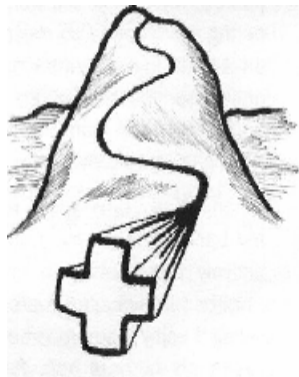


Powder Lines

*Newsletter of the North Central Region
Central Division*



National Ski Patrol



Big Events Planned in 2006

Region Director's Report

Most of the ski areas in the Central Region have been open since mid-November. Mother Nature was more cooperative early on, but a little unpredictable at times. First cold, then snow, cold, rain, snow, and now warm up to 40 degrees when it should be 10 below.

The Division ski and toboggan training clinic was held this year for the first time at Granite Peak. It was an outstanding, but cold, two-day event. Kudos to the Granite Peak Patrol for the great job with toboggan transportation and thanks to Granite Peak Ski Area for hosting this event.

North Central Region's Senior Program has 22 candidates this year. The OEC and skiing evaluation will be held on one weekend, February 25th & 26th, at Black Jack Ski Area in Ironwood Michigan.

The North Central Division will be hosting the Fall Division meeting in Wausau September 8-10, 2006. The fall meeting will have a lot to offer visiting patrollers. We will be offering **CPR refreshers, Mountain Travel and Rescue at Granite Peak, Ski Trainers Workshop with digital video analysis and Golf.** Besides this being a big patrol weekend for patrol-

lers, there are many other activities available in the area for both patrollers and their guests when visiting Wausau, such as:

Wausau's Artrageous Weekend

Head to both sides of the Wisconsin River for two days of art hopping and shopping at three events: Art in the Park under the tall pines of Marathon Park, the Festival of Arts in the heart of downtown Wausau's River District, and the opening weekend of "Birds in Art" up Franklin Street at the Woodson Art Museum. Artist demonstrations, musical performances, children's activities, and festival food tempt all five senses. Free shuttle buses make getting to all three events a breeze.

Birds In Art

Flights of fancy are always in store during this annual

celebration of birds and the global artists who paint and sculpt them. More than 120 artworks offer vignettes of bird life the world over interpreted in artistic styles that reflect the multi-culturalism of the artists whose works are selected for inclusion. www.lywam.org/birdsinart

There will be many opportunities for patrollers from throughout the NC Region to assist with this big event. If you are interested in volunteering time, please contact me.

The NC Region Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet is being held at the Waters of Minocqua April 21-23 and is being hosted by Section IV. Please plan now to attend this event which has something for everyone including education classes for patrollers, water park for family members and the many attractions of the Minocqua area. Come and enjoy a great weekend with patrollers from our region. See the registration form on page 10.

I look forward to seeing you in Minocqua and hope to also see you on the snow!

The North Central Region of the Central Division

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and Serving the Skiing and
Boarding Public via our
Local Hills and Resorts

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David Dahl
Region Director

2006 SECTION CHIEF ELECTIONS OF SECTIONS I and IV

National Ski Patrol System Central Division, North Central Region

The North Central Region of the Central Division will hold an election in the spring of 2006 to elect the Section Chief in Sections I and IV

Minimum Qualifications

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

The above are the minimum requirements for nomination.

Recommended Requirements

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

Duties and Responsibilities

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

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

Nomination Procedure

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

Electorate

The Electorate, having one vote each, consists of Unit Representatives as of December 31, 2005.

Elections Procedure: Region Elections Coordinator verifies and notifies all candidates. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by **March 10, 2006**. Ballots must be returned by **March 25, 2006**. Results will be announced by **April 1, 2006**.

Section Chief Nomination Form

National Ski Patrol System, Central Division, North Central Region

Section Chief Nomination for 2006 Elections, I hereby nominate:

Name: _____ of the _____ (Patrol and State)

For the office of Section Chief, NC Region Section I or IV (circle one) Signed: _____

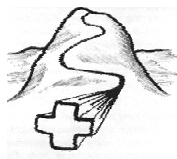
Date: _____ Print Your Name: _____ Address: _____

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

Nominations Must Be Post Marked by **March 1, 2006**

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Tim's Traverse will return in the summer issue of *Powder Lines*. Due to space restrictions and lack of winter humor, Tim has taken to the slopes rather than picking up the pen for this issue. His harrowing, if not altogether funny, thoughts on life as a patroller will no doubt return just in time for him to complain about the summer heat. Until then, enjoy your time on the slopes and trails.



