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# Powder Lines

*Newsletter of the North Central Region  
Central Division*



National Ski Patrol



## Region Director's Report

Hello Everyone,

It's summer and water skiing takes the place of snow skiing. Before you know it winter will be back and it will be time to start planning for another great ski season in 2011-2012. Check out the new calendar in this issue for many upcoming opportunities and, most importantly, refresher dates.



**David Dahl  
Region Director**

This fall, refreshers will be using the new 5th Edition book. There is an orientation exercise that must be completed by all patrollers and brought to their refresher. The exercise (not the answer key) is posted on the member website in Quick links for download. Patrollers will need access to the 5th Edition to complete this portion of their refresher. This is a great opportunity for patrols to spend money they have on hand to purchase new books for their patrollers. No money?? – How about doing a fundraiser. This is a great grant request.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the spring region banquet in April. Our Division Director Jim Woodrum and his wife were our guests at the banquet. Jim's wife love shopping in the area and (according to Jim) taking too many things home! A big Thank You needs to go out to Section II for hosting this event and to the Region Event/Meeting Coordinator, Dave Conger. The Friday night hospitality room was over the top and we had outstanding door prizes.

A special Thank You to Marsha Locker, NCR awards director. Without her hard work we would not have nearly the number of awards that were given out Saturday night. Congratulations to all the award recipients. Some of our award recipients also won at the Division level. Their names will be announced in the fall issue of Powderlines.

Thank You to all of you patrollers for making North Central Region the outstanding region it is. Each one of you makes a difference.

I hope you all enjoy the summer and look forward to seeing you on the slopes again this season.

**Tim's Traverse** By Tim Zimmerman, editor**Chicken or Egg**

The summer issue is typically the most difficult for which I attempt to find a topic I think will be of interest to ski patrollers. Now, before you pick up a pen or sit at the keyboard and tell me it would good if I could finally find a topic of interest, please note I clarified the sentence by stating "a topic I think will be of interest."

This summer I do not have such a problem. Over the past year to year and a half, I have seen more ski patrol friends face extraordinary health challenges than I can quickly recount for you. In one instance the challenge brought premature end to a friend's life after he courageously battled cancer for many years.



Each of the patroller friends' challenges is different. Each challenge, however, puts any ache or pain I may be tempted to complain about into perfect perspective.

None of the challenges is going to end in the same manner either. Some friends may and have recovered fully, others carry a scar from the challenge with them. Still others will be in battle the rest of their lives.

I am impressed with the variety of ways in which the people I know approach their unique situation. Some are infinitely positive, others take a more realistic approach. Some are deeply religious, others concentrate solely on the science of their health condition. Each in their own way fights the battle with courage. Some more vocally than others, but there is much I learn from each of them about being courageous.

As I have considered all of this, I am deeply struck by one common element. Within each of my patrol friends facing what is certain to be the challenge of their lifetime, it is easy to detect a love of life that transcends what I believe most people will ever experience. This is a statement I do not make lightly. The feeling is palpable as I talk with them.

It causes me to reflect both on whether I would be viewed in the same way if situations were reversed and also on how so many other, in fact most other, patrollers I know have a similar zest for life. Thus began the internal chicken or egg debate.

Are some people born with a zeal for life that pushes them to the snow and slopes and then on to become patrollers or does the snow and patrolling change them?

At first the answer seems simple to me. After all, we perform ski-alongs before inviting members of the public to attend OEC and S&T training. This is done because "patrolling is not for everyone." We want to assure prospective candidates have both the ski and/or riding ability and personality needed to take on our assigned duties.

Good enough, or so I thought, at least until I considered my own situation. My life as an alpine skier is perhaps less traditional than most. I started while in grade school after a season or two of skating the

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winter away on Nordic trails near my hometown. I love being outside during winter and cross country skiing allowed me a great activity to keep me out of the house. Quickly, however, I learned my favorite part was skiing down relatively short hills on the Nordic trails. Before long I was traveling with family friends to a local downhill ski area regularly each winter.

After a few seasons, my family purchased a business that kept us tied to the work place almost every weekend. Therefore my days on the slopes came to an end. They did not start up again for another 20 years. Many fellow patrollers can tell you the time off is very noticeable in my skiing.

My ski abilities, or lack thereof, are not the topic at hand and I shall spare you the details. Rather, as I thought about my life the memories that come racing back as most enjoyable are tied to those times in my life when I tightened ski boots around my feet and strapped them to a couple planks. This is in spite of the fact some of the most trying times in my life also occurred during the same period.

It has led me to the conclusion I cannot tell which comes first, the special zest for life or the skiing and patrolling. I do know I am very thankful they combine in a way that is very special. A group of special friends have taught me just that over the past year and a half.

## Kasten's Korner



## Section One Report by Jim Meunier

Summer has finally arrived after a very cool spring. Hopefully, we will continue to get some warmer temperatures so we can all enjoy our summer activities!



Jim Meunier  
Section One Chief

The ski season started and ended on schedule for most ski areas in our section this past winter. Blackjack and Big Powderhorn are in the second year of new management, and also had new patrol representatives this year. Dale Feakes and Scott Robinson are both doing an excellent job!

Although Big Powderhorn lost its main lodge to fire last winter, they are starting to break ground on a new facility, which should be ready to open for next ski season.

In April we had the NCR Spring Awards Banquet in Minocqua, WI. The banquet was well attended by patrollers from Section One, and

it was good to see several on hand to receive well deserved recognition.



190 years of service! Steve Beil 40, Doc. Rifleman 50, Ben Olson 60, Gordy Mortenson 40 years.



Dr. Robert Rifleman receives his 50 year service award.

Several received Service Recognition (years) and BRAVO (days/hours) awards. We had several patrollers from the Section receive service awards of 40 years or greater. Steve Biel, Dee Berghauer, Tom Clausen, Dan Davidson, Jill Orlando, John Stransky and Gordy Mortenson for 40 years, Rusty Bluse, Walt Hess, and Reid Rihel for 45 years, Rick Shutes, and Dr. Robert Rifleman for 50 years, and Ben Olson for 60 years! Jim Shulte earned the BRAVO award for Indianhead with 328 hours, Cheryl Carr for Big Powderhorn with 456 hours, Jerry Linn for Blackjack, and Neil Harmon again earned the BRAVO for Ashwabay. Congratulations

folks on your outstanding service!



Ben Olson receives his 60 year service award.

Central Division Critical Care Recognition was awarded to Cheryl Carr and Amber Warrick for their role in the safe and timely evacuation of all employees and guest from the main lodge at Big Powderhorn, as it was becoming engulfed in flames.



Chris and Nancy Dobrinski receive outstanding OEC instructor award

We also had several major awards earned by patrollers in our section. Steve Biel took home the award for Outstanding Instructor (non OEC), while Chris and Nancy Dobrinski took home the Outstanding OEC instructor award. The Indianhead Patrol was awarded the Outstanding Alpine Ski Patrol award, and over twenty members were on hand to accept the award. As always the final awards given are the National Appointments (numbers). Chris and Nancy Dobrinski were very proud and deserving



members from section one to be granted this honor for their leadership and dedicated service. Congratulations to Chris and Nancy and all the other award winners for a job well done!

