

# Powder Lines

*Newsletter of the North Central Region*



## National Ski Patrol



### The North Central Region Central Division

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

## Region Hosts Outstanding Fall Meeting Region Director's Report

Happy New Year to All.

**News Flash:** Colorado gets hit with 2<sup>nd</sup> major snowstorm of the season. Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula get more warm temps and rain followed by dry and bitter cold. The North Central Region has not been blessed with natural snow, but we have some outstanding snowmaking when the temperatures allow. Skiing is less than perfect, but we have a lot better conditions than do snowmobilers. I hope by the time this article is published all of our ski areas are fully open.

of whom had an opportunity to get the latest information on skiing and tobogganing.

January 13, 2007 North Central Region had an S&T clinic at Brule for our ski and toboggan instructors, senior, basic and candidate patrolers. The 24 patrolers that attended had an outstanding group of instructors. When the day was over NCR had three new toboggan instructors: Mike Lynch of Marquette Mountain and Mark Welch and Daren Lukes, both from Granite Peak, and one new snowboard patroller, Nills

Hemple from Camp 10. **Congratulations to all!**

Some important dates to remember:

Feb 24 & 25, 2007 - Senior evaluation weekend at Indianhead. Any patroller thinking about going for your senior next year, this is a great opportunity to learn more about the SEM process. Contact Tom Hynes tomhynes@charter.net and he will get you involved.

April 20 - 22, 2007 - Section 2 will be hosting the NC Region awards banquet and meeting at the Waters of Minocqua. This is a great way to end your ski season with a variety of educational opportunities, sharing your skiing stories and camaraderie of fellow patrolers. The rest of your family can enjoy the Water Park or shopping in the many quaint shops of Minocqua.

Even though conditions are marginal, the Patrols in North Central Region are all outstanding.

December 16 & 17, 2006 - North Central Region hosted the Division S&T Clinic at Granite Peak. It was well attended with instructors and evaluators from our region, all



**David Dahl**  
Region Director

Until then, think snow!

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### Tim's Traverse By Tim Zimmerman, editor

Perhaps once a decade a Perfect Storm brews that changes everything.

It may be a Nor'easter that brings a four foot powder day to eastern ski resorts. Or, it could be a Pineapple Express on a northeast route through the Southwest that ripens the slopes in the San Juans. Bet-

ter yet it could be the rare combination of two low pressure systems combining just west of here on the heels of a cold air high pressure system. The combination blasts our local hills with a foot and a half of light powder.

On the other hand it could be the combination of a sudden

polar deep freeze combined with a ten-year old returning home after school, his growth-inspired hunger and a bag of microwave popcorn that changes it all.

Such were the elements that combined recently in the Zimmerman household. The elements came together in

### Microwave for Sale

such a manner that Tim's Traverse transfigured from a discussion of why patrollers are more like dogs than cats to an advertisement offering a used microwave oven to the highest bidder.

It is amazing how independent children become at a certain age. I think it corresponds with the time when they decide they no longer need you as a parent to help them load and unload from a ski lift.

This is followed rather soon by the words, "I don't need to ride the bus to daycare after school any more. I can wait at home for you to come home from work."

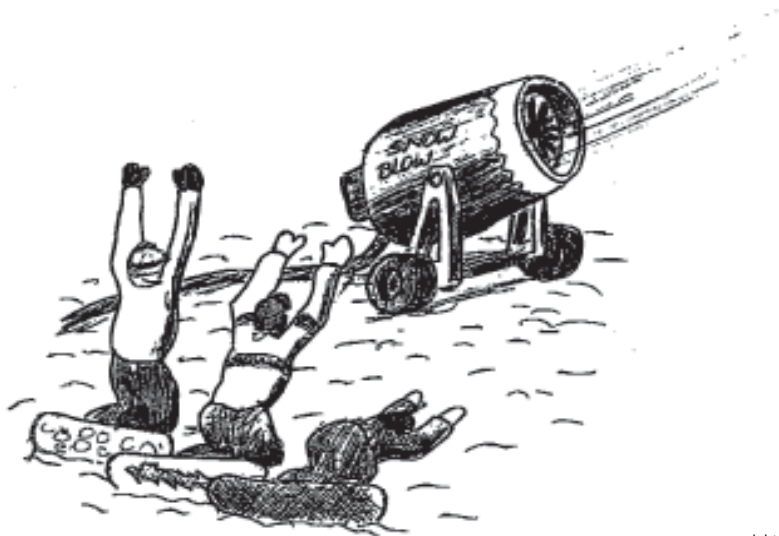
Next usually comes a trial run during which time the child behaves perfectly and the parents are deceived into thinking this is a good plan, not to mention a great way to reduce child care expenses.