Section One Report by Jim Meunier

Although the snow hasn't been as good as usual this year, we did have some good crowds over the holidays. Since then we have had very mild weather and not much snow. Hope we get some big dumps soon!

The Indianhead patrol is now in their new Ski Patrol building. It turned out great thanks to a lot of volunteer work from patrollers. Rusty Bluse and Bob Vestich coordinated completion of the interior work, with Doug Anderson doing all the electrical work. Great job all!

We have something else new going on this year in our Section, a group of senior candidates! Yes, we have eight candidates (Six Blackjack, two Indianhead). They are all experienced, and dedicated patrollers and make for a very good group

to break this new ground. Since we haven't really had an active senior program at any of our areas in 15-20 years it presents a challenge for everyone involved, to make sure the candidates are well prepared for the evaluations the end of February.

Since the program has changed emphasis, we lacked local experience on just exactly what to expect. However, we have a good Senior Manual and have had extra help from Tom Hynes and the crew from Granite Peak on the OEC leadership portion, and from the Marquette Mountain folks on the S&T skills.

The candidates have all been working very hard, attending clinics and working together and with others on the OEC leadership and ski-

ing and toboggan handling skills they will be expected to demonstrate. I am sure most have wondered several times "why am I doing this?" That's understandable, it is a big commitment of time and effort and the pay stays the same. But seriously, I can see that the candidates have been improving their individual skills, and it has also drawn many others (PD's, ski instructors, OEC instructors, advocates, patients, etc.) into the effort and has had an overall positive benefit to the patrols. We all support the efforts of these candidates and wish them success!

Hopefully, this effort will result in a successful outcome for this class of candidates and encourage a new class of candidates for next year!



Jim Meunier
Section One Chief

Section Two Report by David Conger

The ski season is well underway. What started out as a great snow year with lots of cold weather and plenty of the white stuff has turned into a much warmer than normal winter. Thank goodness for snowmaking. Unfortunately the areas without it and the cross-country trails are not doing as well.

Refreshers and OEC classes are completed and candidate training, on the hill refreshers and other patrol programs are in progress.

Ski Brule hosted the NC Re-

gion fall meeting in October along with hosting the Region Alpine S&T and the OEC Evaluation Calibration Clinic in January. Both were extremely well attended and deemed great successes.

Mt. Ripley has purchased a new chairlift to service the Plunge area on the east side of the mountain. This will be installed in the near future. Also plans include expanded snowmaking and building a new chalet.

Copper Country Nordic and Mt. Ripley are providing nor-

dic patrol for the Nordic Junior Olympics held in January. This is a big event being hosted by Michigan Tech.

Congratulations to the new patrollers and to everyone who successfully completed their programs. Also thanks to all those instructors and trainers for their time and effort

I am again looking forward to visiting the areas in my section and to seeing everyone at the region spring banquet and meeting in Minocqua.



David Conger
Section Two Chief

Section Three Report

Donald Poe was elected Section Chief for Section Three at the spring meeting. Don will be busy this year at both

Gladstone Sports Park and around the section. Watch for news, updates and interesting facts from Section

Three in upcoming editions of *Powder Lines*.



Donald Poe
Section Three Chief

Section Four Report by Joe Rohling



Joe Rohling
Section Four Chief

Refreshers are being completed and training along with patrol activities are in full swing.

Consistent warm weather has hampered snowmaking efforts but most hills remain open.

Nine Mile Forest is hanging in there with fair conditions for skate skiing. Continued warm temperatures could cause the area to close. Hopefully the recent big snowfall will provide the snow needed for a good late season. The Badger State Games nordic events were held there and the snow we did have was very welcomed. Actually more snow for all of Section 4 would be welcomed.

Camp 10 is doing well and opened before Christmas. New patrollers are being trained. It looks like there is a good number of people to develop a solid base for this patrol.

Bruce Mound is doing well and there is excitement in the air with a possible expansion. New runs and a chair lift are being discussed. Scott Loveland is learning the ropes as the new Representative and is working hard organizing his patrol. A big thanks goes to Tom Hynes, Region OEC Administrator, and all the volunteers for organizing an OEC challenge test which resulted in two more people moving forward in their patrol careers.

