

Powder Lines

Newsletter of the North Central Region



National Ski Patrol



Region Hosts Outstanding Fall Meeting

Region Director's Report

Cooler weather has arrived and it is time to start gearing up for ski season again. I know I'm ready!

The Fall Division meeting was held in Wausau September 8-10. Thank you to everyone who attended. In addition to the educational and administrative meetings over the weekend, the Division Awards Banquet was held Saturday evening.

The North Central Region took home many of the Division awards and some National honors as well. North Central Region honorees were:

Outstanding Central Division Large Alpine Patrol: Granite Peak Ski Patrol

Outstanding Central Division Patrol Rep: Jim Grundstrom, Marquette Mtn.

Jim was also NATIONAL First Runner Up in this category.

Outstanding Nordic Patroller: Barbara Wheeler, Copper Country Nordic.

Barb was also NATIONAL First Runner Up in this category.

Outstanding Central Division Instructor: Thomas Hynes, Granite Peak.

Tom was also the NATIONAL Outstanding Instructor for 2005-2006.

National Appointment Numbers were awarded to Bob Lehman and Jim Meunier of Blackjack Ski Patrol.

Division Director's Program Awards for Outstanding Support of a Division Program were presented to: Carolyn DeJohngh, Ski Brule - Awards Program and Mark Gilliland, Granite Peak - Public Relations.

National Certificate of Appreciation: Trudy Olsson, Mont Ripley.

Congratulations to all and again, a big thank you to everyone who attended and to

everyone who helped in one way or another to make this meeting a success.

I wish to personally thank the committee for its hard work and commitment over many months. Committee members are: Sarah Hull (committee chair), Tari Blank, Carolyn DeJongh, Mike Ek, Kathleen Grant, Julie Knapp, Joe Rohling, Jane Utnehmer and Tim Zimmerman.

Upcoming events: The Division Ski and Toboggan Clinic will be held at Granite Peak on December 16-17th. The clinic was outstanding last year and plans are for an even better event this year. I hope to see many of you again at the clinic.

As always, if you want to become involved in any of a large number of opportunities in the NC Region, please take a look at the calendar on page 12. Contact the appropriate staff member and let us know what you would like to do. Involvement is key to patrol and individual success.

Let's hope for a white winter! I'll see you on the slopes.



**David Dahl
Region Director**

The North Central Region Central Division

Trained through the NSP and serving the Skiing and Boarding Public via our Local Hills, Trails and Resorts

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

Dancing dragons, leaping lizards, hopping hippos. Welcome to the world of dreams as advertised by modern pharmacological marketing departments.

Now, before you jump to the conclusion that this is a political statement regarding how backwards it is for huge drug companies to advertise to the masses so average people can demand their products by name, while patrollers who might choose to administer aspirin to a heart attack victim open themselves to liability issues, think again.

Normally I prefer to stay with lighter topics. This summer, however, my mind, if not my vision, was opened to the spectacle of the paranormal dimension that exists somewhere between consciousness and the dream land of the advertisements.

It all starts when I am assigned additional duties at work that greatly expand my work week such that often I find myself making the 40 minute commute home from the office during the very young hours of the

morning. In an effort to stay awake during the drive I tune in to late night AM talk radio. If you have ever doubted the existence of the paranormal, just listen some early morning. The very callers themselves qualify as paranormal if you ask me.

One particular week, night after night, the topic of access to the spirit world via the semi-conscious period between waking and sleeping is discussed.

Soon I learn that by making special effort to be cognizant of what my mind sees as I drift off to sleep, I can be in touch with everything from dead relatives to other world spirits that may inhabit my soul. Deep stuff for a skier.

I decide to explore the inner

workings of my mind to find the reported opening between this world and whatever else is out there. After all it is late summer and there are no open ski runs to explore. Per reports

on overnight AM, this can be explored without the use of 1970's style recreational medications.

After one particularly colorful call in radio session, I think I am primed to find the mystical curtain.

That night, no ghosts, no disembodied souls, no poltergeists. Each night over the next week yields the same.

Things change, however, the night I find a leftover dish of green chili chicken salsa and a jar of Great Grandma's secret recipe dill pickles.

That night with a blissfully full belly and nary a thought of the paranormal, I see it as I drift off to sleep: a beautiful white powdery light with what seems to be something that is about to part the light. It lasts only an instant but leaves me with a longing for more.

The next day seems to last forever and when night finally arrives I opt to head to bed early in search of the mysterious light. The effort is to no avail and subsequent attempts are fruitless. That is until another late night work session

after which I find myself hungry. I opt for left over pizza and the remaining pickles.