Section One will be hosting the Awards Banquet next April at the Waters of Minocqua. We will need lots of help from patrols/patrollers in the section to make this a success. It is also an excellent opportunity to recognize some of our fellow patrollers in the section. I am sure there are many of our patroller's and patrols that deserve special recognition. Submitting awards can be a challenge, but it is very rewarding to see someone you nominated get the recognition they deserve. I encourage more people in our section to make an effort to submit timely nominations next year.

## Section Two Report by Erick Jensen



Erick Jensen  
Section Two Chief

My girls are big fans of the High School Musical series of movies. One of the songs is 'We're All In This Together'. Their point is that all the different groups at this high school can, and eventually do, work together to achieve common goals, despite their differences. I realize our lives are not a Disney movie, but we can all work together to further our great organization. I have heard some people question why things get done a certain way or why this decision was made this way. I continue to say 'get involved, help make the changes in a positive way, anyone can sit back and complain'. We all need to work together, there is not room for protecting one's turf at the expense of another. OEC is the same wherever it is taught, as are ski and toboggan, with some adjustments for local protocols. When someone wants to join the patrol, what difference does it make where they want to patrol, where they live, or who brought forth their name. I know, some patrols have space limitations, I'm

not talking about this. Let's all work toward building up the NSP, not tearing each other down.

I would like to thank Dave Conger, Trudy Olsson, Patty Asselin, and the rest of the Mont Ripley patrollers who made this year's meeting and banquet a success. My family and I could not have done it without your help. Congratulations to Dan Dalquist, who is retiring from actively patrolling after 40 years. There are literally hundreds of patrollers who have benefitted directly from Dan's unique style of instruction and humor, not just in North Central region or Mont Ripley, but throughout the entire system. I am honored to be one of them. My daughters are looking forward to going to Mont Ripley next winter and getting another ski lesson from Dan.

## Section Two Report by Martin Olson



Martin Olson  
Section Three Chief

Greeting to all. I hope your ski season was great and you are in good health. Welcome aboard to the new patrollers and transferring patrollers to Section #3.

We were sadden with the loss of Dave Weber and Scott Danen this past season, both members of the Pine Mountain Ski Patrol.

A Section 3 recap of the year includes: Mike O. and I ran an OEC class at Navarino. I attended the Fall Regional meeting at Ski Brule, Fall OEC refreshers held at Pine Mountain and Norway Mountain, visited with Ralph H. (Norway), Russ R. (Pine Mountain), Mike O. (Navarino) and had correspondence with Marie L. (Hidden Valley). I attended the Awards judging session held at Granite Peak. The season had some bitter cold weekends, but ample snowfall this year. The season concluded with the Regional Spring Banquet in Minoqua. Attendance was good once again. Our Division Director once again attended the event.

Congratulations to Ralph Hicks on receiving his National Appointment Numbers.

The new OEC books are out. They incorporate some new changes, so it would be a good idea to update to the new book. Navarino will be conducting an OEC class this year. Pine Mountain has a couple of new candidates for an OEC class later this summer.

Keep your personal data on the National web site up to date with address and email address changes. The NSP site offers you the opportunity to email your fellow patrollers in your patrol. This is also how the region sends information to you. If you know of someone who has changed email addresses please remind them as they may not be receiving this reminder.

Thank you for your devotion to the voluntary contributions that you make. Have a great summer, hope to ski with you next season.

## Section Four Report by Keith Robinson



Keith Robinson  
Section Four Chief

Another awesome winter for skiing! In addition to fulfilling regular patrol shifts at Granite Peak, I was able to visit all Section 4 resorts this winter. Last year I wrote a short book, so this year I thought I would keep it short and sweet.

Bruce Mound hosted the first OEC refresher in the Section at the end of August. Thanks to the many Section Instructors that came and helped. The Section 4 refresher was also held at North Central Technical College once again. Thanks to Dr. Kaare Tinglestad ER physician from the Bruce Mound ski patrol for traveling to Wausau to teach one of the lectures. NTC is proving to be a great facility to host the event.

The ski season started off in December with a big snow storm that kick started most of the hills into action and filled many driveways with too much snow. We had four foot drifts in ours and it took days to clean it all out at the farm. Brenda and I had a lot of fun visiting all the Section hills this year and seeing the patrollers in action!

Goals for next year are to work on some training events at the Section hills. I will be working with the PR's to try to schedule some TES and SES sessions, as well as, other training such as possible LAR and an Avalanche level 1 course in the fall.

## Nordic Notes By Betty Adams, Region Nordic Administrator



Betty Adams  
Region Nordic Administrator

Again this year there will be an OEC Refresher at Minocqua Winter Park on Sunday, November 13. Don't wait until the last minute. Be sure to contact Betty Adams (see PR of MWP) if you plan to attend. We need to know how many to prepare for. The refresher will be held and you are welcome. The most frequently asked question is How do you get to MWP?

You should follow these directions for excellent cross country skiing and the OEC refresher. Drive west on Highway 70 from the intersection with Highway 51 in Minocqua. About 6.8 miles west turn left on Squirrel Lake Road. There is a brown Minocqua Winter Park sign on Highway 70 marking the road. About 4.7 miles on Squirrel Lake Road then turn left on Scotchmans Lake Road (it is gravel). There is a large MWP sign on the corner. Go 0.3 of a mile then turn right – again there is a sign. Go 0.2 of a mile then turn left through a gate and continue to the parking lot.

The refresher will start at 9 A.M. and continue until around 4 P.M. The kitchen will be open with a limited selection for lunch or you can bring your own lunch and beverage. There will be a charge for snack bar lunch, but not for the refresher. If you have questions on November 13 call Minocqua Winter Park at 715-356-3309; otherwise, call Betty Adams at 715-588-7731.

## **OEC Update** By Tom Hynes, Region OEC Administrator



Tom Hynes  
Region OEC Administrator

Ok the NEW ski patrol TRAINING starts.

OEC IT s will be meeting to review the new OEC manual. OEC refreshers will be in the planning soon based on changes in the new OEC manual. New candidates will be reading from a new OEC manual. Instructors and Instructor Trainers will be making changes to their OEC class curriculums from the new planning guides and a new OEC manual.

Oh did I mention there is a new OEC 5th Edition Manual? Did I mention it's AVAILABLE NOW for each of you to order and prepare for the NEW fall refreshers and ski season? Did I mention the NEW 5th Edition OEC manual was fast to arrive after placing the order? Order yours NOW and be the most update patroller on your patrol. But wait there's MORE! The study guide CD and instructor resources will be available soon, along with supportive on-line links.

