

Powder Lines

Newsletter of the North Central Region



National Ski Patrol



Busy Summer in NC Region

Region Director's Report

We had an outstanding Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet, hosted by Section 4 at The Waters in Minocqua. It was very well-attended, with many new patrollers and lots of families. Jim DeWeerd, a North Central Region Patroller and new National Board Member discussed what he has learned at his first few national board meetings and what he sees for the future. We will hear a lot more from Jim as he gets up to speed in his new role as National Chairman. We owe Jim a big thank you from the NCR for serving as our Region Medical Advisor. He will be stepping down due to his new duties. We need to fill this position — please let me know if you are interested or know of a potential candidate.

Much was accomplished at the business meeting. Take a look at next year's calendar, included in this issue, which shows many opportunities to become involved. Besides the business meeting, patrollers had an opportunity to attend seminars on Instructor Development presented by Jerry Check and Instructor Update by Tom Hynes. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the instructors for the

extra effort they put in to make this year's Region Meeting so successful. As always, a very special thanks goes out to Carolyn DeJongh for the extensive work she puts into the Awards program.

Section 2 will host next year's banquet on April 20-22, 2006, which will again be held at The Waters in Minocqua.

Even though our snow is gone and the temperatures are in the 90's, we can still plan for next ski season. It's not too early to start thinking about becoming more involved, either at your local area or within the section or region. Become a Senior patroller or participate in one of the many training and education programs offered.

As you may or may not have heard, National was planning to raise dues this year. At their

June meeting the board decided not to raise dues this year. To learn more about the decision please refer to the message from National Chairman Jim DeWeerd in the summer issue of the Rusty Parka News. His article is on page two in the summer RPN.

The North Central Division will be hosting the Fall Division meeting in Wausau September 8-10, 2006 . The theme is ***Spirit of Service***. The fall meeting will have a lot to offer all visiting patrollers from NCR . We will be offering OEC and IT updates, CPR Refreshers, Mountain Travel and Rescue, and a Ski Trainers Workshop with digital video analysis. There will be sessions specifically for all PRs, new and old, with Division Director Jim Woodrum. Besides this being a big patrol weekend, there are many activities for patrollers and spouses visiting Wausau.

The following are things not to miss:

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David Dahl
Region Director

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Tim's Traverse by Tim Zimmerman, editor Powder Lines

Heat waves are rapidly ascending from the hot tarmac as I wait in line at the Credit Union drive through. Somehow this causes my mind to drift back to the magazine article that was conveniently placed on our bar counter at home early last winter. The headline boldly proclaimed, "New Epidemic Racing Across America."

"Did you cut this out for me?" I ask my wife as I pick up the cutting.

"Only if you think it applies."

Two sentences into the article I realize this story was hand-picked for my reading. I soon learn that a new mental disorder had been identified and labeled: Irritable Male Syndrome.

The list of symptoms includes a lot of items that can be assigned to me from time to time, as well as to most other men I know.

"Where did you find this?" I offer as a follow up.

No response.

So, I read on and soon learn that men are invited to take an on line test to determine whether this newly discovered ailment is to blame for all that their wife's find distasteful

about the male condition.

Partly to prove that I am in no way affected by this new excuse for therapy and mostly in an attempt to convince my wife that I am a sensitive male with just a couple of bad habits, I announce that I am headed on-line take the test.

I score a twenty-six.

According to the site's grading scale, anyone scoring 19 or above should seek immediate medical/therapeutic assistance. It is official now. I have a bad case of IMS.

The voice in the next lane of the drive through interrupts my recollection. It is Saturday morning and of course there is only one young lady to wait on three lanes of vehicles.

I hear, "Put 50 in savings, give me 40 in cash back, put 10 plus the odd cents in change in our

Christmas account. What does that leave me?"

"Fill out the damn deposit slip," I mutter barely under my breath while beads of sweat form on my forehead. This, of course, brings me back to thoughts of my IMS "diagnosis."

The day after scoring big on the web site quiz, I manage to talk two women I work with into forcing their husbands to take the IMS test. This is certain to vindicate me. These guys are nice

enough, but I know they will probably score in the high twenties or thirties.

Four and six I learn the following day.

"Liars, both of them," I tell my female co-workers.

"There is no way they answered the questions truthfully," I tell my wife later, after she asks how Ed and Rex scored. I have to confess their scores because I know my wife e-mails one, if not both, of my female co-workers.

"You know denial and blaming others for your problems are symptoms," she informs me.

"Great, she became an expert on the disorder in one day" I think to myself.

Being ever quick on my feet, I immediately tell her I will seek counseling.