Thanks to a few cold nights, Granite Peak is now 99% open. Final touches have been placed on their new patrol room. With money from their summer fund raiser they now have some new equipment, including a set of CPR manikins and some additional new radios on the way. If things go well for the hill there is talk of another high speed chair lift within the next two years.

Standing Rocks has struggled with the warm weather and is currently open. They had only been able to be open for a few days prior.

Mark your calendars for the North Central Region Meeting and Awards Banquet which will be held in Minocqua at the Water's on April 21 - 23, 2006.

Also the Central Division Fall Meeting will be held in Wausau, WI., September 8 - 10, 2006. It promises to be a huge event with patrollers from around the Central Division expected to attend. This is also the weekend in which Wausau holds its famous Artrageous weekend. It is a fabulous weekend in which many people travel to the city for all the art and activities. Many are within walking distance and shuttles are provided to other locations. A large antique show is also part of the events. Hope to see you there.



c Gary Kasten 2006

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, *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

Mountain Travel and Rescue Training Events Scheduled

Are you ready to take the opportunity to learn about personal survival, travel (not by plane, train, or vehicle), backcountry considerations, and search and rescue? Come to Minocqua for that opportunity and be prepared to travel that less traveled path by signing up for the MTR Fundamentals class. If you already have taken the MTR Fundamentals and you are ready to travel that less-traveled path, then it is time to sign up for MTR 1 and put those classroom-learned skills to use. Sign up for MTR 1 which will be held at The Under Down and put those learned skills to work in the outdoors. Don't be afraid to come outside. You will enjoy your time with some of the greatest people around, your fellow patrollers.

The Mountain Travel and Rescue offered this spring will be a fundamentals class at Minocqua during the Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet weekend: Starting Friday, 4/21, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM and finishing Saturday, 4/22, 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

MTR 1 at The Under Down North of Merrill: Starting Saturday, 3/18, 9:00 AM and finish Sunday afternoon. There will also be a check your equipment meeting prior to March 18th.

Mountain Travel and Rescue Training Registration

Check Please

- Mountain Travel and Rescue Fundamentals (April 21st & 22nd) DEADLINE TO REGISTER MARCH 25th @Spring Banquet
- Mountain Travel and Rescue 1 (March 18th & 19th) DEADLINE TO REGISTER FEBRUARY 25th

Mail Registration To:

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

Course Fee Will Be \$25 for each class
Make Checks Payable to:
NSPS-NC Region, MTR

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No _____

E-mail address _____

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

Cut and use this form to register

Know the NSP Code of Conduct: The Code is Part of Patrolling

Special to *Powder Lines* by Conrad Favor, PR Standing Rocks Ski Area

As a Patrol Leader at a public land ski area and a Patroller at a privately owned ski area, I have become more aware of management's role in NSP affairs.

NSP members perform patrol services on behalf of area management; we are

agents of area management or the public lands administration, and are subject to the control, direction, and discipline of area management and/or the public lands administration.

This is something all patrollers must keep in mind. How we represent ourselves on

the hill, or when we are in uniform, are reflections of our patrol and area management. One example would be: "criticism in public of NSP, area management, public lands administration, or their respective directors, officers, staff or members."

The above example is only

one of the many "standards of conduct" that have been established in the NSP.

These standards can be found in the "Policies and Procedures Manual" and the "Introduction To Ski Patrolling Course # 101."

Have a great day, ski well

North Central Region Hosts Central Division in Wausau September 8 -10

Special to *Powder Lines* by Sara Hull, Region Treasurer

Wausau, WI will be the host city for the 2006 Central Division Fall meeting and awards banquet. The North Central Region invites all members of the National Ski Patrol Central Division to convene in Central Wisconsin at the Jefferson Street Inn on September 8 - 9, 2006. The Jefferson Street Inn is downtown Wausau's stylish, new boutique hotel featuring suites and executive guest rooms, many with fireplaces and whirlpools. The Inn is located in Wausau's River District which offers a variety of opportunities to enjoy the arts, fine food, entertainment, distinctive boutique shops, and even a downtown mall. September 8 - 10 is also Wausau's Artrageous Weekend. This trilogy, which celebrates

the visual arts at their finest, comprises three separate events - Art in the Park, Festival of Arts, and Birds in Art - held at three different sites around the city.

Art in the Park brings together more than 120 exhibitors. Pottery, painting, photography, fine woodcraft, weaving, and stained glass are just a few of the many art mediums that attract visitors to this lively venue.