The deception is carried further when home work is routinely completed before parents return home from work. It almost gets to the point where one hopes the child at least has a question with the home work so that the parents can provide some assistance lest we begin to think we are not living up to our parental obligations.

It is at this point that parents should resist the deception. This is simply the "perfect" portion of the Perfect Storm. In our case the storm clouds on the horizon should have been evident.

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### Kasten's Korner



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## Section One Report by Jim Meunier

Once again our season got off to a slow start due to the mild weather. Fortunately some timely low temperatures for snowmaking and a couple good snowstorms provided enough snow for some very good skiing, and very good crowds at the local ski areas over the holidays. The Porkie's was the only area to lack enough snow to open for the holidays, but are now open due to more natural snowfall closer to "the lake".

Ski areas in our section continue to make improvements. Mount Ashwabay has added some new runs and will complete the installation of a new chairlift this summer. They

also have expanded the cross country ski trails at the complex as well. Jeff Skoraczewski (PR) credits a lot of volunteer help from members of the patrol and others for accomplishing these improvements.

Big Powderhorn Mountain has also added a new run this year (Katie's Catwalk), and Black-jack has added an awesome new terrain park at the top of the Spillway run.

Section One will again host the Senior evaluations, which will be held February 24-25 at Indianhead Mountain. Lodging will be available at Black-jack for candidates and evalu-

ators on a limited basis at \$45/night. Please contact the lodging office (906 229-5115) to make reservations.

This may be the last issue of *Powder Lines* to be automatically sent to you as a hard copy, unless you ask for it that way. The North Central Region would like to reduce the costs of mailing, so your dues can be put to better use, and/or prevent an increase in dues. However, this newsletter does provide information about important educational opportunities and patrol news of which

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**Jim Meunier**  
Section One Chief

## Section Two Report by David Conger

Up until a few weeks ago you needed a calendar to tell it was winter. Now we are starting to match up the month with the cold and snow. Let's hope that it is not too little too late.

Ski Brule has been totally open since mid December. Some areas are partially open and some have yet to open. This is not good for our ski areas and for those of us who love to ski.

Even with the absence of snow and cold things are moving on.

Marquette Mountain has nine new candidates with a high percentage from the medical field. Great recruiting! A learn to ski/snowboard program is taking place at Marquette. Three sessions are being held and being sponsored by Marquette Hospital and Kohls Department Stores. Jim Grundstrom is presenting a program at each session on the NSAA safety code for skiers and boarders.

Mt. Ripley has eleven new patrollers and fourteen new OEC candidates for next year. Also they are involved in a

seven week period where they are giving 1200 ski/snowboarding lessons per week- Monday through Saturday.

Ski Brule has six new candidates who have passed OEC and are taking their on-the-hill test in March. Ski Brule hosted the Region S&T clinic for seniors and candidates in January. This is the second year they have hosted this event and attendance was excellent.

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**David Conger**  
Section Two Chief

## Section Three Report by Donald Poe

As of January 2007, section three was a little more than half open. BUMMER. Gladstone was still closed and 100% brown. There is not so much as a snow pile.

Norway was about 70% open and Pine has about the same. Naverino is some what less. It was so warm that it is hard to make snow and that is what gives you the base. ITS

TIME TO APPEASE THE SNOW GODS OR CALL YOUR CONGRESSMAN: WHATEVER WORKS. Let's hope section three is open 100% very soon.



**Donald Poe**  
Section Three Chief

### Section Four Report by Keith Robinson

Wow what a strange weather pattern we are in this winter! All the hills in Section have had a slow start to the ski season this winter. Those relying on natural snow were still not open as of the first week in January. Hopefully things will turn around. Many things have been happening in Section anyhow.

