contribute your knowledge and enthusiasm that is priceless. Without all of you the class would not be what it was.

Finally, I would like to welcome ten new instructors to the OEC instructor ranks from our fall phase II class. Cathy Bentzoni, Matt Crispino, Mary Emmighausen, Dick Harding, Pat Fluharty, Marykae Hoercher, Joanne Taylor, Tom Wallin, Rick Walzer, and Mark Whitford.

I hope all of you patrollers in the region have a great season and I'll be seeing you on the slopes.

Bob Finger **Senior OEC**
The region has quite an interest in Senior OEC this year! Names gathered at the region refreshers in Honeoye Falls totaled 21! While I'm sure not all will be able to carry out their desire to go through the program it is inspiring to know so many are interested in improving their first aid skills.

There are no real "rewards" for the status of Senior (other than a patch after completing the entire program) but the knowledge of self-improvement is something no one can ever take away. It's like a degree you work so hard for but really never have anything physical to prove it. A small patch on your jacket, a certificate on your wall..... and confidence in your abilities and the rewards of the Senior program.

I consider it an honor to be a part of the Senior OEC program. I look forward to working with the candidates this year having "a blast" out there working in the snow and cold. The details for this year are: Begin on: Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:00 PM at East Rochester Ambulance Corps. Final test is Sunday March 4th @ 7:30 AM. We will be using an abbreviated testing format to speed up the day and to make the best use of the dwindling number of T/E's in the region. Detailed information for those who signed up will be sent to them soon after the holidays.

Jim Mussnug **Avalanche**
Brian Schankat **Mountain Travel & Rescue**
Imagine walking snow-covered trails through a moonlit forest. In the distance people are moving around in a landscape littered with tents. The scent of venison and steak waft through the air and silhouettes of more people become visible at a large campfire. As you approach your tent you realize that you're glad you came. This was a first

time offering of a combined Basic Avalanche and Mountaineering program for the Genesee Valley Region. Overall 15 students and 13 instructors participated. Seven of which were Instructor candidates.

This year's format included a one-evening session, and a weekend session held December 9 and 10. Indoor lessons mixed with activities and demonstrations culminated with a Saturday evening campout. A moonlit orienteering exercise was a success - no lost members! Temperatures of 20 degrees, which may have been the low, were hardly noticed due to all the good food and camaraderie. Sunday morning teams rotated between lost person search exercises and avalanche rescue beacon and probe line exercises. Feedback during the wrap up session was very helpful in laying the chart for the Region's next course offering. Group consensus recommended adding an additional evening and increasing the outdoor time on the weekend. All in all we had an intensive, action-filled learning experience in a relatively short-time event, with participants completing two senior electives!

Be sure to check out the Region's website for pictures. Bill Gamble was present throughout Saturday and we all appreciate his work to capture what will undoubtedly become great memories. Look forward to continuing Avalanche and Mountain Travel and Rescue Programs brought to you from the Region - and plan to participate and have fun with your fellow patrollers!

Bill Gamble Member Communications

I want to thank all the patrols and region staff who welcomed me warmly at their refreshers and classes throughout the fall. The resulting photo coverage of the various events can be seen on the Region web site at <http://www.nspgvr.org>. I intend to continue to provide photo coverage of as many region events as the event schedule and my schedule allow, from now to the end of the season.

The web site also has three new sections, providing information about legal matters, awards, and miscellaneous forms. Many of the other sections have been updated as well; the calendar, especially, is always subject to revision. I recommend that all of you with web access check the home page regularly for new revision dates on the various sections.

So far, about 150 of you have signed up for electronic access to this newsletter, in lieu of paper mail. This represents a significant savings to the Region, and I want to thank all of you who have done so. We would always be happy to have more, so if any more of you are willing to access the newsletter on the web site instead of receiving it in the mail, send me an e-mail with that request, and I will be glad to update your status. My address is wgamble.me65@gtalumni.org.

This newsletter is currently being mailed to both active patrollers and registered Alumni, plus former patrollers who are not registered Alumni. To further reduce costs, we plan to stop sending it to non-registered former patrollers after this issue. Those people will still be able to access it on the web site.

