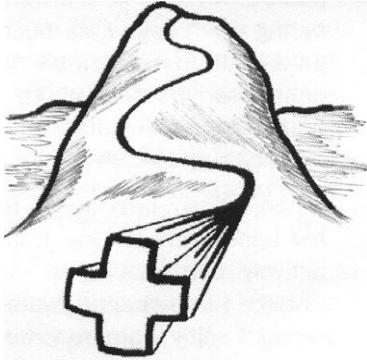


# Powder Lines

Newsletter of the North Central Region  
Central Division



National Ski Patrol



## Start Planning Now for the Season

### Region Director's Report

Ski season is just around the corner... with the cold summer and the forecast for a cold fall we can only hope that winter will follow - with lots of snow!

**Fall Division Meeting.** The fall division meeting and IT conference was held September 10-12 at Pheasant Run Resort in St Charles, Illinois. One of the highlights at the awards banquet was when **Minocqua Winter Park** was the Division Outstanding Patrol and NATIONAL RUNNER UP- #2 in the Nation! **Karin Brich** is Division Outstanding Nordic Patroller. Congratulations to them all.

**S&T Clinics.** Please note the following change for the Division S&T testing and training clinics. The November Clinic (that has been in conflict with the opening of the Wisconsin deer season) has been changed to December 10-12. The new location will be Devils Head. The roll-out of the new senior manual will be a big part of the clinic. Boyne Highlands S&T Clinic will remain December 3-5, 2004. There will also be a Regional S&T

Clinic at Marquette on December 18, 2004. For more information, contact Jim Grundstrom.

I encourage each section chief to get their testers and trainers to attend one of these clinics. Patrol Reps should provide to their Section Chief the name(s) of anyone they feel should attend. This is an opportunity to meet other patrollers and become an instructor / evaluator for your area and region. You will participate in a training program that covers all of the current skiing and tobogganing methods.

**OEC/Senior.** Please contact **Tom Hynes**, OEC Administrator, for upcoming instructor development programs and Senior OEC. If

you are an instructor, get your activity logs to Tom now! A big "Thank You" is extended to **Jerry Check** for all his hard work and dedication to our OEC Program

The number of senior applicants last year was outstanding. This year's program will be well-defined and outlined to aid each of you to a successful completion.

The Senior Traveling Award can be in your patrol room for 2005-2006. Get your senior candidates signed up now. Applications are due by November 1, 2004 to **Don Close**. A form is on page 10.

The North Central Region fall meeting will be at Ski Brule on October 16, 2004, beginning at 9:00 a.m. CST.

I am looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at meetings, clinics, refreshers, and just out on the slopes.



**David Dahl**  
Regional Director

#### Region Report Highlights

MWP # 2 Nordic Patrol in the Nation!

November S&T Clinic Date and Location Change

Time to Send in Senior Applications is Now

Thanks to Jerry Check

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

My finest, and only, pair of sunglasses broke the other day. They fell apart as I placed them on my face and unleashed a typical sequence of events in my world.

The sunglasses were purchased about a year ago after I finally decided to listen to my wife's advice to buy a high-end pair from our local eye clinic. Although I was reluctant to pay the price, the glasses proved to be a good investment. I appreciated them very much especially during late season patrolling when the air is too warm for goggles and the sun too high to ski without eyewear.

"You do not look good in those glasses," my wife always complained in response to the \$ 12.95 sunglasses I had been purchasing for the two decades we have been together. "Maybe you should invest in a pair that can be fitted to your face," she would suggest. I instinctively discount her comments re-

garding my appearance. After all this is the same woman who enthusiastically said, "Yes!" when I proposed many years ago. While she delineated some reservations after the euphoria subsided, my appearance was not on the list. Besides, if I may be bold for a moment, I think my appearance has only improved over time.

I walk into the house, broken sunglasses in hand and announce, "I am going to the eye clinic, my sunglasses broke and I am going to see if they are still under warranty"

"Dear, why don't you take your reading glasses in to see if they can be adjusted," comes the reply from upstairs.

"Why?"

"Well, your face appears

crooked when you wear them."

"Since when?"

"Always, I think."

My reading glasses are four years old. "Why didn't you say something before now?"

"You seem so sensitive when I complain about your cheap sunglasses. I don't want to upset you."

I head out the door with a pair of up-until-now-perfectly-fine reading glasses and the broken sunglasses.

The technician at the eye clinic informs me the warranty ran out just a month ago and that replacement parts are not available.

"Can you adjust this pair? My wife says they make my face appear crooked," I tell her.

"Certainly. Why don't you

take out your contacts and put them on."

