

# Powder Lines

*Newsletter of the North Central Region  
Central Division*



National Ski Patrol



## Many Opportunities Await You

### Region Director's Report

The Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet was held at The Waters in Minocqua, and was very well-attended. I want to extend a big thank you to **Carolyn DeJongh** for her hard work on the awards.

We accomplished a lot at the business meeting and a look at next year's calendar, included on page 12 of this issue, will show a lot of opportunities for all.

The staff for next year will remain the same, with the following exceptions: Region Medical Advisor - **Dr. Jim DeWeerd**, Region OEC Administrator - **Tom Hynes**, Region Alumni Administrator - **Dan Bowen**, Region Web Master - **Mark Gilliland**, Section Chief for Section IV - **Joe Rohling**.

We have openings that need to be filled for Avalanche Advisor and Certified Program Advisor. Please contact me if interested. Thank you to the outgoing staff members who have given so much of their time and energy over the past few years.

Section Three will host next year's banquet, which will again be held at The Waters. The Board decided to return to this location since we had a good turnout and it allowed families to participate.



**David Dahl**  
**Regional Director**

Although the snow is gone and we are all participating in summer activities, it is not too early to start thinking about becoming more involved at your area patrol or within your section or region: How can I improve my skills in OEC and skiing? Would I like to become a Senior patroller or participate in one of the many different training and education programs?

You can, and are welcomed in any of these areas of interest by fellow patrolers. Remember, in order for programs to grow and improve, we are always looking for new people.

Have a great summer and I will see you when the snow flies.

### Regional Report Highlights

Spring Meeting a Success

Calendar Set for 2004/05

New Staff Appointments

Region Staff Openings

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## Tim's Traverse by Tim Zimmerman, editor, *Powder Lines*

It happened earlier than ever this year. It surprised me. With the cool, almost cold, spring weather and the way winter seemed to hang on I never gave it a thought.

I was on the edge of a massive, clear bowl, well above tree line. Sunlight glistened off six inches of amazingly dry powder that was deposited the night before over what had been a bowl of corn. Maybe it was the combination of this January-like powder over yesterday's corn, or perhaps I had finally applied the correct wax but the short traverse I made to find the line I wished to ski felt unlike anything I had skied before. It was smooth, like floating in air weightless

As I paused briefly before dropping in, I thought about how deep-blue the sky appeared. That thought passed quickly when I realized there was not a track anywhere to be seen and no other skiers in sight. "Solo first tracks on

perfect snow," I said aloud, almost in disbelief.

I dropped in and felt none of the first-run-of-the-day-in-the-steeps-hesitancy to which I am too often accustomed. My skis floated, perfectly. A little toe pressure was all that was needed to turn perfect sweeping arcs down the side of the bowl. Gravity did not seem to have any effect.

That's when I heard, or at least thought I heard, a low rumble. And then another. It sounded like thunder, but when I looked up the sky was still that perfect deep-blue. A loud clap and flash of light, however, convinced me.

For what was probably no longer than a millisecond, I experienced that almost perfect feeling of a slight rush of adrenaline combined with

pure serenity. And that is when I realized it happened. Thunder awoke me from my perfect ski line to the reality of an early summer's night thunderstorm. It was The Dream.

Never before has The Dream arrived this early. Usually it waits until after Labor Day. I used to think the turning of autumn leaves or the first frost of the year prompts it.

The Dream was always my reminder to scrape off the wax I applied diligently to the bottom of my skis at the end of the previous season, re-sharpen the edges and apply a fresh coat of wax. Then I polish the wax to a perfect shine, the only time during the season that I do so. It is a completely unnecessary ritual, but it primes me for the upcoming season.

But what now? It is only the start of summer and The Dream has already appeared. My wife is still wondering why I spend so much time with my skis immediately after the season, so I don't think I can start the re-waxing ritual already.

A non-skiing-related injury to my back prevents me from actively participating in my favorite summer sport, water skiing. I enjoy it so much because my body is built for winter; it longs for cold air. Summer heat and I do not get along and water skiing was a method of staying cool while feeding my ski addiction.

A brief experiment involving the wearing of ski boots while standing in front of an air conditioner failed to feed the ski addiction as I had hoped. It also brought some strange glances from neighbors and started some local gossip I would rather not mention. As I said, it was a brief experiment.