Of course I turn to the most trusted therapists in the business, the guys on my Thursday

night patrol shift. After all it is the start of a new season. Sure enough, after a couple of weeks of hitting the slopes with some degree of regularity and after several post-shift decompression sessions, the change is remarkable. I am well-adjusted, happy and content. Of course, I think I am always well-adjusted, happy and content, but now even my wife agrees.

The happy life lasts through ski season and even into the start of summer. I owe this to the last dose of therapy I take at the region spring meeting when I go up to the Karaoke mic with the "Grumpy Old Men" to sing American Pie. Or is it Hotel California? Doesn't matter. It is not the quality of singing but the camaraderie of fellow grumpy men, or perhaps the rum, that provides the effect.

I know, however, the real test is about to take place. I am away from my therapy group and worse yet, it is hot. My body was designed for life in the arctic. Summer heat and I do not agree; not at all.

So here I sit in the heat waiting, as patiently as a victim of IMS is able, while the guy next to me tries to negotiate how to split up his pay check.

Finally, the clerk is able to turn her attention to my deposit. I have to turn down the air conditioner in order to hear her on the speaker. She sounds a bit on the irritated side herself, but I do not suggest an on-line survey, and instead greet her with a joyful "Good Morning!"

"I'm sorry," the clerk responds, "it has been a long morning already."

"Have a great weekend," I wish the clerk as I pull my receipt out of the cannister.

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Section One Report by Jim Meunier

Well summer has arrived in the north woods and memories of last ski season seem very distant. However, I will try to share a few highlights from Section One. We ended the season on schedule with most of the ski areas UP here open until the end of March or early April, followed by a warm, dry April that made short order of the remaining white stuff.

The season ended with some great ski conditions, including perfect snow for the Senior Evaluations held at Blackjack the end of February.

We had excellent participation in the Senior program from our section last year, and everyone was very pleased holding the event at Blackjack. The Region would once again like to hold the

event in Section One and the Indianhead Patrol and management has graciously agreed to host. The event will be held February 24-25, 2007. Hopefully, we can have another good class of senior candidates from the patrols in our section.

We had about 30 people from Section One attend the Spring Awards Banquet, which was highlighted by several long time patrollers being recognized for their many years of service. "**Doc**" Rifleman for 45 years and **Ben Olson** for 55 years were on hand to receive their awards. **Jim Palm** of Powderhorn was also recognized for 45 years of service. Indianhead had six patrollers earn 40 year service awards, and five others had 35 years. Wow! Meanwhile Blackjack earned

the traveling trophy for the best participation in the Senior program.

Jerry Linn is the new Patrol Representative at the Porkies, and they have five new candidates. Mount Ashwabay plans to install a new chairlift this summer to replace the two t-bars. Indianhead operated out of its new patrol building this year and plans a work week-end in mid-July to complete some finishing touches. Blackjack is for sale, but will be open for the 2006-2007 season under its current management. Hopefully a buyer will be found in the near future so the resort can remain open and the patrol has a home.

Have a great summer and I hope to see a good turnout at the Fall Division Meeting.



Jim Meunier
Section One Chief

Section Two Report by David Conger

After a great 2005-2006 ski season and a warm and wonderful spring we are in mid summer. Before summer passes us by, let's reflect back on the ski season.

It was a great snow year. In March the Mt. Ripley patrol and the Copper Country Nordic patrol successfully organized and patrolled the Nordic Junior Olympics held in

Houghton. Congratulations go out to the new basic and senior patrollers who successfully completed their training and passed their tests.

The North Central Spring Region Meeting at Minocqua was again a resounding success. We had excellent attendance, good food, good fun, and a productive board meeting. Congratulations to **Jim**

Grundstrom for Outstanding Patrol Representative, **Barbara Wheeler** for Outstanding Nordic Patroller, and **Joe Matuszak** for Outstanding Alpine Patroller.

Now let us get back to the summer season. Here's hoping everyone has a wonderful summer and make sure your summer activities keep you in shape for the next ski season. It will be here before you know it!



David Conger
Section Two Chief

Section Three Report by Donald Poe

No report

Tim's Traverse continued

"Thank you," she says as she smiles back.

"Just maybe I can make it through the summer without real therapy," I think to myself

feeling good that I turned the mood of the clerk.

I fail to recognize that being full of one's self is yet another sign of IMS. Nevertheless I return home, able to ignore the oppressive heat for the moment.

Upon opening the door and announcing that I am home, I hear the words that bring me back to reality.

"I think there is something wrong with the central air. Can you look at it?" I hear as my eyes turn to

the thermometer on the counter. 87.6 degrees, inside.

It will be a long summer. Please do me a favor and fill out your bank deposit slips. I am going to need all the help I can get.