I do as she asks and after she agrees with my wife's assessment I hand her the glasses. A look of bewilderment comes over her face as she says, "I see that the glasses have been adjusted a lot already. Just wait here a minute." She leaves and comes back with one of the optometrists.

"Tim, Tina tells me your eye glasses are not fitting you correctly. Let's take a look," he says as he places the glasses on my face. "Oh yes, I see what you mean Tina. Now this is nothing to worry about Tim, but your glasses are already adjusted as far as the metal in the bow will allow. Yet they are still crooked. Let's go back in the exam room and take a few measurements."

We head back to the exam room where he measures features of my head with

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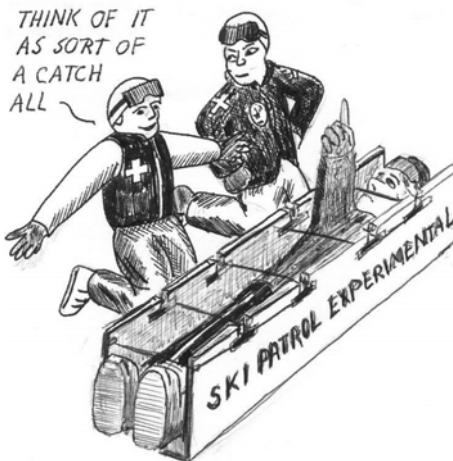
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### Kasten's Korner



## Section One Report by Mick Medvecz

Hello to All North Central Patrollers.

I would like to thank all the patrollers I have met over the last few years. I have enjoyed meeting so many interesting and caring NSP members throughout the region.

My business recently has

been requiring much more of my time. I am certain you have all felt the crunch of the competitiveness in the current market place. Therefore, I feel I should seek a replacement for Section One Section Chief. I believe I am unable to do the job I should because of the distance I live from my section, and because of the time I need

to meet the current demands of running my business.

See you all soon and I hope you enjoyed your refreshers.

### Section I Refreshers

Section I Refreshers were completed in August and September. If you missed your refresher please check the calendar on page 12 to find another. Call ahead to confirm.



**Mick Medvecz**  
Section One Chief

## Section Two Report by David Conger

It is with mixed emotions that I write this report for the fall issue. I'm not quite ready to give up hope for more summer, partly because we did not have a full summer weather-wise and partly because there are still many activities to do. Yet I always look forward to fall, probably my favorite season. It's also the time of year when we begin preparing for the upcoming ski season. Fall is hopefully Indian summer, beautiful color, OEC classes, refreshers and fall meetings.

Fall is also a time when pa-

trols and patrollers should take a long hard look at what patrolling is about. It is a time when we actively recruit new candidates to insure the future of our patrols. It's a time for patrollers to grow by committing to new programs such as mountaineering and avalanche classes, becoming mentors and instructors, and candidates for the senior program.

Patrolling should never be boring. There are many ways to improve your skills, to learn something new, and to make new

friends along the way. Do it yourself or with some fellow patrollers. Give yourself a challenge and raise the bar a notch.

Let's give ourselves a month or so before we think snow but then let's think big snow! I am looking forward to seeing you on the slopes and trails.

### Section II Refreshers

10/2/04 OEC, Marquette Mt.

10/16/04 OEC, 8:00 AM, Mont Ripley

10/17/04 AHA CPR, 8:00 AM, Mont Ripley



**David Conger**  
Section Two Chief

## Section Three Report by Harry Lauritsen

Hello everyone. There is not a lot new to report right now but I would like to remind all patrollers in Section Three that the refresher will be at Norway Mountain on Sat. Oct 23 with registration from 7:30 AM until 8:00 AM.

The Norway Mountain race team will have their annual ski swap on Sat. Oct 30.

They usually have some great buys. Gladstone plans to have one sometime in November, but I have no date as yet.

Please review the Section Three Awards Banquet Planning Committee members chart on page four. Our section will be hosting the Banquet this year and we are

soliciting help from all willing patrollers. In addition we are looking for door prizes. Please contact any of the members listed to volunteer your support.

I'll see you soon. Start thinking snow!

### Section III Refresher

10/23/04 OEC, 7:30 AM Norway Mountain



**Harry Lauritsen**



**Joe Rohling**  
Section Four Chief

## Section Four Report by Joe Rohling

As Autumn rolls in and temperatures begin to (hopefully) cool, Ski Patrol activities are starting to heat up.

OEC classes have started and administrative paperwork has begun to pick up. Julie Knapp has the Granite Peak OEC classes off to a great start and is busy planning the Section Four OEC Refresher.

Granite Peak is beginning to build their new patrol room, as the cement base was poured in August. Equipment is being collected with hopes of having everything ready by opening day. Also a new triple chairlift is in the process of being installed.