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## Kasten's Korner



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## Section One Report by Mick Medvecz

There is no summer report for Section One in this issue

of *Powder Lines*. Please check the fall edition of *Pow-*

*der Lines* for an update.

## Section Two Report by David Conger

The 2003-2004 ski season ended with a great Regional Spring Meeting in Minocqua. Section II was well represented at the meeting and all those who attended know what a wonderful time was had.

For those of you who did not attend, mark your calendar for next year. It will be at the Waters of Minocqua again and is guaranteed to be another fun-filled event.

We had a great winter season this year and all alpine areas and nordic events profited from the great snow conditions. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting many of the alpine areas as well as helping patrol at a couple of nordic events. Good snow and weather help, but it is the camaraderie of the patrollers that make this such a fun job.

Congratulations are in order

to all the new basic and senior patrollers. They worked hard and achieved their goals. This was all made possible with a lot of time and effort from fellow patrollers who trained, tested, and mentored the candidates.

It's now time to enjoy a new season and pursue our other interests and activities. I wish everyone a great summer and look forward to seeing you come refresher time.



**David Conger**  
Section Two Chief

## Section Three Report by Harry Lauritsen

Norway Mountain closed for the season on Saturday April 3. Snow conditions were great all season and the hill reports near record attendance. There were no serious injuries and I believe this is due to the good conditions and modern equipment being used by skiers and boarders.

A patrol cookout was organized by **Ralph Hicks** with assistance from **Steve Blackhall**. It was held on Saturday January 31 and was enjoyed by all who attended.

An additional backboard with spider straps was purchased by Norway Mountain Patrol. The patrol also received a donation for an AED. The donation was obtained by new patroller, **Michael Wilmet**. The AED will be available for use next season.

**Donald Poe** reports from Gladstone Sports Park that

they were open 51 days this past season and were able to cover all shifts with their patrol. They built a new patrol room last year and it served them well with the 20 injuries they attended.

I want to congratulate **Mel and Mary Ann Johnson** for the fine work they have done with the Navarino Slopes Ski Patrol. The patrol raised funds to add an oxygen station, an electronic blood pressure and pulse monitor, suction device and, with the help of **Dick Ehrgott** (one of Navarino's senior patrollers), two new hospital beds, exam dividers and over head light fixtures. They are also planning a brat fry fundraiser in the fall to add more improvements.

Navarino Slopes opened on December 19 and closed for the season on February 29. The patrol added one new basic patroller, one auxiliary patroller and two candi-

dates.

Ralph Hicks is planning an OEC course this fall. It will be held at Norway Mountain. Anyone interested should contact Ralph for more information.

Section Three will host the 2005 Spring Awards Banquet. It will be held at The Waters of Minocqua once again. We would like to see a good attendance from our section and will also need help at the banquet.

Members of the planning committee will be contacting you to seek volunteers. In addition we will need donated door prizes and we ask that patrollers and their spouses begin working on this.

Planning Committee members you may contact to volunteer or donate door prizes are listed in the box to the right of this report. Thank you in advance for your support.



**Harry Lauritsen**  
Section Three Chief

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## Section Four Report by Joe Rohling



**Joe Rohling**  
Section Four Chief

Over the last four years **Mark Klein** has served as your Section Chief. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge Mark for all his hard work. He has not only done a wonderful job as Section Chief during that time, but has contributed in many capacities throughout out his NSPS career. We look forward to his continued support. Great job Mark!

This will be my 31st year as a patroller. (Not bad for someone who is only 35!) During that time I have held a number of positions and participated in numerous activities/events in both the North Central and South

Central Regions. However, this will be my first year as a Section Chief. I am looking forward to this opportunity to learn and especially to meet more of you.

During this year my goals will be to:

- Learn the ropes.
- Get myself organized developing e-mail groups, spreadsheets as necessary, and all those other type of office things.
- Visit all the patrols in this section.
- Develop working relationships with all the patrol representatives.
- Meet more patrollers

not only in the section but also throughout the region.

- Continue instructing and testing in OEC.
- Continue testing alpine ski & toboggan.

Please review the region calendar on page twelve. There are many events occurring this year in Section Four. Note: these dates are subject to change. Keep an eye open for updates in future publications of *Powder Lines* and *Rusty Parka News*.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and I will see you next fall, unless of course I see you sooner.

