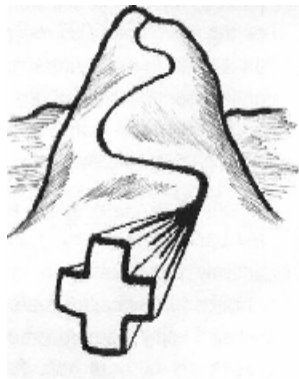


Powder Lines

*Newsletter of the North Central Region
Central Division*



National Ski Patrol



Spring Banquet is Big Success

Region Director's Report

We had an outstanding Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet, hosted by Section 3 at The Waters in Minocqua. The event was very well attended, with many new patrollers and lots of guests present. Jim Woodrum, our Division Director, and his wife were our invited guests. Jim sat in on our business meeting to answer questions regarding Division and National issues.

We accomplished a lot at the business meeting and a look at next year's calendar, included in this issue, will show many different opportunities to be involved. Besides the business meeting, patrollers had an opportunity to attend seminars on Instructor Development presented by Jerry Check, Instructor Update by Tom Hynes and Writing Outstanding Awards presented by Bob Meyers and Dan Dalquist. The Patrol Rep breakfast included an overview of Patroller 101 by Jim Grundstrom and an additional

question and answer session with Jim Woodrum. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the instructors for the extra effort they put in to make this year's Regional Meeting so successful and add a special thanks to Carolyn DeJongh for all the work she puts into the Awards program.

Section 4 will host next year's banquet on April 21 through April 23, 2006, which will again be held at The Waters.

We have three staff positions that need to be filled for next season: Legal Advisor, Avalanche Advisor and Certified Program Advisor. Please contact

me if you are interested.

Although the snow is long gone and we are all involved in myriad summer activities, it is not too early to start thinking about and 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 patrollers. Remember, in order for programs to grow and improve, we always need additional new people.

Watch *Powder Lines* and the region calendar found on page 12 to find areas to become involved.

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

The North Central Region of the Central Division

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Hills and Resorts

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David Dahl
Regional Director

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

Throughout the course of the ski patrol season, certain dynamics set up. These include the hill opening ritual, trail closing routine, the silent communication among patrollers responding to an incident among many others.

They are good things. At our hill there is even an evening meal tradition that kicks in on the night shifts. Even this is a good thing if you do not mind the waist expanding properties of many of the meals.

It takes but a couple of weeks once the ski season begins for these traditions and rituals to settle in. Combined together they become part of the unexplainable allure of patrolling. Those on the outside cannot quite appreciate what it is that brings us back each season.

In my life there is another dynamic that begins to kick

in once OEC classes start in late summer. I call it the "Honey-Do Let Down Effect." My passion for skiing, which my family more appropriately terms my addiction to skiing, has led me to teach OEC classes. This is probably much less altruistic than it may appear. Becoming involved with OEC classes in late August makes it feel like ski season is starting soon, even if we come to class in shorts and tank tops. It is like an appetizer for my addiction. This is not to say I do not take instructing seriously, but there is something that feels good about being with skiers and talking the talk once again.

I admittedly struggle to be the caring-understanding-

sensitive-perfect husband/father of my family's dreams, but I do make an effort. The effort can be classified as noble during the off-season. The key to my success in this area is strict attention to the Honey-Do list. This is challenging, as the list is not necessarily posted for review. Sure,

there may be a few things written down but success is determined by properly prioritizing the written commands, stated commands and those that remain unwritten and unspoken.

In my humble opinion, I think I do a good job during the off-season. My family likes to differ, but I challenge them regularly to find an example of a guy performing better. To date, they have not provided evidence of better performance.

This performance level begins to break down once OEC classes start, however, and becomes increasingly less noteworthy as ski season progresses. This past season two notable events help illustrate the "Honey-Do Let Down Effect." Please note these Honey-Do's were both written down and regularly verbalized with varying degrees of aural harmonization. They were understood.

The first is the case of the failed window seals. Two insulated windows in our somewhat newer house fail and the glass fogs up between the panes. My job: get

them replaced. This is not a big deal as they are still under warranty and nothing more than a couple of phone calls will take care of the largest part of this issue. Problem is, it is autumn and I am settling in to my ski season mental mode since I have, by this time, tasted the OEC class appetizer.

