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Section 3 Report by Bruce lattoni

The 2019/20 ski season is over and in the history books. The ski areas within Section 3 had a good year. Some of the ski areas were forced to end their season early due to the coronavirus pandemic that was sweeping the world.

One of the priority things on my to-do list for this past year was the planning and hosting of the spring meeting and awards banquet. However, as we all know, this event had to be canceled due to the pandemic that has swept the world. As of writing this report, I currently have some tentative plans in the works for a summer time awards picnic set for July 25, 2020 in the Wausau WI area. This also will be dependent upon what the state of Wisconsin does with getting the state back open again. More information to come on this.

At the beginning of every ski season, my goal is to stay in communication with all the patrol representatives within Section 3 and visit with as many of their ski areas as possible, helping them when and where needed. Throughout the season, I was able to communicate via phone calls and text messages with all the patrol representatives and visited with Bruce Mound and Pine Mountain. I patrol at Granite Peak. Was not able to visit Standing Rocks and Nine Mile Recreation area.

Bruce Mound Ski Patrol, headed up by Amanda Strandberg had a good year. Amanda said she is currently in search of her replacement as patrol representative for the patrol. She had a person that may be interested in taking over for her. Nothing confirmed yet. This year they did not have an OEC course.

Granite Peak Ski Patrol had 11 candidates successfully pass their OEC and S & T evaluations to become Alpine Patrollers. With the abrupt end to the ski season, candidate tryouts for the 2020/21 season never happened therefore there will not be a candidate class for this next year. Chuck "Ozzie" Jonas finished his first year as the Patrol Representative with Christy Parks as the Assistant Patrol Rep.

Nine Mile Recreation Area for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing had a good season. With the patrol staff of 4 primary patrollers headed up by patrol representative, Steve Konkel, the area was able to successfully hold the Sneekvik ski race, Special Olympics, high school ski races and Badger State Games, one of the largest amateur sporting events in Wisconsin.

Pine Mountain Ski Area and Ski Patrol, like all other areas had a good season. I visited on January 20. Steve Blackhall, the patrol representative was not at the ski area that day due to a family emergency.

Standing Rocks Ski Patrol continues under the leadership of Carrie Butt. The area is expanding and offering other activities for many local residents.

Hope everyone has a Great Summer!!! For me, golf season is here.

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