

# Powder Lines

*Newsletter of the North Central Region*



National Ski Patrol



## Exciting Events Greet New Season

### Region Director's Report

The natural snowfall (and rain) so far this year has been less than exciting. The region, on the other hand, has a lot of exciting things going on.

Camp 10 is now open and has a new patrol. Gladstone Sports Park and Pine Mountain have been moved from Section 2 to Section 3, due to the location of these areas.

The Senior program has 23 candidates – outstanding, but a little overwhelming for the OEC and skiing/tobogganing evaluators. This is a good problem and I know the evaluators are all up to the challenge. They deserve special thanks for the time they commit to the program. The good participation level in the program will only serve to make our region stronger. Thanks to all participating.

The Central Division ski and toboggan training at Wild Mountain and Boyne Highlands was well attended by North Central patrollers. Ten patrollers attended the clinics and three patrollers were part of the instructional

teams. Please note the new name and format of the newsletter. Many thanks to Tim Zimmerman, the Powder Lines editor.

I am challenging all of the Section Chiefs and Patrol Reps to get more awards information to Carolyn DeJongh for the spring banquet. Every patrol has a lot of patrollers deserving of an award. Let's get your people the recognition that they deserve.

We are also seeking nominations for Section Chief in Sections II and IV. More information is on page seven.

Please take time to review all the articles in this edition of Powder Lines. It contains

registration and nomination forms that have deadlines. If you desire to participate in the Region's activities, take note of the information inside.

The spring banquet this year will be at The Waters in Minocqua, Wisconsin, April 23-25<sup>th</sup>. This is a beautiful luxury resort with an indoor water park.

If you've never been to a regional banquet, this one is for your whole family. It's an opportunity to meet other patrollers and have a great time. Make it a mini-vacation for you and your family – we have lots of activities planned, all at a very affordable price.

Get registered now! Look for more details and registration form on pages three and five in this issue. Send your registration in soon to beat the April 12 deadline. Thanks to Tom Ralph and the Section IV staff for their help.

We look forward to seeing you in Minocqua in April.



**David Dahl**  
Regional Director

### Regional Report Highlights

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Mick Medvecz  
Section One Chief

*“Hello to my fellow patrollers. I hope this newsletter finds you well and warm.”*

*Nominations for Section Two Chief Sought Nomination form on bottom of page 7*

## Section One Report by Mick Medvecz

Hello to all my fellow patrollers. I hope this newsletter finds you well and warm. As I sat down to write this the wind chill factor was 35 degrees below zero in Ironwood. That’s cold!

The Spring Banquet will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> at The Waters of Minocqua. This year it is Section One’s turn to host the banquet. After contacting all the hills I found no one was willing to take on the job. It is a big project.

“Congratulations to the Blackjack Patrol”, and Jason Weinkauff for recruiting all the new young blood the past two years. A “Big Welcome” to Dan Beil, Greg Grzesik, Matt Nehring, and

Joe Peacock are newest patrollers. New candidates are Lindsey Bennetts, Jodelle Bentley, Tim Dean, and Brian Thompson, good luck to all. They make up 10% of the current patrol. Interesting also is 6 of the 8 are sons, or daughters of current Blackjack Patrollers and one other is the wife. Good Job!

Earl Halverson at Powderhorn says he has everything under control. No problems there....all is well.

Steve Harris (new patrol representative) for Indianhead seems to be doing fine, he also says all is well, although as we all know why wouldn’t it be with Walt there holding down the fort. Keep up the

good work.

There have been many changes at Porcupine Mountain with the new management. Speaking with Tom Landree and Barbara Braithwaite, they both stated that Jerry Linn has been the backbone of the patrol, and the main person keeping the hill open. Thank you Jerry!

My hat goes off to the Mount Ashwabay Patrol. Jeff Skoraczewski Patrol Rep., told me Steve Pierce, Clifford Grand, Jim Bratley, John Mesko and other patrollers have done everything from making snow to grooming so that the hill could remain open. That is way beyond the call of duty. Thank You.