Progress is delayed until one day my wife announces, "Either the windows will be replaced by Christmas or you will be replacing me."

Fortunately for her, and probably carefully calculated as well, she makes this announcement before ski season starts. Therefore it does grab my attention. After all, there would a lot of gift-wrapping to do solo if she leaves before the holidays. So, I make the calls and get the windows replaced in time for Christmas. I don't get the trim stained before Christmas. In fact, that is an item on the current honey-do list, but technically the windows are replaced in time.

The second example involves the bad venison sausage and tough, but a-real-good-deal, beef that began to fossilize in our freezer. My job: get rid of the bad frozen meat. Problem here is that this request was made post-hill opening. To make matters worse, we had pretty good snow, mostly man-made, but pretty good nonetheless.

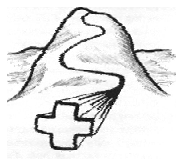
I guess I first recall hearing this request toward the end of March. However, when I later refer to the written request during one of the au-

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Section One Report

Jim Meunier has been selected to fill out the term of Mick Medvecz. We thank Mick for his years of service and welcome Jim to the regional ranks.

Jim reports that Blackjack Mountain has announced it will be closed during mid week (excepting holidays) next season.

Indianhead Mountain patrol has been operating out of a temporary building and has been promised a new building for 2005/2006 season.

Blackjack Mountain will host the Senior S & T next year and has good support of area management. The event is scheduled for February 25 and 26, 2006.

Section One Refresher Info

8/29/05 OEC Refresher, Big Powderhorn

9/10/05 OEC Refresher and Chair Evac, Indianhead

9/10/05 OEC Refresher and Chair Evac, Blackjack

9/11/05 CPR Refresher, Blackjack



Jim Meunier
Section One Chief

Section Two Report by David Conger

As we head into summer we can reflect back on a great 2004-2005 ski season. We had excellent snow conditions with great nordic and downhill skiing throughout the entire year.

Congratulations to all the new basic and senior patrollers. Your hard work and efforts have brought you success. Welcome aboard! Thanks is due to the fellow patrollers who trained, tested, and mentored the

candidates. They often put in as much time as the candidates and their efforts are truly appreciated.

The season ended on a high note with another great Regional Spring Meeting in Minocqua. Section Three did a wonderful job of hosting. It was enjoyed by all.

We're now in our summer season and it's time to enjoy and pursue our other interests. Warm weather will leave all too soon and the

cool nip of fall air will bring our thoughts back to fall refreshers. We all know what follows.

Have a great summer everyone! I'll see you in the fall.

Section Two Refresher Info

10/1/05 OEC Refresher / Chair Evac, Marquette Mnt.

10/15/05 OEC Refresher Mt Ripley Chalet, 8:00 AM

10/16/05 CPR AHA Michigan Tech, 8:00 AM



David Conger
Section Two Chief

Section Three Report

Donald Poe has been elected Section Chief for Section Three. Congratulations to Don!

Donald will replace Harry Lauritsen who served out the maximum length of ser-

vice as Section Three Chief. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Harry for the years of service.

Harry ended his term by heading up Section Three's work hosting the spring ban-

quet held at The Waters of Minocqua.

Section Three Refresher Info

10/15/05 Section Three Refresher, Norway Mnt, 7:00 AM



Donald Poe
Section Three Chief

Tim's Traverse *continued from pg 2*

ral harmonization sessions, I discover the request is dated January 3. It is amazing what cold exposure seems to do to my hearing and my sense of urgency to things other than hill incidents and finding a way to hit the slopes when there is some fresh.

Without a great deal of effort on my part I manage to avoid this task, in spite of

the harmonization that began to take on a definite minor tone by the end of the season. In fact, I somehow managed to put it off until after the spring region banquet.

The Monday following the region banquet I return home from work ready to make amends for the seasonal let down and announce, "I am ready to

Honey-Do."

"Not before you get rid of that old meat in the freezer," is the reply.

And that is when I realized why there was a great lack of extracurricular activity on the home front during the ski season. Dutifully I clean out the freezer. Next I am going to stain that window trim.



Section Four Report by Joe Rohling



Joe Rohling
Section Four Chief

I hope everyone is really able to enjoy the summer. Training for the next season will be starting all too soon.