NEWS FROM THE PATROLS:

BRISTOL

Greetings from Bristol Mountain

At the OEC Regional test at Swain on November 18th, all candidates successfully completed the practical exam. Bristol now has seven rather boisterous candidates that will be joining us. Congratulations to Bob Hagen, Keith Peter, Chris Frank, Chris Manville, Bob Podgorski, Steve Vail and Jeff Minter. (Just ask them about their party after the test). The transfers' OEC test was on Sunday, November 19th at Bristol. All three transfers, Scott Rassmussen, Rick Walzer and Mike Sheehan showed us their excellent skills. Welcome to Bristol, both candidates and transfers!

We opened for skiing on November 24 on one trail, Rocket Run. It was a busy day with a large crowd. (Nothing like having to take a loaded toboggan down the mountain on the second run of the season! It was a real slow ride for our patient while the head person (me) tried to get the ski legs back.)

The mountain has completed the load test on the old triple (now the "new" North Chair) and has put chairs on the new Morning Star lift. All trails in the new pod area have been named and even some old ones near Southern Cross have been renamed. One of our challenges will be to correctly name the slopes when we need a patroller's assistance. The trail maps will be well used for the beginning of the season.

Our Blackout Evacuation drill occurred on Sunday, December 03. It was a cold night and we evacuated the Sunset chair with help from our Courtesy Staff and new candidates. The exercise ran smoothly and all participants are now re-certified in case of a real emergency.

We're all ready for the new season and are anticipating the opening of new trails later on in the month. Bring on the cold and snow. We're ready!

Melissa Doyle, PR

NORDIC

The Genesee Valley Nordic Ski Patrol:

No perks, little rest, no sitting down on the job, and pay to belong. It's just you, your (part time) radio, and nature at it's best all around you. Why do we do this?

Me: I love the peace and tranquility out there among the winterscape, the silence of the snow, the crisp air. I need the exercise to stay healthy without the risks of serious injuries at my age. But I do this because I recognize the deception that hides out there in that beauty, the tranquility that can suddenly turn on anyone not prepared.

"Nordics" qualify through OEC and CPR, and train to improve our skiing, and practice building toboggans with the equipment available on the trail, then towing them to safety through all terrain. Nordics are prepared to survive if suddenly caught in a blinding snowstorm, or prevent further injuries to a skier down in the cold, in despair, or disoriented. Nordics have, on the very surface of our conscience, the many scenarios of searching for lost skiers or family, drawn into the fascinating beauty of the near wilderness.

The Nordic Patroller is primarily a preventive care giver. Most shifts are 6 hours long, and consist of 5 ½ hours of continuous skiing. We cover large parts of near wilderness areas with a keen eye towards the potential for problems. Identifying skiers who are about to experience some form of difficulty, and advising them diplomatically to make their experience more enjoyable, is the most valuable skill learned over the years. This often includes tips on skiing techniques and how to properly hold a ski pole, handing out hand-warmers, or teaching someone how to control their body temperature using their hat. Nordics distribute many maps and often show people how to read them. Keeping an eye on the changing weather allows us to warn people of impending storms, cold fronts, or approaching rain, our worst enemy.

The camaraderie on the trails, the spirit of collectively providing a network of concerned skiers to keep an eye on the public's ability to enjoy their sport, being in a position to help, to care, and reap the benefits of sharing, experiencing, and learning is why I do this.

And this month, five more caring, fun-loving, "show-me-the-trail" candidates passed their OEC to join the existing patrol of 17: Tom Spence, Nancy O'Connor, Eric Miller, Gina Wyffels, and Bruce Herendeen. Congratulations and thank you!

If you'd like to try your cross-country skills, or just have a look around at Cumming Nature Center (10:00AM, and they rent skis) or Mendon Ponds Park (10:30AM at the Park Office), join us on any snowy Saturday or Sunday. Bring your lunch, your family, but not the dog. You don't need to sign on or ski in uniform, but you are welcome to do so.