## Group Completes MTR Fundamentals at MWP

Minocqua Winter Park played host to Mountain Travel and Rescue Fundamentals training in March. Patrollers attended classroom training in the morning and early afternoon. A written exam and simulated rescue scenario rounded out the day and finalized training.

Participants in the MTRF class were Joe Pijan, Julie Knapp, Darin Westover, Dave Voelker, Glen Jensen, Sarah Hull, Chris Dobrinski, Tracy Benzel, David Peters, Brad Baumberger, Jeff Stogbauer, Tim Zimmerman and instructors, Boni Biermier, Karen Endres, Steven Konkel and Betty Adams.



Class members pose following a simulated rescue at Minocqua Winter Park during MTR Fundamentals Training. Another MTR Fundamentals class is scheduled for December. See registration form on page 8.

## Tim's Traverse continued from page 2



Therefore I took up swinging a club at golf balls from time to time and riding my mountain bike around the countryside occasionally. The activities seem to entertain others that are unfortunate enough to watch me. Come to think of it though, I never get a second invitation to golf. Up until now these ac-

tivities have, however, seemed to keep The Dream at bay.

So, as I sit here writing this column, and listening to the late night forecast of 85 degrees and high humidity for tomorrow, I find myself contemplating the cool environment of the basement storage room where I wax and tune skis. Maybe tomorrow

afternoon will be best spent addressing the small nicks I noticed on the edges of my patrol skis.

At least that may keep The Dream from reappearing. I am afraid if it begins to show up regularly during the summer months I may need to re-label it The Nightmare.

## Ski Brule Challenges Patrollers to Put Their Skiing Skills to the Test

**Feature Story** by Tim Zimmerman, editor, *Powder Lines*

Most of us are not fine tuning our skills and testing them in April. For many of us, April means enjoying the spring sun away from the ski resort we have called home for the past several months. For others it means enjoying the sun's rays as the last few days of the ski season are counting down.

Such was not the case at Ski Brule on April 3rd and 4th as patrollers from around the Region were invited to participate in the Ski Brule Challenge. Patrollers, in non-patrol garb, descended on the resort and were seen tweaking their skis and readying their bodies for such events as the Patrol Relay, the Downhill Biathlon and the NASTAR Toboggan Race.

The competition, which Ski Brule plans to make an annual ritual, started as a fun challenge between patrollers at Ski Brule the year prior.

"It started spring 2003 with a challenge by our patrol director, Tom Macco, challenging owner Steve Polich to a toboggan race," said Jessica Hammer, Ski Brule co-manager and member of the Ski Brule Patrol. "So in the warm sunshine of the spring, after the hill closed, the challenge began. We had so much fun that it was decided to have a Patrol Challenge at Ski Brule in the upcoming year as a 'fun event' and 'thank you' to all of the

dedicated patrollers of the region. The competition was designed so patrollers would bring their family members and enjoy the weekend as a family. It's another opportunity for patrollers to get to know each other, their families and develop lasting friendships."

The Challenge is hosted solely by Ski Brule and is not a NSP-sponsored competition. It allows patrollers to take some time off from patrol duties and put their ski skills to the test. Steve Polich, resort owner and himself a patroller, added color commentary over the Ski Brule PA system for many of the patroller-specific events. It added a humorous overtone that kept everyone upbeat and entertained.

While some of the events are dedicated solely for patrollers, they are inter-mixed with events designed for the entire family. The Silly Slalom featured this year is one example. Other events included a Poker Run in which family members visited resort sites and collected cards. Prizes were awarded for highest hands.

Hammer explained the reason for including events for everyone: "To be a patroller means dedication of your personal time to others, which sometimes means less family time skiing and snowboarding. In creating events that included patrol-

lers and non-patrollers, families and friends could all participate," she said. "This also allows the opportunity for others to see the fun that comes with patrolling - it's not just work! Others can see the fun and how personally rewarding patrolling is, we can hope to create more interest in others to become patrollers."

Ski Brule provided lunch each day as well as a Saturday night banquet that was followed by entertainment. Patrollers and their families were reportedly heard singing well into the night.

Plans are underway for the second annual Ski Brule Challenge to be held early in April 2005. According to Hammer, events will be re-designed each year in order to keep them challenging. However, some of the well-received events may be present again in 2005.

Ski Brule challenges you to attend in 2005, show your



The 2004 first place team of Tom Macco and Martin Olson pause to consider the competition.