Some individuals in the region are already in progress. See calendar in this issue for the important dates that will be coming late summer and early fall.

Congratulations to all the award recipients that were presented at the Region Banquet. Just a reminder that it is never too early to start thinking about and making notes for awards for all the deserving people in the upcoming ski year.

I think the summer issue is a good time to list important things of which to be aware:

1. Make sure if you have any changes in address, phone number, etc., that you get this updated at the National office. This can be done online at www.nsp.org.
2. New Outdoor Emergency Transportation Manual is out. All toboggan instructors should have one. This includes both Alpine and Nordic Instructors.
3. Working toward the Senior classification is a great way to keep your skills sharp. If

you are interested please note dates and application deadlines.

4. Be aware that National has a no tolerance policy on sexual harassment. Many things are said off the cuff, such as a joke, passing comment etc. Be sensitive to your comments as they may offend others. Rule of thumb is to think before you speak.

Have a great summer.

Section Four Refresher Info

10/8/05 OEC Refresher, Wausau

10/9/05 Chair Evac Refresher, Granite Peak



Kasten's Korner

c Gary Kasten 2005

North Central OEC Stays Busy All Year with Activities Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall

OEC Update by Tom Hynes Region OEC Administrator

OEC

"Temperatures, They Are Arising"

We finally hit a row of days nearing 75 degrees and were able to say it was a nice Memorial Day weekend. Let's hope our summer stays as nice.

As you are out and about please keep attuned to our environment and the temperature swings. Folks can still be exposed to hypothermia and hyperthermia, be prepared and watchful. The elderly and physically stressed are especially at high risk to either.

For those of us patrolling at bike races this summer, have extra water available. Also remember to check on your elderly neighbors when the temperatures start rising to uncomfortable levels.

OEC Enhancement

Patrollers and Patrol Rep's if you are not aware, there are a number of OEC Enhancements that your local OEC Instructor can provide and which you can use as electives/credits towards your senior.

OEC Refresher reminder: please check with your patrol representative, the region calendar and the postings on sections reports.

Senior Program

Enhancements were made to the division and region senior program.

We in North Central Region have been leaders in providing input for changes and enhancements both for the Ski / Toboggan skills and the OEC / Leadership portions. Please see the Senior

Stats article on page 10 for all the details.

Congratulations to our new seniors. Thanks to Ski Brule for hosting the Leadership event and all who helped out with the evaluation.

Instructor Development

My hat goes off to Gerry Check for running the Instructor Development class at the Region Banquet. Thanks again Gerry.

An e-mail went to the patrol representatives of an Instructor Development class to be held in Wausau in June. Hopefully those of you interested in the training received notice through your individual patrols.

If your patrol needs additional instructors contact me for the next available class.

Instructor Updates

We hope to conduct an Instructor Update during the "Senior" weekend scheduled at Black Jack and another at the Spring Banquet. To schedule one for your section, or patrol please contact me or your local IT (instructor trainer).

Instructor Activity Logs

Instructors make sure you copy your Instructor Trainer in your representative disciplines of your instructing activity for the year, typically an every three year cycle. You may keep track of your activity on the national web site, but keep in mind this is for your use only. The site does not update official records and you need to file your activity logs with the appropriate administrators in the region.

North Central Region Pro Reps

Contact the following Pro Reps for Pro Form Products and Information

Indianhead Ski Patrol

John Stransky, Phone: (H) 608-838-3773, E-mail: skibumrep@aol.com
Dynastar skis and snowboards, Lange boots, Look bindings, Swany gloves, Bolle eyewear and helmets, Serengeti, High Sierra, Bushnell optics

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

*Contact These Region
Pro Reps for Your
Equipment and
Clothing Needs*

Gold Cross News Section: Special Expanded Regional Awards Section

Patroller Milestones

The 2005 Spring Awards Banquet was once again held at the Waters of Minocqua and was well-attended. The highlight of the weekend was the annual banquet. Jim Woodrum, Central Division Director was the keynote speaker and North Central Region Director David Dahl was master of ceremonies.