## Section Two Report by David Conger

With Fall refreshers all being completed, OEC classes finished, we’re now in the midst of what we all want most. This was made possible by lots of man made snow and an abundance from Mother Nature.

All the hills are now up to full speed and doing their thing. Mt. Ripley had 13 candidates pass OEC and 11 are now hill training along with one senior candidate. They are also hosting five very prestigious ski races which require a lot of time for management and the Mt. Ripley patrol. These races include college, high school, and USSA.

Marquette Mt. had five can-

didates pass OEC and are now on the hill training. They also have one senior candidate. If you’re at Marquette this year be sure to enjoy the great food menu from their newly renovated kitchen and dining area.

Mt. Bohemia is enjoying lots of natural snow. Along with their great terrain it makes for exciting skiing.

Ski Brule had 8 candidates pass OEC and all 8 are now hill training. They also have four senior candidates. Ski Brule hosted the Fall Regional Meeting as well as hosting OEC Senior Practice clinic and Senior OEC Evaluation.

On the Nordic side Superior

Nordic will again be patrolling the Noquemenon Marathon Race in Marquette and Copper Country Nordic will be patrolling the Great Bear Chase in Calumet.

Good job Section II for all the candidates at the basic and senior level. Along with these candidates kudos go to all the instructors, trainers, and testers that give so freely of their time and effort. I’m looking forward to visiting all the alpine areas this season and skiing in both Nordic events. What a pleasure it is to participate and ski with so many great patrollers. I’m looking forward to seeing all of you on the snow and in Minocqua.

## Section Three Report by Harry Lauritsen

The 2003 – 04 ski season has begun. All the hills in Section Three would like more natural snow and as I look out the door I see about six inches. It is a start.

Norway Mountain opened up for the Thanksgiving racing camp and now have all runs open with good conditions.

Norway Mountain has four

new candidates that are doing their on the hill training. They are Jesse Borchardt , Crystal Borchardt, Cora Tachick, and Donald Olson. The OEC course was taught by Ralph Hicks with the help of Alyin Thornberry, David Wagner and James Weissgerber.

We want to thank all the instructors that did such a splendid job at the Section

Three OEC refresher held at Norway Mountain. Edward Jarosz was the instructor of record and again did a great job. We would like to thank Sam Martinez for conducting a CPR-AED refresher for the patrollers and some race coaches. He is a dynamic teacher.

This is all from Section Three. Have a good year!



**Harry Lauritsen**  
Section Three Chief

## Section Four Report by Tim Zimmerman

Winter has once again arrived in Section Four and while Mother Nature has not been the most generous, the ski hills and areas are doing what they can to provide a great skiing experience. Mark Klein agreed to stay on

as section chief for Section Four following the unexpected and sudden death this past summer of Nick Mattke. Mark will fill in for this year as we search for a candidate to fill out the remainder of the term.

We wish to say thank you to Mark for staying on this assignment following Nick's passing.

You may nominate a candidate for section chief using the form on page seven.

*Nominations for  
Section Four Chief  
Sought  
Nomination form  
on bottom of page  
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## Calling All Patrollers to Minocqua April 23rd – 25th

### Regional Awards Banquet by Tom Ralph Regional Administrative Assistant

We are excited to be hosting the Spring Banquet at the Waters Resort in Minocqua April 23 – 24. The event is being put on with financial assistance from Section I and coordination efforts by Section IV. This is definitely a patroller friendly destination. Let me share some of the excitement with you.

1. Huge indoor water park with water slides, indoor/outdoor whirlpools, swimming pools and more. Life-guards on duty.
2. Patroller room rates are \$ 69.00 per night plus tax. This includes admission to the water park. You may

have up to six people per room.

3. Friday evening hospitality room. Beverages and hors-d'oeuvres will be served with funding from Section I.

4. Saturday during the day people may choose some of the following activities if they wish:

- quaint island shopping in downtown Minocqua.
- free shuttle bus to local casino
- local mountain bike trails
- bowling alley across the street
- two popular museums
- and of course the water park

5. Saturday Evening: Dinner party with buffet dining. Only \$ 15.00 per person. Followed by awards presentations and door prizes. There will be a pizza party available for children for \$ 10.00 per child.