Weeks have passed since the first vision and it is the last thing on my mind as I begin to drift off to sleep at the kitchen counter with my face lying amongst half eaten pizza and pickles.

Then, suddenly, there it is again. The white powdery light. Only this time it lasts longer and is clearly pierced by the white tips of a pair of fat powder skis.

The parabolic shape of the skis is unmistakable. Soon the parabolic shape of the womanly skier riding the boards is also impossible to miss. She is not wearing normal ski garb either. She is a looker, at least.

Of course this vision quickly melts into sleep that is quickly interrupted when my face rolls on to a cold piece of pizza. My eyes open and I find myself staring at a pickle. I immediately realize that it is the power of the pickles.

It must have been the tone in my voice when I asked my wife to get some more pickles from Great Grandma. The report comes back that there are no more pickles and that Great Grandma has forgot the recipe.

I just got off the phone with Great Grandma. The kids and I are going to stop by for a visit. We will find out for certain how many pickles are left and just how much Great Grandma remembers about the secret pickle recipe. I like whatever dimension it is the pickles open.



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Section One Report by Jim Meunier

Ski season is now approaching and we have all been busy completing our refreshers. Thanks to all the Patrol Directors and Instructors that help plan and carry out the refreshers, not to mention the efforts of the Instructor Trainers.

As we enter a new ski season I would like to thank all the people that have led our patrols over the years, and encourage some of the younger, newer people to step up into leadership roles. Our organization is aging, and many of the same people continue to fill these leadership roles. We need new people to become instructors, or instructor trainers. If you are strong in OEC or Skiing and Toboggan handling (S&T), please look into becoming an instructor. If you have been an instructor for some time, please consider advancing to Instructor Trainer (IT). These are skills our organization needs and they will also help you enhance your skills as a patroller.

I would also like to put in a plug for the Regional S&T clinic at Ski Brule on Jan. 13, 2007. This is a very good chance for new patrollers, candidates or senior candidates to learn what they need know to pass their respective evaluations. It is also an excellent chance for others to refresh these skills from some of the best PSIA instructors in our Region/Division.

Region Senior Evaluations will again be held in Section One, hosted by Indianhead Mountain Ski Patrol on 2/24-25/2007. That makes it convenient for those in our section and I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. However, the work starts early. Applications are due 11/25/06 to Don Close, and training starts in December. Please consider this challenge to sharpen your skills, and contact your PD, or me if you have any questions.

One last reminder is Liability Insurance Coverage.

Most of us ASS U ME we are covered, but by whom? Basically, ski area management, not NSP, covers us. NSP insurance only covers us while involved in NSP registered training and testing activities. I have asked our PD's to check into the coverage each ski area in the section has to assure it covers their volunteer ski patrollers. The basic coverage usually does, as long as we are working within the scope of our duties. That means you should be up to date on all your credentials (OEC, CPR, Chair Evacuation, Toboggan handling) and be following ski area policies and procedures. I don't want to scare anybody, but in this day and age, in our business the potential for litigation is a reality. We all must be prepared. Please talk to your PD about these issues at your ski area to make sure you are covered.

Have a great fall and I'll see you on the slopes this winter!



Jim Meunier
Section One Chief



David Conger
Section Two Chief

Section Two Report by David Conger

By the time you read this the annual fall OEC refreshers will be winding down and shortly we will turn our attention to two of our favorite activities: skiing and patrolling.

It is hard to believe that we

have already said good-bye to summer when it seems as though the region spring meeting was just the other day.

Our start to the "ski season" got underway in grand fashion

at the Division fall meeting held in Wausau. I hope all of you who attended enjoyed the meeting as much as I. Let's hope this was just the start of what proves to be a great 2006 - 2007 ski season. I hope to see you on the snow soon.

Section Three Report by Donald Poe

We are having a little cold spell in Section Three. No snow yet. Pine Mountain is under new management and in the process of adding some new runs. Russ Reynolds also is working on an idea for on-line OEC that sounds interest-

ing. Navarino Hills is building some outdoor shelters for gatherings on the hill. Also a expanded board park is in the works.

Gladstone Sports Park has a new Recreation Director who

happens to be the City Manager. No inkling as to changes, if any.

Norway is always anxious to get the snow on the hill and start the ski season. They usually have something new to enjoy.