**DON'T WAIT! GET YOUR NEW OEC 5TH EDITON MANUAL NOW!**  
**FIND IT ON LINE AT THE NATIONAL SKI PATROL WEB!**

Having read many a first aid, First Responder, OEC, EMT manual it takes some effort by the publishers and editors to really get my attention. This new manual spiked my attention right away. It is clear, concise, up to date, and just a good read for an urban/wilderness first responder. The format is easy to read and illustrations good without being "gory". Please note the patient assessment has been updated so expect a heavy dose of practice scenarios at the refreshers in the fall.

There will IT meetings to be announced throughout the region.

## **Ski School Lessons** By Bob Meyers, Region PSIA Liason



Bob Meyers  
Region PSIA Liason

Patrollers you need to join PSIA to help train patrollers in skiing and help protect your self while you teach. PSIA-C and AASI-C membership includes approximately 3,500 snow sports instructors in the disciplines of Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, and others throughout the Midwest. Throughout the United States there are nine divisions with approximately 31,000 members! Our National Certification Standards are developed by PSIA & AASI's National Demonstration Teams, and are applied nation-wide by all divisions.

We provide our members education materials (video, web, magazine, and books), indoor and on snow training clinics, and certification in our disciplines of Alpine, Snowboard, Nordic and Adaptive. We also offer accreditations in Children's Teaching, Advanced Trainers/Clinicians, and Freestyle (Park & Pipe). Other services of PSIA-C and AASI-C include working with Snow Sports Schools, Directors, Trainers, Areas/Resorts and Professional Organizations like the Midwest Ski Areas Association (MSAA) to promote and support uniform excellence in snow sports instruction. Additional membership benefits include discounted equipment, accessories catalog, pro forms, and

a special promotion with Subaru. The goal of PSIA and AASI is to provide a fun, safe and positive snow sport experience for every one of our guests. "Go with a Pro," is a PSIA and AASI marketing program for our members to the general public, to encourage ski area and resort guests to learn from a "Professional Instructor."

Think about bringing your skills to the next level and join PSIA and our Central Division Ski School, which is the largest ski school in PSIA Central Division. For more information contact me or any other PSIA instructor how to join. See ya' on the slopes.

### **Senior Ski and Toboggan** By Les Robinson, Region Senior S&T Administrator

By now you've read how great a year we all had, how good the snow was, that many patrollers did training, and had a fun year. That is what we do, now how about taking ourselves to the next level of learning to better prepare ourselves to help others. That is exactly what the senior program is (a higher level) of our skills, the senior SEM, prepares you better for scene management. S&T better prepares you for handling the toboggan and helps you learn a higher level of skiing. The Brule senior clinic will be January 21, 2012. That is mandatory and really does prepare you as senior candidates.

The evaluation is the weekend of February 11-12, 2012 at Blackjack.



If you are interested send me an email well it may be a little early but the dates are there for you to think about. Also if any of you senior evaluators are interested in becoming skiing evaluators let me know you will need to become either PSIA 2 or 3 or become ASE certified. I can get the information to you it is a fun and very learning experience.

Have a great summer and congratulations to our new senior this year Pete Holdridge, Jeff Stogbauer, and Kristy Gollackner.



### **Granite Peak Report** By Les Robinson, Retiring Patrol Representative

We again had a good winter started on November 25th and went until April 2nd for 120 days open. We ended the year with 451 patients treated.



We again hosted the Badger State Games, many high school races, and some club races.

At the end of June Bruce latonni will be taking over the reigns as the next Patrol Rep fro Granite Peak Ski Patrol from me welcome aboard Bruce also he has a new assistant in Joe Conrad they will do a wonderful job!



A bit of sad news for us at GPSP in that this last month we lost a great patroller, as Tom Hollander passed away many others from the region new Tom and what a great patrol person he was.

Rest in peace Tom.

## Gold Cross News: Special Awards Section

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### Harry Lauritsen Memorial Outstanding Ski Patroller Award

By: Tom Anderson, Marquette Ski Patrol

After twenty seven years and twenty seven outstanding North Central Region ski patrollers recognized for their service and dedication to patrolling our hills the Donald J. Baudhuin Memorial Award has been retired to the NSP display and archives at the US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame located in Ishpeming, MI.

Making way for a new generation of patrollers to be named outstanding ski patroller for the North Central Region, the Harry Lauritsen Memorial Award has been commissioned. It was unveiled at this past season's annual



awards banquet in Minocqua, WI. This traveling award will be presented to the North Central Region Outstanding Ski Patroller. The recipient will have the honor of displaying this plaque in their patrols presence for the following season leading up to the annual awards banquet where it will again be presented to the next outstanding ski patroller.



Richard Hadfield, Granite Peak Ski Patrol, is presented inaugural Harry Lauritsen Memorial Outstanding Ski Patroller award.

Described by many of what and who Harry Lauritsen was in his many years of service to the NSP and particularly the North Central Region is a testament why this new award carries his name. "Honest, passionate, dedicated, and hardworking" are just a few words that come to mind when describing Harry. "You did not get anything by Harry!" and "He demonstrated by doing" are just a couple of quotes by those who knew him. Serving the smaller areas of the region Harry guided his patrols with the assistance and support of his Patroller wife Lois. Repeated many times over the weekend in Minocqua was the fact that "Where Harry was Lois was". Many said that one person could not possibly do what Harry did without the help of his patrol partner/wife Lois. Having personally witnessed both of their efforts over my time has a patroller I certainly believe this.

Harry Lauritsen has demonstrated by example what an outstanding ski patroller is and that is why his name is on this award.

**Gold Cross News: Special Awards Section****Photos by: Richard Hadfield****Special DSA Honoree: Tom Hollander**

When Tom Hollander joined the Granite Peak Ski Patrol, he signed on for life.

After 35 years of commitment to the patrol, his family and friends say now more than ever, they want Tom to know how much he meant to the team. Tom, affectionately referred to as "Ol' Dawg" by his colleagues received both a 35 year service award and the National Ski Patrol Distinguished Service Award during a special ceremony in March in the Wausau Aspirus Hospital Oncology Unit.

**MEMORIAL**

There are only 1163 recipients of the national honor.

Marcia Locher, North Central Awards Administrator told local media the award could not have been presented to a more deserving person. "GRanite PEak is about a 100 member ski patrol, and we probably had half of our patrol here. That is the impact Tom Hollander's had."

Thomas A. Hollander, 57, Wausau, died Tuesday May 3, 2011 at Colonial Manor Medical and Rehabilitation Center, Wausau. He was born August 10, 1953, in Wausau, son of Dolores (Neihold) Hollander, Wausau and the late Harold T. Hollander. On September 8, 1978, he married Cynthia Lang at Marathon. She survives.