6. After dinner we can retire to the Waters Main Dining Room which will be reserved for us. Here we find for our entertainment a DJ ready to provide us with many hours of dancing and fun. There may even more surprises to find there.

So what do you say? We hope to see you there.

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and Hotel  
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*Registration  
Deadline is  
April 12*

# High Speed Lift Becomes Reality at Granite Peak Ski Area

Feature Story by Tom Gilbreath ARD Administrator/Line

*"It is estimated that a committed skier can rack up 8,500 verts an hour. Come and visit and see if you can ski 50,000 vertical feet in one day!"*

Over the last few years much speculation and discussion has surrounded Granite Peak's proposed six-passenger high-speed detachable chairlift. Questions like "Do we need it", "Is it affordable?" "Can it ever pay for itself?" "Will it end lift lines at Granite Peak?" abounded.

Well, the speculation is over. The new COMET Chairlift is up and running. Time will answer the financial questions, but, considering the holiday crowds the new chair effectively handled, the chair will succeed.

Word around the mountain is that perhaps COMET will get another high-speed sister in the future. Management has made a great effort to create a neat and workable preloading maze, and lifties work hard to get six skiers or riders on each chair. The unloading area spreads to both sides, and is big enough to prevent crowding problems at the top. Benches have been placed around the outside edges of the unloading area for boarders to strap up.

The COMET EXPRESS definitely gives one a "big mountain feel" as you leave the lift and proceed to your desired run. COMET serves several intermediate and expert runs, and is the most direct way to the Western section of the mountain and the DONNER lift. New runs in the DONNER area include Main Event, which will put

your heart in your mouth, and Legends and Western Frontier, which have great character as Midwestern ski runs.

The COMET lift was manufactured by the Leitner-Poma of America, Grand Junction Colorado. It was installed by Granite Peak Ski Corporation and Leitner Poma staff.

The lift has an uphill capacity of 2,400 skiers/riders per hour, and will carry 276 people during each revolution of the 1 1/2" x 6,600 foot long steel wound cable on 46 carrying devices. The COMET lift will whisk you to the summit in 3 minutes and 10 seconds. Obviously, this will provide all the skiing one can take. It is estimated that a committed skier can rack up 8,500 vertical feet per hour. You do the math. Come visit and see if you can ski 50,000 feet in one day!



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### Kasten's Korner



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## North Central Region Awards Banquet 2003 – 2004 April 23 –25 The Waters Resort, Minocqua, WI

This year the banquet will be held **April 23 – 25** in **Minocqua** at the Waters Resort . 8116 Highway 51 South, Minocqua, WI  
Book your rooms by calling the **Waters Resort** toll free at: **877-992-8377** Reference **National Ski Patrol Room Block**

Take a **virtual tour** of the Waters Resort at [www.thewatersofminocqua.com](http://www.thewatersofminocqua.com)

The room rate is **\$69.00 per night** plus tax and you can have up to six people per room. This rate includes full use of the indoor water park.  
The **Awards Banquet** scheduled for Saturday evening April 24th will be \$ 15.00 per person for the dinner.

### Schedule of Events

Registration	Hospitality Room	Friday 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday Social	Hospitality Room	Friday 4:30 PM – 11:00 PM
Board of Director’s Spring Meeting		Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Banquet Social Hour	Banquet Area	Saturday 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Dinner and Awards	Banquet Area	Saturday 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Dancing	Waters Main Dining Room	Saturday 9:00 PM –
Patrol Representative Meeting	Hospitality Room	Sunday 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Mentor and Evaluator Clinic		Sunday 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

### Additional Saturday Activities Include

1. Quaint island shopping in downtown Minocqua
2. Bowling alley across the street.
3. Mountain biking trails
4. Dr. Kate Museum
5. Minocqua Museum
6. Free shuttle to Local Casino
7. Water Park at The Waters