As is common in the North Central Region, a large number of awards were presented at the banquet. The awards committee encourages region patrollers to nominate fellow patrollers who make extraordinary efforts. Contact Carolyn DeJongh, Region Awards Administrator to nominate a patroller for recognition at the 2006 spring banquet.

SERVICE AWARDS

Five Years

Brad Baumberger, Granite Peak; Patricia Jacobson, Bruce Mound; Tracy Benz, Blackjack; Amy Johnson, Mont Ripley; Kristopher Davis, Bruce Mound; Richard Manteufel, Ski Brule; Ryne De Vries, Bruce Mound; Chris Dobrinski, Blackjack; Nancy Dobrinski, Blackjack; Travis Hofer, Granite Peak; Daniel Marks, Bruce Mound; Julie Meisenhelder, Navarino; John Mitchell, Granite Peak; Jeffrey Domras, Blackjack; Dale Muhonen, Indianhead; Barbara Drake, Nine Mile Forest; Lowell Nordgren, Marquette; Michael Orlando, Indianhead; Stephen Foster, Norway; Tom Ralph, Nine Mile Forest; Derek Fournier, Ski Brule; Ronald Roloff, Nine Mile Forest; Douglas Framness, Nine Mile Forest;

Susan Suring, Norway; Rick Goodell, Norway; David Townsend, Ski Brule; Logan Heinrich, Navarino; Diane Tyler, Navarino; Luke Hockers, Navarino; Robert Vestich, Indianhead; Michael Hockers, Navarino; John Welter, Indianhead; Dick Wilder, Nine Mile Forest.

10 Years

Becky BeFay, Norway; Laura Olson-Davig, Blackjack; Newman Edwardson, Norway; Sharyn Rivest, Gladstone; Randy Gummin, Norway; Susan Tenpas, Indianhead; Charles Herzog, Norway; David Wagner, Norway; Michael Krein, Ski Brule

Fifteen Years

Diane Berghammer, Indianhead; John Mesich, Blackjack; Llona Ney Clausen, Minocqua; Winter Park; Donn Wolf, Marquette

Twenty Years

Jay Christianson, Granite Peak; David Hasenberg, Granite Peak; Kathleen Grant, Granite Peak; Marianne Poe, Gladstone

Twenty Five Years

Randy Freese, Blackjack; Dennis Hewitt, Indianhead; Thomas Gilbreath, Granite Peak; Paul Hewitt, Indianhead; Wesley Hauswirth, Marquette; Susie Suprenant, Blackjack

Thirty Years

James Johnson, Indianhead; Keith Lauritsen, Norway; Thomas Landree, Porkies; Margot Wedel, Porkies; Harry Lauritsen, Norway

Thirty Five Years

Robert Castle, Porkies; Ed Olson, Ashwabay; Paul Kuyper, Indianhead

Forty Years

Betsy Salonen, Ski Brule; Robert Salonen, Ski Brule

Forty Five Years

Lois Polfus, Indianhead

BRAVO

Allyn Thornberry, 34 days, Norway Mountain; Steve Reed, 302 hours, Mont Ripley; Rusty Bluse, 803 hours, Indianhead; Valerie Stromquist, 130 hours, Minocqua Winter Park; Ed Olson, 211 hours, Mt. Ashwabay; Donald Poe, 115 hours, Gladstone Sports Park; Robert Engelman, 284.75 hours, Granite Peak; Marie Larson, 140 hours, Pine Mountain; Greg Kerwin, 347.75 hours, Marquette Mountain; Bob Salonen 51 days Ski Brule; Jerry Linn, 603 hours, Porcupine Mountains; Peter Gebhardt 90.5 hours Nine Mile Forest; Neil Harmon, 200 hours, Ashwabay

OUTSTANDING

Outstanding Auxiliary

Lolita Barry, Marquette Mountain

Outstanding Patrol Representative

James DeWeerd, Granite Peak

Outstanding Alpine Patroller

Gregory Kerwin, Marquette Mountain

Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol

Marquette Mountain Ski Patrol

ANGEL PIN

Barb DeWeerd, Granite Peak; Cathy Ehrgott,

Navarino Slopes; Emily Matke, Granite Peak

MERIT STARS

Purple Merit Star

Steven Blackhall, Norway Mountain

Blue Merit Star

Leon Abel, Granite Peak; Janeen Heller, Granite Peak; Griffith Williams, Granite Peak; Theodor Belej, Mont Ripley