Thomas had been employed as Rosemurgy Ford in building maintenance. Through the years, he had worked as an instructor with the American Red Cross, served as a volunteer for First Aid at various civic events in Wausau, was a volunteer with the Granite Peak Ski Patrol and was a member of the National Ski Patrol.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Hollander, Wausau, two children, Anthony (Jennifer) Hollander, Wausau, Teri (Brian) Neitzel, Weston, three grandchildren, Makenzie and Taylor Hollander and Clairia Neitzel, his mother, Dolores Hollander, Wausau, siblings, Harold Hollander Jr., Circle Pines, Minn., James Hollander, Stratford, Patricia (Jon) Russell, Oklahoma City, Okla., Susan (Robert) Torreano, Coon Rapids, Minn. nieces and nephews, as well as his pets, Sanders and Miss Kitty. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold.

**Region Certificates of Appreciation**

Ski Brule: Hosting NC Region Fall Board Meeting

Ski Brule: Hosting NC Region S&T Clinic

Lolita Barry, Nancy Dobrinski, Chris Dobrinski: Organizing Senior testing for NC Region.

Mike Lynch and Tom Anderson: Evaluating at Senior testing.

Marquette Mountain: Hosting 2011 Senior tests

David Conger, Trudy Olsson, Don Close and Erick Jensen: Organizing and hosting spring NC Region meeting and awards banquet

**Angel Award**

Mary Jo Jensen is awarded the Angel Award for support of her husband Erick in his service to the National Ski Patrol.



**Gold Cross News: Special Awards Section****Photos by: Richard Hadfield****Traveling Banquet Trophy**

The traveling banquet trophy is awarded to the patrol having the highest percentage of its patrol registered for the spring banquet. This year Navarino Slopes was awarded the trophy with Mike Olson, patrol representative, accepting the honor.

**Bravo Awards**

Matt Sovey, 326 hours, Pine Mountain; Matt Manderfield, 17 days, Mount Bohemia; Deb Olson, 373.25 hours, Granite Peak; Kristy Gollakner, 242.5 hours, Marquette Mountain; Jim Shulte, 328 hours, Indianhead Mountain; Ronald Rolloff, 64 hours, Nine Mile Forest; Bob Solonen, 44 days, Ski Brule; Neil Harmon, 243 hours, Mount Ashwabay; Hunter White, 324 hours, Navarino Slopes; Cheryl Carr, 456 hours, Big Powderhorn Mountain; Robert Anderson, 119 hours, Minocqua Winter Park; Donald Poe, 77 hours, Gladstone Sports Park; Don Hamilton, 464 hours, Mont Ripley; Jerry Linn, 201 hours, Blackjack.

**Senior Awards**

Three patrollers from the North Central Region attained Senior designation this year: Kristy Gollackner, Jeff Stogbauer and Pete Holdridge.

**Senior Traveling Trophy**

The traveling Senior trophy is presented annually to the patrol having the highest percentage of eligible patrollers participating in senior evaluations. This year the award is presented to Ski Brule, with Joe Matuszak, patrol representative, accepting the award.

**Service Awards****5 Years**

Kathie Babcock, Camp 10; Leslie Bek, Marquette Mountain; Arjen "Dutch" Blanker, Granite Peak; Joe Bottensek, Granite Peak; Marc Carlson, Granite Peak; Cliff Cray, Bruce Mound; Alan Edmundson, Granite Peak; Rick Ensinger, Granite Peak; Michael Fugle, Camp 10; Mark Haase, Granite Peak; Howard Haselhuhn III, Mont Ripley; Kurt Johnson, Mont Ripley; Gerard Klein, Granite Peak; Holly Lucius, Mt. Ashwabay; Trevor Morris, Marquette

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Mountain; Samantha C. Nothem, Ski Brule; Jacek Olszewski, Porcupine Mountains; Shelly Richard, Minocqua Winter Park; Mary Roth, Camp 10; Taylor Saracoff, Granite Peak; Norma Smith, Ski Brule; Darren Vase, Bruce Mound.

**10 Years**

William Baer, Indianhead Mountain; Theodor Belej, Mont Ripley; Cindi Carlson, Marquette Mountain; Robert Engelman, Granite Peak; Tony Evans, Granite Peak; Conrad Favor, Standing Rocks; Melanie Fullman, Indianhead Mountain; Daniel Goudreau, Norway Mountain; Gerald Linn, Porcupine Mountains; Daren Lukes, Granite Peak; Melinda Pauls, Granite Peak; Leonard Pivoris, Norway Mountain; Tracy Reynolds, Pine Mountain; Brenda Robinson, Granite Peak; Dan Rowe, Indianhead Mountain; Randy Thyssen, Ski Brule; Marie Traska, Granite Peak; Jane Utmehmer, Granite Peak; James Waters, Porcupine Mountains; Mary Wiederhoeft, Porcupine Mountains.

**15 Years**

Thomas Beauchamp, Marquette Mountain; Andrew Bek, Marquette Mountain; Rob Bell, Marquette Mountain; Mike Carpenter, Marquette Mountain; Dennis Griffin, Granite Peak; Marcia Locher, Granite Peak; Richard Rhoades, Marquette Mountain; Fred Tibbitts, Marquette Mountain; Lyle Zablocke, Marquette Mountain.

**20 Years**

Jim Bratley, Mt. Ashwabay; Linda Carpenter, Marquette Mountain; Robert Danielson, Marquette Mountain; Mike Eagan, Granite Peak; James Hughes, Indianhead Mountain; Wendy Kidd, Indianhead Mountain; Donald Koski, Marquette Mountain; John Major, Marquette Mountain; Jeff Nehring, Indianhead Mountain; Elizabeth Popp, Ski Brule; Cheryl Sell, Big Powderhorn; Mark Stahnke, Norway Mountain; Alan Strandlie, Marquette Mountain; John Welsh, Granite Peak; Mark Welsh, Granite Peak.





**Gold Cross News: Special Awards Section****Photos by: Richard Hadfield****25 Years**

Brian Erickson, Big Powderhorn; Russell Kinkaid, Indianhead Mountain.

**30 Years**

James Dubore, Indianhead Mountain; Robert Epps, Marquette Mountain; Erick Jensen, Skie Brule; Scott Lauritsen, Norway Mountain; Michael Magel, Marquette Mountain; Richard Schmale, Indianhead Mountain.

**35 Years**

Becky Freese, Indianhead Mountain; Walt Hovey, Indianhead Mountain; Catherine Knudsen, Indianhead Mountain; Richard Kornitz, Big Powderhorn; Larry Sebeck, Marquette Mountain; David Sell, Big Powderhorn; Dewitt Strong, Indianhead Mountain; Gerry Mowris, Indianhead Mountain.

**40 Years**

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



**Gold Cross News: Special Awards Section****Photos by: Richard Hadfield****45 Years**

**Rusty Bluse**, Indianhead Mountain; **Walt Hess**, Indianhead Mountain; **Reid Rihel**, Indianhead Mountain; **Sue Kay Wolfe**, Marquette Mountain.