Nine Mile Ski Area is cleaning up their area with hopes of having enough snow to cross country ski right after

hunting season. Keep those hopes up.

Please see the calendar of events for important dates that will be coming up sooner than we think. Enjoy the fall colors.

### Section IV Refreshers

10/9/04 OEC, 7:00 AM, Horace Mann Middle School, Wausau

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

## Section III to Host 2005 Awards Banquet at Waters of Minocqua

Just in case you did not have your 2005 calendars available when the summer issue of *Powder Lines* found its way to your mail box, here is another reminder regarding the 2005 Regional Awards Banquet.

The Banquet will be hosted by Section Three and will be held at the Waters of Minocqua in conjunction with the North Central Region Spring meeting April 22 through April 24, 2005.

This year's event promises to be fun for the whole family. The Waters' indoor water

park along with numerous attractions in Minocqua provide opportunities for all members of your family.

At this time Section Three is recruiting volunteers to assist with the banquet and the weekend's activities. In addition the section is asking its patrollers to locate door prizes.

If you are interested in volunteering your time in one capacity or another, or if you have connections for door prizes, please contact one of the committee members listed to the right.

### Section Three Awards Banquet Planning Committee

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*Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet set for April 22 through 24, 2005 at the Waters of Minocqua.*

*Please note these important changes to Refresher schedules in Section II and Section IV.*

## Changes to Section II and Section IV 2004 Refreshers Made

Two important changes to OEC Refreshers in Section Two and Section Four have been announced since the summer issue of *Powder Lines*. Patrollers from these sections should make note of the changes as times and dates have changed.

The Mont Ripley Section Two OEC Refresher has

been moved up one week to October 16 and will start at 8:00 AM at Mont Ripley. The AHA CPR Refresher has also moved up one week to October 17 and will be held at the Michigan Technical College Student Development Complex in Houghton. An 8:00 AM start time is slated.

The Section Four OEC Re-

resher scheduled for October 9 will begin at 7:00 AM. The start time was previously reported as 7:30 AM on the region calendar.

You may verify dates and times for other region refreshers and other activities on the calendar listed on the back page of this issue of *Powder Lines*.

## Recent Region Staff Additions add Resources for All North Central Patrols by Tim Zimmerman

There are some new faces on staff in the North Central Region and some familiar faces in new roles.

**Tom Hynes** has been appointed **Region OEC Administrator** and **Region Instructor Development Administrator**.



Tom Hynes

Tom began skiing in 1966 and took his first lessons on a small hill with one tow rope in Rochester, MN. Just in case his youthful looks cause you to doubt his early start he asks, "Can anyone remember 'Counter Rotation' and not applied to Telemark skiing?"

Tom managed ski shops in Rochester, Des Moines and Green Bay. He has been active in NSP for over twenty years and earned his Senior status in 1985. He holds National Number 7888 and has served NSP as a WEC/OEC Instructor since 1987 and is an Instructor Trainer.

Tom also brings a wide range of experience to the

OEC and Instructor Development Administrator posts as he has formerly worked as a volunteer fire fighter, EMT I, Basic Trauma Life Instructor and Instructor Trainer, American Heart CPR Instructor and Instructor Trainer and Call Staff Instructor in EMS for North Central Technical College.

In real life Tom currently works for the Curtainwall Systems Division of Gordon Aluminum Products. He also serves as Assistant PR for the Granite Peak Ski Patrol.

Over the past year the North Central Region has added several staff positions in an effort to provide resources to local patrols that will enable them to improve their emergency care, ski/snowboard technique and toboggan handling.

**Jim DeWeerd** has been named **Region Medical Advisor**. The primary role of the new position is to help OEC Instructors, Senior OEC Mentors, and any patroller with an OEC question.

Jim brings 30 years of experience as an Orthopedic Surgeon focusing on sports medicine and spine care. He recently retired from his medical practice and says he is now able to devote more time to NSP. According to Jim he "accepted the position knowing that I can support the various region-wide OEC programs with medical advice and interpretation of OEC principles."



Dr. Jim DeWeerd

During Jim's Orthopedic career he served as UW-St. Point's Team Physician. In addition he was on the medical team for the 2002 Winter Olympics at Deer Valley and has served as a Venue Physician at the last three FIS Aerial Freestyle and Mogul events held at Deer Valley.

Jim's NSP career began in 1972 at Mt Frontenac. He became a senior patroller in 1973. While his medical practice limited his previous

ability to dedicate time to NSP he says that with his recent retirement "those restraints are now gone."