Section Four Report by Joe Rohling and Keith Robinson

This will be my last article for *Powder Lines* as I have decided not to run again for Section Chief. Keith Robinson was nominated and has been elected to replace me. He will do a great job. I will assist Keith over the next year as he becomes familiar with all the areas. I will miss the challenges and people I have met through this position. Thank you to all for your support and assistance over the last two years.

This season Camp 10 had two patrollers complete their basic test and has others in the wings excited for next year. Thanks to Joe Pijan and Dave Dahl for assisting with this test. The new patrollers will now help Camp 10 grow their patrol.

Granite Peak added 14 new patrollers this season. Thanks to the 18 people who helped test, run toboggans, etc., to get this basic test completed.

Minocqua Winter Park, Standing Rocks, and Nine Mile Forest all are doing well. Bruce Mound is looking forward to growing as their hill will be expanding dramatically.

Congratulations to all the award winners at the Region Meeting and Banquet in Minocqua. Thanks again to the large number of people who helped to put this program together. Special thanks to Tari Blank for coordinating registration and Pete Davis for coordinating the door prizes. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves

and it was amazing how many people sang with the Karaoke. You would never guess that some of the patrollers who sang got up and did so. It made the night even more fun.

Remember that the Fall Division meeting will be held this year in Wausau and as always, keep an eye on the calendar for those important dates.

Have a great summer!

Joe Rohling
Outgoing Section IV Chief

Hello, I am Keith Robinson and the newly elected Section IV Chief for the North Central Region. Many thanks to Joe Rohling for the work he has done as the Section IV Chief during the past years. If you see Joe on the slopes this

winter, let him know you appreciate all his efforts and accomplishments as Section Chief!

Joe will be working with me during the next year to help mentor me into this role. I look forward to working with Section IV patrols in the coming years and am patiently awaiting the snowfall for another season of good fun skiing! I hope to see many of you at the Region/Section events and on the slopes this winter!

Please contact me if you need my assistance.

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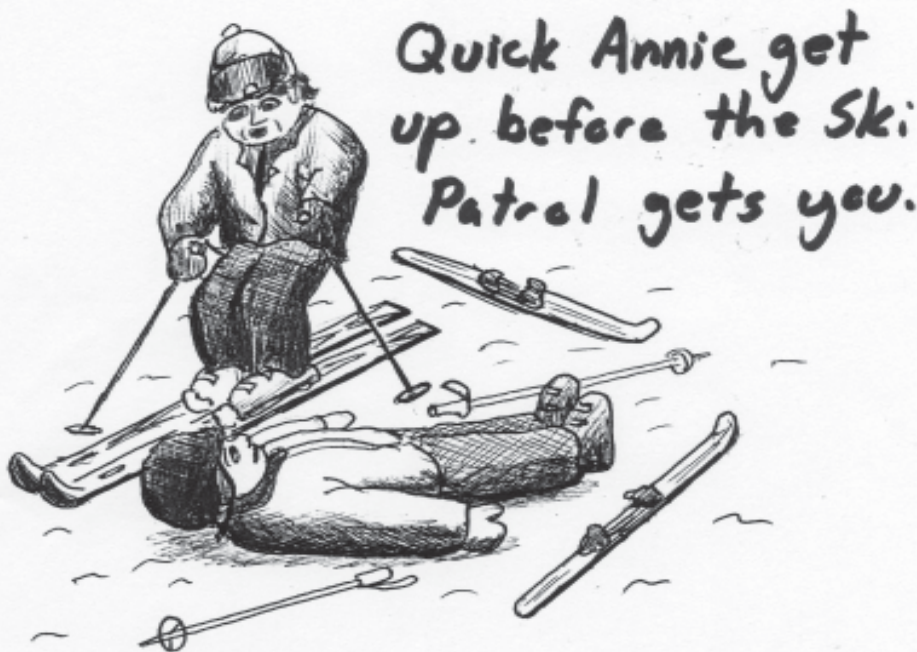
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Kasten's Korner



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Region Instructors Take Notice

It is important for Instructors in all NSP disciplines to record their instruction activity and to provide that information yearly to the proper region administrator.

A complete list of region administrators is found on page 11 of each issue of *Powder Lines*.

The National web site provides an easy method of documenting your instructor activity. You will find a link to your instructor activity log on your personal member page.

This is a personal record and does not update your information at the region level. It is your responsibility to forward the information to the proper administrator.