Yellow Merit Star

Kevin Crooks, Granite Peak; Sarah Bradley, Mont Ripley; Katelin Engerer, Mont Ripley; John Juckette, Mont Ripley; Kyle Klumpp, Mont Ripley; Danielle Miller, Mont Ripley; Steven Reed, Mont Ripley

NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

James DeWeerd, Granite Peak #10164

Donn Wolf, Marquette Mountain #10160



Central Division Director, Jim Woodrum addresses 2005 Banquet attendees as keynote speaker. Woodrum said he was impressed with the North Central Region and encouraged patrollers to keep up the good work. The Board of Directors selected The Waters of Minocqua as site of the 2006 Spring Awards Banquet. Make plans now to attend.

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Gold Cross News Section: Special Expanded Regional Awards Section

Patroller Milestones continued from page 6



Jim DeWeerd is presented his National Appointment and Outstanding Patrol Representative awards by David Dahl RD and Jim Woodrum DD



Donn Wolf is congratulated by David Dahl RD and Jim Woodrum DD on his National Appointment that was awarded at the spring banquet.



Steven Blackhall is awarded the Purple Merit Star by David Dahl RD and Jim Woodrum DD during the awards ceremony at the spring banquet.



Leon Abel was awarded the Blue Merit Star at the 2005 North Central Region spring awards banquet held at the Waters of Minocqua.



Theodor Belej receives the Blue Merit Star, while Danielle Miller, Katelin Engerer, Sarah Bradley, Kyle Klumpp and John Juckette are awarded Yellow Merit Stars.



Tim Zimmerman earned his Senior designation and received the Senior certificate at the 2005 North Central Region spring awards banquet.



Patrol Representative Jim Grundstrom and members of the Marquette Mountain Ski Patrol pose with the Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol award they received.



Patrol Representative Dan Dalquist accepts the Senior trophy awarded to Mont Ripley Ski Patrol for the highest percentage of eligible members seeking Senior in 2004/05



Diane Berghammer and Donn Wolf accepted fifteen year service awards during the North Central Region 2005 spring awards banquet.



Marianne Poe celebrated and was recognized for twenty years service within the NSP at the spring banquet held at the Waters of Minocqua.



Tom Gilbreath accepted the twenty-five year service award that he was presented although rumor has it he did not celebrate as much as was expected.



Betsy and Bob Salonen divulged their secret to youth by jointly accepting their forty year service awards at the spring awards banquet this April.



Cathy Ehrgott was recognized for her sacrifice to the North Central Region when she was awarded the Angel Pin in recognition of the support she has provided.



Barb DeWeerd made certain her husband Jim was not the only one heading home from the festivities with an award as she was presented with the Angel Pin.



Past RD's Conrad Favor, Bob Meyers, Dan Dalquist, Trudy Olsson and Don Close, pose with current RD David Dahl and DD Jim Woodrum. Decades of Leadership!



When festivities moved from the banquet area to the bar, this member of the French ski patrol was spotted phoning in suggestions gleaned from North Central patrollers.

Gilliland Plays Two for One in Web Master Roles

Feature Story by Tim Zimmerman



Mark Gilliland
Division and Region
Web Master

When he started skiing more than 35 years ago in the mountains of Idaho, it is a given that Mark Gilliland never thought he would be serving NSP as a web master. Yet he now finds himself charged with keeping not only the region web site up to date, but he also commands the Central Division site as well.

Mark was appointed region and division web master about six months ago. During that time he has been busy implementing updates to the division site and maintaining the region site in its original format. He plans to

revamp the region site by sometime this autumn.

Mark has been in the computer consulting business for over 24 years. He is currently employed as a Senior Technology Specialist for Clifton Gunderson Technology Solutions where he works with diverse clientele ranging from manufacturing operations to casinos to co-operatives among others. Clifton Gunderson specializes in network installations involving Internet connectivity, groupware, security, accounting solutions and remote access.

While he started skiing in

Idaho, Mark reports that the majority of his ski time has been spent in the Midwest. He sometimes finds time to take trips to Colorado and Vermont however.

Mark lives with his wife and children in the Plover area and is a member of the Granite Peak Ski Patrol. He is currently working toward his Senior designation.