Granite Peak hosted a Division S&T Clinic in mid December that was a great success, even though they had to overcome some malfunctions with the snow making system.

Things are moving along nicely for the winter training programs.

Bruce Mound is holding a toboggan class for new patrollers and is also helping out White-tail Ridge, at Ft. McCoy by hosting some of their candidates due to snow conditions. Granite Peak's toboggan class is well under way as well. It was excellent to see participation from the Bruce Mound patrol at the Region clinic at Ski Brule on Jan. 13! With that I will give news from the patrols that sent in information.

Camp10 opened on Dec 27th and the patrol had its first real chair evac that same day. It went pretty well but patrollers concluded there is a lot of dif-

ference between practice and the real deal. Part of the reason it went so well is the fact that patrols practice this event. The Friends group at Bruce Mounf finally raised enough money to start area improvements and received blessing from the County Board shortly thereafter to proceed. The patrol will start with a new chalet in April. The timber should be cut out for the new runs yet this winter. Tube hill expansion should be done soon, while the chair lift is still a couple of dollars behind schedule. The County Board said chalet comes before the chairlift. After funds are raised for this the

chalet the Friends group will be out on the fund raising trail again. Hopefully all we be complete by next ski season.

Patrol Representative, Conrad Favor, designed a terrain park for Standing Rocks ski area. Favor made a presentation to the county parks board at a committee meeting in Dec. 2006. Gary Speckman, County Parks Director, told Favor he could proceed with ordering terrain park features such as flat rails, flat boxes, signage and orange net fencing, etc. The standing rocks area has been in a winter drought and the ski area was not open as of mid January.

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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.

**Section Two Report continued**

Thanks to the management for their cooperation and for providing lift tickets, food, and facilities.

Marquette Mountain held a blackout chairlift evacuation. This was done at night with lights out and a snowgun

creating blizzard-like conditions. With the use of flashlights the patrol and hill personnel performed a multiple chair evacuation testing new equipment designed for blackout evacuations. Mt. Ripley has also performed nighttime blackout evacuations. This is excellent training. Maybe

this is an issue that all areas should be addressing. Even an area without night skiing and needing a chair evacuation at 4:00PM could be facing blackout conditions before the evacuation is completed. Section 2 and Ski Brule are hosting the North Central

Regional Banquet at the Waters in Minocqua April 20-22nd. We're happy to be the hosts and extend a warm invitation to all patrollers and their families. This is a great event-good food, lots to do, and great socializing for adults and children. I hope to see you there!

**Tim's Traverse** continued from page 2

The clouds appear when our ten-year old asks permission to prepare snacks for himself upon arrival at home after school. They appear harmless enough initially. However one fateful day, the clouds are actually visible as soon as I hurry into the house to get out of the sub zero cold.

When I open the door that leads from the garage to the kitchen/dining area, my senses are overwhelmed by the brownish-blue haze and awful stench emanating from the kitchen. As I instinctfully reach for the fire extinguisher and begin calling for my son, I make out his image sitting where he usually does at the bar counter. I notice he is eating popcorn.

"What happened?"

"What do you mean," comes the reply.

"The smoke and stench, that is what I mean."

"I don't smell anything."

"What about the smoke."

"This is nothing. It is a lot better now. You should have seen the inside of the microwave."

"You're not eating the burned popcorn are you?"

"No, I made another bag."

I find the burned bag on the counter near the microwave. The microwave is still billowing smoke and has been turned a medium shade of brown inside. The smell is sickening.

**Section One Report continued**

our members need to be aware. If you do not think it is convenient for you to access this newsletter via the website [www.nsp.org/divisions/central/ncr/](http://www.nsp.org/divisions/central/ncr/) please request that it be sent to you by US mail. The most important thing is that our members get the most current information available from our Region. Cost cutting is secondary. So if Internet access is not a good option for you, please use the form on page 4 to request a mailed copy.

"I guess I shouldn't have cooked that bag twice," he says as my wife barrels through the door. No words come out of her mouth. Just that look I receive when I am guilty by association.

"No bud, you shouldn't have cooked the bag twice."