Donald Poe
Section Three Chief

Section Four Report by Keith Robinson

Greetings fellow Section IV patrollers,

With fall quickly approaching, snow is right around the corner, so plan ahead to get your refresher in so you are ready for the 2006-2007 ski season! This year is Cycle B and if you lost your guide form the Ski Patrol magazine or just need another you can go to the following web link to retrieve it: http://www.nsp.org/1/nsp/NSP_Education_Programs/Courses_xx_Curriculum_and_Publications/OEC_Refresher_Program.asp

The Section IV refresher is only short time away (October 14), and the

instructors are busy preparing to make your refresher run smooth and efficiently. If you will not be able to make it to your refresher, there are many others you can attend in the Region as well. Please have your Refresher Guide completed before you arrive. Also make sure your CPR is refreshed as well prior to the ski season. It would be a bear to start the season with a shutout on our home field, all because we were not prepared!

Our Region hosted the Fall 2006 Division Meeting in Wausau on September 8 - 10. Many thanks go out to the Committee (Sara Hull,

Mike Ek, Jane Utneher, Julie Knapp, Tim Zimmerman, Joe Rohling, Kathleen Grant and Carolyn DeJongh) and many other Section IV volunteers that made it such a big success.

Dr. Ron Cortte was the Keynote speaker on "Experiences of the Iditarod." It was one of the best I've ever heard. If you ever get the chance to attend one of his presentations definitely go. It very much fit into the Spirit of Service theme of the weekend. Congratulations to all of the award winners, and especially Section IV winners: Granite Peak Ski Patrol with the Division Large Alpine Patrol award, and Tom

Hynes with Outstanding Instructor of the Year award at the National Gold Star level.

There is news from Bruce Mound. Patrol Representative Scott Loveland reports that the Friends of Bruce Mound continue their work to upgrade the ski area. Blue prints for a new chalet are on the final revision and a timber sale will take place in October to sell off timber on new runs that will be cut in November. The runs will not open until the next year, but work will start this fall. In addition it sounds as though the patrol will be moving into the former rental shop which will greatly increase available patrol space.

Kasten's Korner



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Gary Kasten

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.

Special Elections Update Message from the NSP National Board of Directors

Message to Patrollers Following September 12th Board Conference

The NSP Board of Directors met on September 12, 2006 via conference call to discuss various issues regarding the upcoming board election scheduled for Fall of 2006. Well over 100 members voiced opinions concerning the election. Specifically, input from these members indicated that they felt it was important to have at least two candidates for every open seat on the board. Some also voiced concern over the nominating process and the qualifications of the candidates.

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The root issue is whether the NSP board of directors should move to fill seven available vacancies, or fill four available vacancies and leave three unfilled. A number of division directors expressed concerns over the proposed candidate to open seat ratio and the election procedures. They suggested that only four of the open seats be filled from the slate of eleven candidates. Several other division directors expressed the desire that all seven open seats should be filled from the slate of eleven candidates. The

board also discussed the potential ambiguity with regard to certain sections of the bylaws directly affecting election procedures.

A few facts:

- There are three vacancies on the board as a result of early resignations by board members whose terms expire on December 31, 2007. Persons elected now to fill these seats would take office January 1, 2007 and serve for one year.
- There are four openings for current board members who terms expire on December 31, 2006. Persons elected now to fill these seats would take office January 1, 2007 and serve for three years.
- The Nomination Committee is composed of two members selected by the Division Directors, two board members selected by the board, and a fifth member selected by the four other committee members. The composition of this committee changes annually.
- The Nominating Committee selected a slate of 11 candidates to fill board seats during this election cycle.
- There are several sections in the bylaws that must be interpreted in order to resolve the issues that have been raised in these unusual circumstances.
- It's the Board's responsibility to interpret the current bylaws. The NSP Bylaws are clear with respect to the Nominating Committee being solely responsible for selecting the slate of candidates and that the NSP

Board of Directors has no right to modify, influence, or direct the Nominating Committee in performing this function. Board discussion centered on the number of directors to be selected during the coming election.

The Bylaws relevant to this discussion are:

“The Board also discussed the need for the By-laws/ Oversight Committee to review the current by-laws and to clarify any conflicting sections”

- 3.12 Vacancies: In the event that a vacancy occurs on the board of directors, other than the position of chair of the board, such vacancies will be filled through the regularly scheduled election time line.
- 4.1 (b): The board of directors shall consist of 13 members, including the chair.
- 4.1 (b): Each director shall be elected for a three (3) year term and the terms shall be set and the elections shall be conducted so that four or five board positions per year are elected.