Central Division Fall Meeting Registration Form

Cut out form to register



September 8 - 10, 2006
Registration Form

Patroller: _____
 NSP #: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____
 Spouse/Guest: _____ (All registration confirmations will be sent by E-mail)

MEALS	Cost	Quantity	Total
Friday night Dinner at The Gallery	\$25.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Saturday lunch at Jefferson Street Hotel	\$18.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Awards Banquet at City Grill			
<i>(Dinner choices must be made in advance. Select one for each attendee.)</i>			
Char-grilled Delmonico Ribeye Steak	\$35.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Stuffed Chicken Breast Montrachet	\$35.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Shrimp/Crab Stuffed Fresh Sole	\$35.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Saturday continental breakfast is provided. Sunday breakfast is on your own.</i>			

ACTIVITIES AND CLOTHING	Cost	Quantity	Total
Friday Golf 9 Holes @ American Legion	\$25.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Logo Meeting Shirt: (Red, 60% cotton/40% poly blend long sleeve twill shirt). <i>Please indicate quantity ordered per size</i>			
Women's Sizes:			
SM _____ MD _____ LG _____ XL _____	\$30.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2X _____ 3X _____	\$35.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Men's Sizes			
SM _____ MD _____ LG _____ XL _____	\$30.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2X _____ 3X _____	\$35.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

PATROLLER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES	Cost	Quantity	Total
OEC IT and IT Update, Saturday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM	\$15.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
MTR & AA, Sat. 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM cont. Sun. 9:00 AM to Noon	N/C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Patroller 101 Update, Saturday 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM	\$5.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
S & T Video Analysis, Saturday 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	N/C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
OEC Recertification, Sunday 9:00 AM to Noon	N/C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Registration fee <i>(Postmarked before August 10, 2006)</i>	\$15.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Late Registration Fee <i>(Postmarked after August 10, 2006. No Exceptions.)</i>	\$25.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL DUE:		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Please make checks payable to:
NSP North Central Region

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION:

Jefferson Street Inn, a stylish boutique hotel, features executive guest rooms and has a pool, sauna and fitness facility. There is shopping and dining and parking connected to the hotel.

Jefferson Street Hotel
 201 Jefferson Street
 Wausau, WI 54403
 Room rate: Executive Rooms: \$119.00 per night

Call for reservations: 866-855-6500 or 715-845-6500
 Mention NSP Central Division Meeting

Mail Your Registration and Check To:
 Central Division 2006 Meeting
 c/o Kathleen Grant
 3419 N. 13th Street
 Wausau, WI 54403

For more information:
 Contact: Kathleen Grant
 Email: kgrant@dvlawoffice.com
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 (I'd prefer email, thanks.)

Navarino Slopes Ski Patrol Seeks Patrollers for Secondary Status

Attention ski patrollers living in Green Bay and greater Fox River Valley area. Navarino Slopes Ski Patrol, which serves the small beginner's ski hill of the same name, is seeking patrollers for a small secondary commitment.

Navarino Slopes is located an easy 35 minutes north of Appleton and 40 minutes NW of Green Bay. We are two miles off of Highway 156, West of 47, on Hwy 168.

The hill has one double chair lift, a tubing park and a tow rope on the bunny hill. It has a great small bowl which young snowboarders love. We are seeking patrollers who would be willing to give us a minimum of two four hour shifts this next season or one shift of 10:00 am to 5:30 p.m. on a Saturday or a Sunday.

If you are interested in helping out this small and growing patrol, please call or E-mail Mel Johnson, Patrol Representative, @ MJJJohnson@Bemis.com. or 920-734-2932 after 6:00 pm.

Guest passes for family members and free meals are some of the perks. If you enjoy promoting the sport of skiing, we have many beginner skiers, and they could certainly use your help.

NC Region Hands Out Large Number of Awards for 2005 - 2006 Season

Gold Cross News Section Special Awards Edition *Patroller Milestones*

The NC Region held its Spring Awards Banquet at the Waters of Minocqua on April 22, 2006. Below is a full list of award winners.

SERVICE AWARDS

5 Years

William Baer, Indianhead; Theodor Belej, Mont Ripley; Christy Biermier, Granite Peak; Cindi Carlson, Marquette; Paul Carstens, Marquette; Robert Engelman, Granite Peak; Melanie Fullman, Indianhead; Dan Goudreau, Norway Mountain; Mary Ann Johnson, Navarino Slopes; Mel Johnson, Navarino Slopes; Gregg Kaminski, Norway Mountain; Gerald Linn, Porcupine Mountain; Daren Lukes, Granite Peak; Jane Lundin, Granite Peak; Thomas Magnant, Ski Brule; John O'Connor, Superior Nordic; Melinda Pauls, Granite Peak; Greg Vanevenhoven, Ski Brule; Leonard Pivoris, Norway Mountain; Tracy Reynolds, Pine Mountain; Brenda Robinson, Granite Peak; Louis Sturm, Norway Mountain; Randy Thyssen, Ski Brule; Marie Traska, Granite Peak; Laura Tristan, Ski Brule; James Waters, Porcupine Mountain; Mary Wiederhoeft, Porcupine Mountain; Melissa Yunkers, Ski Brule