**50 Years**

**Robert Rifleman M.D.**, Blackjack; **Richard Shutes**, Big Powderhorn

**60 Years**

**Ben Olson**, Indianhead Mountain



## Gold Cross News: Special Awards Section

### Outstanding Awards

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#### Outstanding Young Adult Patroller



**Mike Thomas** is a high school senior who has been on the alpine race team for four years. He maintains excellent grades, is a volunteer with the Big Brother Program and travels with his church group to do mission work in urban settings.

Mike has made a commitment to the U.S. Army and has joined the National Guard. He is in a combat engineering group and has already been recognized as a leader. He will be deployed overseas in 2012.

#### Outstanding Paid Patroller

**Marie Traska** has been an active member of the NSP for over ten years. For the past six years she made the adjustment in her life in order to provide coverage for the midweek day shift. She has been active in the development of her home area's Snow Sport Safety Committee. Before the ski area opens she goes into schools and gives a Know the Code presentation. Once the ski area is open she is the lead organizer for the area's Hill Host program. This program provides guest services to skiers when they enter the base area. On her shift she assists the area with the placing of fences and signs. Her fellow patrollers and area management respect her for her skills and her concern for safety.



#### Outstanding Administrative Patroller



When you view an organizational chart one of the areas that is key to the group's success is the financial position. **Sarah Hull** has been the North Central region Treasurer for the past seven years. She has brought her extensive financial expertise to the position and has made certain region funds are accounted and used properly. She has implemented an Excel spreadsheet program that assures accuracy and is easy for board members to understand.

The region has undergone two audits under her watch and has passed both with flying colors. Sarah is also a Senior patroller and is willing to help out whenever she is asked, whether it is volunteering as a patient at testing or a hill host on Saturday mornings.



**Gold Cross News: Special Awards Section****Photos by: Richard Hadfield****Outstanding OEC Instructor**

When you term the phrase Dynamic Duo you immediately think of Batman and Robin. In the North Central Region when you hear the phrase you think of this year's Outstanding OEC Instructors: **Chris and Nancy Dobrinski**.

The couple started their patrol careers 10 years ago. They quickly became OEC instructors and have been the instructor of record for two classes. They also became OEC and Toboggan IT's.

As if this was not enough, they have become Seniors and moved on to the position of Senior Evaluators. This past year they have become Region SEM Administrators.

**Outstanding Non-OEC Instructor**

**Steve Beil** has been a patroller for 30 years and a Toboggan instructor for over 15. He has been active in training, evaluating, refreshing the members of his large alpine patrol. He was appointed Region Toboggan Administrator in 2002, a position he still holds.

In 2006 he completed the requirements for Senior patroller and in 2009 he received his National Appointment in recognition of his regional work. In addition he is also a chair evac instructor and remains the region and division expert in radio communications.

**Outstanding Small Patrol Representative**

**Mike Olson** not only takes on the challenges of running a patrol as patrol representative at Navarino Slopes, he has assisted his ski area by working in the rental shop, providing ski lessons for the public and recruiting and training new patrollers. When management needs help, they know to call Mike.

**Outstanding Large Patrol Representative**

**Les Robinson** joined NSP in 1997. He joined his current patrol about six years ago. He quickly took on the role of slope leader and was elected patrol representative at Granite Peak in 2007. He served as assistant patrol representative prior to assuming the patrol representative position in 2009.

During his term he has over seen many emotional changes at his large Alpine patrol. He initiated and worked with the By-law Committee. Then he over saw a revision of the patrol's by-laws.



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Les managed the implementation of new chair evacuation equipment during the past year.

He has accomplished all of this with a quiet, confident demeanor that continues to earn him respect of his fellow patrollers.

**Outstanding Nordic Patrol**

The **Minocqua Winter Park Nordic Patrol** was activated in 1990. The patrol of 12 is responsible for 45 miles of trails. Patrol Representative Betty Adams accepted the award on behalf of the patrol.

The small patrol has a large impact on the region. They host the Central Division annual Nordic Enhancement clinic. Members of this patrol act as administrators, IT's and officers at the region level. They are also well known for hosting the last OEC refresher in the region during the fall. They welcome patrollers from across the region.

This patrol has provided services for many Nordic events held at its area. In addition to skiing this area also has snowshoeing, skijoring, ice-skating and a new tubing hill.

**Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol**

**Indianhead Mountain Patrol** was established in 1959 and has been a vital part of the Midwest ski world since. The patrol of 104 members has among its ranks three Paid, 69 Alpine, four Auxiliary, 30 Seniors and one Certified Patroller. They also have 14 National Appointment members.

The patrol has hosted Senior evaluations and have provided OEC and Toboggan evaluators and equipment when the region event is held at other areas. They have hosted the Division Telemark Clinic for the past four years.

The patrol is best described as "All in the Family." They have 15 husband and wife combinations, 16-second generation patrollers and one third generation patroller. Because of the positive experi-



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ence provided by these parent patrollers, three of the children are in medical school , two in nursing and one paramedic.

When another ski area in the region closed its doors Indianhead Mountain Patrol allowed those patrollers to register with them so they can remain registered with National while a new owner was found for their home area.

### Division Certificates of Appreciation

Part of the outstanding awards process is having awards judged by experienced patrollers. At the region level they are judged by the Region Director, Assistant Region Directors, Section Chiefs and Awards Administrator.

Central Division asks each region to supply two patrollers to be judges at the Division level for a three year term. Central Division wishes to thank **Mark Klein** and **Scott Veenstra** for the time they dedicated to judging awards for the Central Division.



### Central Division Critical Care Award

**Cheryl Carr** and **Amber Warrick** received the Central Division Critical Care award in recognition of action they took to assist guests as the main chalet at Big Powderhorn burned to the ground on January 13, 2011.

The smoke was overwhelming before the fire spread at lightening speed. There were several guests who attempted to re-enter the lodge to retrieve personal items. Had it not been for the efforts of these two patrollers the outcome would have been far worse. There were no reported injuries other than smoke inhalation that were treated in the patrol room. Human nature dictates one should leave a burning building, not remain to direct confused guests.



Carr and Warrick performed above and beyond any training that OEC/NSP has in its manuals. Not only did they evacuate the lodge, they then remained on scene to keep the crowds under control and assist confused guests as they arrived from all parts of the mountain to find the chalet ablaze.

The patrollers acted selflessly to ensure the safety and well being of guests and employees. Of note is that one of the two is among the youngest and newest patrollers on staff. The other only has two years patrolling to her credit.

### National Certificate of Appreciation

**Dan Dalquist** has done it all. he has been involved at the local, region and division level of ski patrol. He has been a patrol rep, training advisor, toboggan instructor and IT.

Dan has received his National Appointment and has been a judge at the division and national level. He is also a member of PSIA. After 40 years of service to NSP he plans to register as an Alumni this fall.



