

TRAIL SWEEP



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Division Director's REPORT

by Cal Goldsmith, Division Director



Another ski season in the books. Snow was OK, weather OK, a lot of people got out to ski. But in my mind, this season was momentous for different reasons. It started with our ongoing partnership with the 10th Mountain Division of the US Army. They held D-Series Mountain Winter Challenge events, a competition of winter warfare events, including several close to NSP's heart such as cross-country skiing or snowshoeing while dragging a wounded soldier after having rendered some rudimentary first aid. This was done at Fort Drum in February in the middle of an intense, windy snowstorm. Just the way they like it.

We were in attendance, including two patrollers from CNY who skied the course with the soldiers and showed the NSP colors, while the rest of us got a detailed tour of the NCO Academy and met with the Commanding General Major General Milford Beagle, Jr. Rocky Mountain Division Director Patrick Trimm made the trip back east to observe the exercises and meet the people he'd be hosting soon in Colorado.

The winning several teams of nine (there were about 90 such teams competing) flew to Colorado a few weeks later to bivouac with the Colorado National Guard after they participated in Vail's Legacy Days celebration. This is an annual event held in honor of the 10th Mountain Division and all they represented to the ski industry after the war. The bivouac site was Camp Hale, just below Ski Cooper ski area. This is where the 10th Mountain Division lived and trained leading up to their heroic service in WWII in Europe. Patrick Trimm and a team of NSP instructors were there to show the soldiers some of our MTR skills, as well as outdoor survival skills, and downhill skiing.

Powderfall 2022 happened this year, in person, in Breckenridge, Colorado. You can read about it in *Ski Patrol Magazine* and on the NSP website. It was a great event, at a gorgeous mountain, which surprisingly had some early morning icy conditions. It was a great pleasure being face to

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face with our NSP colleagues for the first time in a while; great fun and very productive. I was there for a week but along with all our meetings and seminars I did manage to get in a day and a half of skiing.

Then we held the Spring Officers Meeting in person for the first time in three years at our traditional venue of the Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York. The meetings were packed with content, and it was a struggle to get it all in during the three-day window we had. Highlights included visits by Southern Division Director Tom Byron, NBOD member Jay Zedak from Central Division, and our new NSP CEO Chris Castilian. All spoke at our meeting and were warmly received by the division leadership. We also had the good fortune to have Henri Rivers speak. Henri spoke at Powderfall this spring, relating to our membership what it is like to be an accomplished skier of color enjoying the sport we all love so much.

Henri, along with this wife Karen, are both race coaches and instructors at Ski Windham in New York. Henri is the president of the National Brotherhood of Skiers. We thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated his outreach to NSP, both at Powderfall and at our meeting. My hope is that we can continue with outreach to him and the NBS organization and see if we can entice some of these highly skilled and dedicated skiers of color to join the NSP. There is a real opportunity for growing our NSP organization in membership numbers and diversity. I have high hopes that this will come to fruition, and I am working with Henri to make it happen.

Our season culminated with a once-in-a-lifetime event held at Paul Smiths, New York at the St. John in the Wilderness Cemetery. John Beach and Matt Levenson from the Eastern New York Region chaired a committee to bring their 10-years-long dream to fruition with a spectacular event honoring our founder, and the founder of the 10th Mountain Division, Charles Minot Dole, known affectionately to all of us as Minnie Dole. We had the Commanding General of Fort Drum Major

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General Beagle, Erika Hemphill Dole and husband Rich Armstrong, and US Congresswoman Elise Stefanik in attendance. The general brought an honor guard with him and a 24-person band to give our event the appropriate solemnity and ceremony it deserved.

General Beagle, Congresswoman Stefanik, and NSP's National Historian Rick Hamlin addressed the crowd, which included six National Board members, two Division Directors, and numerous members of the Eastern Division leadership. NSP was represented by several National leaders including two former NBOD Chairs, one of whom was a Minnie Dole Award winner, and NSP CEO Chris Castilian. Matt told me this was the event he had been dreaming about for the last 10+ years, which made all the hard work worth it to me. The gravesite event was capped off with the unveiling of a New York State Historic Roadside Marker commemorating the location of the gravesite of Minnie Dole.