10 Years

Thomas Beauchamp, Marquette; Andrew Bek, Marquette; Rob Bell, Marquette; Mike Carpenter, Mt. Bohemia; Dennis Griffin, Granite Peak; Ann Marie Lakenen, Marquette; Marcia Locher, Granite Peak; Richard Rhoads, Marquette; Lyle Zablocki, Marquette

15 Years

Jim Bratley, Indianhead; Scott Carlson, Granite Peak; Linda Carpenter, Marquette; Robert

Danielson, Marquette; Michael Egan, Granite Peak; James Gilbertson, Indianhead; Leonard Kempf, Blackjack; Wendy Kidd, Indianhead; Donald Koski, Marquette; John Major, Marquette; Jeff Nehring, Blackjack; Elizabeth Popp, Ski Brule; Mark Schroeder, Norway Mountain; Cheryl Sell, Blackjack; Mark Stahnke, Norway Mountain; Alan Strandlie, Marquette; Dennis Strey, Norway; John Welsh, Granite Peak; Mark Welsh, Granite Peak

20 Years

Tamela Blake, Granite Peak; Cindy Dillenschneider, Mt. Ashwabay; Brian Erickson, Blackjack; Russel Kinkaid, Indianhead

25 Years

James Dubore, Blackjack; Robert Epps, Marquette; Erick Jensen, Ski Brule; Conrad Favor, Standing Rocks; Scott Lauritsen, Norway Mountain; David Tousignant, Marquette

30 Years

Becky Freese, Blackjack; Walt Hovey, Indianhead; Cathy Knudsen, Indianhead; Richard Kornitz, Big Powderhorn; Larry Sebeck, Marquette; David Sell, Blackjack; Dewitt Strong, Indianhead

35 Years

Steven Beil, Blackjack; Dee Berghauer, Indianhead; Thomas Clausen, Indianhead; Daniel Dalquist, Mont Ripley; Dan Davidson, Indianhead; Richard Maier, Granite Peak; Gordon Mortensen, Blackjack; Jill Orlando, Indianhead; John Stransky, Indianhead

40 Years

Rusty Bluse, Indianhead; Walt Hess, Indianhead; Daniel

Misuraco, Indianhead; Gerry Mowris, Indianhead; Reid Rihel, Indianhead; Richard Steel, Indianhead; Sue Wolfe, Marquette

45 Years

Robert Doepel, Granite Peak; Jim Palm, Big Powderhorn; Doc Rifleman, Blackjack

55 Years

Ben Olson, Blackjack

BRAVOS

Neil Harmon, Mt. Ashwabay, 290 hours; Jerry Linn, Porcupine Mountain, 83 days; Tom McHugh, Minocqua Winter Park, 14 days; Donald Olson, Norway, Mountain 35 days; Marianne Poe, Gladstone Sports Park, 35 hours; Steve Reed, Mont Ripley, 669.25 hours; Rusty Bluse, Indianhead, 608 hours; Ron Inman, Navarino Slopes, 167 hours; Aaron Sikowski, Pine Mountain, 157 hours; Dale Thomas, Marquette, 248 hours; Tom Hynes, Granite Peak, 340.25 hours; Steven Konkel, Nine Mile Forest, 67.5 hours

2004-2005

Mary Jo Robinson, Big Powderhorn, 21 days; Jim Meunier, Blackjack Mountain Patrol, 31 days.

ANGEL PIN

Patrick Mullens, Big Powderhorn

CERT'S OF APPRECIATION

Ski Brule
Blackjack

SENIORS

Joe Matuszak, Ski Brule; Katelin Engerer, Mont Ripley; Danielle Miller, Mont Ripley; Colin Bell, Mont Ripley; Nancy Dobrinski, Blackjack; Chris Dobrinski, Blackjack; Steve Beil, Blackjack

SENIOR TRAVELLING TROPHY
Blackjack Ski Patrol

OUTSTANDINGS

STUDENT PATROLLER

Ron Inman, Navarino Slopes

INSTRUCTOR

Thomas Hynes, Granite Peak

PATROL REPRESENTATIVE- LARGE ALPINE PATROL

Jim Grundstrom, Marquette Mountain

PATROL REPRESENTATIVE- SMALL ALPINE PATROL

Mel Johnson, Navarino Slopes

ALPINE PATROLLER

Joe Matuszak, Ski Brule

NORDIC PATROLLER

Barbara Wheeler, Copper Country Nordic and Mont Ripley

SMALL ALPINE PATROL

Navarino Slopes Ski Patrol

LARGE ALPINE PATROL

Granite Peak Ski Patrol

NORDIC PATROL

Minocqua Winter Park Ski Patrol

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Jim Palm, Big Powderhorn Mountain