**Please complete the form below and send with payment to Tom Ralph by April 12.**

## Awards Banquet Registration Form

*Registration Due April 12*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening Banquet \$ 15.00 per person: # attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total for Banquet (\$ 15 x #) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening Pizza & Soda Party for Kids \$ 10.00 per person: # \_\_\_\_\_ Total for Pizza Party (\$10 x #) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Representative Breakfast/Meeting: please list # attending \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol Reps Only \_\_\_\_\_ N/C

Sunday Evaluators and Mentors Clinic: (Includes Continental Breakfast): Please list # attending clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ N/C

Send reply and check to: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

North Central Region Section IV

C/O Tom Ralph  
1810 Emerson St.  
Wausau, WI 54403

*Registration due April 12, 2004*

## New Candidates and Great Grooming Make a Great Start

### Nordic Notes by Betty Adams



Standing L to R: Tracey Snyder, Rand Lundgren, Darie Anderson, Lloyd Glynn, Jane Winkler. Seated, Brian Thompson.

Candidates in this picture completed the Outdoor Emergence Care course in Minocqua in November. The five standing have doubled the size of the Minocqua Winter Park Ski Patrol. Brian Thompson is a candidate on the Blackjack Ski Patrol.

With a nice snowfall before Christmas Region Nordic Areas looked forward to a good holiday season. A melt down and freeze created a groomer's challenge. At Winter Park groomers were

quite successful and all who skied said conditions were remarkably good. With good snowfall, skiing in the upper peninsula of Michigan has been very good.

January 10 and 11 the annual Central Division Nordic clinic was held at Minocqua Winter Park. Two candidates completed basic ski ability evaluation and one completed senior Nordic ski ability. Several completed senior recertification. On January 11, 16 patrollers

enjoyed a Ski Enhancement Seminar with Dan Clausen, Nordic Demo Team Member. On January 12, 11 patrollers journeyed to Blackjack for a very successful telemark clinic also with Dan. This may become an annual event.

Please take note of coming events on the Nordic/MTR/Avy calendar of events. At all of these events Alpine patrollers as well as Nordic are urged to help and participate.

## New Additions to Alpine Staff and Thoughts on Training

### Alpine News by Jim Grundstrom



Jim Grundstrom  
ARD/Alpine Training

What a great start to the season! Many of the Region Staff, and Region patrollers attended the Division Clinics at Boyne Highlands and Wild Mountain. The Central Division NSP ski school, Mentoring for Toboggan Instructors, and the Senior Program Ski and Toboggan were the available subjects.

The latest additions to the Region Training Staff include Randy Tufts as our Region Snowboard Advisor and Steve Beil as our Toboggan Advisor. Welcome to both of you and thanks very much for offering to help.

Randy comes to us as an Alpine Patroller proficient on skis and snowboard. His home areas are Ripley and Mt. Bohemia. Residing in Minneapolis and commuting

to the North is a way of life for Randy. You can e-mail him at [randytufts@yahoo.com](mailto:randytufts@yahoo.com).

Steve Beil joins us from the Black Jack ski area, has been involved in the toboggan-training program for many years there, and is a faithful attendee in the region toboggan clinics. Residing in Woodruff Wisconsin, Steve is no stranger to traveling and as with Randy, becomes a wonderful resource to the region if you need help with your toboggan-training program. Steve can be reached at [sbeil@dwave.net](mailto:sbeil@dwave.net).

By now your on hill refreshers should be in full swing! If you need ideas on subject matter and have not started yet, please feel free to contact me and we can work

with you to make your area refresher a great one.

One parting thought. When we work with patrollers and their toboggan skills, sometimes we find techniques that are not per our manual. As trainers, the question should be asked, "are you willing to accept the risk" by approving what is not in the toboggan manual. Risk is everywhere in all walks of life. We minimize our risks as patrollers when we train from the toboggan manual, and when we help our fellow patrollers use the correct techniques. Remember in training, it is head up hill, face up, lying flat in the toboggan, and for sure no equipment in the toboggan. Thoughts to live by and train by as we work together straight from the manual.