The Festival of Arts, held on the Third Street corridor and 400 Block green space in downtown Wausau, presents work by over 100 juried fine artists representing a variety of mediums. These include ceramics, fiber, glass, graphics, jewelry, metals, painting, paper, photography, sculpture, wood, and more. The

festive browse-or-buy atmosphere is enhanced by artist demonstrations, on-stage and strolling performing artists, a hands-on children's art area, young collector's area, silent auction, and food stands.

Opening weekend events of the Birds in Art exhibition at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum coincide with Wausau's Artrageous Weekend. This perennial autumn favorite features more than 120 paintings, graphics, and sculptures created by artists who bring a global perspective to their passion for birds.

Free shuttle buses run every 15 minutes between 10 am and 5 pm from designated locations, making traveling

between all three events a snap.

The following is a brief description of some of the events being planned for this weekend:

Planned Meeting Events:

Central Division board meeting and other patrol related education.

Golf: Enjoy a round of golf at an area course while viewing stunning fall colorama.

Central Division Awards Banquet: Celebrate our award winning members.

If anyone is interested in assisting with planning for this event, please contact Sarah Hull at 715-848-2571, or

sghull@mail.acsimail.net.

Refresh Your Toboggan Skills, You May Need Them

Toboggan Tasks by Steve Beil, Region Toboggan Administrator

With your OEC and Chair Evac refreshers completed, you are set for another ski season. Year after year your OEC skills get refreshed and used on a regular basis. With the use of these skills comes confidence and improvement. Every year you use these skills to serve the skiing public. But, what about your toboggan skills? Are you keeping them sharp? Would you have the confidence to handle an evacuation on a steep run? Too often I hear, "We do everything by snowmobile or snow cat, we never use a toboggan." Or, "if someone falls on our advanced run they always slide to the bottom." While this may be true,

never and always seldom last forever. Someday the need will arise; will you be ready?

In this era of business changes and personal mobility you never quite know what the future may bring. At my home area, we used to run everything by snowmobile. Then one day, the decision was made to handle all accidents on the hill by toboggan in the interest of safety. We still use the snowmobile on the green runs and to transport across the bottom, but our toboggans now get a daily workout. Demands for your toboggan skills may change. You trained for this to pass your

candidate test, why not keep your skills alive? Get back in the handles and your confidence and skills in this area will do nothing but improve.

Each patrol should have some provision for a toboggan refresher. These are skills that need refreshing. If your area doesn't offer training or you need help setting up a refresher, give me a call or drop me an e-mail (715-588-3633 or sbeil@dwave.net).

Getting back in the handles may feel a little strange but your skills will return and improve with use. Keep your skills sharp, you never know what the future may bring.

*"What about your
Toboggan
Skills?"*

'Best Alpine Training Event Ever' Calibrates Ski and Toboggan Evaluators

Alpine Approaches by Jim Grundstrom ARD Alpine Training

If it is possible to hit the jack pot in Ski Patrol Training, we did it! Over fifty patrollers joined together on Saturday January 14 at Ski Brule to work on the unified Alpine Candidate Evaluation Program, and for some to qualify for the Senior Alpine Ski and Toboggan Evaluation.

I believe that we had the best support from the Region's Patrols ever! The Marquette Mountain, Granite Peak, Mont Ripley, Ski Brule, Blackjack, Indianhead, Pine Mountain, and Norway Mountain patrols were all involved. A huge thank you goes out to the Patrol Directors for getting the word out on this Event and for being very open minded with regard to how Candidate Evaluations should be conducted.

Those who attended are on the cutting edge of the knowledge base for Ski and Toboggan because of the support the Central Division and the Region provided with John Keating a member of the Division Education staff from PSIA, Tom Anderson our Division Ski School Director, and Bob Meyers our Region Ski School Advisor being able to attend this event. Tom, John and Bob gave advice and homework through out the day to participants so they could advance their personal level of skiing up one more notch. It is safe to say from the laughing, smiles, interaction from all the participants, and feedback we will definitely try this event again next season. Spread the word and watch next season's calen-

dar for the date of the North Central Region S and T training.