*"This allows the opportunity for others to see the fun that comes with patrolling – It's not just work!"*



Steve Polich calls the start of the first heat of the Three-Legged Race. Contestants' legs are tied together with swaths. They race their way uphill along a 100 foot path in the snow. The all-family event was among one of the favorites.

## Gold Cross News Section: Special Expanded Regional Awards Section

### Patroller Milestones

Special thanks is extended to **Marie Price** for her dedication and time spent editing *Powder Lines'* predecessor *Gold Cross News*. Thank you Marie, we appreciate your service.

Congratulations is extended to the **Ski Brule Ski Patrol**. The patrol was awarded the Tourism Award on May 18 by the Tourism Council of Iron County for "their care and concern for all patrons at Ski Brule."

#### NORTH CENTRAL REGION AWARDS 2004

##### Service Awards

###### 5 Years

Robert Anderson, Minocqua Winter Park; Amanda Beyer, Granite Peak; Nadine B. Bond, Minocqua Winter Park; Celeste Hadfield, Granite Peak; Mickey Held, Granite Peak; Krista Kirk, Granite Peak; Mike R. Lynch, Marquette Mountain; John Mesko, Mt. Ashwabay; Heidi Niesl, Granite Peak; Julie Olund, Granite Peak; Marilu Stepien, Mt. Ashwabay; Joseph Welter, Indianhead; Kimberly A. Wolfer, Marquette Mountain.

###### 10 Years

Linda Atkinson, Norway; Mike Bolger, Blackjack; Ric Compton, Norway Mountain; Jon Fredrickson, Norway Mountain; Sue Ellen Hosking, Norway Mountain; Henry Knoch, Gladstone;

Dianne Lachance, Gladstone; Colleen Lofy, Big Powderhorn; Keith Lofy, Big Powderhorn; George Netchey, Gladstone; Robert Ruck, Norway Mountain; Wendy Marie Stuffle, Ski Brule; Rick Tessmer, Porkies; Darin Westover, Granite Peak.

###### 15 Years

Patricia A. Asselin-Rastello, Mt. Ripley; Timothy Brunette, Ski Brule; Dale W. Elliott, Granite Peak; Tom Esser, Indianhead; Ginny Fowle, Granite Peak; Judy A. Halverson, Big Powderhorn; Edward Jarosz, Norway Mountain; Joseph Jelinek, Granite Peak; Eric R. Kaye, Marquette Mountain; Peter D. Nagle, Mt. Ashwabay; Judd Schuiling, Marquette Mountain; James Venske, Granite Peak.

###### 20 Years

Robert Behrendt, Marquette Mountain; Dennis Blaser, Granite Peak; Donald Close, Mt. Ripley; Sandra L. Engel, Mt. Ripley; Jacob S. Grzesik, Blackjack; Linda K. Grzesik, Blackjack; Karen Klos, Granite Peak; James Miller, Indianhead; Martin Olson, Ski Brule; Donald Poe, Gladstone; John M. Rhoades, Marquette Mountain; Barbara Wheeler, Copper Country Nordic.

###### 25 Years

Greta Gappy, Mt. Ripley; Richard Hadfield, Granite Peak; Neil Harmon, Mt. Ashwabay; James L. Meunier, Blackjack; Lee Perington,

Indianhead; Patrick Rentmeester, Granite Peak; Mary Ruman, Marquette Mountain; Cheryl Yoshihara, Big Powderhorn.

###### 30 Years

Bonnita Biermier, Granite Peak; David C. Dahl, Granite Peak; Mary Melum, Norway; James Orlando, Indianhead; Scott Veenstra, Mt. Ripley; James Johnson, Indianhead.

###### 35 Years

Dan Bowen, Granite Peak; Lee Drengler, Granite Peak; Robert J. Meyers, Marquette Mountain.

###### 40 Years

Thomas O'Connell, Indianhead; Ronald L. Smith, Blackjack.

###### Bravos

Robert Anderson, 17 days, Minocqua Winter Park; Peter Berbee, 17 days, Minocqua Winter Park; Jim Fournier, 49.5 days, Ski Brule; Peter Gebhardt, 87 hours, Nine Mile Forest; Ralph Hicks, 40 days, Norway Mountain; Chuck Jonas, 355.25 hours, Granite Peak; Marie Larson, 105 hours, Pine Mountain; Bob Lehman, 26 days, Blackjack; Jerry Linn, 80 days, Porkies; Chris Hock, 413.25 hours, Mt. Ripley; Mark Senogles, 75 hours, Navarino Slopes; Dale Thomas, 285+ hours, Marquette Mountain.