To thank the General and his soldiers and all who attended, the Eastern Division hosted a reception at the nearby Saranac Lake Waterfront Lodge, where some more dignitaries spoke, including Mike Pratt, CEO of the NYS Olympic Authority (ORDA) and Chris Castilian.

John and Matt are to be congratulated for an incredible job pulling this off, along with all the members of the Dole Event

Committee who worked for a year to put it together. It was superbly organized, right down to the finest detail, and expertly coordinated with the media, the General's aide-de-camp, and Representative Stefanik's staff by Patrick Haughton, our 10th Mountain Division veteran and ski patroller. It got rave reviews from all in attendance.

Hats and challenge coins were handed out and received with great enthusiasm. More hats will be available for purchase this fall once Chris Pringle's equipment is up and running again. If you missed the event, you'll have to wait for the movie to come out. Really, it's due out soon! Thanks to the photography of Dave Nelson, Jr., and the video of Mike Filipisis.

The NBOD and DDs are hard at work on budgets, the JSOU, and DEI to name a few. And of course, check out our new LMS system, which is now live. Our own Dave Hemendinger, working with Rick Boyce, brought this project in for a fraction of what the market would charge and right on schedule. Make sure you shake Dave's hand and thank him profusely for his intense yearlong effort to make this happen. It may be the most important thing NSP has done in many years to cement our place as the gold standard of outdoor emergency care education. Thank you, Dave, and all the volunteers he and Rick enlisted to make this happen. What an amazing organization the NSP is! And the Eastern Division continues to be in the lead of many great things going on.

Enjoy your summer. Be safe. Have fun.

AVALANCHE

by David Childs, Supervisor

As the saying goes all good things come to an end. Chuck Boyd has termed out and now I am left standing looking for a chair to sit down on. The good news is Chuck has promised to stay involved with the program. I think I will hold him to that! The other bit of important news is Josh Worth will be my replacement as assistant supervisor.

The avalanche Level 1 program is broken down into three modules. The first module does not need to be taught in avalanche terrain. Module 1 is mostly classroom based. The next two modules MUST be taught in documented avalanche terrain. In the Eastern Division this limits us to three locations, Smugglers' Notch, Whiteface, and Mount Washington. NSP is not the only avalanche training provider out there; all the other providers have the same constraints if they want to provide a nationally recognized program.

My goal for the avalanche program is to get the LMS (Learning Management System) loaded up with a high-quality avalanche program. This program will be designed to replace most of the classroom portion of Level 1 Module 1. This will ideally make the program easier to teach and provide consistency. In the end, we hope that this will encourage more Level 1 Module 1 programs to be run, ultimately making it easier to run Level 1 Module 2 and Module 3 classes. It is my understanding that NSP is leading the charge in online learning in the avalanche world.

We rolled out a beta test of the online avalanche program

last season. Generally speaking, we were successful. I can't thank the students enough for all their help and patience. I also must give a huge shout out to Orest Ohar for all the time he put in to the LMS system. We are also grateful for the Avalanche, Nordic, and MTR teams for helping out as well! Rick Shandler even opened his house for a weekend for us to work.

With that said, we still have a lot of work ahead. We are currently doing Zoom calls every week, updating and plugging holes in our presentations that we will need to record before next season starts. We are in the process of reviewing every slide and checking that it matches with Bruce Tremper's *Avalanche Essentials* book. Then we will go into the Avalanche Instructors Manual and map that into the presentation. This is a long, slow process, but necessary for the avalanche program to keep the American Avalanche Association stamp of approval.

I honestly feel that Eastern Division is a few years ahead of the curve when it comes to getting an LMS up and running. I am hopeful that this will pay off once national gets their system up and running. As some of you know I am not in love with online learning, but I feel that it has become an essential part of the way things will be done in the future. In this case I think we need to embrace it and learn how to make it fit our needs at NSP. The avalanche program is moving forward—committed to the concept that the next generation of patrolers will be adept at online learning.