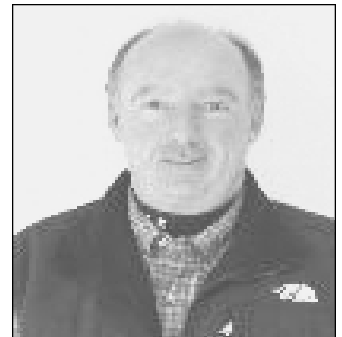
So what did we get from this event? We are prepared to follow the new Transportation Manual from NSP, and the micro-version of the same called the "pocket guide" in all of our training and evaluating. Please consider it the bible of Ski, Snowboard and Toboggan Training. The maneuvers are all in there, and all of our members should know them, based upon their specific equipment. Whether you are on Tele's, a Snow-

board, or Alpine equipment the plan is in that book.

RD David Dahl and I totally agree that every Toboggan Instructor in the North Central Region needs to have in their library a copy of both books. Please go to the national web site and order yours today.

To the Toboggan Instructors who helped out at Brule, a huge thank you goes out to you. We would not be able to pass on the knowledge without you!

Have a great winter, see you on the snow, and for sure at the Region Banquet and Annual Meeting in April.



Jim Grundstrom
ARD Alpine Training



Patrollers from around the region descended on Ski Brule Saturday January 14 for North Central Region ski and toboggan evaluator calibration clinic. The group studied the most recent evaluation criteria as set forth by the Central Division. Over 50 patrollers participated in the event which was termed by some to be the best region alpine training event ever. This year's participants posed for a group picture at the end of the day. Plans are underway now for another, similar, clinic during the 2006/2007 season. Watch the region calendar for updates and start planning now to attend the clinic next season. Many thanks are extended to everyone who helped make this year's event so successful.

Another Great Nordic Training Event in the Books

Nordic Notes by Betty Adams, Region Nordic Administrator



Betty Adams
Region Nordic Administrator

Nine patrollers from Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin met in the new patrol room at Minocqua Winter Park on January 7. The occasion was the annual Central Division Nordic Clinic. David Squires, Central Division Nordic Advisor and Jeff Schmidt, Southern Region Nordic Advisor reviewed with us several knots used in belaying. Jeff Schmidt introduced the new toboggan manual which contains both Nordic and alpine references. We then used the knots and simple materials easily carried into backcoun-

try to construct a Mission Ridge Ski Patrol Rescue Sled. This is also called the Fager Flyer as Don Fager with Mission Ridge Ski Patrol developed it. After one practice we constructed a sled in less than ten minutes. Six patrollers smoothly changed positions as needed to pull, brake or provide lateral stability; and skied up hill, down hill and across groomed and ungroomed terrain with a passenger in the sled.

David Squires then demonstrated a 3:1 pulley system and we easily pulled a pas-

senger up hill on the rescue sled.

On Sunday the group met with Dan Clausen, PSIA Nordic Demo Team Member to practice striding and skating techniques. On Monday a group of nine patrollers including some of the same people and some other patrollers, adding Michigan to the list of states represented, enjoyed new snow and the first sunshine in almost three weeks. This group met at Blackjack Ski Area to practice telemark ski techniques again under the guidance of Dan Clausen.

Certified Advisor Happy to be Back on Region Staff, Announces Division Evaluation

Certified Circuit

by Gregory Kerwin, Region Certified Advisor



Gregory Kerwin
Region Certified Advisor

After a year off I want to thank David Dahl for accepting me back as the Region Certified Advisor.

Are you a senior? Did you enjoy learning new skills while preparing for senior level? Did you enjoy making new friends from all over the region? You have an opportunity to continue to improve your skills, learn new skills and make some new friends from all over the Central Division. The opportunity is the Central Division Certified Program. North Central Region is hosting the annual Certified Evaluation and



Steven Konkel, Dawn LaVia and Mark Gebhardt are ready to hit the trails and start patrolling at Nine Mile Nordic on the first open day of the season December 17th.

Meeting. It will be held at Marquette Mountain Thursday March 2nd - Sunday March 5th, 2006. Think about joining the Certified Program. Come join us in Marquette. Ski with some great people and see for yourself what the program is

about.

Contact me at gckkerwin@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us for the weekend. I will give you daily activity details. See you at Marquette Mountain in March.

Spring Banquet to be Held at Waters of Minocqua

We may still be in the midst of the ski season but it is not too early to begin planning for the 2006 North Central Region spring banquet and awards program.

Owing to the success of the past two years, the Region Board of Directors has elected to return the annual meeting to The Waters of Minocqua on April 21–April 23, 2006.