When he is not providing OEC advice for the region Jim also serves as PR for the Granite Peak patrol. Jim has enjoyed helicopter skiing in British Columbia the past 25 years. He has used that time to gain experience with mountaineering and avalanche control to add to the NSP education he has in those areas. Jim also brings 20 years of experience in the U.S. Navy to the job.

**Steve Beil** joins the ranks of the North Central staff as **Region Toboggan Administrator**. He complements the staff after serving the NSP as a patroller for the past 33 years. Steve says he has skied for the past 36 years, but did not get serious about it until 33 years ago when he joined NSP.

The Beil family has made NSP a way of life. Steve's wife has been a patroller for 26 years and his son passed

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### Tim's Traverse continued from page 2

some sort of optical dial calipers and then, after consulting a book, proclaims that my head is outside the standard deviation for human head types.

"That's why the frames appear to be crooked on your face," he says. Funny, but that did not reassure me much. I am beginning to wonder if I am the missing link or maybe only a genera-

tion or two removed.

"We can special order frames for you. You'll get a nice discount if we order both regular and sunglasses," the technician informs me.

"No thanks. I'll keep this pair and think about what I should do for sunglasses. Thanks for your time."

On the way home I stop at

Kmart and pick up a pair of \$ 12.95 sunglasses. The young lady at the register simply says, "Have a good evening" after I pay for my purchase.

I hop in my car and take a look in the rear view mirror as I slide the sunglasses on my face. Yes, they are a little crooked, but I still think I look better than I did 20 years ago.



## Gold Cross News Section

### Patroller Milestones

#### Memorial

It is with great regret that *Powder Lines* reports that Marquette Mountain lost one of its patrollers to a motorcycle accident this summer.

**Rich Demarse**, a valued Marquette Mountain Alpine Patroller, will certainly be missed by his friends and fellow patrollers. Rich's desire to always move to the next step was an example for anyone who witnessed his return to patrolling after what now seems a minor leg injury sustained in his third year of patrolling. Subjected to a hospital bed in his living room for well over a year, Rich had to learn to walk again. While keeping everything in his life in perspective he set his sights on coming back to the patrol.

The leaders of his patrol would have staged a challenge test on command. Rich, however, would have it no other way but to complete the entire Patroller candidate course with the new class. His love for life, his family and his Lord will always be what this patroller will remember with every new candidate class. In celebration of Rich's life the sign at his church said it best... "Way to go, Rich!"

*Submitted by Tom Anderson*

#### PSIA Demo Team

**Dan Clausen** has been named to his fourth four-year term as a member of

the PSIA Nordic Demo Team. Dan is ski school director at Minocqua Winter Park.

#### Division and National Honors

Nothing about the rewarding job of being the NCR Awards Advisor makes me happier than the moment that my Division Awards Advisor calls and informs me that some of our Outstandings have been selected as Division winners, and in some cases even National Outstandings. I received a call like that the first week of August, a period when I don't spend a lot of time thinking about skiing. This year we are fortunate to have two such deserving winners.

**Karin Brich** of the Superior Nordic Ski Patrol has been selected the **2004 Central Division Outstanding Nordic Patroller**. Karin has been patrolling since 1992. She has been very active with her own patrol, having served as its Patrol Representative, as well as training and evaluating candidates for many years. Karin has been the NSP liaison for the Noquemenon Ski Marathon with its 1000+ racers for the past six years. This involves countless hours in pre-race committee meetings, recruiting patrollers from all over the Region, planning and coordinating race coverage over the 52 kilometers of the remote and challenging race course, and reporting safety concerns to the race committee. Additionally,

Karin is involved with the PSIA and is active around the Region helping out with patrolling at other Nordic races as well as training and evaluating candidates from other areas. Karin is an excellent ambassador for the National Ski Patrol and has elevated the image of Nordic skiing for many years in her quiet but friendly way with the skiing public she encounters. Congratulations, Karin!

**Minocqua Winter Park Ski Patrol** was selected the **2004 Central Division Outstanding Nordic Ski Patrol**, an award it has repeated from several years ago. MWP has been in existence since 1990, and has 10 regular patrollers. MWP annually hosts the Division Nordic Ski Enhancement Seminar, and has hosted Mountain Travel and Rescue for the Region. Its members are active with the Senior Program, and hold a late OEC Refresher every year for anyone who has missed the others.

The Region Nordic Advisor is the Patrol Representative, **Betty Adams**. MWP patrol is very active with Nordic skiing for area youth. The Nordic ski racing team practices at MWP with help from patrollers, three of which are PSIA certified. The area hosts annual high school and junior high races, and provides coverage for an annual open race and a spring mountain bike race. The patrollers help

each year with the ski jumping program and the annual ski jump competition. This patrol may be small, but it is dedicated to the Nordic skiing public.