Holger Stave, PR

HUNT HOLLOW

This has been a very busy summer and fall for the Hunt Hollow patrol. In addition to the usual and many refreshers, equipment upgrades, etc., quite a lot else was accomplished. Thanks go to the folks who updated and printed our Patroller's Manual and Lift Evacuation Training Guide, as this should be quite helpful to our newer patrollers and recent transfers. Thanks also go to Jeff Baker for coordinating and executing an excellent and fun Region Lift Evac Clinic, proving once again that there are a lot of good skills and ideas out there and cross-pollination is well worthwhile. Our appreciation again goes to the Region OEC staff for organizing and running an excellent candidate OEC course; both of the Hunt Hollow candidates passed successfully, so "welcome aboard" to John Athans and Will Hitchcock. And lastly, a special thanks to all of our patrollers who contributed their time, skill, and effort to the thousands of individual tasks that are required to keep the patrol going and successful!

We also found time (barely before the weather turned!) to operate shovels and swing hammers and build a deck around the hill side of our patrol building. It turned out quite well. The funding for this was generously provided by a group of retired Hunt patrollers, and we thank them greatly!

After a hiatus of several years, the area has requested that the patrol again have the capability of chairlift self-evacuation. This is a completely optional skill for our patrollers and can be done only after attending a special training class; at this point we have about a dozen patrollers and several area staff employees so trained and properly equipped. Additionally, the Hunt Hollow Ski Instructors have requested that we teach them some basic first aid skills, so we are planning to conduct a class in NSP's Outdoor First Care for them soon after the first of the year.

The Hunt Hollow area has reconsidered and decided to again proceed with a major snowmaking expansion, but on a longer and more affordable timeline. Completion of this should allow a much faster opening and more trails covered sooner. The patrol expects to be able contribute labor and skills to this project.

With the help of Bill Gamble, our patrol is now fully "web-enabled" with our own patrol web page and a bulletin board system on the Hunt Hollow web site. This is proving invaluable in getting "instant info" to our patrol, and we'll even take a stab at trying to keep up with scheduling changes on this by re-posting the updated schedule frequently.

At this point we are ready for the season; hopefully it will be every bit as good as last but will stick around for a while longer!

Dick Hitchcock, PR

SWAIN

Swain officially opened for skiing on November 26th, and with Mother Nature cooperating for a change night skiing is on schedule to begin December 11th. The area is shaping up nicely for the upcoming season with many projects completed and new management positions announced.

Please welcome Jim Nickerson to Swain as the new Risk Manager and congratulations to Jon Gorton on being appointed the General Manager. Both men are very excited about their new roles at Swain and look forward to the challenges ahead. By the way, both are patrollers!!!

Twelve new backboards have been put into service recently, thanks to Chris Feurstein, whom completed this project as part of his Eagle Scout requirement. Chris's dad Jim is also a Swain patroller. The new backboards will compliment the new sled house that was recently installed at the top of Wheel's Run. Thank you Chris, and good luck on your journey in Scouting.

Congratulations to the following patrollers who were presented with awards at the fall refresher:

Herb Lehman Award (Swain Instructor of the

Year)

Presented to: Jim Hopkins

Region Appreciation Certificate

Presented to: Joe Menichino

National Appointment Number #9230

Presented to: Mike Lord

The following patrollers completed their Phase II Development to become OEC instructors for Swain. This brings the following number to 31 certified instructors. The newest additions are: Matt Crispino, Mary Emmighausen, Joanne Taylor, Tom Wallin and Mark Whitford.

Please welcome the following candidates to Swain who have successfully completed the OEC practical in November: Damon Flick, Ron Honan, Eric Scott, Andrea Shelley and Tim Scanlon. Andrea Shelley was recognized as the Outstanding Candidate of the Region Class of 2001. Also, Bill Schmidtmann will be transferring to Swain from Ski Valley. Congratulations to each and every one of you and we look forward to you working with the Swain patrollers.