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**Ralph Hicks** has been a Certified Instructor for 12 years. He has been vital in recruiting new patrollers. Ralph has standardized the chair evac / lock out procedures at his ski area. In addition he has organized the spring banquet twice. In addition to these patrol related activities he has coached the high school ski team, worked with Girl and Boy Scouts of America, Big Brother / Big Sister by planning a ski day. The ski day has become an annual event at his ski area. He also serves as a merit badge advisor. In the past 13 years he has received his area's Bravo award 10 times.

**Nancy Dobrinski** began her patrolling career in 2000. In 11 short years she has become an OEC and Ski and Toboggan Instructor. Nancy has been instructor of record for two OEC classes and provides many opportunities for ski and toboggan enhancement at her home patrol.

She became a Senior in 2006. She has since gone on to organize the 2011 Senior evaluation. She is presently co-chairing the region SEM Administrator position.

**Chris Dobrinski** became a patroller in 2000. He quickly became an OEC and Toboggan Instructor. In addition he was a standout patroller from the start. He took on the task of organizing and running the OEC classes for his patrol. In 2006 he trained for and became a Senior patroller.

He and his wife presently co-chair the Region SEM Administrator position.



**Sarah Hull** joined NSP in 1993. Her dedication was clear from the start. She met and exceeded her area's 100 hour shift requirement in spite of her stressful corporate profession.



She trained for and received her Senior status in 2005. Sarah became an evaluator after that and took on whatever role needed filling. Her greatest contribution to the region is that of North Central Treasurer. Since she has taken over the books North Central has gone through two successful audits.

National Ski Patrol relies on many talented and generous people. In order for the average patroller to hit the slopes you must have a solid foundation on which to stand. Sarah is part of the foundation that holds North Central region together.

**Les Robinson** began patrolling in 1998. He rapidly became an OED and S&T Instructor. After three years he obtained his Senior status. He has gone on to get advanced training in low angle rescue, Level 1 & 2 avalanche rescue training.

He has been the SEM event coordinator for the past three years. Les is also a member of PSIA and the NSP-C Ski School. He is presently serving as the region S&T administrator. In addition he was recognized as the 2010-2011 Region Outstanding Patrol Representative.





## Patrolling, Skiing and Socializing Dogs

By: Karin Grand Pierce, Mount Ashwabay Ski Patrol

What do skiing, socializing dogs, and the National Ski Patrol have in common with one another? In our family, a lot! Our entire family is members of the National Ski Patrol we patrol at Mt. Ashwabay located in Bayfield WI. We also socialize Leader Dog puppies. So, why the article? I was asked to write how this all relates, but first a brief history.

Steve and I met skiing at White Cap Mts. in Montreal WI the winter of 1969. I was a member of the Junior Patrol at White Cap Mt. Our Patrol Director was the late Bill(William) Zell. Steve said he was motivated ☐ to join the patrol at White Cap Mts. he went on to become a Senior Patroller. We retired from patrolling and skiing in 1981 the year after our first child was born. About 10 years later we decided to teach our daughters how to ski. (This is a story in itself.) At any rate, patrolling does not leave your blood. We found ourselves stopping to help anybody that fell, had problems, etc. We decided to rejoin the patrol; we spoke with the then patrol director Ed Olson of Mt Ashwabay to see if we could join their patrol. That required us to become candidates again, to take the OEC course. It was well worth our time, and in a reversal of the roles; some of the patrollers that Steve or I had helped trained were now training us.



When our daughters, Kristina and Holly were old enough they took the OEC course and joined the patrol. Quite a few years ago, a customer was in our place of business and said to me would you consider socializing Leader Dogs for the Blind? At the time we were fostering a Great Dane; it must have indicated that we are suckers – oops I mean good candidates for socializing dogs. I spoke with our family; we decided it would be a great ministry and a fun thing to do. We filled out the applications and after a period of time we received a reply from the school that yes we could raise/ socialize Leader Dog puppies. Leader Dog for the Blind is located just north of Detroit, MI - we live in Ashland, WI (a 12 hour drive one way). They do not bring the dogs to you. Our customer and now friend had a Leader Dog mom/bitch. She said when she brings back the puppies to the school; she would bring one back for us. It was a German Shepherd, that is how we ended up with the Shepherds.

We quickly learned that a significant amount of time, effort, emotion and monies are involved in socializing the puppies. Our job as a family was to love and get this dog accustomed to life. The puppies are placed with families at 6-8 weeks old. You start socializing right away.

That meant we took the puppy everywhere we went. It went to work, out to eat, Church, school, sporting events, grocery shopping, walks, nursing homes, fire department (they put on all their equipment for the puppies). Any fire escape that was accessible – we would climb – elevators – we rode. The Courthouse we walked through (echoes), large crowds, parades, etc. The dog is not carried, it needs to walk nicely and comfortably in large crowds, be accustom to children, sit quietly under the table in a restaurant (I have always been grateful to the puppies for this one!) Besides this socializing we teach the animal the basic commands, sit, down, stay, come and to go to the bathroom on command (yep – it can be done). We could not EVER play ball or Frisbee with the animal. We also do not teach escalators or revolving doors to the puppies – an injury from either of these two items would be permanent.

At a year we bring the dog back to the school and walk away ~ your job is done. Yes, it is hard; we mourned the loss of each dog ~ a lot! With the first couple of dogs that we socialized, we would receive a picture of the dog with its new owner and the state it is living in. With Tabitha, we received a letter from the school that we could



meet her with her new owner for about 15 – 30 minutes on a certain day at the school. Fortunately the letter arrived late; I (Karin) would have been crazy enough to make that long drive! So we wrote a letter and sent a gift for Tabitha.

Anne and Tabitha live in South Bend, IN and they replied. Over time we exchanged letters, until one day I thought, Anne is blind, and why am I writing letters? We started using email and then discovered we both were on Facebook. Now, we chat at least once a week. Over the years, we talked about getting together and whether it would be conflicting for Tabitha to see us, etc. Somewhere over time I said “You know I filled out the paper work that I would want Tabitha back when she retires, I would never do that to your family. I had not thought about the fact she is apart of your family.” “Anne replied you would take her?” Fast forward to early this spring Anne sent a note that Tabitha has an injured disk and will need to retire, she was heartbroken – this is her partner, they had gone through college, are working for the university (BTW Tabitha has her own very popular letter column – Dear Tabby!) They would soon be graduating from the Indiana University with their Masters.

Anne’s spring break was coming up and she wanted to come and meet us, she had approximately 50 offers to take Tabitha when she retires. But, she wanted to check us out, to see if Tabitha remembered us (she did) she also said she wanted to learn to ski. Anne came for a long weekend the last weekend of March, the final weekend that Mt. Ashwabay was scheduled to be open for this season.

Our family is an instructing family. Our credentials as instructors are: High School ski coaches, Kristina (PSI) and Holly were Alpine racers, Holly raced USSA, Steve (PSI) is currently the head of the MAD ski program (Mt Ashwabay Development Program). A teaching program that uses a number of adult instructors and helpers to teach approximately 60 or more youth how to ski; meeting every Saturday morning for 8 weeks.