*"We minimize our risks as patrollers when we train from the toboggan manual and when we help our fellow patrollers use the correct techniques."*

## Mountaineering and Avalanche Course Offered

Mountaineering Fundamentals and Avalanche Fundamentals courses will be taught at Minocqua Winter Park on March 13 and 14. Which course on which day is to be decided by availability of students and instructors. Please indicate interest as soon as possible by responding to Betty Adams by mail, email or telephone as indicated in the attached application.

### National Ski Patrol NC-Region Mountaineering and Avalanche Registration 2003-2004

Name \_\_\_\_\_

NSP # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your choice (1, 2, 3, 4)

Mountaineering on Saturday, March 13

Mountaineering on Sunday, March 14

Avalanche on Saturday, March 13

Avalanche on Sunday, March 14

Courses will be taught at Minocqua Winter Park

Course Fee \$ 15.00 per course

Check to NSP-NC Region

Mail to: Betty Adams

12146 Plummer Lake Road,

Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538-9794

Phone: 715-588-7731

Email: [mbadams@newnorth.net](mailto:mbadams@newnorth.net)

**Application Deadline  
February 22, 2004**

## 2004 SECTION CHIEF ELECTIONS OF SECTIONS II & IV

### National Ski Patrol System Central Division, North Central Region

The North Central Region of the Central Division will hold an election in the spring of 2004 to elect the Section Chief in Sections II and IV.

**Minimum Qualifications**

1. Must be a registered NSP member in the Section.
2. Must have been a Patrol Director for one year or registered NSP member for five years.
3. Must be familiar with the national policies as defined in the NSP's Officer's Handbook and the Ski Patroller's Manual.
4. Must be familiar with Division, Region and Section policies as applicable.

*The above are the minimum requirements for nomination.*

**Recommended Requirements**

1. Served as Patrol Director one year
2. Logged at least 45 days active patrolling with one-third within the Section.
3. Experience working with management at an area in the Section.
4. Participation in Region administrative activities (Region meetings, Region testing/training activities).
5. Senior Patroller status should be attained.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

1. Serves three year term
2. Promotes financial support of the national organization and its programs.
3. Cooperates with Region Director and other NSP officers in maintaining rules, regulations and standards of the NSP.
4. Submits timely annual financial and administrative reports to the Region Director.
5. Facilitates communication to and from the Region Director, patrols and patrollers.
6. Authors articles and reports for Section/Region newsletters.

7. Is responsible for any other duties designated by Division/Board of Governors.

**Nomination Procedure**

Any active patroller in good standing may nominate or make a self nomination. Fill out form below and send to Region Elections Coordinator. Form must be post marked by March 10, 2004.

**Electorate**

The Electorate, having one vote each, consists of Unit Representatives as of December 31, 2003.

**Elections Procedure:** Region Elections Coordinator verifies and notifies all candidates. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by **March 15, 2004**. Ballots must be returned by **March 25, 2004**. Results will be announced by **April 1, 2004**.

### Section Chief Nomination Form

*National Ski Patrol System, Central Division, North Central Region*

Section Chief Nomination for 2004 Elections, I hereby nominate:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Patrol and State)

For the office of  Section II or  Section IV (check one of the two boxes) Section Chief. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: Carolyn DeJongh, 309 Wilson Street, Rhinelander, WI 54501

Nominations Must Be Post Marked by **March 10, 2004**



Gerald Check  
OEC Administrator

*"Your region is in need of many volunteers to keep this great program aloft."*

## Interested in Training Others? Then We Need You

### OEC Update by Gerald Check/Region OEC Administrator

The need for volunteers to assist in the North Central Region programs has come to an end by the time you receive this newsletter. However, and let me say that again, However, the next years ski season with its many programs is just on the other side of summer. Your Region is in need of many volunteers to keep this great program aloft.

If you ever thought of getting certified as an **OEC Instructor**, then, we need you. I am sure in the next 6-8 months there will be opportunities available for you to plug into this program called Instructor Development some place close by. It means taking a full day class somewhere in our Region, taking that information and being "mentored" by one of your favorite instructors and instructing at an OEC Class under the eyes of one of the Region's Instructor Trainers.