The weekend will commence with a Friday evening social in the hospitality room of the complex. Several educa-

tional courses are planned for patrollers during the day Saturday. Please turn to Page 10 in this issue of *Powder Lines* for more information about the offerings.

There will be plenty of fun available for the whole family at The Waters indoor water park.

On Saturday evening plan to join fellow patrollers at the banquet and awards program. This is a great time to meet patrollers from other areas and catch up with

friends from around the region. The Waters promises another fabulous two entrée dinner that will be followed by the region awards presentations.

Plan to spend a weekend with fellow patrollers in Minocqua on April 21–23. It is fun for the whole family and an excellent way to wrap up the season. We hope to see you there. You will find the registration form for the 2005/2006 Spring Awards Banquet on Page 10 of this issue of *Powder Lines*.

*Spring Awards
Banquet set for
April 21—23*

*Registration Form is
On Page 10.
Register Today!*

Patrols in North Central Region are Busy With Seasonal Events

Patrol News

Mont Ripley News

Mont Ripley announces a Second Chair Lift! Plans are underway to complete engineering and construction of a reconditioned chairlift on the east side of Mont Ripley. The Riblet chair has been purchased. A detailed land survey is done and the basic lift line has been graded. Fund raising for the final stage of delivery of the lift and for installation is the final step yet to be completed. Expected installation is December of 2007.

This lift will service the Plunge area and will reduce the crowding felt on slopes serviced by the current chairlift and T-bar.

Michigan Tech's Winter Carnival is an event that draws visitors from the USA and Canada. The Carnival dates back to 1922. Mont Ripley itself dates back to 1936. Carnival includes a week of activities including alpine and Nordic skiing as well as

snowshoe softball, skating, concerts, Division 1 NCAA hockey and a Torchlight Parade. I grew up in Houghton and recall watching the Torchlight as a youngster. Little did I know I would eventually be part of the event.

The Mont Ripley Ski Patrol was charged with organizing and producing the Torchlight Parade on Saturday, eve of Carnival – this year held Feb 11th. We also designed, built and lit a stationary design that tied in with the overall Carnival Theme. We built Olympic rings, a Space Shuttle, asked all viewers to “Think Snow” on lean snow years and wrote Thank You notes for the successful effort to install snowmaking! The designs were laid out using the engineering expertise of our MTU students. The design is transferred to the hill and built using 20-minute highway flares. Think of drilling 300+ holes and inserting the flares! Patti

Rastello supervises the process.

At the appointed time, the flares were lit by a six person lighting crew. At the same time, the torches were lit and the Parade began. At 8:30 PM, the parade ended in front of the Ripley chalet and was followed by fireworks shot from the Portage Shipping Canal waterfront.

For more info on this year's MTU Winter carnival check out this site: www.hu.mtu.edu/~bluekey/

Submitted by: Dan Dalquist,
PR Mont Ripley

Granite Peak News

The Ski for Youth program ran smoothly this season. About 120 kids were registered the first week but ended up getting cancelled due to the weather. However, they came to the second Sunday! Instead of the numbers decreasing we ended up with over 200

kids registered by the last week of the event.

Paul Gerhke, PSIA Level III Instructor, ran excellent clinics for the instructors before the lessons. All the instructors handled the large class sizes and did a great job of teaching.

Instructors that deserve a special thank you are: Julie Edmundson, Pete Davis, Griff Williams, Gordon Mortenson II, Rich Maier, and Jane Lundin.

Your presence was essential to the program and I am so thankful to have all of your help! We couldn't have done it without you! The program will run again next year, and help will again be needed. Ski for Youth is an excellent way to show the patrol's presence on the hill and help build future skiers. The patrol helps the kids more than the patrollers realize.

Submitted by: Jessica Williams, Ski for Youth Co-Chairperson

Senior Program off to Great Start in 2006



Don Close
Region Skiing Administrator

Senior Ski Stats by Don Close Region Skiing Administrator

Action is starting to heat up with the Senior Program now that we are past season openings and the holidays. On Jan 14 Ski Brule hosted a Region training day which included training opportunities for our Senior candidates. In the morning they attended a Senior Emergency Management

(SEM) workshop lead by Tom Hynes and Greg Kerwin. This included an overview of how the evaluation would be run followed by some practice scenarios that emphasized problem solving and scene management. In the afternoon they got some instruction and feedback on their skiing from

Tom Anderson and John Keating. Both events were great. Now they are ready to take what they learned back home and work with their mentors to polish their skills for the evaluations in late February at Blackjack. With 22 candidates in the program that should make for quite a weekend!