The temperature has not been above zero since and the stench remains. The microwave now operates as a smoke house reeking of wormy wood. We cannot open any windows and even our clothing causes

people to ask what we cooked at home the night before. They secretly wonder if we have been cooking up some illegal substance.

Meanwhile my son and I have found it best to seek cover at

the ski hill as often as possible. It keeps us away from the odor and the guilt by association glare.

Now, if we could only get about a foot and half dump. It might really be the Perfect Storm.

**Patrol News  
Granite Peak Recap**

Submitted by: Tom Hynes, PR

As I write this the snow guns are finally beginning to fill in the voids and the crews are working the snow on the east runs. This late season start has all the snowsport marketers concerned. Be looking for cut backs at your local area as managers and owners struggle with lower revenues. Stepping forward where we can to help ensure that we are on the slopes next year. We have seen fewer skier visits and as a result a slight drop in incidents, also partially due to a move to being more pro active with skier safety issues thanks to the efforts of Marcia Locher. Watch for upcoming information on skier safety from Marcia. A "Call Box" (it's radio in a box programmed to our patrol repeater frequency) has been installed on the outside of our patrol building to provide the customer (patient) easy means of contacting us when were out on the

hill and the building is not stationed. (For information on "call boxes" please contact Steve Beil or myself.) My tenure is about up and then Darin Westover steps in as patrol rep. Darin is currently an active volunteer EMT/Fire Fighter with Rib Mountain and will carry GPSP through for the next two seasons with Les Robinson acting as Darin's assistant. Our five candidates are busy with training on the hill and are eager to take on more patrol responsibilities. Be watching for these new faces at region activities as they begin their patrol careers. Who is that guy from national hanging out with the GPSP? Jim DeWeerd has been filling in when he has been able to and still carries his personal mallet for fence mending. Our Tom Hollander provided the logistics (toboggan transports) at gan Enhancement last month... Thank you Tom from the division staff.

# North Central Region Awards Banquet 2006 – 2007

April 20 – 22 The Waters Resort, Minocqua, WI

This year the banquet will be held April 20-22 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 21st will be \$ 25.00 per person for the two entrée dinner.

### Schedule of Events

Registration Hotel Lobby	Friday 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM,	Sat. 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday Social Hospitality Room	Friday	6:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Course for Credit "Instructor Development	Friday evening and Saturday Morning	
Course for Credit "MTR Fundamentals"	Friday evening and Saturday Morning	
Board of Director's Spring Meeting	Saturday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Seminar "Instructor Update"	Saturday	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Course for Credit "OEC Enhancement Seminar" NEW OFFERING	Saturday	9:00 AM -- 3:00 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 Hotel Bar	Saturday	9:00 PM –
Patrol Representative Meeting Hotel Restaurant	Sunday	8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

### Additional Saturday Activities Include

1. Quaint island shopping in downtown Minocqua
2. Bowling alley across the street.
3. Mountain biking trails
4. Dr. Kate Museum
5. Minocqua Museum
6. Free shuttle to Local Casino
7. Water Park at The Waters
8. Minocqua Brewery

Please complete the form below and send with payment

### Awards Banquet Registration Form

Registration Due April 10th

**Early Bird Special** Registrations received by April 10 receive double door prize tickets

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

Family Members/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If also registering for Seminars/Courses, please provide NSP # : \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening Banquet \$ 25.00 per person: # attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total for Banquet (\$ 25 x #) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening Pizza & Soda Party for Kids \$ 10.00 per person: #attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total for Pizza Party (\$10 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Course: MTR Fundamentals (List Attendees) \_\_\_\_\_ Total (\$ 25.00 x #) fee includes book \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Course: OEC Enhancement (List Attendees) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_N/C\_\_\_

Course: Patrolling 101 – Intro to Patrolling (List Attendees) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_N/C\_\_\_

Send reply and check to: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Carolyn DeJongh \_\_\_\_\_ Make check

E-mail cdej@charter.net \_\_\_\_\_

payable to: \_\_\_\_\_ NSP Section 2, N.C. Region

309 Wilson Street \_\_\_\_\_

Rhineland, WI 54501 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nordic Notes By Betty Adams, Region Nordic Administrator

### Division Nordic Ski Enhancement Seminar Beats the Weather

The weather this winter has been a challenge for all ski areas. Several events have been cancelled or rescheduled. With warm weather, snow disappeared; then the cold turned what was left into ice.