**Minocqua Winter Park Ski Patrol** was also selected as the **2004 National Outstanding Runner Up Nordic Ski Patrol**. Congratulations are in order to Betty Adams, PR, all her patrollers, and the excellent staff at Minocqua Winter Park!

*Submitted by Carolyn DeJongh, Region Awards Administrator*

### Brule Plans Patrol Play Weekend 2005

Ski Brule will host the second annual Patrol Play Weekend April 9 -10, 2005.

The weekend will feature activities for patrollers and their families. Featured events from last year included the toboggan relay, three-legged snow race and a downhill biathlon. Officials at Ski Brule will not divulge next year's events, but they promise a lot of fun for the whole family.

Patrol Play Weekend allows patrollers and their families to get together, get to know each other and participate in some good-hearted competition.

Mark your calendars and watch for more information in the Winter issue of *Powder Lines*.

## Tips for Using Pro Forms Properly to Enhance Your Patrolling by Bob Engelman

“How do I purchase equipment on pro forms?” As members of the National Ski Patrol, you are eligible to purchase ski equipment through a pro-form program.

If you do not know a ski rep at your resort, contact your local ski shop. Identify yourself as a patroller and tell them you are interested in a pro-form purchase. If they have an area rep they may give you a name or they may take care of you via their shop staff. Either way, it is important to call ahead to state your intentions.

Here comes the etiquette part: Since you may purchase equipment for a considerable savings on a pro-form, try to schedule your visit to the shop at an off-peak period. The staff will be less likely to be servicing retail customers. If the shop has area reps, call the rep and have them assist you so you do not take the commissioned sales staff away from retail sales. Area reps should

be able to schedule time with you in the evening or weekend.

Pro programs are for you, the professional. They are not for your family and friends. If you want to give your skis to a family member or friend, that is up to you and you may purchase another pair again next year. These programs have been abused in the past and were in danger of being eliminated. So use them but don't abuse them.

Some companies are more liberal than others but they may not have local area reps to service you. Also warranties on some products are not offered on pro sales because many of the products are not serviced by local shops. Remember, as a pro, you are going to push that product to its limits. Therefore consider service and warranty issues carefully.

You use ski and snowboard products as tools of your pro trade and will probably wear them out sooner than the

average skier or boarder. That is why pro sales are available to you.

The Wausau area is blessed with many pro skiers who are enthusiastic about the products they represent. Also check out the guys from Marquette. If you don't know someone in your area, ask your ski shop or send me an e-mail. One of us will get you hooked up with a pro rep.

While skis are easily tested at on-the-hill demo days, boots are another story. Put some good honest effort in determining what boot is right for you. Every person's foot is different from the next. Boot manufacturers offer many styles and sizes in hopes that you will fit in one of their models. In general, all of the boot lines will have a comfort-fit in the recreation and entry level performance boots.

The fit becomes more precise as you get into high performance and race boots. These categories will cripple you if you do not get the right boot and have it prop-

erly fitted. So do some research on your foot shape and boots that are designed for that shape. That way you will have a minimal amount of “tweaking” to do to get that boot “super comfy” and truly functional. In that way the boots will be an asset to your skiing.

Get an evaluation from a podiatrist. Do you wear orthotics in your shoes? Get a pair for your ski boots and take them along when buying new boots. At the very least, get a custom foot bed for your boot that is exact for your foot. It really does make a difference. This is the one place you do not want to sacrifice. You spend many hours in your boots so choose to have them help you rather than hurt you. Your feet will thank you.

Use pro forms properly and your patrolling will benefit.

*Bob Engelman is a Senior Patroller at Granite Peak, a PSIA Level III Instructor, OEC Instructor, and K2 Representative working through Sheppard and Schaller Sporting Goods in Wausau, WI. You may e-mail Bob at engelman@dwave.net*

### North Central Region Pro Reps

Contact the following Pro Reps for Pro Form Products and Information

#### Marquette, MI

**John Keating**, Phone: (H) 906-228-5528, E-mail: jkeating@chartermi.net  
Volkl skis, Tecnica boots and footwear, Marker bindings, helmets and goggles

#### Wausau, WI

**Doug Berg**, Phone 715-359-5051, Rossignol skis, boots, bindings and gear

**David Dahl**, Phone: (H) 715-536-4705, (W) 715-355-2342, E-mail: dcdski@dwave.net  
Volkl skis, Tecnica boots and footwear, Marker bindings, helmets and goggles

**Bob Engelman**, Phone: (H) 715-359-7470, E-mail: engelman@dwave.net  
K2 skis, K2 poles

**Christie Terkelson**, (H) 715-845-8046, (C) 715-846-3207, K2 snowboards

**Jeff Tobin** Phone 715-574-6803, Atomic skis and equipment

## Nordic Training Events Planned in '05

### Nordic Notes by Betty Adams Region Nordic Administrator

**Dan Clausen**, ski school director at Minocqua Winter Park since 1977, has just been selected for his fourth four-year term on the PSIA Nordic Team. Congratulations Dan!