A Patroller's View of the Spring Officers Meeting & Charles "Minnie" Dole Memorial Dedication

by Frey Aarnio, SVT RD

The last weekend in April found the Eastern Division leadership and guests attending the Spring Officers Meeting at the Desmond Convention Center in Colonie, New York.

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The weekend started with an orientation program for new officers where administrative responsibilities and concerns were discussed. There was also an exchange of ideas for improvement. The Board of Directors also met Friday evening to discuss division business which included financial/

budget, election, planning, and future scheduling.

The general sessions on Saturday and Sunday also conducted division business, but included presentations from Chris Castilian, NSP CEO; and national board members who provided insight to current issues and programs. Included in the updates and information were presentations by several national program advisors and directors. The Eastern Division supervisors and advisors also provided their updates and plans.

There was a special presentation by Henri Rivers, President of the National Brotherhood of Skiers, explaining issues relating to race within the ski industry which was overwhelmingly well received.

The 10th Mountain Division's MSGT Dan Fields, provided the historical connection between the National Ski Patrol and the United States Army's formation of the famous 10th Mountain Division during the late 1930s-1940s, to prepare for WWII. The U.S. sent people to Finland to study the Finnish ski troops and their success against the Russian's invasion during the Winter War and the Succession War. They brought these concepts back to start training men as mountain soldiers. National Historian Rick Hamlin provided additional historical facts at the gravesite celebration and dedication ceremony on Monday. Elise Stefanik, Representative from the 21 District of New York, was also part of the ceremony during the unveiling of the roadside historical marker.

Major General M.H. Beagle, Jr. commanding general of the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum provided a general overview of the significance of the existence of the mountain troops. He also introduced 99-year-old Harold McAfee, one of the original soldiers of the

10th Mountain Division and a combatant in Italy.

The Fort Drum color guard and their band were present for the entire ceremony entertaining us with their own unit song.

As a patroller, born and raised in Finland, I cannot express in words the significance of this event and the honoring of our founder, Charles M. Dole. My parents were ski troopers against the Russians. After I became a patroller, my mother told me about some Americans that came to Finland to understand Finnish ski troop tactics and skills which was some basis for the mountain troops.

The significance of the drive and determination of Minnie Dole to create a mountain unit within the Army cannot be extolled enough and the subsequent creation of our National Ski Patrol. Every patroller should search out the various books and stories about our founding.



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Instructor Development

by Lisa Rabideau, Supervisor

Over the last few weeks, I have received many emails from patrollers confused about the path to becoming an instructor. Despite new documents that have simplified the explanation of the process, it seems that many are still confused. Hopefully this article can clear up some of the confusion.

The first thing that is needed is a desire to be an instructor and solid experience in the discipline that you want to teach. The next step is to take the Instructor Development (ID) Course. This can be done one of two ways. The full ID course is an 8-hour in-person course that covers many topics related to training an adult learner, including basic background of instructional skills and terminology. Additionally, it covers communication, lesson planning, instructional resources, and administrative procedures. Potential instructors have a chance to present a topic and practice both teaching and evaluating the other participants.

The Hybrid ID course consists of two parts; the online section which covers much of the content mentioned before, and the face-to-face (F2F), which reviews some of the online content as well as quality assurance information. This is the portion where potential instructors present their lesson and evaluate their fellow participants. This portion of the ID course is often done in person but with the advent of Covid and the large geography of some regions, it is also being done via Zoom or other technologies.

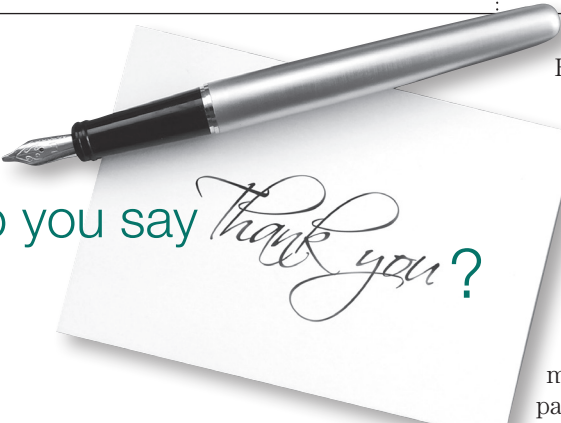
Whichever way you take the ID course, the next action is to obtain a mentor. A mentor can be assigned, or you can

choose someone you believe you can work well with (procedure varies by region). A good instructor may or may not be a good fit for you as a mentor. A good mentor is also a coach, who can help you reach your goal of becoming an instructor.