After substantive discussions, taking into account the

Bylaws, members concerns, potential member lawsuits and other actions, the Board voted to elect four new Board members for three year terms in this election cycle.

The Board also discussed the need for the Bylaws/Oversight Committee to review the current by-laws and to clarify/ resolve any conflicting sections. The Board Chair agreed to charge the by-laws oversight committee with this task and to have a proposed set of by-laws changes for the NSP Winter meeting. As some of the potential changes will require member approval, it is anticipated that a member vote will take place in the first quarter of 2007 prior to any actions required for the 2007 Board election cycle. The By-laws/Oversight Committee will be augmented with additional members to help it perform this task.

The majority of the board felt that the election of four Board members during the current election cycle and charging the By-laws/Oversight Committee with the task of proposing Bylaw revisions was the best solution for resolving the current issues. All sides of the issue were discussed openly and honestly and the concerns of all were heard. The Board anticipates that this decision allows us to move ahead in unison. Much work remains to clarify the language within the by-laws so this type of event doesn't happen again.

Gold Cross News Section Special Awards Edition *Patroller Milestones*

NC Region Shines in Division and National Outstanding Awards Presentations



Congratulations to Thomas Hynes, named Central Division Outstanding Instructor and National Outstanding Instructor for the 2005 - 2006 season. Hynes was awarded a gold merit star for this accomplishment.



Jim Grundstrom (c) is pictured with Division Director Jim Woodrum (l) and National Chair Jim DeWeerd (r) after being named Central Division Outstanding Patrol Representative and First National Runner-Up.



Barbara Wheeler is awarded the Central Division Outstanding Nordic Patroller Award and was also named National First Runner-Up in the same category for the 2005 - 2006 season.



Members of the Granite Peak Ski Patrol pose together after being named Central Division Outstanding Alpine Patrol and also receiving a citation from the National Award Committee.



Bob Lehman received his National Appointment at the Central Division Awards Banquet. Congratulations Bob. Keep up the great work.



Jim Meunier is all smiles after receiving his National Appointment at the Central Division Awards Banquet. Congratulations Jim.



Trudy Olsson, Mont Ripley Ski Patrol, is presented a National Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of work she has performed on behalf of the NSP.



Mark Gilliland is presented a Division Director's Program Award for the Division's Public Relations program. Not pictured is Carolyn DeJongh who was presented the same award in the Awards category.



Julie Knapp, Tari Blank, Tim Zimmerman, Jane Utneher and Joe Rohling of the Meeting Committee pose together after accepting a Division Appreciation Award on behalf of the entire committee.

Special Thanks

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tain Cycle, Crystal Finishing
Systems, Julie Knapp and
Papa John's Pizza.

Thank You to All.

Nordic Notes By Betty Adams, Region Nordic Administrator

Division Nordic Ski Enhancement Seminar January '07

All Nordic patrollers should plan to attend the Central Division Nordic Ski Enhancement Seminar on January 6, 7, and 8. On Saturday and Sunday we will be at Minocqua Winter Park. The Nordic component of the Division Senior Manual was completed and approved at the Fall Board Meeting. On Saturday, January 6 we will have the first senior evaluation using this manual. There will also be evaluation for Nordic basic and senior recertifica-

tion. Come to practice skiing or evaluating. This will be a

Central Division

Nordic Ski

Enhancement

Seminar

Scheduled for

January 6 - 8, 2007

learning experience for both can-
didates and evaluators.

On Sunday we will have a session with Nordic Demo Team Member Dan Clausen highlighting more valuable techniques. Monday we will meet at Indianhead Ski Area for a telemark clinic with Dan Clausen. Wear your patrol uniform. All sessions will start at 9 A.M. If interested in any of these sessions, contact Betty Adams at mbadams@newnorth.net or David Squires at sharky@tekstar.com

Ski School Lessons By Bob Meyers, Region PSIA Administrator

Check Out PSIA and Watch Your Skiing Skills Improve

Need to learn more about PSIA?

Start by going to: <http://www.psia.org> This is the national web site for PSIA. The purpose of the site is to provide members, press, and consumers with a wide variety of resources related to snow sports and teaching. Additionally, the site is designed to serve specific PSIA communities, notably the adaptive, alpine, nordic, children's, and snowboard constituencies.

If you want to know more about what is happening closer to home there is a Central Division of PSIA with its own web site: <http://www.psia-c.org> This is the equivalent of the NSP Central Division web site. It is the official website of the Professional Ski Instructors of America – Central Division.