His expertise will guide us Jan. 9, 2005 at MWP in Nordic classic and skate skiing and again on Jan. 10, 2005

at Blackjack for a day of telemark. Events start at 9:00 AM both days. Last year's events were very exciting, so plan to be there.

For information or to register call Betty Adams at 715-588-7731 or e-mail mbadams@newnorth.net or call Dan Clausen at MWP Ski Shop at 715-356-1099 or e-mail llona@newnorth.net

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his NSP tests three years ago and now assists with toboggan training at their local hill, Blackjack. As Steve points out, "13 more years and we will have 100 years of patrolling in our family." That milestone is impressive indeed.

Steve is looking forward to assisting patrols and patrollers with toboggan skills training and encourages anyone to contact him with questions and requests for assistance.

*Powder Lines* is looking forward to featuring a training article and toboggan tips from Steve in future editions.

Snowboarders also have a new resource in the region. **Randy Tufts** has been appointed **Region Snowboard**

### Administrator.

Randy started his NSP career in 1992 while attending school at Michigan Technological University by joining the Mont Ripley Ski Patrol. He started snowboarding in 1995 and worked as a professional patroller when Mount Bohemia opened in 2000. In addition Randy is a Senior Patroller, OEC instructor and has completed NSP's Basic and Advanced Avalanche and Mountaineering courses.

He continues to volunteer at both Mont Ripley and Mount Bohemia even though his real job as an engineer for Anchor Wall Systems now has him working in the Twin Cities area. According to Randy, he continues to ski in the UP because he enjoys it a lot. "All of you who have

had the chance to ski up there understand why," he says.

Snowboarding patrollers should expect to see additional training offerings in the future. Randy plans to put together several training sessions for snowboarders and snowboard/ski instructors this season. He is currently seeking hills that will host such events and encourages patrols to contact him if they are interested.

With time Randy hopes to build a network of instructors across the region that will assist with training programs that can grow in size and offerings.

When Randy is not dedicating free time to NSP or linking carves on steep terrain he also enjoys backpacking,

mountain biking, mountaineering and boating. Watch for Randy at a snowboard event near you.

## Help Wanted Ad

OEC Instructor Trainers are needed in the Houghton/Hancock area and throughout the region. An additional ten to twelve OEC Instructor Trainers are desired in the North Central Region. Interested patrollers should send applications to or contact **Tom Hynes** Region OEC Supervisor.

Patrols needing to schedule an instructor development class are encouraged to also contact Tom.

You may e-mail Tom at tomhynes@charter.net. For additional contact information please see page 11.

 Cut and use the form below to register for Mountaineering Travel and Rescue Courses to be held during 2004-2005

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Send Registration To:

Steven Konkel  
1434 N. 13th Ave.  
Wausau, WI 54401  
E-mail: steven.konkel@gte.net

#### Registration Deadlines

MTR Fundamentals October 31, 2004

MTR 1 December 1, 2004

#### Fees

Course Fee: \$ 20.00 per course

Checks Payable to: NSP-NC Region, Central Division



## 'Tis the Season to Plan This Season's Training Activities

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

The last couple of rainy days in Marquette, when the rain was coming in sideways, the temperature was 45, and the western clouds looked like November snow was on its way, reminded me that our next Region newsletter was being prepared.

Toboggan handling, skiing maneuvers, and snowboard skills seem so far away right now, but before we know it the season will be upon us. If you missed the Rusty Parka News article related to Alpine Training, please note that the Division Clinic

normally held at Wild Mountain in late November has been canceled for that date and location. It has been rescheduled for December 10 and 11, 2004 at Devils Head.

Division Training on the eastern side of the lake is still on for the Boyne area in early December. I realize that for some it will be a long drive, however please try to join all of us at Boyne Highlands.

Steve Beil (toboggan training) and Randy Tufts (snowboard) are able to help in any way with your Patrol

training efforts. I know they are both excited to be a part of the Region staff and would love to share their knowledge.

Think about your training plans for your Patrols. Think about attending the Division and Region Training events close to you. It will be a great time on the snow whenever we hold them. I am looking forward to seeing you soon. If you have questions or suggestions related to alpine training give me a call or an e-mail at your convenience.