Mark Whitford, Secretary

BRANTLING

The Brantling Ski Patrol helped launch the newly expanded Brantling base lodge on November 5, 2000. That Sunday was the date of the annual area Open House, Brantling Ski Racing Association Used Equipment Sale and Ski Patrol

chicken barbeque. The event drew the usual large crowd, and the patrol netted nearly \$400.00 from the BBQ. A big thank you to chef/APD Kim Buell and the numerous "Big B" patrollers who helped with our biggest fund-raiser of the season.

The lodge expansion, which took most of the summer and featured lifting the roof off of the rental shop/patrol room, constructing a new second floor lounge area and race timing room, and replacing the roof over this space, more than doubled the upstairs space in the lodge. This expansion will be especially valuable during the many races that stretched Brantling's space to the limit in past years.

It was immediately beneficial on Saturday, November 11, when the patrol held their annual On-the-Hill Refresher. The refresher drew not only the full complement of Brantling patrollers, but also a large number of visiting NSP members, including past and present Region Directors Pamm Ferguson and John Lawson. PD/AR Steve Mitchell hosted the meeting and conducted the business portion of the session, which was followed by a "mini" MCI drill under the direction of ADP Kim Buell and a CPR refresher led by APD Martha Rich. A number of patrollers pitched in after the refreshers to virtually "rebuild" the patrol room, which was gutted during the expansion, and take care of other pre-season chores to ready the patrol for the upcoming season. Additions for 2001 include a new Cascade toboggan and two new sled bags, as well as an expanded inventory of medical supplies. Patrol membership, including a handful of welcome dual patrollers, is up to nearly 40 for the season.

Mother Nature and the Brantling snowmaking crew have gotten us off to a great start; we opened on Friday and Saturday, November 24 - 25, the earliest opening in at least 15 years, and after a short break, have been in continuous operation since Sunday, December 3. The outlook is very promising for a great season for Brantling and the Brantling Ski Patrol.

Pete Peterson

Calendar

As of 12/18/00

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>DISCIPLINE</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>CONTACT</u> |
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| Phase II S&T Course - Part 1/ Classroom | S&T Trainer Cands. | January 2 | 7:00 - 10:00 PM | Hunt Hollow | Joe Menichino H: 607-587-8229 menichino@infoblvd.net |
| Phase II S&T Course - Part 2/ On-hill | S&T Trainer Cands. | January 6 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Hunt Hollow | Joe Menichino H: 607-587-8229 menichino@infoblvd.net |
| Basic Board Clinic | Snowboard Patrollers | January 6 | 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM | Swain | John Bolonda H:716-229-4441 ringo@frontiernet.net |
| Senior S&T Clinic - short/med/long rad. turns | Senior S&T Candidates | January 11 | 7:00 - 9:30 PM | Hunt Hollow | Jeff Baker H:716-249-9369 jeffreybaker@msn.com |
| Senior S&T Clinic - snow plow/transition | Senior S&T Candidates | January 18 | 7:00 - 9:30 PM | Bristol | Jerry Sherman H: 716-367-3705 jshernsp@rochester.rr.com |
| Senior S&T Refresher Program | Seniors | January 20 | 9:30 AM - Noon | Swain | Tom Wallin H: 716-243-1834 twmoose@frontiernet.net |
| Region Breakfast Meeting | Region Officers | January 21 | 8:00 AM | Bristol - Sunset Loft | John Lawson H: 716-248-5093 JohnRLaw@aol.com |
| Senior OEC Clinics Begin | Senior OEC Candidates | January 23 | 7:00 PM (Tuesdays & Thursdays) | East Rochester Ambulance Base | Bob Finger H: 716-394-9392 bobfinger@juno.com |
| Senior S&T Clinic - sleds | Senior S&T Candidates | January 25 | 7:00 - 9:30 PM | Hunt Hollow | Gordy Benoit H: 716-924-9274 gbenoit@frontiernet.net |
| Senior S&T Clinic - PSIA ski skills | Senior S&T Candidates | January 27 | 9:30 AM - Noon | Swain | Joe Menichino H: 607-587-8229 menichino@infoblvd.net |
| Senior S&T Refresher Program | Seniors | January 27 | 9:30 AM - Noon | Hunt Hollow | John McManus H: 716-586-4109 mcgroh@rochester.rr.com |
| Outdoor Senior OEC Clinics Begin | Senior OEC Candidates | January 28 | TBA (Sundays) | Various outdoor locations | Bob Finger H: 716-394-9392 bobfinger@juno.com |
| Deadline for Nominations for National Awards | Award Advisors | January 31 - in Joe's hands! | N/A | N/A | Send forms to Joe Menichino, 5224 County Road 12, Andover, NY 14806 menichino@infoblvd.net |
| Senior S&T Clinic - sleds/ inside handles | Senior S&T Candidates | February 1 | 7:00 - 9:30 PM | Bristol | Jerry Sherman H: 716-367-3705 jshernsp@rochester.rr.com |
| Senior S&T Clinic - sleds | Senior S&T Candidates | February 3 | 9:30 AM - Noon | Swain | Alan Efron, H: 716-924-1688 alan1227@aol.com |
| Advanced Board Clinic | Snowboard Patrollers | February 4 | 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM | Swain | Scott Mundrick H:716-657-7238 scott.mundrick@kodak.com |
| Senior S&T Clinic - pre-clinic review #1 | Senior S&T Candidates | February 8 | 7:00 - 9:30 PM | Hunt Hollow | John Topping H: 716-385-5706 topps6@juno.com |