#### Region Certificates of Appreciation

Tom Macco, Ski Brule;

Ski Brule/Steve Polich; Griff Williams, Granite Peak; Dave Hasenberg, Granite Peak.

#### Seniors

Darin Westover, Granite Peak; Bob Engelman, Granite Peak; Chris Hock, Mt. Ripley; Jeff Blume, Granite Peak; Joe Pijan, Granite Peak; Brad Baumberger, Granite Peak; Joe Conrad, Granite Peak; David Voelker, Granite Peak; **Senior Traveling Award**, Granite Peak Ski Patrol.

#### Angel Pins

Joan Check, Ski Brule; Elsie Fournier, Ski Brule; Vickie Matuszak, Ski Brule.

#### Outstandings

**Outstanding Student Patroller**, Elia Olson, Granite Peak; **Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller**, Lolita Barry, Marquette Mountain; **Outstanding Patrol Representative**, Tom Macco, Ski Brule; **Outstanding Alpine Patroller**, Chris Hock, Mt. Ripley; **Outstanding Instructor**, Gerald Check, Ski Brule; **Outstanding Nordic Patroller**, Karin Brich; **Outstanding Nordic Patrol**, Minocqua Winter Park; **Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol**, Marquette Mountain Ski Patrol; **Donald J. Baudhuin Memorial Award**, Chris Hock, Mt. Ripley.

#### Merit Stars

**Yellow Merit Stars**, Martin Olson, Ski Brule; Steven Konkol, Nine Mile Forest; **Purple Merit Star**, Martha Henry, Granite Peak.

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# Gold Cross News Section: Special Expanded Regional Awards Section

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### Distinguished Service Award

Robert Salonen, Ski Brule;  
Betsy Salonen, Ski Brule;  
David Conger, Ski Brule

### National Appointments

Robert Epps, Marquette Mountain;  
Gerald Check, Ski Brule;  
Gregory Kerwin, Marquette Mountain.



Gerald Check receives his National Appointment from RD David Dahl and National Representative Ron Plumer.



Robert Epps receives his National Appointment from RD David Dahl and National Representative Ron Plumer.



Greg Kerwin receives his National Appointment from RD David Dahl and National Representative Ron Plumer.



David Conger receives the Distinguished Service Award for his work in the NSP.



Robert and Betsy Salonen receive Distinguished Service Awards for their dedicated work.



Martha Henry is awarded the Purple Merit Star and Steve Konkell the Yellow Merit Star.



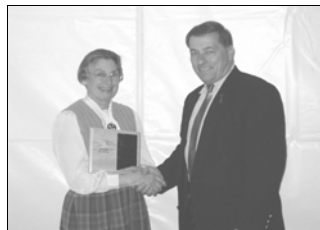
Martin Olson is presented the Yellow Merit Star at the 2004 Spring Banquet.



Lolita Barry is named Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller in recognition of her efforts.



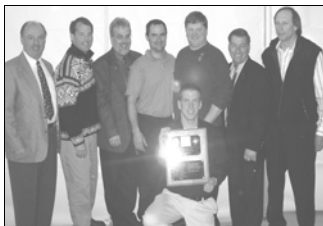
Gerald Check receives the Outstanding Instructor designation at the 2004 Spring Banquet.



Betty Adams accepts the Outstanding Nordic Patrol Award on behalf of Minocqua Winter Park.



Tom Macco is congratulated by RD David Dahl for being named Outstanding Patrol Representative.



Chris Hock accepts the Donald J. Baudhuin Memorial Award in front of past regional awardees.



Members of the Marquette Mountain Ski Patrol accept the Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol Award for 2004.



Chris Hock is named Outstanding Alpine Patroller for 2004 at the spring banquet.



Accepting their Senior certificates are Joe Conrad, Jeff Blume, Chris Hock and Bob Engelman.



National Representative Ron Plumer and Ron Smith are recognized for 40 years service.



Robert Meyers and Lee Dregler celebrated 35 years of service to the NSP at the spring banquet.



30 years of service are recognized for Scott Veenstra, David Dahl and Bonnie Biermier.



Mary Ruman accepts the 25 year service award as one of eight to reach the milestone in 2004.