**Jim Grundstrom**  
ARD/Alpine Training

*Skiing maneuvers and snowboard skills seem so far away right now, but before you know it the season will be upon us.*

## Standing Rock Patrol Trades Skis for Bikes This Summer

### by Conrad Favor, PR Standing Rock Patrol

The Standing Rocks Ski Patrol was asked by Sue Martin, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Portage County to help them with "Bike for Kids" this year.

Standing Rock Patrol called Marcia Locker and Brad Baumberger of Granite Peak to help. Marcia and Brad serve as secondary patrol-

lers for Standing Rocks. Rachel Favor (RN) also volunteered to help fill a spot at the last minute. She has saved me several times in our 45 years of married life.

The patrollers wore their Emergency Care Belts (Butt packs) and patrol vest/shells in the early morning (7:30 AM). By 10:00 AM we were in T-shirts and orange

police vests.

Sue Martin was impressed with our ability to take charge and get the job done. I thank Marcia, Brad and Rachel for a job well done. I think we made a good impression for the National Ski Patrol; and more importantly "the Kids" had a good time.

## Awards Deadlines are Closer Than You May Think

The snow season is not yet upon us, but it is already time to remind everyone that awards deadlines will be here before we realize.

Outstandings and Merit Stars are due in to Carolyn DeJongh (Region Awards Administrator) by February 5, 2005. The region awards

committee meeting is scheduled for February 19 and nominations must be received by February 5 in order to receive consideration for this season.

Certificates and Bravos are due by April 17 in order to be processed in time for the spring meeting and awards

banquet.

Nominations may be sent to Carolyn DeJongh, 309 Wilson Street, Rhinelander, WI 54501.

Help us recognize outstanding patrollers by sending in nominations by the deadlines listed.

*Outstandings and Merit Stars due February 5.  
Certificates and Bravos due April 17.*

# Senior Event Application Deadline is November 1st

## Senior Ski Stats by Don Close Region Skiing Administrator

Even though the ski hills and trails are not yet open, now is the time to submit your application for Senior qualifying events for the 2004 - 2005 ski season.

If you are interested in starting your journey toward senior status or if you will be continuing your senior efforts this season use this form to apply.

Please return the form below by November 1. Senior Leadership Candidates and Patrol Reps, contact Tom Hynes, Region OEC Administrator for proper materials.



**Don Close**  
Region Skiing Administrator

*Remember, a mentor is required for Senior Leadership events as is a helper.*

*The mentor approach is also being used for Ski and Toboggan events.*

*Senior Leadership Candidates should contact Tom Hynes Region OEC Adm for leadership written materials as soon as possible.*

*Cut and use this form to apply for NSP Senior Events*

### Senior Candidate Application

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

Date of Senior Candidate Application: \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 - New Applicant       \$10.00 - Repeat Applicant  
Please check one

**Patroller Information**

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

NSP Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (if you want to be contacted this way)

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

Years of Patrolling Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Event you will attend:     Leadership                       Ski & Toboggan (S & T)  
check event(s) you will attend

Leadership Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_ (enter mentor name if attending Leadership event)

Helper for Leadership evaluation \_\_\_\_\_ (Helper required for Leadership )

**Note to Leadership Candidates: Contact Tom Hynes, Region OEC Administrator for Materials**

S & T Mentor \_\_\_\_\_ (enter name of mentor if attending S&T event)

Discipline:     Senior Alpine                       Senior Nordic                       Senior Auxiliary

This certifies that the above-named candidate has demonstrated all the basic ski patroller or auxiliary skills and has sufficient knowledge, skills, and experience to participate in the National Ski Patrol senior training program.

Patrol Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return application with fee by November 1, 2004 to:**  
 Don Close,  
 49345 US Hwy 41  
 Hancock, MI 49930