PSIA-C is a non-profit professional corporation created in 1968. Its membership includes more than 3,300 instructors in the disciplines of Alpine Skiing,

Nordic Track Skiing, Nordic Downhill Skiing, Snowboard Riding and Adaptive Snow sports throughout the Midwest. Check back often for more information, services and updates.

If you have any other questions or concerns, call or e-mail me at rjmmqt@charter.net. Think about adding a PSIA instructor to your patrol and see how your skiing skills can improve. Have a good season and I'll see ya' on the slopes.

Minocqua Winter Park To Host OEC Make-Up Refresher November 5

Again this year there will be a make-up OEC Refresher at Minocqua Winter Park on November 5. Contact Betty Adams in advance (see PR of MWP on page 11) if you plan to attend. The refresher will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

the intersection with Hwy. 51 in Minocqua about 6.8 miles.

Then left on Squirrel Lake Rd. at sign on Hwy. 70 marking the road. Turn left on Scotchmans Lake Road. There is a large MWP sign on the corner.

through gate and continue to the parking lot.

There are no arrangements for lunch, and we are about 20 minutes from town so bring your own lunch and beverage. If you have questions on November 5, call MWP at 715-356-3309; otherwise, call Betty Adams at 715-588-7731.

Directions to Minocqua Winter Park: West on Hwy. 70 from

Go 0.3 mile then turn right at sign. Go 0.2 mile, turn left

Alpine Approaches

By Jim Grundstrom ARD,
Alpine Training

As we approach the Patrolling Season it is time to talk about Refresher Planning and also the Region Training to be held again at Ski Brule in January.

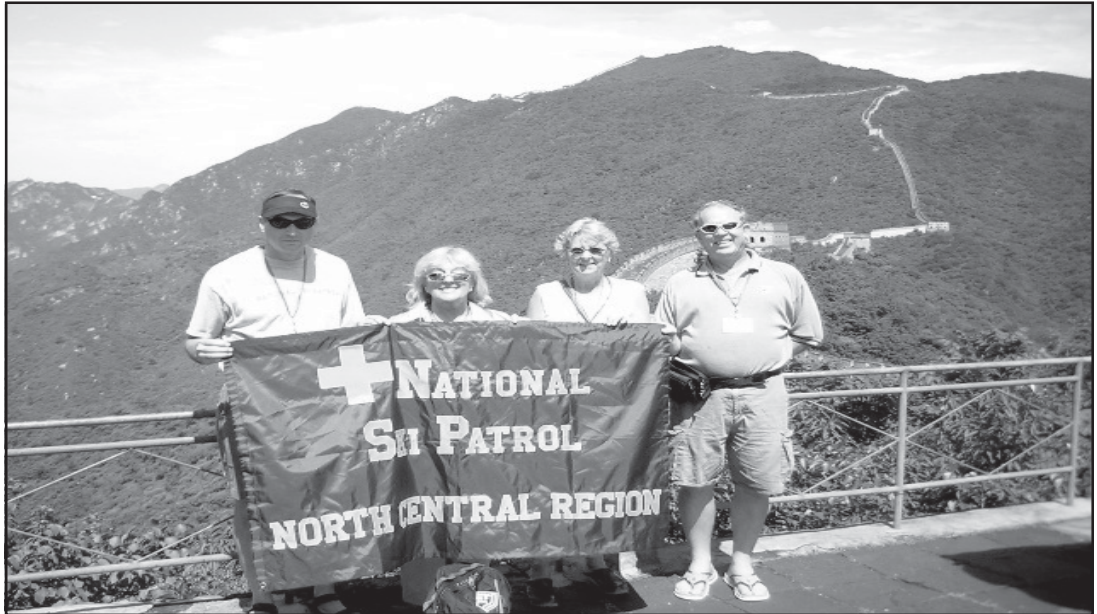
Even though snow is still only a memory at this point, your Toboggan Refreshers are a critical part of the Patroller's responsibility each season. Along with the OEC Refresher, your CPR Refresher, and your aid pack contents, the Toboggan Refresher is one of those annual skill development activities you must undertake. In many cases you may only transport an injured guest once in a season and those skills get a little rusty so to speak. It is best that we practice in advance of that once-a-season event so our skills are honed perfectly. Please encourage your Patrol Director and Toboggan Instructors to get your Refresher scheduled as soon as possible.

On to the Region training! We are pleased to announce that Ski Brule is again hosting the "best training event we have ever conducted." In one day, we will cover skiing and tobogganing skills for the following:

Senior Preparation for Ski and Toboggan
Ski and Toboggan for Candidates
Existing Patroller Ski and Toboggan Tune Up

Please See Approaches Pg.