North Central Region Awards Banquet 2005 - 2006

April 21-23 The Waters Resort, Minocqua, WI

This year the banquet will be held **April 21 - 23** in **Minocqua** at the Waters Resort. 8116 Highway 51 South, Minocqua, WI

Book your rooms by calling the **Waters Resort** toll free at: **877-992-8377** Reference **National Ski Patrol Room Block**

Take a **virtual tour** of the Waters Resort at www.thewatersofminocqua.com

The room rate is **\$79.99 per night** plus tax and you can have up to six people per room. This rate includes full use of the indoor water park.

The **Awards Banquet** scheduled for Saturday evening April 22nd will be \$ 23.00 per person for the two entrée dinner.

Schedule of Events

Registration	Hotel Lobby	Friday 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday Social	Hospitality Room	Friday 4:30 PM - 11:00 PM
Course for Credit "Instructor Development" (note: fee includes book)		Friday Evening and Saturday Morning
Board of Director's Spring Meeting		Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Course for Credit "MTR Fundamentals"		Friday Evening and Saturday (<i>Registration form on Page 5 this issue</i>)
Seminar "Instructor Update"		Saturday 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Seminar "Writing Outstanding Award Submissions"		Saturday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Course for Credit "Patrolling 101 - Introduction to Patrolling"		Saturday 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Banquet Social Hour	Banquet Area	Saturday 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Dinner and Awards	Banquet Area	Saturday 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Patroller Social	Banquet Area	Saturday 9:00 PM -
Patrol Representative Meeting	Hotel Restaurant	Sunday 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Awards Banquet Registration Form Registration Due April 1st

Name: _____ Patrol _____

Family Members/Guest: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

If also registering for Seminars/Courses, please provide NSP # and e-mail address if applicable: _____

Saturday Evening Banquet \$ 23.00 per person: # attending _____ Total for Banquet (\$ 23 x #) \$ _____

Saturday Evening Pizza & Soda Party for Kids \$ 10.00 per person: # _____ Total for Pizza Party (\$14 x #) \$ _____

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

Course: Instructor Development (List Attendees) _____ Total (\$ 25.00 x #) fee includes book \$ _____

Seminar: Instructor Update (List Attendees) _____ \$ 3.00 fee payable at door send nothing now

Seminar: Writing Great Awards Submissions (List Attendees) _____ N/C

Course: Patrolling 101 - Intro to Patrolling (List Attendees) _____ N/C

Course: MTR Fundamentals: Please register for this course using form found on **Page 5** of this issue of *Powder Lines*

Send reply and check to:

Tari Blank
4001 Pine Tree Road
Wausau, WI. 54403

Total Enclosed: \$ _____
Make checks payable to:
NSP-C NC Region Section IV

Registration due April 1st

North Central Region 2005—2006 Patrol Representatives

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North Central Region 2005 – 2006 Officers and Advisors

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

North Central Region

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

Testing/Training

3/5/06 Section 4, 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 Konkel

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

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

Senior

2/25/06 Senior Leadership Evaluation,

Blackjack Mountain, Tom Hynes

2/26/06 Senior Ski Proficiency/Toboggan Evaluation, Blackjack Mountain, 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

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

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, Patrollers 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

6/30/06, End of Fiscal Year, Sara Hull

Newsletter Deadlines

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

8/15/06 Fall Powder Lines articles due, Tim Zimmerman

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

NSP-C / PSIA Ski School is Ready to Help You Instruct Others

Ski School Lessons by Bob Meyers, Region PSIA Administrator

How about PSIA and the NSP Central Division Ski School? Are you teaching skiing and need help and/or insurance coverage? You should check out becoming a PSIA instructor. Talk to any PSIA instructor or you can contact me and I can

help. Also, you can find out about the ski school, PSIA in general and Events by going to one of the following web sites:

NSP Central Division Ski School: <http://www.nsp.org/divisions/>

central/NSP_C%20Web/melindex-rp.htm

PSIA Central: <http://www.psia-c.org/>

Events: <http://www.psia-c.org/events/index.htm>

General Information: <http://www.psia-c.org/Information/index.htm>

Thanks, and I hope you have a safe and happy ski season.

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