You may log on to the region site at www.nsp.org/divisions/central/ncr/ Contact Mark with ideas, comments and questions regarding the north central region site via e-mail at mgilliland@charter.net.

MTR Class to be Offered in October

A MTR Fundamentals course will be offered this autumn, before ski areas open for the regular season. By offering this course early you may have time in your schedule to try MTR.

In the fundamentals course you will have the opportunity to learn about navigation, travel equipment, emergency shelters, search and rescue, and much more.

Most of this course is in a class room setting but we will get outside for some lessons. If you have a desire for information about out of bounds travel and rescue, sign up for the October 1 class.

Cut and mail the form at the right to enroll.

Mountain Travel and Rescue Fundamentals Registration Form

National Ski Patrol NC-Region
October 1, 2005 in Wausau, WI

Registration Deadline is **August 13th, 2005**

Mail Registration To:



Steven Konkell
1434 N 13th Ave.
Wausau, WI 54401

Course Fee Will Be \$20.
Make Checks Payable to:
NSPS-NC Region, Central Division

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No _____

E-mail address _____

Need more information? E-mail: steven.konkel@gte.net

Junior Olympics Headed to MTU: Patrollers Needed

The Chevrolet Junior Olympics presented by Barilla is considered the national championship in cross country skiing. 400 of the best skiers in the country, ages 14 – 19, are expected to compete. Almost 1,000 visitors will spend 8 days in the Houghton – Hancock area during the event.

Hard to believe! Michigan Technological University in Houghton, MI and the Copper Country Ski Tigers are hosting the National Junior Olympics in March 2006. Our local Ski Patrols are part of the support team. Dates: Fri. March 3 thru Sat

March 11, 2006. During Michigan Tech Spring Break.

Location: Michigan Tech Ski Trails. This trail system was recently rebuilt and is now FIS certified. Check out the web site: www.aux.mtu.edu/rec/ccski/

Patrollers are needed to cover the competition. Teams of four are ideal. Volunteer for one day, several days or the entire event! Once the events are done for the day, ski the trails, try your alpine skills at Mont Ripley, Ski the Bear Chase loop at Swedetown or head up north to ski Mount Bohemia.

Patrollers with Nordic skills and equipment are preferred. If you are not comfortable on skinny skis then bring your snowshoes and patrol pack. We can also use non-Nordic patrollers. Patrollers will be under the direction of the Event Medical Advisor – Dr. Jon Neufeld.

Michigan Tech is generously providing housing for up to four patrollers at a time.

Please respond to Barbara Wheeler – Patrol Director-Copper Country Nordic Ski Patrol by phone at 906 - 487 - 9695 or by e-mail at bawheelerski@msn.com

Chevrolet Junior Olympics March 3 thru March 11, 2006 at Michigan Tech Ski Trails

Area Ski Resorts and Patrols Make Announcements

Patrol News

Ski Brule

The Ski Brule patrol announced the selection of Greg Vanevenhoven as patrol representative for the 2005 / 2006 ski season. Greg replaces Tom Macco who has moved out of the area to pursue education and employment in the medical field.

We congratulate Greg and welcome him to the region ranks. We also take this opportunity to wish Tom success in his new endeavor.

Blackjack Mountain

Reported by Jim Meunier

Blackjack Mountain has agreed to host the "Senior Weekend" February 25 and 26. This will be a great opportunity for those seeking to earn the Senior designation. Thanks is offered in advance to Blackjack Mountain for hosting this event.

Lodging and meals are being arranged for the Senior weekend. More details will be published in the fall edition of *Powder Lines*.

Blackjack Mountain has also announced that it will not be open to mid week business this season except during holiday weeks.

Indianhead Mountain

Reported by Jim Meunier

After operating out of a temporary building last season, the Indianhead Ski Patrol has been promised a new building for the 2005 / 2006 ski season. The patrol is looking forward to serving the skiing/riding public from a permanent location.

Granite Peak

Reported by Tom Hynes PR and Darin Westover Asst PR

The season ended on high and low notes. A high note

with another record breaking season and on a low note with one skier death.

Thanks to Jim DeWeerd for all his efforts in the building and outfitting our beautiful patrol building.