Twelve ski patrollers from Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota met these conditions on January 6 at Minocqua Winter Park for the Central Division clinic. It was decided to forego the planned senior and basic testing and explore ABR Trails in

Ironwood, Michigan where there was more snow.

After a lot of skiing on Saturday the group returned to Minocqua Winter Park on Sunday for a clinic with Dan Clausen. Enough snow was found and skate skiing was the preferred technique for the day. The group worked on many practice drills and enjoyed a full day of skiing. Every year there are slight variations in recommended technique and Dan keeps us up-to-date.

On Monday some of the same group was joined by others from Wisconsin and Michigan for a day of Telemark skiing at Indianhead. The group practiced Telemark and alpine techniques with emphasis on edging directed by Dan Clausen. The Telemark clinic includes some good advice for all alpine skiers.

It is difficult with our busy schedules to find the perfect time for everyone, but plan on meeting again early in January 2008.



**Betty Adams**  
Region Nordic Administrator

## OEC Update By Tom Hynes, Region OEC Administrator

### Season Starts - Time to Jump Start OEC Skills

OEC

Okay, we are finally back on the snow and in the cold. The environment does play into how you are treating your patients. You may be sweating from hauling the equipment, but they might be cold from the exposure. First point: it may be that you need to slow down just a bit to better serve your patient. Slowing down may keep from you becoming a second patient. Second point: keep the patient stable and protect them from further exposure.

OEC ENHANCEMENT

Calling all OEC Instructors and IT's ... now is a good time to be having on snow OEC Enhancement activities for patrollers and seniors. The activities (courses) can be registered and documented. It is like having a "mini refresher". Patrol reps you

can request your OEC instructors to schedule these as part of your daily patrol activities.

A short discussion with objectives stated, a quick review, and then on snow scenarios to practice and sharpen your skills...a half hour to an hour. Remember your seniors should be participating in these activities every three years, and it is better to do it every year.

**CHECK YOUR SUCTION / OXYGEN KIT**

Make it simple and easy to use. Put your suction in a separate container, either attached to or in the kit. But make it so the responder can find and identify the supplies for suction in a hurry. Oxygen doesn't help the patient if the patient doesn't have an open airway. Plastic suction, oxygen mask and delivery tubes become difficult to

handle in the cold. Consider carrying O<sub>2</sub> mask in your jacket pocket to keep it warm and easier to handle. Protect the O<sub>2</sub> tank with the carrying bag, have a bystander slip the tank under their jacket, wrap it in a spare blanket, and consider the time required to clear the scene.

**SEM Senior Emergency Management**

February 24<sup>th</sup> the North Central Region will see a Senior Emergency Management (SEM) event at Indianhead. OEC instructors wishing to help are encouraged to step forward to help evaluate, act as advocates, set up, and/or work as station helpers. One day in the snow is a good way

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**Tom Hynes**  
Region OEC Administrator

## OEC Update

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to charge up your enthusiasm for OEC training. OEC IT's are especially welcome. It is a good chance to get updated on OEC changes, get help and ideas on having patroller evaluations, discuss OEC enhancement activities, share instructor mentoring stories. Contact me tomhynes@charter.net

### NEW CPR

Everyone should by this time have had their annual CPR refresher and experienced the changes to 30 compressions. Wow you say that is a lot of compressions without giving a breath. But wait there is more! The new process has a better success rate and outcomes for our patients. It keeps up the perfusion (i.e., blood pressure) higher, and as a result...more – more oxygen please to the heart and brain. If you have not had that refresher, it is time. Your patrol rep and local OEC IT could be pulling you off of patrol duties for not completing your required refresher requirements.