## Gold Cross News Section: Special Expanded Regional Awards Section

### Patroller Milestones continued from page 7



Linda Grzesik, Jacob Grzesik, Don Close, Donald Poe, Martin Olson and Barbara Wheeler are each awarded the 20 year service award.



Jeff Blume, Joe Conrad and Bob Engelman accept the Senior Traveling Award on behalf of the Granite Peak Ski Patrol.

### Senior Award New in 2004

The Traveling Senior Award is new to the region in 2004. The award is presented to the patrol that has the highest percentage of eligible patrollers enrolled in the Senior Program.

This year Granite Peak won the award with 30% of its eligible patrollers enrolled in the program. Ski Brule came in second with 15% of its eligible patrollers involved. Calculations for next year's award will begin again this fall.

### Awards Banquet at Waters of Minocqua in 2005

The regional board of directors decided at its 2004 spring meeting to hold the 2005 spring meeting and awards banquet at the Waters of Minocqua once again.

The relatively central location of the facility and impressive attendance in 2004 were important factors in the decision. In addition, the facility offers many attractions for the entire family. The board will review com-

ments regarding 2004 as it plans for 2005 in order to make that banquet and meeting even more successful.

Section three will be hosting the event and has already formed a planning committee.

Make plans now to attend the 2005 Awards Banquet scheduled for April 22 -24. Watch future issues of *Powder Lines* for more information.

The award is designed to recognize the efforts made by patrols to improve themselves through the senior program. As patrollers improve their OEC, skiing and toboggan handling skills while working toward the Senior designation, they also make their patrol stronger. As each patrol becomes stronger our region benefits from the increased knowledge and experience of patrollers in the program.

If you are interested in improving your skills and helping your patrol compete for the award, contact your Patrol Representative for more information on how to enroll.

### Mountaineering Travel and Rescue Courses Offered

Mountain Travel and Rescue Fundamentals will be offered in Houghton, MI on Dec. 4, 2004 and Mountain Travel and Rescue 1 will be offered with a Prep. Class held on Jan. 22, 2005 (location TBA) and Overnight Campout March 5 - March 6, 2005 (location, Merrill, WI Area).

#### National Ski Patrol NC-Region

#### MTR Fundamentals and MTR 1 2005 Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your choice(s) with an X

☐ MTR Fundamentals, Houghton, MI 12/04/2004

☐ MTR 1, Prep Class 1/22/05 and Camp Out in Merrill, WI Area 3/05/05 - 3/06/05

#### Registration Deadlines

MTR Fundamentals October 31, 2004

MTR 1 December 1, 2004

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

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

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

#### Send Registration To:

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#### Fees

Course Fee: \$ 20.00 per course

Checks Payable to: NSP-NC Region, Central Division



## New Twist to an Old Story

### Alpine Approaches by Jim Grundstrom, ARD Alpine Training

What can possibly be new to a season-ending report for the North Central Region Alpine Program? Been there, done that, and wrote about it for the sake of writing. What makes a difference is where we are going, not what or where we have been.

In many ways, everything is new for some patrollers while the same for others.

Toboggan Instructors are now being asked to really complete teaching logs. At the Division Training program last fall we all agreed that doing the paperwork when it is fresh in our minds is critical.

The Central Division Ski School is up and running. What is this program good for, you ask? Come to the 2004 Fall Division Ski and Toboggan training either at Wild Mountain or Boyne Highlands and you can see first hand. If you have ever been in the situation where you have a patroller candi-

date that is not quite up to speed on skiing or snowboarding skills, the Central Division Ski School can help. It can provide you the background and PSIA credentials to help challenged patrollers. It allows you to do this within the guidelines of a NSP program. It is worth the time and effort to join PSIA if you are a Toboggan Instructor. Take the next step in helping the NSP and your local ski area training programs this year.

Resources to help your alpine patrollers' skills have been added to the region staff this year. **Randy Tufts** has been named Region Snowboard Advisor. Randy is from the Minneapolis area and patrols at Mt. Ripley and Bohemia and is available to all region patrols for snowboard assistance. **Steve Beil** has been appointed Region Toboggan Advisor. Steve's home ski area is Blackjack and is available to assist with toboggan training. Both Randy and Steve are new to the region's training pro-

grams and we are looking forward to great things from each of them.