MERIT STARS

Blue Merit Star
Linell Grzesik, Blackjack Ski Patrol; Betty Adams, Blackjack Ski Patrol
Yellow Merit Star
Bob Lehman, Blackjack Ski Patrol

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Thomas Flynn, Marquette Mountain

Gold Cross News Section Special Awards Edition *continued*



5 Years NSP Service: Brenda Robinson, GP; Gerald Linn, Porkies; Tracy Reynolds, Pine M; Mel Johnson, NS; Mary Ann Johnson, NS



10 Years NSP Service: Marcia Locher, Granite Peak



15 Years NSP Service: John Welsh, Granite Peak; Mark Welsh, Granite Peak



35 Years NSP Service: Steven Beil, Blackjack Mountain; Dan Dalquist, Mont Ripley



45 Years NSP Service: Doc Rifleman, Blackjack Mountain



55 Years NSP Service: Ben Olson, Blackjack Mountain



Senior: Nancy Dobrinski, BJM; Katelin Engerer, Mt R; Joe Matuszak, Brule; Steven Beil, BJM. (Chris Dobrinski, BJM cut off)



Traveling Senior Trophy: Blackjack Mountain, Chris Dobrinski, Nancy Dobrinski, Steven Beil accepting



Outstanding Student Patroller: Ron Inman, Navarino Slopes



Outstanding Instructor: Thomas Hynes, Granite Peak



Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol Rep: Jim Grundstrom, Marquette Mountain



Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol Rep: Mel Johnson, Navarino Slopes

Gold Cross News Section Special Awards Edition continued



Outstanding Nordic Patroller:
Barbara Wheeler, Copper Country Nordic
and Mont Ripley-



Outstanding Alpine Patroller:
Joe Matuszak, Ski Brule



Yellow Merit Star: Bob Lehman,
Blackjack Mountain; Blue Merit Star:
Linell Grzesik,Blackjack Mountain; Betty
Adams, Blackjack Mountain



National Appointment:
Thomas Flynn, Marquette Mountain



Outstanding Nordic Patrol:
Minocqua Winter Park



Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol:
Navarino Slopes Ski Patrol



Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol:
Granite Peak Ski Patrol



International Patroller of the Year:
Frenchy. Two years running!

Plan Early for Refreshers and Training

OEC and ID Update by Tom Hynes Region OEC and ID Administrator

OEC

Instructor refresher guideline should have arrived via the mail in June. No better time than now to start planning those fall refreshers, sitting around the pool or fire pit with your favorite beverage, note pad and writing instrument...and maybe a few OEC instructors. Follow the guide and plan on having a better refresher.

Remember to try to get your CPR refresher in now... there have been some major changes this year and it may be better to do the refresher in smaller groups.

Defibulator coordinators take note to check with the manufacturer of your defib

units in August to schedule the reprogramming to the new mandates.

Keep in mind there will be lots of OEC information at the Fall Division Meeting in Wausau. Try to attend as many of the open events as possible

Instructor Development

North Central Region has had a strong history of instructor development. This continues as we scheduled the course at the Spring Banquet, thereby bringing as many patrollers together in one spot as possible. Our OEC IT's are willing, however to schedule an additional course as needed for your area, just contact one of us and we will make the necessary arrangements.

Special to Powder Lines by Mike Abbot, MTU X-C Nationals at MTU

Patrol News

Michigan Tech to Host Cross-Country Ski Nationals. Michigan Tech will be hosting the 2007 and 2008 U.S. Cross Country Skiing Championships.

"Pretty cool, huh? I start almost every conversation like that," said Mike Abbot, director of sports and recreation and ski buff extraordinaire. "This is a national competition. If it were basketball, we'd be calling it the Final Four."

Why is it coming here? A better question might be, why not? "Several of the skiers were here during the Junior Olympics, and they loved it," Abbott said.

"We've got great snow, and because Michigan Tech owns the trails, we've got

guaranteed access. And we've got state-of-the-art grooming." Plus, we have four homologated courses, a designation that has nothing to do with milk. "Homologated" means they are certified for official competition by the U.S. Skiing Association. Tech's are among only 13 such courses in the nation, Abbott said.