You will work with your mentor to develop a lesson plan and then teach that lesson. Your mentor will assess your presentation and offer suggestions for improvement as well as encourage what you do well. Patrollers with previous teaching experience may only need to present one lesson to the mentor, but others may need two or more to be ready for the evaluation of their teaching by an instructor trainer (IT). Evaluation by an IT is the final action that needs to be taken.

What would a process be without paperwork? There are documents that can guide you in creating a lesson plan and training the adult learner that are available on both the NSP website and the Eastern Division website (<https://www.nspeast.org/instructor-development.html>). There are also two forms that need to be completed: the instructor application and the instructor mentoring form. The mentoring form is where your mentor and the IT sign after observing your teaching. The instructor candidate needs to sign them as well. Once completed, they need to be forwarded to your region ID advisor who will forward completed paperwork to the division supervisor for that discipline (region advisors and division supervisors can be found on the Eastern Division website under programs). Some Regions may have you send them directly to the division supervisor. The supervisor will send the forms to the national office to have your status as an instructor updated and upgrade your access to additional sections of the NSP website.

Hopefully this has helped to clarify the process of becoming an instructor. Good instructors are always needed, and we will welcome you to our ranks. Additional information can also be found on the new NSP Center for Learning on the ID page. Feel free to reach out with any additional questions.



How do you say *Thank you?*

by Allan Miller, Alumni Supervisor

Have you ever wondered after a really good experience if you did a good enough job thanking those responsible for the time they spent making it happen? Within the Alumni Advisors, we have been asking the question of how patrols acknowledge the time and effort of patrollers who are leaving the patrol. We got some examples of letters to the patroller from the PD, free passes for a period or a lifetime free pass and other actions.

Frankly, the list was neither long nor consistent. Too many patrols get so busy with doing the work of active patrolling that little or nothing is frequently the response. We would like to compile a list and provide these ideas and actions to all patrols. Please send examples of what your patrol does or your ideas. We will compile and publish the complete list.

Send your input to your Region Alumni Advisor or directly to me at allanmiller48@gmail.com.

Thank you and have a safe and fun summer.

Maine Patroller Brews Winning Combination

by Mark Clem, Shawnee Peak/Pleasant Mountain.

After wrapping up their “In The Horns Fundraiser,” Tumbledown Brewing’s Co-owner and Head of Operations Matthew Swan presented Maine Region Director Wayne Arsenault a check for \$4,000 to help defray the expenses of the Young Adult Patroller Program [YAP] in the area. The proceeds came from the sale of their In The Horns IPA this winter.



For those who have never had the joy of taking a ride down a ski hill in a ski patrol toboggan, ‘In The Horns’ is a reference to the position a ski patroller takes when piloting such a contraption. “Tumbledown Brewing donated one dollar per can sold, and in addition to that donation, I was able to get matching support from local businesses, Skowhegan Savings Bank, as well as Kyes Insurance,” Swan said.

The donation will go a long way in helping to cultivate the Maine Region YAP Program. “We want to use this money to help young adults who aspire to become ski patrollers but may need assistance doing so. The funding will be used for course materials as well as uniforms to get these individuals on their way to gaining valuable job experience on the hill,” said Arsenault. “We want to give them the opportunity to see what being a patroller is like. And, hey, if they try the course and decide it’s not for them then we can pass on those materials to another young person who is interested. We are just trying to make it possible to introduce ski patrolling to any kid who wants to try.”

This is the second year that Tumbledown has held the fundraiser. Last year they raised around \$2,000 for the Saddleback Ski Patrol through the sale of In The Horns. This year Swan decided he wanted to have a greater impact in the state and donated the fundraiser’s proceeds to the Maine Region. He definitely has hopes of continued growth for the fundraiser. “Yes, I want this to be an annual donation and I hope to be able

to give more money each year,” said Swan.