Have you ever thought of

getting certified as an **OEC Instructor Trainer**, then, we need you. To date your Region has only ten Instructor Trainers for our Region. Making things even a little more difficult, some areas are without a resident Instructor Trainer. This crew of Instructor Trainers are responsible for dropping in at Refreshers to glean the things that really work at your hill and pass that on for future use all over the NSP. The Instructor Trainers are also lead people in encouraging and affirming new instructors in all the disciplines of the NSP. Instructor Development classes are annual events around the Region to produce qualified and enthusiastic teachers. The Development Classes continue as the Trainers become part of the "mentoring" process. The Instructor Trainers are also called upon annually to "update" instructors in the OEC field. This training is staggered over three years. Then there is the NSP Senior

OEC Program. This program is possibly one of the biggest undertakings of the whole NSP calendar. Patrollers from all over the Region are called to participate in a Practice Clinic and then in the Final Evaluation of Senior Candidates. We need a minimum of 40-60 Patrollers to make it happen. Our Region should have well over 20 Instructor Trainers just to keep the high standards we embrace. But we are fortunate to have ten.

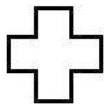
Interested? Or do you know somebody who should be interested?

Alert your Patrol Director. Candidate Instructor Trainers are required to be nominated by the local Patrol Director.

Hope to see you after the summer with a new NSP hat. The NSP in the North Central Region needs you. I can't think of a reason for you to say anything but "YES, you can count on me!"

## Gold Cross News Section

### Patroller Milestones by Conrad Favor and Tim Zimmerman



The time has come that we look for a new masthead for our Gold Cross News.

Today we are seeing the vast majority of Patrols wearing a plain white cross on a red jacket ( the same as the Swiss Flag). At

most hills in the Midwest we see a white cross with the words National Ski Patrol embroidered in black.

The White Cross on a background of red was used as the Swiss Flag in the year 1240. The cross represents Christianity.

In 1863 the Red Cross was also founded in Switzerland. The Red Cross on a white background is still used today.

Our National Ski Patrol Gold Cross was registered in

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## Gold Cross News Section

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1962; twenty four years after Minnie Dole started the NSPS. The Gold Cross is still a registered trademark with the U.S. patent and trademark office.

Our Gold Cross News was created in 1974 as a communications tool for the North Central Region patrol members.

So the time has come that we employ a new masthead for our Gold Cross News.

Powder Lines is the new name for our newsletter. We will not forget the Gold Cross News however. Today

we anchor ourselves in the tradition of the past by introducing the Gold Cross News Section. This section will be reserved to feature milestones that our fellow patrolers pass. Some of the news featured here will be in celebration of accomplishments others will be to remember our fellow patrolers.

It is our hope that you enjoy the new format of Powder Lines and that the future and history of the North Central Region will be captured in this section.

**Mary Griffin**  
**OEC Supervisor**

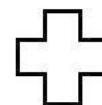
Powder Lines was informed

of the tragic death of Mary Griffin as the result of a ski accident on January 25, 2004.

Mary's involvement with the NSP has led to numerous awards and leadership positions. She was serving as an OEC Supervisor for the Central Division.

A memorial service was held on January 30 in Traverse City, MI. A request was made that donations be sent to National Ski Patrol, 12819 Tatch Road, Omena, MI 49674 in lieu of flowers or gifts.

Mary will be missed by the Central Division of the NSP. Please keep her family in your thoughts.



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## Granite Peak Patrolers Get Wrapped Up In Spyder's Web

**Special to Powder Lines** by Theresa Sheppard

The Ski Patrol at Granite Peak Ski Area has logged two seasons in custom jackets by Spyder. The patrol's solid red parka features a multi-color embroidered Granite Peak logo on the front and the NSP white cross on the back.