As of this writing we have no further updates on skier counts, patrol or management changes. The "No Sign On" protocol as established by management continues. There will be a number of on-hill training activities available later in the season. Watch the calendar for more details and information.

Editor's Note: Watch for additional Patrol News in future issues of *Powder Lines*. We hope to make this a regular feature that allows patrol representatives to report on patrol activities. All submittals should be sent to the editor.

New Section Dedicated to News About Patrols Within the Region

Senior Program Sees Changes in 2004 / 2005

Senior Ski Stats by Don Close Region Skiing Administrator and Tom Hynes Region OEC Admin



Don Close
Region Skiing Administrator

The 2004-2005 season brought with it a push to make needed changes and enhancements to the Senior Program.

The Senior Program is not run by national, but is administered by the division and implemented by the region. We in the North Central Region have been leaders in providing input for those changes and enhancements both for the Ski / Toboggan skills and the OEC / Leadership portions.

The new Ski / Toboggan portions are finished and published with the OEC / Leadership portion to follow. On the region level we do have a packet of information and training guide that can be used to enhance OEC / Leadership skills. Contact your patrol representative or Tom Hynes for an application and more information. Applications are due in by November 1.

The application for 2005 / 2006 Senior Candidates will be published in the fall edition of *Powder Lines*. You may check out the Ski / Toboggan manual on line at

the Central Division web site. Contact your patrol representative or one of the region staff for the OEC / Leadership training guide.

The last portion of the 2004 / 2005 Senior program was held at Ski Brule again this year on February 12th.

Four out of five candidates were successful there at the Leadership Management evaluation. A big thanks to Ski Brule for hosting this event and dialing up perfect weather that day. Ski Brule

provide this program for our Region.

While there are a few candidates still needing to finish electives, we did end up with three who have completed all the require-



2005 Senior Leadership Adjudicators Les Robinson and Trudy Olsson release "patient" Chris Hock from a backboard as they prep their station for the next Senior candidate.



Tom Hynes
Region OEC Administrator



The 2005 Senior Leadership class (l to r), Daren Lukes, Granite Peak; Konstantin Bulgakov, Mont Ripley; John Mancini, Mont Ripley; Colin Bell, Mont Ripley; Tim Zimmerman, Granite Peak. The Leadership Evaluation was held February 12, 2005 at Ski Brule.

also hosted the Senior Leadership practice scenario on December 12, 2004.

Thanks must also be offered to all the trainers, evaluators and helpers who volunteered many hours to

ments. Our new Seniors are Daren Lukes from Granite Peak, John Mancini from Mont Ripley and Tim Zimmerman from Granite Peak.

Congratulations guys!



Daren Lukes assesses "patient" Keith Robinson during one of Lukes' Senior test scenarios at Ski Brule this past February.

North Central Region 2005—2006 Patrol Representatives

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

North Central Region

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Testing/Training

8/7/05 Section 4, OEC Candidate Training Classes Start, Wausau, WI, Julie Knapp

8/29/05 OEC Candidate Training Classes Start, Mt. Ripley, Dan Dalquist

10/01/05 MTR Fundamentals, Wausau, WI, Steven Konkell

10/22/05 Instructor Development, Ski Brule, Tom Hynes

10/22/05 Instructor Update, Ski Brule, Tom Hynes

11/12/05 Section 4, OEC Final Exam, Granite Peak, Tom Hynes

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

12/1/05 CPR Refresher Deadline, Granite Peak

12/3/05 OEC Final Exam, Mont Ripley, Dan Dalquist

12/9/05 Division S & T, Boyne Highlands, Jim Grundstrom

12/18/05 Toboggan Instructor Update, Granite Peak, Tom Hynes

1/7-1/8/06 Division Nordic Clinic, 9:00 AM, MWP, Betty Adams

1/9/06 Telemark Clinic, Blackjack, 9:00 AM, Betty Adams

1/9/06 On Hill Training Starts, Mont Ripley, Dan Dalquist

1/14/06 Region Alpine S & T, Jim Grundstrom; Evaluator Calibration Clinic, Tom Hynes; Ski Brule