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Don Close, Trudy Olsson, Greta Gappy, and Scott Veenstra, members of Mont Ripley Ski Patrol are displaying the North Central Flag atop the Great Wall during their recent tour of China with the Michigan Tech Concert Choir. This flag, and these patrollers, have also been in Brazil and Eastern Europe during past choir tours.

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 foot ware, *Marker* bindings, helmets and goggles

Wausau, WI

Doug Berg, *Rossignol* ski, boots, bindings and gear

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

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

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

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

Patrol News

Navarino Slopes Seeks Volunteers 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.



Navarino Hills

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, @ MJJohnson@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..

Special to Powder Lines

2007 and 2008 X-C Nationals at Michigan Tech

by Mike Abbot, MTU

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 Abbott, 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.

Green Bay Area Fall Ski Swaps Announced

Two annual ski swaps are scheduled again this fall in the Green Bay area.

YMCA Ski & Sport Sale
7:00 AM to 2:00 PM
36th Annual
November 5th, 2006
Green Bay, WI.

Joe Matuszak 920-450-3772

Ski Brule Ski Patrol
Ski Swap

December 9th, 2006
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Bates School
Iron River, MI.

Joe Matuszak 920-450-3772

Favor Attends Seminar On Risk Management

Standing Rocks Patrol Representative, Conrad Favor attended a Risk Management Seminar, for Area Owners and General Managers, Terrain Managers, Lift Managers, Area Department Heads, and others in the Wisconsin ski industry. It was held at Sunburst Ski Area, on September 16, 2006, from 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM. The event was sponsored by the WSIA, (Wisconsin Ski Industries Association) and centered on liability issues facing area managers, operators and patrollers. Favor is preparing a complete report for the winter issue of *Powder Lines*.

Alpine Approaches

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It will be critical that we get really accurate numbers for each of those three event plans. If you fit any of those groups you are welcome to attend this awesome training opportunity. We will be importing the best NSP Trainers and NSP-C Instructors from across the North Central Region and the day will be totally a classroom setting on the snow. Please feel free to contact me or any of the staff in the Region concerning this event.

I'll see you soon and look forward to hearing from you.

Deadline for Senior applications is November 25, 2006

Cut and Use This Form to Register for Senior Leadership and/or Ski and Toboggan

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

It is time again for Senior Program registration. This program is a great way to improve your skills, work with some great instructors and train at different areas. It consists of two core components of Emergency Management and Skiing and Toboggan plus three electives. If you are interested

but would like more information, you can go to the Central Division website and download the Senior Manual. We follow the manual very closely and it should answer most questions you might have. This season the evaluations will be held at Indianhead on the weekend of

February 24 and 25 so you have the opportunity to complete all the core requirements on one weekend. Check the calendar in the back of this newsletter for all dates for the program and if you are up for some great training the application is here for you and is due November 25.

2006/2007 Senior Candidate Application

North Central Region, Central Division National Ski Patrol

Date of Senior Candidate Application: _____
 ___\$15.00 - New Applicant ___\$10.00 - Repeat Applicant (please check one)

Patroller Information

Name: _____ NSP Registration Number _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ (Provide if you want to be contacted this way)

Patrol: _____ Years of Patrolling Experience: _____

Senior Candidate Signature: _____

Event you will attend: __Leadership __Ski & Toboggan (S & T) (check event(s) you will attend)

Leadership Mentor: _____ (enter if attending Leadership event)

Helper for Leadership evaluation _____ (Helper required for Leadership)

Note to Leadership Candidates: Contact Tom Hynes, Region OEC Adm. for Materials

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

Discipline: __ Senior Alpine __ Senior Nordic __Senior Auxiliary

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

Patrol Representative Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Return application with fee by **November 25, 2006** to:
 Don Close, 49345 US Hwy 41 Hancock, MI 49930

North Central Region 2006 – 2007 Patrol Representatives

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North Central Region 2006 – 2007 Officers and Advisors

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2006-07 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

North Central Region

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

Refreshers

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 Konkol
01/20-21/07 Section 4 S&T Refreshers,
Granite Peak, Tom Hynes

Testing/Training

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

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 Konkol
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

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

01/03-01/07 National Nordiccs, MTU Trails,
Houghton, MI, Barbara Wheeler
01/06-01/07 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 Konkol
03/10/07 MTR, TBA, Steve Konkol
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, Appoint-
ments, 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

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

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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