Both the 2007 and 2008 competitions will be held in January and will include freestyle (skating) and classic (striding) events, as well as a separate competition for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team. Skiers who are unable to use their legs instead use their arms to speed through the course.

"We'll need quite a crew of volunteers again," Abbott said.

"And it will be a fundraiser for our own cross-country ski team and for the trails."

Thus, local skiers who won't be able to use the course during the competition may also see a major benefit down the line. "We hope to be able to install lighting on some of the trails afterward for night skiing."

Patrollers interested in volunteering for this event should watch future editions of *Powder Lines* for more information.

You may also monitor the Michigan Tech University web site, www.mtu.edu for updates. Barbara Wheeler is the local patrol contact. You may reach her at 906-487-9695.



March 2nd-11th Michigan Technological University hosted the 2006 Nordic Junior Olympics. About 400 young racers between 13 and 19 years old competed for a week on excellent trails and under beautiful weather conditions. Overall 18 patrollers from NC region and also from Minnesota and Iowa helped to make the races safe. Patrollers enjoyed the events, camaraderie and some of the local attractions. Copper Country Nordic extends a big "Thank You" to everybody who helped patrol and we hope to see you again for other great ski events in the beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan. Patrollers pictured are David Squires, Roger Barr, Matt Manderfield, Donald Lappen, Tom Wright, Bob Iverson, Karen Endres, Bill Lappen, Barbara Wheeler.

Granite Peak Update by Tom Hynes PR

It's summer what can I say but...Think Snow! Ok some of you may have scheduled that trip to South America or New Zealand for the white and deep, but the rest of us are cutting the grass, playing golf, riding bicycles and just enjoying a good-ol' summertime.

Congratulations to the Granite Peak Patrol members for their unbelievable commitment over the last season. "The Pig" / burgers and dog cook out fell on a day without rain and nobody went away without their fill.

The hill guys are busy setting new light poles on the west side...no there won't be a lift this year but expect some night skiing in the west.

Our "Skier Safety" committee has been busy planning and writing a script for a video. They won't have it this year but watch for it in late season 2006-2007. What the heck is Tom talking about? The need for our paying customers to come better prepared to ski at Granite (or any area), an interesting statistic...70% of first time skiers don't come back. Why you ask? Just maybe because they didn't have a good time. So we looked at this as an opportunity to promote skiing safety, make it more fun, more enjoyable, and hopefully keep 'em coming back (not just to Granite).

Their research is nearly complete and the planning continues. Our hats go off to Marcia Locher for chairing this committee.

Senior Stats By Don Close Region Senior S&T Adm and Tom Hynes Region SEM Adm



Don Close
Senior S&T Administrator

Our Senior program was very successful this season. We ended up with sixteen taking at least one part of the Ski & Toboggan (S&T) evaluation. The candidates were well prepared and most passed all their core requirements. Although we have a fair number still working on their electives, we did hand out patches to seven new seniors that weekend.

Jim Meunier did an awesome job of recruiting a great group of candidates from Section I this season. Most were from Blackjack, which was the host area for both SEM and S&T. Blackjack started preparing for this event very early in the season and did an excellent job all weekend. They even provided fresh snow which made for great skiing and

happy evaluators. Central Division QA was again Chris Moe and Hank Herlick. They felt we had a good environment for the candidates and that we are in line with what the rest of the Division is doing.

A big thank you to Blackjack, Tom Hynes and the fifty helpers, patients, trainers and evaluators that made this program happen again this year.

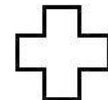
Senior Emergency Management (SEM)

Thinking about participating in the Senior program? Now is the time to get started, talk with your patrol director, fill out the application, find a mentor, and ask questions. It's a good time to look at what electives you may have already finished

(you need three)...instructorship in one or more of the curriculums, this includes being a CPR instructor, Mountain Travel Rescue Fundamentals, Avalanche Fundamentals, patrol leadership position, and others.

Leadership

From the SEM program a need arose concerning how to address the calibration of the evaluators in recognizing leadership qualities. There is a short Power Point presentation available to all patrols that may have a need; please contact Tom Hynes for more information.