### OEC & INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT...& THE SPRING BANQUET

North Central Region will again be offering an Instructor Development class at the spring banquet. Look for more information in this issue and the spring banquet registration or contact me tomhynes@charter.net

### MOULAGE FOR BEGINNERS

Nancy and Chris Dobrinski will be offering a short break session for OEC instructors and IT's on moulage. Look for more information in this issue and the spring banquet registration or contact me...tomhynes@charter.net

### OEC ENHANCEMENT

Greg Kerwin will be conducting an OEC ENHANCEMENT with lecture as a short break session for all interested patrollers. Look for more information in this issue and the spring banquet registration or contact me...tomhynes@charter.net



Mark Welsh facilitates an educational discussion of toboggan handling details during the North Central Region S & T Enhancement Seminar held January 13 at Ski Brule. Welsh, Mike Lynch and Daren Lukes all completed their Toboggan Instructor training that day.

## 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  
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### 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

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Volkl skis, Tecnica boots and foot ware, Marker bindings, helmets and goggles

**Bob Engelman**, Phone: 715-630-3782 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



## Alpine Approaches By Jim Grundstrom ARD, Alpine Training

Twenty Four patrollers from the North Central Region attended the winter training event at Ski Brule recently. Staffed by members of PSIA the skiing portion included an awesome day long clinic on skiing skills for the Patroller.

At the same time a second group of Patrollers worked with Patrol Candidates, Toboggan Instructor Candidates, and Senior Candidates working to complete the toboggan skills evaluation this season.

We played outside in the snow all day, and left Ski Brule with a feeling of accomplish-

ment, comfortably tired, and smiling. Those signs and symptoms are the ones associated with a great clinic in my opinion.

New Toboggan Instructors Mike Lynch from Marquette Mountain, Mark Welch and Daren Lukes from Granite Peak joined the ranks of the training staff in the North Central Region by completing their skills check off by basically teaching the whole day under the watchful eyes of Region Staff from across the area.

### Wishes for Next Season

We hope the Region's patrols take advantage of this clinic in the wonderful central location. The concept of multi-disciplined training happening at the same time works wonderfully. We welcome more patrollers and hope that patrol specific events will be kept from this weekend date in the future.

If you have any training questions please contact me at any time.



Jim Grundstrom  
ARD Alpine Training

## NC Region Banquet Set for April 20 - 22

By Carolyn DeJongh, ARD

Come one, come all to the NCR Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet, April 20-22, at The Waters in Minocqua.

Patrollers and their families and friends have been enjoying the facilities at The Waters, and the activities available in Minocqua, for several years, and this year should be no exception. The water park at The Waters offers fun for you and every member of your family, and Minocqua has great shopping, hiking, biking, a couple of museums, a casino nearby, and a brewpub, to mention only a few highlights.

This year we are offering a range of NSP educational opportunities for all patrollers. There will be no additional cost for any of them, except

for the cost of materials where this applies. Most of these classes count as Senior Electives, for those of you currently enrolled in, or thinking about, the Senior Program.

This year we have a NEW OFFERING: The OEC ENHANCEMENT SEMINAR. The topics that will be covered are going to be too good to pass up. They include, but may not be limited to: Moulage (hands on) with Nancy Dobrinski; NEXUS training (how do you decide when to backboard a patient?) led by Greg Kerwin; Orthopedic topics-Dr. Jason Lowry, our NCR Medical Advisor; and Advanced Leadership Scenarios (hands on) led by Greg Kerwin.



Twenty four patrollers attended the North Central Region S & T Enhancement Clinic held January 13 at Ski Brule. The group poses here following a day of play and education in the snow.

The Orthopedics presentation will be in conjunction with the lunch break for most of the offerings, so that just about everyone at the meeting should be able to attend. Also being offered are Instructor Development, Patrolling 101, an Instructor Update, and Mountain Travel and Rescue Fundamentals.

Remember the Early Bird Registration-if you get your registration postmarked by April 10, you will receive double door prize tickets!

Hope to see all of you at the NCR 2006-2007 Spring Meeting in Minocqua in April.

### Senior Stats By Don Close Region Senior S&T Adm



**Don Close**  
Senior S&T Administrator

The Senior program is active this year with 11 candidates registered.

Training for the ski and toboggan portion was limited early on due to the unseasonable warm weather we had early this winter. For instance, on January 15th here at Mont Ripley, we were only about 30 percent open and almost none of that was our Senior terrain.