Teaching a visibly impaired person to ski, when one has time to think about it ahead of time (thankfully) is not the same, I knew we were not prepared. We contacted Cindy Dillenschneider, a former NSP member and a professor at Northland College for help. She has taught innumerable classes on adapted lifestyles and in this case skiing. She copied a chapter of one her books on teaching a visually impaired person to ski. She came out to the hill and spoke with me. Then came out another weekend and we practiced with her, we learned how to not to be able to look at things.

Friday night, we helped Anne’s put her boots on and explained what she would feel, what we were going to do, without too much detail (did not want circuit overload her).

Saturday morning we arrived out at the hill, geared up, the five of us were out on the hill by 10. We started by pulling Anne up about 15 feet and walking her down with her skies on so she could get accustomed to all the new feelings. We then put on our own ski equipment, choosing to use a snowmobile to take her farther and farther up the hill on one of the very open trails for Anne to ski down. In the pictures, you will note that we are wearing labeled vests, for safety reasons. It is best to have someone skiing behind and along side so other skiers will not ski into that area. You will also note we used two bamboo poles. The lead skier will twist/turn the pole on the side you want the skier behind you to turn. She/we had an awesome time – Anne skied 4-5 hours. Later in the lessons we started to use the chair lift – again explaining thoroughly and stopping to listen before we





even lined up to load. We stopped the chair lift for Anne to load the first time, unloading we did the same stopping the chair. Unloading did not go quite as smooth...but talk to Karin about her own ability to get up and out from the chair – Anne did fine! After the initial learning of the chair lift we were able to simply slow down the speed of the chair for loading and unloading. Anne knew to end the day of skiing while she was having a good time and was not too tired. Anne said that there were not words to adequately express the emotions that she experienced skiing... meaning in a positive way!

Back to the dogs – over the years, we have raised four dogs for the school and taken one additional dog into our home that was not guide dog material. There can be awesome, intelligent dogs that

are just not meant to do this kind of work. We do not socialize a puppy every year. We have come to realize that we like working with the German Shepherd breed as the socialization is a little bit different than any other breeds. Shepherds are very happy bonding to one person/family. Because of this, the more the dog is handled and interacts with strangers the better. This is perfect for bringing the puppies to our business. We can let our customers talk, pet, and enjoy the puppy. If we would socialize a Lab or a golden; because they are such social animals, we would not be able to let the public interact and socialize with the puppy. The puppies would come to expect this and when they are working that is not their job.

Interestingly, the dynamics in raising each puppy is always changing. With Tabitha, when we had her as a puppy, Holly was a college student and Kristina, married and working as a Nurse supervisor. Holly would take Tabitha along to her classes. There was one instructor that could not see the point of her having the dog in class, it became somewhat of a problem for Holly. Kristina would take Tabitha one day a week to work with her to do her rounds doing patient assessments. Tabitha ended up working in areas that she had been socialized with.

At the time of this writing, Tabitha who is fondly called Tabby is still working with her owner Anne. Anne is on the waiting list for a replacement Leader Dog. When the time comes for Tabby to retire she will be moving back home to live with the Pierce family. In her retirement she will enjoy working at Stove & Upholstery Works part-time and one evening a week with Kristina doing her rounds at Northern Lights Health Center.

Possibly in the future she might help out the Pierce's teaching an OEC course - Tabby woofed that she might ride the snowmobile again like she did when she was a pup to help Sweep; but she draws the line at skiing or snowboarding.

Tabby can be found on Facebook – Tabitha Pierce Drake <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001562191967>

*Steve Pierce, Karin Grand Pierce, Kristina Pierce Seldal, and Holly Pierce happily live in Ashland Wisconsin and enjoy sailing during the summer.*

# North Central Region Staff Roster

## North Central Region 2010 – 2011 Patrol Representatives

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Pine Mountain	Russ Reynolds	1511 Sleepy Hollow	Green Bay	WI	54311	920-465-0283	rreynolds@new.rr.com
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## North Central Region 2010 – 2011 Officers and Administrators

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## Region Calendar

Start Date	End Date	Discipline	Location	Description	Contact
2011-09-17	2011-09-17	AVALANCHE	Granite Peak	Avalanche Level 1	Keith Robinson 715-569-3831 kbrobins@live.com
2012-02-19	2012-02-19	AWARDS		Awards application due. Send in an email version and get SIGNED hard copies in the mail	Marcia Locher rlocher@charter.net 715- 341-8934
2012-03-04	2012-03-04	AWARDS	Granite Peak time to be decided	Region awards Meeting	Marcia Locher rlocher@charter.net 715- 341-8934
2011-07-22	2011-07-22	DEADLINES		Completion of Patrol Reports by PR's	Sarah Hull 715-848-2571 sg.hull@frontier.net
2011-08-01	2011-08-01	DEADLINES		Completion of Patrol Reports by PR's	Sarah Hull 715-848-2571 sg.hull@frontier.net
2011-08-12	2011-08-12	DEADLINES		Patrol & Sec Reports Due from Sec Chiefs to Reg Treasurer	Sarah Hull 715-848-2571 sg.hull@frontier.net
2011-08-13	2011-08-31	DEADLINES		Consolidation of Sec Reports into Region Report	Sarah Hull 715-848-2571 sg.hull@frontier.net
2011-09-09	2011-09-09	DEADLINES		Consolidated Reg Report due to Reg Director for Review	Sarah Hull 715-848-2571 sg.hull@frontier.net
2011-10-01	2011-10-01	DEADLINES		Consolidated Reg Report due to Div Treasurer	Sarah Hull 715-848-2571 sg.hull@frontier.net
2011-10-25	2011-10-25	DEADLINES		Powder Lines Fall Deadline	Tim Zimmerman 715-218-3328 tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com
2012-01-15	2012-01-15	DEADLINES		Powder Lines Deadline (Spring Banquet & Election Issue)	Tim Zimmerman 715-218-3328 tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com
2012-05-31	2012-05-31	DEADLINES		Powder Lines Summer Edition Deadline	Tim Zimmerman 715-218-3328 tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com
2011-08-07	2011-08-07	MEETING		MSAA Meeting Devil's Head	
2011-09-09	2011-09-09	MEETING	Cincinnati, OH	Central Division Meeting	
2011-10-15	2011-10-15	MEETING	Ski Brule	NC Region Fall Board Meeting	Dave Dahl 715-536-4705 dcdski@dwave.net
2012-04-20	2012-04-22	MEETING	Waters of Minocqua	Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet	Dave Conger 920-434-2503 ddconger@hotmail.com