Tom Hynes
Senior SEM Administrator

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2006-07 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

North Central Region

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

Refreshers

08/19/06 Big Powderhorn OEC Refresher, Earl Halverson
09/09/06 OEC Refresher/Chair Evac Indianhead, Walt Hess
09/16/06 OEC Refresher/Chair Evac Blackjack, Bob Lehmann
09/16/06 OEC Refresher Brule, Greg Vanevenhoven
09/23/06 OEC Refresher Mont Ripley Chalet 8AM, Patty Asselin
09/24/06 AHA-CPR Mont Ripley
10/07/06 OEC Refresher/Chair Evac Marquette Mt, Jim Grundstrom
10/14/06 OEC Refresher Section 4 Wausau, Keith Robinson
10/15/06 Chair Evac Section 4, Tom Hynes
10/15/06 Chair Evac Refresher Mont Ripley, Dan Dalquist
10/21/06 OEC Refresher Sec 3 Norway 7AM, Harry Lauritsen
11/05/06 OEC Make up Refresher Call Ahead MWP 9AM, Betty Adams
12/01/06 CPR Refresher deadline Granite Peak, Tom Hynes
12/03/06 MWP Nordic S&T Refresher, Betty Adams
01/13/07 Nine Mile Nordic S&T Refresher, Steve Konkel
01/20-21/07 Section 4 S&T Refreshers, Granite Peak, Tom Hynes

Testing/Training

08/06/06 OEC Candidate classes begin Granite Peak, Joe Pijan

09/05/06 Mt Ripley OEC Class begins, Dan Dalquist
11/11/06 Section 4 OEC Final Granite Peak, Joe Pijan
12/09/06 OEC Final Mt Ripley Ski Area, Dan Dalquist
12/09-10/06 Division S & T Boyne Highlands, Jim Grundstrom
12/17-16/06 Division S & T Granite Peak, David Dahl
01/13/07 Region S&T Clinic, Candidate S&T Clinic, Brule (*also see Senior Events*)
01/13/07 Mt Ripley, Candidate S&T Training Begins
03/03/07 Mt Ripley S&T Candidate Test, Dan Dalquist
03/04/07 S & T Candidate, Granite Peak

Events

07/22-23/06 24 Hours @ Nine Mile Bike Race, Steven Konkel
09/03/06 Copper Harbor Fat Tire Bike Race
10/19-21/06 Pro Rally Support Weekend Houghton, Dan Dalquist
11/04/06 Marquette Mt Race Team Ski Swap, Jim Grundstrom
11/18/06 Granite Peak Tentative Open Date
12/02/06 Mt Ripley Opens
02/03-04/07 Badger State Winter Games, Wausau, Tom Hynes, Steven Konkel
02/07-10/07 Winter Carnival, MTU
03/17/07 PSIA Weekend, Marquette Mountain, Bob Meyers
04/03/07 Mt Ripley closes
04/08/07 Granite Peak Tentative close

05/19/07 Minocqua Fat Tire Bike Race, Patrollers Needed, Betty Adams

Certified

03/01-03/07 Division Certified Evaluation Nubs Knob, Greg Kerwin

Senior

11/25/06 Senior Applications due to Don Close
01/13/07 Senior SEM Clinic, Senior S&T Clinic, Brule (*also see Testing Training*)
02/24/07 Senior SEM Evaluation, Indianhead, Tom Hynes
02/25/07 Senior Ski Proficiency/Toboggan, Indianhead, Don Close

Nordic/MTR/Avalanche

01/06-07/07 Division Nordic Clinic MWP, Betty Adams
01/08/07 Division Telemark Clinic, Location TBA, Betty Adams
01/27/07 Avalanche Course, Granite Peak, Bonnie Beirmeir
02/17-18/07 MTR Level One, Steven Konkel
02/24/07 Birkebeiner Ski Race, Cable, WI, Steve Konkel
03/10/07 MTR, TBA, Steve Konkel
03/03/07 Lakeland Loppet, MWP, Patrollers Needed, Betty Adams
03/11/07 Great Bear Chase, Patrollers Needed, Barbara Wheeler

Awards

02/07/07 Awards Due – Stars, Appointments, Outstandings, DSAs. Carolyn DeJongh
02/17/07 Awards Committee Meeting Wausau 11AM, Carolyn DeJongh
04/09/07 Awards Due – Bravo, Certs of Appreciation, Carolyn DeJongh

Meetings

09/08-10/06 Fall Division Meeting Wausau, WI, Sarah Hull
10/28/06 Fall Region Board Meeting Brule, David Dahl
03/30-31/07 Central Division Meeting, Chicago, Corky Kahn
04/20-22/07 NC Region Banquet, Waters of Minocqua, Section 2 Host

Deadlines

08/11/06 Patrol Treasury Reports Due to Section Chief
08/15/06 *Powder Lines* article deadline, Tim Zimmerman
09/01/06 Section Treasury Reports Due to RD and Region Treasurer, Sarah Hull
10/01/06 Region Treasury Reports Due to DD, Sarah Hull
01/15/07 *Powder Lines* article deadline, Tim Zimmerman
06/01/07 *Powder Lines* article deadline, Tim Zimmerman
8/15/07 *Powder Lines* article deadline, Tim Zimmerman

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