## North Central Region 2003 – 2004 Patrol Representatives

Patrol	Name	Address	City	St.	Zip	Home	E-mail
Big Powderhorn	Earl F. Halverson	E 6395 Snowball Ct.	Bessemer	MI	49911	906-932-0110	
Blackjack	Jason Weinkauff	710 Allison St.	Pence	WI	54550	715-561-5483	ermjason@hotmail.com
Indianhead	Walt Hess	618 Greenbush St.	Ironwood	MI	49938	906-932-4670	threetrack@chartermi.net
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Porcupine Mt.	Thomas Landree	1703 M64	Ontonagon	MI	49953	906-884-2340	tdl@up.net
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Marquette Mountain	Jim Grundstrom	1650 Grandview Dr	Marquette	MI	49855	906-228-7194	jjpgmt@aol.com
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Mount Bohemia	Barb Erkkila	200 Tamarack St	Laurium	MI	49913	906-337-0263	barberks@hotmail.com
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Superior Nordic	Nancy Imm	45420 Cottage Row	Chassell	MI	49916	906-482-3833	nanimm@aol.com
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Norway Mountain	Harry Lauritsen	17783 E Wheeler Lk	Lakewood	WI	54138	715-276-7077	hllauritsen@ez-net.com
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Bruce Mound	Daniel Marks	W12183 Tappen Co	Blair	WI	54616	608-989-2834	
Granite Peak	James DeWeerd	5364 Duncan Drive	Stevens Point	WI	54481	715-341-9037	deert@charter.net
Minocqua Winter Park	Betty Adams	12146 Plummer Lk Rd	Lac du Flambeau	WI	54538	715-588-7731	mbadams@newnorth.net
Nine Mile Forest	Steven Konkell	1434 N. 13th Ave	Wausau	WI	54401	715-675-9263	steven.konkel@gte.net
Standing Rocks	Conrad Favor	703 Greenbriar Ave	Stevens Point	WI	54481	715-344-7271	con@pointonline.net
Camp 10	Gren Rudd	19165 North Hills Dr	Brookfield	WI	53045	262-782-0857	vkbn36a@aol.com

## North Central Region 2004 – 2005 Officers and Advisors

Position	Name	Address	City	St.	Zip	Home	E-mail
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Region Auditor	Dan Dalquist	1112 2nd	Hancock	MI	49930	906-482-8198	dand@chartermi.net
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Section Chief I	Mick Medvecz	7946 30th Ave	Kenosha	WI	53142	262-697-0556	mick@phisupply.com
Section Chief II	David Conger	890 Sunbeam Circle	Oneida	WI	54155	920-434-2503	ddconger@hotmail.com
Section Chief III	Harry Lauritsen	17783 E Wheeler Lk	Lakewood	WI	54138	715-276-7077	hllauritsen@ez-net.com
Section Chief IV	Joe Rohling	4403 Brook Court	Weston	WI	54474	715-241-7476	rohling@dwave.net
Region Skiing Admn	Don Close	49345 US Hwy 41	Hancock	MI	49930	906-482-4587	don@mtu.edu
Region Avalanche Admn	open						
Region Mntring Adm	Steven Konkell	1434 N. 13th Ave	Wausau	WI	54401	715-675-9263	steven.konkel@gte.net
Region Awards Adm	Carolyn DeJongh	309 Wilson St	Rhineland	WI	54501	715-369-1563	cdej@charter.net
Region Certified Ad	open						
Region Medical Adm	James DeWeerd	5364 Duncan Drive	Stevens Point	WI	54481	715-341-9037	deert@charter.net
Region Alumni Admin	Dan Bowen	3407 Polzer Drive	Wausau	WI	54401	715-845-5182	dbowen@dwave.net
Editor Powder Lines	Tim Zimmerman	N3275 Stillwater Dr	Medford	WI	54451	715-748-6552	tzimmerman@mitchellmetals.com
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Region Legal Admin	Steve Atkinson	N13927 Newberg R	Channing	MI	49815	906-542-6801	satkinson@uplogon.com
Region Nordic Admin	Betty Adams	12146 Plummer Lk Rd	Lac du Flambeau	WI	54538	715-588-7731	mbadams@newnorth.net
Region OEC Admin	Tom Hynes	2705 Quail Ave	Wausau	WI	54451	715-848-4164	tomhynes@charter.net
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Region PSIA Admin	Bob Meyers	2517 Norwood St	Marquette	MI	49855	906-226-8578	rmeyers@wpsr.com
Region Toboggan Adm	Steve Beil	PO Box 396	Woodruff	WI	54468	715-588-3633	sbeil@dwave.net
Region Snowboard Ad	Randy Tufts	3225 Hill Ridge Drive	Eagan	MN	55121	651-330-1052	randytufts@yahoo.com

## 2004/2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### North Central Region

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

#### Testing/Training

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

12/10 - 12/11/04 Division SES & SET, Devils Head, 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

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

10/9/04 Section IV OEC Refresher, Horace Mann MS, Wausau, 7:00 AM, Joe Rohling

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

10/16/04 Section II OEC Refresher, Mt Ripley, 8:00 AM, Dan Dalquist

10/17/04 AHA CPR Refresher, Mich. Tech,

Houghton, 8:00 AM, Dan Dalquist

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

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 Konkel

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

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

#### 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 Konkel

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

4/9 - 4/10/05 Patrol Play Weekend, Ski Brule, Tom Macco

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

#### Newsletter Deadlines

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

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

8/15/05 Fall *Powder Lines* articles due, Tim Zimmerman

*If you move or have a change of address, please update your information at [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org)*

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