2/xx/06 PSIA Event, Granite Peak, Exact Date T/B/D, David Dahl

3/5/06 Section 4, Basic Alpine S & T Evaluation, Granite Peak, Joe Rohling

3/9-3/11/06 Division Certified Evaluation, Marquette Mountain

3/17-3/19/06 MTR 1, Overnight Camp Out, Steven Konkell

3/18/06 Basic Alpine S & T Evaluation, Mont Ripley, Dan Dalquist

3/18/06 PSIA Weekend, Marquette Mountain, Bob Meyers

Refreshers

8/29/05 Section I OEC Refresher, Big Powderhorn, Earl Halverson

9/10 - 9/11/05 Section I OEC, Chair Evac, CPR Refresher, Blackjack, Bob Lehman

9/10/05 Section I OEC Refresher, Indianhead, Walt Hess

10/1/05 Section II OEC Refresher, Marquette Mt, Jim Grundstrom

10/8/05 Section IV OEC Refresher, Wausau, Joe Rohling

10/9/05 Chair Evac Refresher, Granite Peak, Tom Hynes

10/15/05 Section III OEC Refresher, Norway Mt, 7:00 AM, Harry Lauritsen

10/15/05 Section II OEC Refresher, Mt Ripley, 8:00 AM, Dan Dalquist

10/16/05 AHA CPR Refresher, MTU, 8:00 AM, Dan Dalquist

11/6/05 OEC Make-Up Refresher, Minocqua/Winter Park, 9:00 AM, Betty Adams, Call Ahead

12/4/05 MWP Nordic S & T Refresher, Betty Adams

1/4 & 1/8/06 On Hill Refreshers, Granite Peak, Tom Hynes

1/14/06 On Trail Refresher, Nine Mile Nordic, Steven Konkell

Senior

11/1/05 Senior Applications Due, Don Close

12/4-12/5/05 Division SES, ~~Blackjack~~, Don Close

1/14/06 Mandatory Senior Leadership Clinic, Ski Brule, Tom Hynes

2/25/06 Senior Leadership Evaluation, Blackjack, Tom Hynes

2/26/06 Senior Ski Proficiency/Toboggan Evaluation, blackjack, Don Close

Awards

2/8/06 Outstanding Awards, Merit Stars, Appointments, DSA, due to Carolyn DeJongh

2/18/06 Awards Committee Meeting, Wausau, 11:00 AM, Carolyn DeJongh

4/10/06 Deadline for Certificates and Bravos, Carolyn DeJongh

Meetings

9/9-9/10/05 Fall Division Meeting, Detroit, Candy Jacques

10/22/05 NC Region Fall Meeting, Ski Brule, David Dahl

4/21 - 4/23/06 NC Region Spring Meeting, The Waters of Minocqua

9/8-9/10/06 NC Region Hosts Fall Central Division Meeting, Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau, WI, Sara Hull

Events

10/20-10/22/05 Pro Rally Support Weekend, Houghton, MI, Dan Dalquist

11/5/05 Marquette Mountain Race Team Ski Swap, Jim Grundstrom

2/4 - 2/6/06 Badger State Winter Games, Wausau, Alpine Contact: Joe Rohling, Nordic Contact: Steve Konkell

2/25/06 Birkebeiner Race/Nordic, Hayward, Barb Wheeler

3/3-3/12/06 Nordic Junior Olympics, Houghton, Patrollers Needed, Barb Wheeler or Dan Dalquist

3/4/06 Lakeland Loppet, Minocqua/Winter Park, Patrollers Needed, Betty Adams

3/12/06 Great Bear Chase, Calumet, patrol-lers Needed, Barb Wheeler

4/9/06 Mont Ripley Awards Party, Dan Dalquist

5/20/06 Bike Race, MWP, Betty Adams

5/20/06 Granite Peak Pig Roast and Awards Party, Tom Hynes

Financial Reports

6/30/05 End of Fiscal Year, Sara Hull

8/15/05 Patrol Treasury Reports Due to Section Chief, Sara Hull

9/1/05 Section Treasury Reports Due to RD and Region Treasurer, Sara Hull

10/1/05 Region Treasury Reports Due to Division Director, Sara Hull

Newsletter Deadlines

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

1/15/06 Winter Powder Lines articles due, Tim Zimmerman

6/1/06 Summer Powder Lines articles due, Tim Zimmerman

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