The brewery partnered up with Hop & Stuff, Maine Malt House, and Blue Ox Malt House, as each supplier donated a certain type of malt used in the beer. Yakima Chief Hops donated the hops for the beer, which can be described as a smooth, hop-forward hazy IPA.

Swan, who is married and has two small kids, started patrolling back in 2007 at Saddleback Mountain in Rangeley, Maine. He found camaraderie when he first put on his vest. “Ski patrol is like a big family to me,” he said while sitting outside of Tumbledown Brewing on a recent spring evening. “I wanted a way to give back to the patrol and I thought that the YAP program would be a wonderful way to help. I hope that my kids show an interest in patrolling in a few years.”

After attending the University of Maine at Orono for Kinesiology and Outdoor Recreation, he spent a few years in Millinocket as a raft guide and kayak instructor. Soon after he moved to Farmington. “I guess you would say that’s when I started into the ‘Home Brew’ thing,” Swan said. “I brewed a lot of different kinds of beer for a number of years, working to perfect recipes of certain ones.”

After brewing at home for about a decade, Swan jumped in with both feet opening his brewery in 2014. Since then, he has grown both his production and distribution; his beer can be found throughout most of the state in bars and restaurants and can be found in specialty stores as well as supermarkets such as Hannaford.

Tumbledown Brewing’s flagship beer is their Tumbledown Red; it is one of their core beers, and is one of the few that are always on tap year round. “I rotate about 22 beers throughout the year and am always looking for new ideas to try and brew. In the fall I have a coffee porter and a white stout that the people here really enjoy,” Swan said. “In the wintertime our In The Horns IPA and Between The Trees are hot sellers. The Between The Trees is our Spruce Tip IPA; we use actual spruce tips when we brew the beer,” Swan said. He reiterated that he’s always trying to offer fresh new styles while keeping his core beers on tap for the regulars.

In the summer, the brewery brings in local musicians and food trucks to expand the customer’s tap-room experience. “We have different trucks come in and the band is set up outside; it’s just a wonderful time.”



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Like many of us who indulge ourselves in nature's wonderland when the snow melts, Swan is no exception. But, just like his passion to make beer and slide down snowy mountains, he is heavily entrenched into the mountain bike world. He can often be found, during his precious free time, riding the local dirt trails at Titcomb Mountain on his bike. He is the VP of the Titcomb Mountain Board of Directors and is a Regional VP of the Central Maine New England Mountain Bike Association [NEMBA]. "I love to ride, and I really like being involved with the biking community here in Maine."

Swan's other passion is spending time with his family. "My

kids are of that age where I can immerse them in all the activities I love, which passes on that interest to them. So, I want them to have as much fun outside as I do." When he has a few minutes, Swan also enjoys fly fishing on western Maine's rivers and streams; the solitude often facilitates the creation of new beers to experiment with.

For more information check out their website: www.tumbledownbrewing.com and check them out on Facebook® and Instagram®.

Hats off to Matthew Swan: entrepreneur, ski patroller, mountain biker, family man, and difference-maker to youth all over Maine who aspire to become a member of the National Ski Patrol.

WENDY AARNIO

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Wendy's leadership skills were clearly evident in the early phases of her ski patrol career.

Congratulations to Wendy Aarnio from the Bromley Ski Patrol in the Southern Vermont Region for her induction into the National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame at Powderfall 2022 in Breckenridge, Colorado. Wendy began a lifetime of service to the National Ski Patrol in 1969 as a Junior Patroller for the Brattleboro Ski Patrol in Southern Vermont. Her immense passion, contributions, and achievements clearly define her devotion to the National Ski Patrol's motto of "Service and Safety."

Wendy's leadership skills were clearly evident in the early phases of her ski patrol career. It began when she became an instructor/instructor trainer, continued to grow as she assumed staff positions within the Outdoor Emergency Care and Transportation Programs and were further enhanced by her devoted support of the Certified Program.