So what about the good-old training programs we all took as candidates? They are dependent on more of our members becoming Toboggan Instructors. We are always recruiting. Special thanks to **Dick Stuffie** at Ski Brule as he mentored two new instructors this past season. Bless Dick's efforts and as a result we have two new instructors in the region.

So, what is new? Everything and nothing! Programs are new because of new members taking advantage of what is offered. Nothing may seem new if you are active in NSP and keep up with the programs. The alpine programs offer some of the best, most fun and rewarding educational opportunities. When a program is available close to your area jump at the chance to attend. Consult the region calendar for details.



**Jim Grundstrom**  
ARD/Alpine Training

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## Recap 2003/2004 and Plans for 2005 Season

### Nordic Notes by Betty Adams

With good snowfall this past season, Nordic Patrols enjoyed as much as four months or more of skiing!

Patrollers from several patrols helped with the Birkebeiner races. Two service patrols, Copper Country Nordic and Superior Nordic, pro-

vided coverage for multiple trail systems and special events. Minocqua Winter Park, Nine Mile Forest and Standing Rocks patrols handled coverage at their local ski areas. New management at Porcupine Mountain decided that nordic patrolling was not necessary this year.

**Jeff Schmidt**, Nordic Advisor for Central Division, plans two Nordic Toboggan courses for 2004/05. One will be in the North Central Region. Consult *Rusty Parka News* for dates and e-mail Jeff at [nordjas@aol.com](mailto:nordjas@aol.com) if you are interested in attending the event.



**Betty Adams**  
Region Nordic Administrator

## Changes in Senior S&T Yield Great Results for NC Region

### Senior Ski Stats by Don Close Region Skiing Administrator



**Don Close**  
Region Skiing Administrator

*"There was no doubt that our candidates had been training this season and the results reflect that."*

This was a very active season for the Senior Ski and Toboggan.

Our Region was approved by Division to implement the mentoring process for Senior Ski and Toboggan handling. We were one of two regions in the division approved to do so. The results were impressive with all fifteen candidates passing Senior testing for toboggan handling. Thirteen out of fifteen passed Senior testing in ski proficiency. The evaluation took place at Granite Peak and was attended by **Chris Moe**, Division Senior Advisor.

This year was the start of observing how each Region in the Division handles the Senior program. The goal is to standardize the process across the Division. Improvements were made to the scorecards used this season. Each Region had a Division staff member attend its evaluation and fill out a questionnaire. From this a Division Senior Manual is being developed.

Since most Regions already score ski proficiency and toboggan handling separately, we followed that convention here as well this year.

We emphasized preparation most this year. Patrol Representatives and candidates were contacted early on to solicit their help in providing training opportunities for the candidates. Following this, each mentor was contacted to see who was training and how it was going for each candidate. Candidates were encouraged to utilize all the mentors they needed within both the NSP and PSIA.

This is a big commitment for the mentors and they need to dig in to help their friend succeed. A candidate without a strong ski background may take more than a year before they are ready to take the evaluation. While taking the evaluation and not being successful can be a learning experience, it generally is not looked on as such by the

candidate. The far better method is to train with their mentor(s) until they have the skills and experience to be successful. There was no doubt that our candidates had been training this season and the results reflect that.

Overall our Senior Program was very active this past winter. Thanks to all who participated or assisted with it. I wish to extend a special thanks to **Tom Gilbreath**, ARD, for his assistance this past season. He was a tremendous help with this process and the organization of the ski and toboggan evaluation.

The following people have completed all the requirements and are our newest Senior patrollers:

**Darin Westover** - Granite Peak  
**Bob Engelman** - Granite Peak  
**Chris Hock** - Mont Ripley  
**Jeff Blume** - Granite Peak  
**Joe Pijan** - Granite Peak  
**Brad Baumberger** - Granite Peak  
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## 2004/2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### North Central Region