“Spyder's Pro Gear program has been wonderful to work with”, said Theresa Shepherd, apparel manager at Shepherd & Schaller Sporting Goods in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Shepherd & Schaller Sporting Goods handles the Granite Peak order, taking individual requests and advising

on size selection and insulation options. Presently, Granite Peak patrols have both insulated and shell versions of their parka-style jacket. Spyder offers several styles, and each includes a 20,000mm Dermizax waterproof-breathable membrane, and is available as a shell or insulated.

All of Spyder's jacket styles can be color blocked in a variety of combinations and a number of custom features are available. Multiple order dates are available as required. A mid-April deadline will assure delivery by the end of October, while a mid-May order will ship at

the end of November. “I coordinate the orders to take the burden off the patrol leader. It's a lot of details to keep track of, but it's easier for us to do here, where patrols can try on a jacket to check sizing and get personal service during retail hours.” Shepherd says.

Patrol jackets have been \$200 the past two years, and pants, which are available in solid black or with customized color blocking, range from \$145-\$165. Shepherd provides custom jackets for Marquette Mountain patrols, and other

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*“Spyder's Pro Gear program has been wonderful to work with”*

## Granite Peak Patrol Gets Wrapped Up in Spyder's Web



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individuals in Wisconsin who wanted the solid red jacket. "Spyder requires a ten piece minimum per style, so with enough interest, a patrol group could order jackets specifically for women and juniors too. Otherwise, we'll work with Spyder's size chart to pick the unisex jacket that

offers the best fit," she says.

Patrol groups need to provide the NSP white crosses, which Shepherd ships to Spyder, as well as a tax exempt number if available.

For more information or to place an order, contact Theresa Shepherd, Shepherd & Schaller Sporting Goods (715) 845-5432.



## PSIA Central Division Ski School Available for Patrollers

### Ski School Lessons by Bob Meyers PSIA Administrator



**Bob Meyers**  
PSIA Administrator

PSIA Central Division Ski School, what does that mean to me and how can I become a member? The PSIA CD Ski School was formed so member-patrollers may teach skiing and also be insured. First you must join PSIA. The following web site will give you all the information on how to join and information regarding clinics. <http://www.psia-c.org/events/index.htm>

After joining the PSIA program, you can join the NSP Central Division Ski School and you then have insur-

ance coverage to teach. Information can be found at the NSP CD web site: [http://www.nsp.org/divisions/central/NSP\\_C%20Web/melindex-rp.htm](http://www.nsp.org/divisions/central/NSP_C%20Web/melindex-rp.htm) which is a link off our Central Division web page and contains all the forms and schedules you need. If this is not clear, or if you have questions please call or e-mail me. We currently have about 10 patrollers in North Central Region who are members of the Central Division Ski School and several hundred members from other regions.

One important note is that you may only teach to your PSIA instructor level. For example a Level 1 Instructor may only teach Level 1 techniques, while a Level 3 Instructor may teach Level 3 techniques.

I hope this helps you understand why we have PSIA Central Division Ski School and encourage you to contact me for more information.

See you out there and ski safe.

Bob Meyers

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Reps for your  
equipment  
needs*

### North Central Region Pro Reps

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## 2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### North Central Region

In all cases call ahead to confirm dates, times and events

#### Testing/Training

2/29/04 Granite Peak S&T Basic Test, Jim Deweerd

#### Senior

2/14/04 Senior OEC Evaluation, Ski Brule, Jerry Check

2/21/04 Senior S&T Evaluation, South, Grinte Peak, Jim Deweerd

#### Nordic/MTR/Avi

2/28/04 Howard Young Cup, Winter Park, Betty Adams

3/7-3/8 Region Nordic Evaluation, Calumet, Carolyn Wheeler

3/7-3/8 Nordic Great Bear Chase, Calumet, Carolyn Wheeler

#### Awards

2/14/04 Awards Committee Meeting, Ski Brule, Carolyn DeJongh

4/15/04 Deadline for Certificates and Bravos, Carolyn DeJongh

#### Meetings

4/23-4/25 NC Region Spring Banquet and Meeting, Minocqua, Tom Ralph

#### Newsletter Deadlines

6/1/04 Powder Lines, articles due, Tim Zimmerman

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