Her confidence to pursue even higher levels of leadership responsibility culminated in 2016 when she was elected, and subsequently in 2019 when she was reelected, to the National Ski Patrol Board of Directors. Early in her first term, she rightfully earned and continues to earn the praise and respect of not only her peers, but many highly recognized National Ski Patrol leaders from across the country.

Wendy Aarnio is now serving her second full term as a member of the board and currently chairs the Curriculum Committee while continuing her service to the Education, Planning, Search, and Child Safety Committees. Her contributions at the committee level have been described as extensive and exemplary. Her duties and responsibilities at the board level have met or exceeded all expectations and have been executed with the same devotion, skill, and tenacity seen throughout her entire ski patrol career. The fruit of her efforts are supported by her stellar contributions to our *Policies and Procedures*, the *Patroller, Senior*, and *Transportation Manuals*, and the Child Safety Program.

Wendy Aarnio has and will continue to be a reliable and diverse resource for the National Ski Patrol. Her passionate devotion, untiring work ethic, and record of epic contributions at all levels represent a shining example of volunteerism at its best.



STEVE BARNES
ORM Supervisor

New Program ...New Supervisor

Steve began his patrolling career in 1971 as a “junior” patroller at Campgaw in New Jersey. In the ensuing 50 years he spent time as a full-time paid patroller, full-time paid patrol director, mountain operations manager, and avalanche control officer. His patrolling history in the east includes Great Gorge in New Jersey (now Mountain Creek), Sugarbush, Ragged Mountain, and currently Gunstock. He patrolled at Aspen Highlands in the west, as well as Farrellones, La Parve, and El Colorado in Chile, where he developed training programs for the Chilean Ski Patrol in the late 70s.

He ran junior, patroller, and senior OET training and testing for New Jersey and New

Hampshire, as well as certified ski and toboggan training and testing in the Eastern Division. Spending over 40 years on the division OET staff, with 35 of it on the steering committee, he is also an OEC TE and IT and has run many clinics, courses, and events over the years.

In 1987 Steve was awarded Certified #264. He went on to chair the Hill Safety Module (now Risk Management), Patrol Management, Lift Evacuation, and Ski and Toboggan prior to becoming Eastern Division Chair in 1999. In 2012 he was honored by his peers with Certified Lifetime status. He is still active in evaluating all segments at the Certified level. He holds National Appointment number 5757.

The Wonderful World of ORM

by Steve Barnes, ORM Supervisor

Welcome to the wonderful world of ORM, or Outdoor Risk Management. We all “know” or think we know what risk management is, after all we’ve been doing it for most of our patrolling careers. We have been putting up signs, bamboo, adjusting fences and padding, and closing trails when appropriate. But what really goes into the concept and application? What’s required versus what are “best practices”? These are questions that will be answered.

By definition “Risk Management” is the identification of risk, the analyzation of that risk, and then applying controls to either mitigate or eliminate that risk. It is a process that we as patrollers can use in a myriad of situations to make our resorts safer for our guests and employees alike. That is what this program is designed to do; provide you with a baseline knowledge of concepts that will be depth and breadth appropriate for you to better serve your patrol, your resort, and the skiing public.

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So you might ask, why now? Think about your daily patrolling routine. Has it changed? Are you performing all the same tasks you did 5 or 10 years ago at the same pace? Probably not. The data from NSAA shows us that ski area accidents are down by 50% over the last 30 years. So, what are we doing with all that free time? Historical data shows us that as little as 20 years ago 90% of our efforts were focused on “Post-Loss” activities, i.e. first aid/medical response and transportation of injured skiers, with only 10% spent on preventative measures, or “Pre-Loss.” Now that 90/10 equation has flipped upside down with the majority of our time spent on preventive measures. So with this in mind, ski areas need patrollers that are trained in both Pre- and Post-Loss Risk Management. This program fills that need, and it is designed to complement the OET and OEC programs.