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

#### Testing/Training

8/5/04 OEC Candidate Training Classes Start, Appleton, WI, Tom Macco

8/8/04 OEC Candidate Training Classes Start, Granite Peak, Julie Knapp

8/30/04 OEC Candidate Training Classes Start, Mt. Ripley, Dan Dalquist

11/20 - 11/21/04 Division SES & SET Wild Mt., Jim Grundstrom

12/4 - 12/5/04 Division SES & SET, Boyne Highlands, Jim Grundstrom

12/18/04 Region SES & SET, Marquette Mt, Jim Grundstrom

1/15/05 Certified Qualification Clinic, Marquette Mt

2/27/05 Granite Basic Test, Jim DeWeerd

3/3 - 3/5/2004 Certified Clinic, Nub's Knob

3/5/05 Ski Brule Basic Test, Tom Macco

4/23/04 Instructor Development, Patrolling 101 Classes, The Waters Of Minocqua

#### Refreshers

8/29/04 Section I OEC Refresher, Big Powderhorn, 7:30 AM, Earl Halverson

9/11 - 9/12/04 Section I OEC, Chair Evac, CPR Refresher, Blackjack, 8:00 AM, Mick Medvecz

9/11/04 Section I OEC Refresher, Indianhead, 7:30 AM, Mick Medvecz

9/11/04 OEC Refresher, Ski Brule, Tom Macco

9/12/04 AHA CPR/AED Refresher, Ski Brule, Tom Macco

10/2/04 Section II OEC Refresher, Marquette Mt, Jim Grundstrom

10/9/04 Section IV OEC Refresher, Wausau, 7:30 AM, Joe Rohling

10/10/04 Chair Evac Refresher, Granite Peak, 8:00 AM, Jim DeWeerd

10/23/04 Section III OEC Refresher, Norway Mt, Harry Lauritsen

10/23/04 Section II OEC Refresher, Mt Ripley, 8:00 AM, Dan Dalquist

10/24/04 AHA CPR Refresher, Mt Ripley, 8:00 AM, Dan Dalquist

11/7/04 OEC Make-Up Refresher, Minocqua/Winter Park, 9:00 AM, Betty Adams, Call Ahead

#### Senior

11/1/04 Senior Applications Due, Don Close

12/11/04 Senior OEC Assignments Delivered to Candidates

12/11/04 Mandatory Senior OEC Practice Clinic, Ski Brule, Tom Hynes

1/10/05 Senior Candidates Written Material Due

1/22/05 North Senior S&T Evaluation, Mt Ripley, Don Close

2/12/05 Senior OEC Evaluation, Ski Brule, Tom Hynes

2/26/05 South Senior S&T Evaluation, Granite Peak, Don Close

#### Mountain Travel & Rescue/ Avalanche

12/4/04 MTR Fundamentals, Houghton, Steve Konkell

1/22/05 MTR-1 Prep Class, Location TBA, Steve Konkell

3/5 - 3/6/04 MTR-1 Overnight Campout, Merrill Area, Steve Konkell

#### Nordic

12/5/04 Nordic Trail Refresher, Minocqua/Winter Park, Betty Adams

1/8-1/9/05 Division Nordic SES & Telemark Clinic, Minocqua Winter/Park, Betty Adams

1/10/05 Telemark Clinic, Blackjack, Betty Adams

3/12/05 Region Nordic Ski Evaluation, Calumet, Barb Wheeler

#### Awards

2/5/05 Outstanding Awards & Merit Stars due to Carolyn DeJongh

2/19/05 Awards Committee Meeting, Wausau, Carolyn DeJongh

4/17/05 Deadline for Certificates and Bravos, Carolyn DeJongh

#### Meetings

9/10-9/12/04 Fall Division Meeting & IT

Conference, Southern Region, Pheasant Run Resort, St Charles, IL

10/16/04 NC Region Fall Meeting, Ski Brule, 9:00 AM CST

4/22 - 4/24/05 NC Region Spring Meeting, The Waters of Minocqua

2006 NC Region Hosts  
Fall Central Division Meeting, Location TBA

#### Events

2/5 - 2/6/05 Badger State Winter Games, Wausau, Alpine Contact: Jim DeWeerd, Nordic Contact: Steve Konkell

2/26/05 Birkebeiner Race/Nordic, Hayward, Barb Wheeler

3/5/05 Howard Young Cup, Minocqua/Winter Park, Betty Adams

3/13/05 Great Bear Chase, Calumet, Barb Wheeler

4/2 - 4/3/05 Ski Brule Patrol Invitational, Ski Brule, Tom Macco

5/7/05 Bike Race, Minocqua/Winter Park, Betty Adams

#### Newsletter Deadlines

8/15/04 Fall Powder Lines articles due, Tim Zimmerman

1/15/05 Winter Powder Lines articles due, Tim Zimmerman

6/1/05 Summer Powder Lines articles due, Tim Zimmerman

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