It is finally cold enough to make snow so hopefully all areas will be 100% open soon.

The evaluations will be at Indianhead this year. It's a good central location with some nice terrain for us. We've not been there for a few years so it'll be great to get back to an area we haven't seen in awhile and also see our old friends.

## 2006 - 2007 SECTION CHIEF ELECTIONS OF SECTION II

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 2007 to elect the Section Chief in Section II

#### 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 1, 2007.

#### Electorate

The Electorate, having one vote each, consists of Unit Representatives as of December 31, 2006.

**Elections Procedure:** Region Elections Coordinator verifies and notifies all candidates. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by **March 10, 2007**. Ballots must be returned by **March 25, 2007**. Results will be announced by **April 5, 2007**.

### Section Chief Nomination Form

*National Ski Patrol System, Central Division, North Central Region*

Section Chief Nomination for 2007 Elections, I hereby nominate:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Patrol and State)

For the office of Section Chief, NC Region Section II Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: Carolyn DeJongh, 309 Wilson Street, Rhinelander, WI 54501 Nominations Must Be Post Marked by **March 1, 2007**

## North Central Region 2006 – 2007 Patrol Representatives

Patrol	Name	Address	City	St.	Zip	Home	E-mail
<b>Section I</b>							
Big Powderhorn	Earl F. Halverson	E 6395 Snowball Ct.	Bessemer	M	49911	906-932-0110	
Blackjack	Bob Lehman	401 E Mary St	Bessemer	M	49911	906-667-0119	boblehman@charter.net
Indianhead	Walt Hess	618 Greenbush	Ironwood	M	49938	906-932-4670	threetrack@chartermi.net
Mt. Ashwabay	Jeffery Skoraczewski	325 Hillside	Washburn	WI	54981	715-373-2912	roski@cheqnet.ney
Porcupine Mt.	Jerry Linn	PO Box 312	White Pine	M	49971	906-855-5139	bjlinn@jamadots.com
<b>Section II</b>							
Copper Country Nord	Barbara Wheeler	21304 Lahti Rd.	Houghton	M	49931	906-487-9695	bawheelerski@msn.com
Marquette Mountain	Jim Grundstrom	1650 Grandview Dr	Marquette	M	49855	906-228-7194	jpgmqt@aol.com
Mount Ripley	Dan Dalquist	1112 Second St	Hancock	M	49930	906-482-8198	dand@chartermi.net
Mount Bohemia	Barb Erkkila	200 Tamarack St	Laurium	M	49913	906-337-0263	barberks@hotmail.com
Ski Brule	Greg Vanevenhoven	3574 W Schoeder Rd	Appleton	WI	54913	920-954-1330	gvan@athenet.net
Superior Nordic	Nancy Imm	45420 Cottage Row	Chassell	M	49916	906-482-3833	nanimm@aol.com
<b>Section III</b>							
Gladstone Sports Pk	Donald Poe	9508 Bay Shore Dr	Gladstone	M	49837	906-428-2195	poebone@chartermi.net
Navarino Hills	Mel Johnson	2325 Wintergreen	Appleton	WI	54914	920-734-7836	mjon555@aol.com
Norway Mountain	Harry Lauritsen	17783 E Wheeler Lk	Lakewood	WI	54138	715-276-7077	hllauritsen@ez-net.com
Pine Mountain	Russ Reynolds	1511 Sleepy Hollow	Green Bay	WI	54311	920-465-0283	rreynolds@new.rr.com
<b>Section IV</b>							
Bruce Mound	Scott Loveland	212 Lower Lake Dr	Merrillan	WI	54754	715-333-2204	
Granite Peak	Tom Hynes	2705 Quail Drive	Wausau	WI	54451	715-848-4164	tomhynes@charter.net
Minocqua Winter Pk	Betty Adams	12146 Plummer Ln	Lac du Flambeau	WI	54538	715-588-7731	mbadams@newnorth.net
Nine Mile Forest	Steven Konkel	1434 N. 13th Ave	Wausau	WI	54401	715-675-9263	steven.konkel@gte.net
Standing Rocks	Conrad Favor	703 Greenbriar Ave	Stevens Point	WI	54481	715-344-7271	con@pointonline.net
Camp 10	Gren Rudd	19165 North Hills Dr	Brookfield	WI	53045	262-782-0857	vkbn36a@aol.com