The next question you might ask is, “How is this going to work?” The ORM program will be delivered through 13 virtual/online modules populated to the NSP’s new Learning Management System platform. These modules will cover a number of topics that will be both depth and breadth appropriate no matter of your position in the process. However, there may be an in-person, on-snow evaluative/practical component in the future. The ORM program will be an elective program and at this time there will be no prerequisites or costs for patrollers who wish to enroll.

The first five modules are scheduled to be available this fall. Hopefully by the time you read this you can go directly and enroll in the program. I would like to encourage all patrollers to try the program. I know you will find it very informative and come away with new usable skills that you can put to use on your first day patrolling next season.

Extra Special ACHIEVEMENT

by Lainie McDonnell, Asst. ED Advisor

Aside from the annual awards presented at the NJ Region banquet we had the pleasure of one additional significant presentation. Matthew Karpinecz of the Campgaw Mountain Alpine Patrol and the High Point Ski Center Nordic Patrol was awarded the level of Nordic Master. This certification assures that the patroller can function at an advanced level in MTR, avalanche, Nordic/backcountry, and OEC disciplines, and can organize and lead a backcountry rescue (which may include avalanche terrain, winter environment, extended care) while interfacing with other organizations. It is the Nordic equivalent of Alpine Certified.

Matt was awarded Nordic Master #015 by Michael Balk, National Nordic/Backcountry Director and Philip Galka, Eastern Division Nordic/Backcountry Program Supervisor.



Matthew Karpinecz being awarded Nordic Master #015 by Michael Balk, National Nordic/Backcountry Director and Phillip Galka, Eastern Division Nordic/Backcountry Program Supervisor as his wife Andrea looks on.

SVT YAP and Safety Program Combo

by Frey Aarnio, SVT RD

The Southern Vermont Region held a combined event at Magic Mountain which included their annual Young Adult Patroller (YAP) seminar and a Safety Day exhibition. Vermont experienced a very significant March snowstorm to challenge all in attendance. The YAP attendees were from our region and surrounding states. Overseeing the events of the day was Jason Tamulen, National YAP Director and Craig Larson, Eastern Division YAP Program Supervisor. Roger DelGiorno Jr., from Bromley, was the lead for sessions on dealing with injuries that may take you out of your comfort zone and a great focus on patient assessment using a set of “flash cards.”

Training also presented various extrication tools which included the scoop stretcher and a spine board and their uses. Then the YAPs were exposed to rather unique “jams and pretzels” exercises and a final actual extrication off trail. Mike Jarriel from Killington was the lead for the Outdoor Emergency Transportation portion of the seminar. The YAPs were provided with a high level of training in toboggan handling, tail rope management, and skiing/riding skills, as well as an introduction to pivot slips.

During the day the region exhibition safety tent was positioned on the main lodge deck to attract skiers and riders entering the restaurant. We provided SWAG and information, with some sugar treats, to numerous interested individuals. There were a few patrons very interested in the activities staged along trails and inquired about becoming members of the ski patrol. Contact information was provided and a couple of interviews were had.



A New Chant by Craig Larson, YAP Supervisor

VACATION!
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Over and over my students chanted the letters **V A C A T I O N** as they lined the school hallway waiting for the last bus of the year. The last day of school, excitement grew as the buses opened their doors for the final boarding. Summer had arrived. Summer is here!

I have one very important summer goal; stay away from school for as long as I can. It is time for relaxation. It is time to sing my own tune. No students. No students. Summer is here and now my brain can clear. Don't read this the wrong way. I love my job! I love my classroom! I even like my students! But summer, summer is my time.

Most teachers have a long list of things they want to do during summer. My list of want to's continues to grow each day. The fun things stay at the top of the list and get repeated while the mundane and boring get pushed to the bottom. As I check one fun thing off the list another two get added.

What's on your list of things to do this summer? Get a job? Ride a bike? Learn something new? Read a book? Hang with friends? Go to the beach? Climb a mountain? The options are endless!

Summer has not started for the Young Adult Program. Our 'winter list' continues as we prepare for the cold days of winter. What are we working on?