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| Skier Enhancement Seminar | Interested Patrollers | February 10 | 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM | Swain | Jim Nickerson H: 716-654-9821 |
| Skier Enhancement Seminar | Interested Patrollers | February 11 | 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM | Swain | Jim Nickerson H: 716-654-9821 |
| Genesee Valley Alumni Ski Day | All Genesee Valley Alumni | February 14 | 9:00 AM | Hunt Hollow | Sheila Fovel H: 716-266-7389 SFovel@nixonpeabody.com |
| Senior S&T Clinic - sleds/ outside handles | Senior S&T Candidates | February 15 | 7:00 - 9:30 PM | Bristol | Jim Nickerson H: 716-654-9821 |
| Senior S&T Clinic - sleds/ in the bumps | Senior S&T Candidates | February 17 | 9:30 AM - Noon | Swain | Joe Menichino H: 607-587-8229 menichino@infoblvd.net |
| Bristol OEC Practical Pre-test | Bristol Candidates | February 18 | 9:00 AM | Bristol | Bob Finger H: 716-394-9392 bobfinger@juno.com |
| Bristol OEC Practical Final Test | Bristol Candidates | February 24 | 9:00 AM - Noon | Bristol | Bob Finger H: 716-394-9392 bobfinger@juno.com |
| Bristol Candidate Party | Bristol Candidates | February 24 | PM | TBA | Bob Finger H: 716-394-9392 bobfinger@juno.com |
| Senior S&T Clinic - pre-clinic review #2 | Senior S&T Candidates | March 1 | 7:00 - 9:30 PM | Bristol | Alan Efron, H: 716-924-1688 alan1227@aol.com |
| Senior S&T Evaluation | Senior S&T Candidates | March 3 | 8:15 AM - 5:00 PM | Bristol | Alan Efron, H: 716-924-1688 alan1227@aol.com |
| Senior S&T Evaluation | Senior S&T Candidates | March 4 | 8:15 AM - 5:00 PM | Bristol | Alan Efron, H: 716-924-1688 alan1227@aol.com |
| Final Senior OEC Test | Senior OEC Candidates | March 4 | 7:30 AM | Brantling | Bob Finger H: 716-394-9392 bobfinger@juno.com |
| Region Meeting | Region Officers | March 8 | 7:30 PM | Bristol | John Lawson H: 716-248-5093 JohnRLaw@aol.com |
| Region Meeting | Region Officers | April 12 | 7:30 PM | Bristol | John Lawson H: 716-248-5093 JohnRLaw@aol.com |

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