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2012-01-07	2012-01-08	NORDIC	MWP	Central Div Nordic Clinic	Betty Adams 715-588-7731 mbadams008@gmail.com
2012-01-09	2012-01-09	NORDIC	Indianhead Mountain	CD Nordic Clinic Telemark	Betty Adams 715-588-7731 mbadams008@gmail.com
2012-02-25	2012-02-25	NORDIC	Hayward, WI	Birkebeiner	Nancy Imm 906-482-3833 nanimm@aol.com
2012-03-03	2012-03-03	NORDIC	MWP	Lakeland Loppet	Betty Adams 715-588-7731 mbadams008@gmail.com
2012-03-10	2012-03-10	NORDIC		Great Bear Chase	Nancy Imm 906-482-3833 nanimm@aol.com
2011-08-07	2011-08-07	OTHER EVENTS	MWP	Wife Carry Race	Betty Adams 715-588-7731 mbadams008@gmail.com
2011-09-23	2011-09-24	OTHER EVENTS	Ishpeming, MI	U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame Weekend	Tom Anderson tpanderson@charter.net
2011-10-23	2011-10-23	OTHER EVENTS	MWP	Nutty Squirrel Cyclocross Race	Betty Adams 715-588-7731 mbadams008@gmail.com
2011-11-05	2011-11-05	OTHER EVENTS	Marquette Mountain	Race Team Ski Swap	Jim Grundstrom 906-475-7877 jimgrundstrom@freich.com
2011-12-09	2011-12-09	OTHER EVENTS	Ski Brule	Patrol Ski Swap	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmt00z@aol.com
2012-01-14	2012-01-14	OTHER EVENTS	Ironwood, MI	Sisu Nordic Race	Fullman 906-683-4075
2012-01-28	2012-01-28	OTHER EVENTS	Marquette	Noquemanon Marathon & Half Marathon	Nancy Imm 906-482-3833 nanimm@aol.com
2012-03-17	2012-03-17	OTHER EVENTS	Ski Brule	Patroller Appreciation Day	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmt00z@aol.com
2012-03-17	2012-03-17	OTHER EVENTS	Ski Brule	Ski with Patroller Day	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmt00z@aol.com
2011-08-27	2011-08-27	REFRESHERS	Ski Brule	OEC Refresher	Mike Krein
2011-09-10	2011-09-10	REFRESHERS	Indianhead Mountain	OEC Refresher	Walt Hess 906-932-4670 threetrack@chartermi.net
2011-09-24	2011-09-24	REFRESHERS	Mt Ripley / Mt Bohemia	OEC Refresher	Don Close 906-369-4587 don@mtu.edu; Patty Asselin 906-289-4956 paass@mtu.edu
2011-10-08	2011-10-08	REFRESHERS	Pine Mountain	OEC Refresher	Russ Reynolds 920-465-0283 rreynolds@new.rr.com

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2011-10-08	2011-10-08	REFRESHERS	NTC Wausau	OEC Refresher Sec 4	Keith Robinson 715-569-3831 kbrobins@live.com
2011-10-08	2011-10-08	REFRESHERS	Marquette Mountain	OEC & Chair Evac Refresher	Jim Grundstrom 906-475-7877 jimgrundstrom@freichevy.com
2011-10-09	2011-10-09	REFRESHERS	Granite Peak	Patrol Meeting/Chair Evac	Bruce Iattoni bruceiattoni@mindspring.com
2011-10-09	2011-10-09	REFRESHERS	Pine Mountain	Chair Evac	Russ Reynolds 920-465-0283 rreynolds@new.rr.com
2011-10-22	2011-10-22	REFRESHERS	Norway Mountain	OEC Refresher: 7:00 AM	Hicks
2011-11-05	2011-11-05	REFRESHERS	Blackjack Mountain	OEC Refresher Powderhorn, Porkies, Blackjack	Feakes
2011-11-06	2011-11-06	REFRESHERS	Blackjack	CPR & Chair Evac Powderhorn, Porkies, Blackjack	Feakes
2011-11-13	2011-11-13	REFRESHERS	MWP	OEC Refresher: Final NC Region OEC Refresher	Betty Adams 715-588-7731 mbadams008@gmail.com
2011-12-03	2011-12-03	REFRESHERS	SKi Brule	S&T Refresher	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmtooz@aol.com
2011-12-10	2011-12-10	REFRESHERS	Indianhead Mountain	On the Hill	Steve Beil 715-588-3633 sjbeil@wildblue.net
2011-12-10	2011-12-10	REFRESHERS	Ski Brule	S&T Refresher	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmtooz@aol.com
2011-12-10	2011-12-10	REFRESHERS	Blackjack Mountain	Toboggan Refresher Blackjack, Powderhorn, Porkies	Feakes
2011-12-17	2011-12-17	REFRESHERS	Big Powderhorn Mnt	On the Hill	Steve Beil 715-588-3633 sjbeil@wildblue.net
2011-12-18	2011-12-18	REFRESHERS	Pine Mountain	On the Hill	Steve Beil 715-588-3633 sjbeil@wildblue.net
2011-10-15	2011-10-15	SENIOR	Ski Brule	SEMMC	Tom Hynes 715-848-4164 tom@northwaycom.com
2012-01-22	2012-01-22	SENIOR	Ski Brule	SEM Clinic	Dobrinski 715-358-3628 chris@cdasc.com, nancy@cdasc.com

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2012-02-11	2012-02-11	SENIOR	Blackjack Mountain	SEME	Dobinski 715-358-3628 chris@cdasc.com, nancy@cdasc.com
2012-02-12	2012-02-12	SENIOR	Blackjack Mountain	SATE SAE	Les Robinson 715-325-3025 lrobbins@wctc.net
2011-10-09	2011-10-09	TESTING/TRAINING	Granite Peak	LAR Training	Keith Robinson 715-569-3831 kbrobbins@live.com
2011-11-19	2011-11-19	TESTING/TRAINING	Ski Brule	Ski Enhancement Clinic	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmt00z@aol.com
2011-12-03	2011-12-03	TESTING/TRAINING	Trollhaugen	Division STW	
2011-12-10	2011-12-10	TESTING/TRAINING	Boyne Highlands	Division STW	
2011-12-17	2011-12-17	TESTING/TRAINING	Cascade Mountain	Division STW	
2011-12-18	2011-12-18	TESTING/TRAINING	Ski Brule	Patroller 101	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmt00z@aol.com
2011-12-18	2011-12-18	TESTING/TRAINING	Pine Mountain	TES	Steve Beil 715-588-3633 sjbeil@wildblue.net
2012-01-21	2012-01-21	TESTING/TRAINING	Ski Brule	NCR TES/S&T Clinic: Best Ever	Jim Grundstrom 906-475-7877 jimgrundstrom@freich evy.com
2012-01-27	2012-01-29	TESTING/TRAINING	Big Powderhorn Mountain	Division Women's Clinic	
2012-01-28	2012-01-28	TESTING/TRAINING	Porkies	TES	Steve Beil 715-588-3633 sjbeil@wildblue.net
2012-02-11	2012-02-11	TESTING/TRAINING	Big Powderhorn	TES	Steve Beil 715-588-3633 sjbeil@wildblue.net
2012-03-04	2012-03-04	TESTING/TRAINING	Ski Brule	Candidate S&T Eval	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmt00z@aol.com

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