## North Central Region 2006 – 2007 Officers and Advisors

Position	Name	Address	City	St.	Zip	Home	E-mail
Region Director	David Dahl	T16006 Cty Hwy W	Merrill	WI	54452	715-536-4705	dcdski@dwave.net
ARD Line	Tom M. Gilbreath	5704 Babl Lane	Schofield	WI	54476	715-359-2330	tmgilbre@gmail.com
ARD Off Hill Train	Carolyn DeJongh	309 Wilson Street	Rhineland	WI	54501	715-369-1563	cdej@charter.net
ARD Alpine Train	Jim Grundstrom	1650 Grandview Dr	Marquette	M	49855	906-228-7194	jpgmqt@aol.com
Region Treasurer	Sarah Hull	9713 Townline Rd	Wausau	WI	54403	715-848-2571	hulls@ministryhealth.org
Section Chief I	Jim Meunier	N11561 Skyway Rd	Ironwood	M	49938	906-932-4116	meunier@centurytel.net
Section Chief II	David Conger	890 Sunbeam Circle	Oneida	WI	54155	920-434-2503	ddconger@hotmail.com
Section Chief III	Donald Poe	9508 Bay Shore Dr	Gladstone	M	49837	906-428-2195	poebone@chartermi.net
Section Chief IV	Keith Robinson	6215 Cnty Rd F	Wisconsin Rapids	WI	54495	715-569-3831	kbrobins@tds.net
Region Skiing Admn	Don Close	49345 US Hwy 41	Hancock	M	49930	906-369-4587	don@mtu.edu
Region Avalanche Aopen							
Region Mntring Adm	Steven Konkel	1434 N. 13th Ave	Wausau	WI	54401	715-675-9263	steven.konkel@gte.net
Region Awards Adm	Carolyn DeJongh	309 Wilson St	Rhineland	WI	54501	715-369-1563	cdej@charter.net
Region Senior S&T	ADon Close	49345 US Hwy 41	Hancock	M	49930	906-369-4587	don@mtu.edu
Region Certified Ad	Greg Kerwin	1301 Albion	Marquette	M	49855	906-226-2431	gkerwin@juno.com
Region Medical Adv	Kent Jason Lowry MD	444 E Timber Drive	Rhineland	WI	54501	715-499-2175	klortho@newnorth.net
Region Alumni Adv	Dan Bowen	3407 Polzer Drive	Wausau	WI	54401	715-845-5182	dbowen@dwave.net
Editor <i>Powder Lines</i>	Tim Zimmerman	N3275 Stillwater Dr	Medford	WI	54451	715-748-6552	tzimmerman@mitchellmetals.com
Region Web Master	Mark Gilliland	3351 Derby Court	Plover	WI	54467	715-295-0576	mgilliland@charter.net
Region Elections Co	Carolyn DeJongh	309 Wilson Street	Rhineland	WI	54501	715-369-1563	cdej@charter.net
Region Legal Admin	Steve Atkinson	N13927 Newberg R	Channing	M	49815	906-542-6801	satkinson@uplogon.com
Region Nordic Admin	Betty Adams	12146 Plummer Ln	Lac du Flambeau	WI	54538	715-588-7731	mbadams@newnorth.net
Region OEC Admin	Tom Hynes	2705 Quail Drive	Wausau	WI	54451	715-848-4164	tomhynes@charter.net
Region Instrtr Dev Ad	Tom Hynes	2705 Quail Drive	Wausau	WI	54451	715-848-4164	tomhynes@charter.net
Region PSIA Admin	Bob Meyers	2517 Norwood St	Marquette	M	49855	906-226-8578	rmeyers@wpsr.com
Region Toboggan Ad	Steve Beil	PO Box 396	Woodruff	WI	54468	715-588-3633	sbeil@dwave.net
Reg Snowboard Ad	Randy Tufts	3225 Hill Ridge Dr	Eagan	MN	55121	651-330-1052	randytufts@yahoo.com

# 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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