YAP Marketing Kit

- This project continues to grow and evolve as we try to meet the needs of teenagers while fulfilling our program mission statement. How do we get new patrollers, specifically those in high school (age 15-graduation)? How do we keep young adult patrollers involved in ski patrol as they navigate high school, friends, sports, and college? Where can one find information about the YAP and explore ski patrol opportunities? Can I find young adult information on the web? A marketing toolkit designed by the program for the program will hopefully answer these questions and more.

Program Schwag (no, that's not a typo...if you know, you know)

- Teenagers love to wear, display, and show off the things they are passionate about. Teenagers wear clothing displaying their favorite band, artists, car company, shoes, etc. Teenagers slap stickers in all kinds of crazy places promoting their interests. The Young Adult Program needs to be displayed! Given the correct schwag, the YAP could be displayed. Who doesn't love a sticker? Stay tuned!

Social media

- Find us on Facebook®. Search for us Instagram®. Share in the ski patrol journey through the lens of a young adult.

Events

- *Young Adult Patroller Days*—one- or two-day events across the division designed for our youngest members organized at the local level or the region. Information for events needs to be easily accessible to patrollers through web, social media, print, etc.
- *Eastern Division Young Adult Seminar*—a multi-day event promoting young adults, competition, learning, camaraderie, other programs within the organization...and so much more. Mark your calendars for the return of this event March 10-13, 2023! Smugglers' Notch Rebooted!

It may be hot when you read this. It is summer vacation. It is teacher vacation. It is time to chant a new chant.

**COLDER COLDER...WINTER IS NEAR.
THE YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM IS WORKING ALL YEAR.
Get Ready!!!**



ENHANCED PATROLLER SCHOOL

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Hunt Hollow Ski Club

7532 County Road #36

Naples, NY

Genesee Valley Region

COURSE #: E328220003 | **COURSE LEAD:** Tom Wallin
CONTACT EMAIL: Enhancedpatrollerschool@gmail.com

Open to any patroller: Candidate, Basic, Senior Candidate, Senior, Certified Candidate, Certified, and Mountain Host

In this very concentrated day we will focus on the area of OEC skills, Low Angle Rope Rescue, and Risk Management/Accident Investigation.

We will work on skills throughout the day and apply them to a mini MCI drill where you will put these skills to work rescuing a number of fully moulaged injured persons in a challenging scenario.

This program counts as a Senior elective.





CERTIFIED

by Jon Wilson, Chair

2023 AGENDA OF EVENTS

BOOT CAMP

HurriKane Cove, Harrison ME
August 20-21, 2022

CERTIFIED PATROLLER SCHOOL

Hunt Hollow, Naples, NY
August 27, 2022

PRETEST @ PATROLLER SCHOOL

Killington, VT
February 3, 2023

ANNUAL EXAM & MEETING

Killington, VT
March 15-19, 2023

PATROLLER SCHOOL AND AVALANCHE SCHOOL CERTIFIED TEAM – TBD

Please check the NSPeast website
for all updates and additional information.

See you on the slopes.

Despite the ongoing COVID19 challenges and regional training hurdles the Certified Team was able to put together a late season. We hosted a Certified Ski and Toboggan pretest at Killington the weekend of March 4th.

With over two years in planning and rescheduling this year we were able to hold our annual exam at Sugarloaf the third weekend in March. The distances traveled were challenging, some coming as far as 17 hours in one direction. The fantastic weather conditions and the positive vibe of Sugarloaf made it up to us. The professional team at Sugarloaf rolled out the red carpet and a huge shout of thanks to our counterparts at Sugarloaf. We had 73 people in attendance and implemented COVID19 criteria for all.

We have three new Certified patrollers. Roddy Ehrlenbach #852 from Sugarloaf, Brian Reed #853 from Canaan Valley, and Mike Ksenich #854 from Elk Mountain were successful in completing their journey. Congratulations to all! Well done!

It is always a pleasure for me to present awards to deserving members for all their hard work over their years in the program. Erik Kreckel, Matt Nebzydoski, and Joe Probst each received a Yellow Merit Star. Karl Johnson and Joe Menichino were honored with Lifetime status. The Gordie Bell Certified Patroller of the Year Award is given annually to the certified patroller who has shown unparalleled dedication and commitment to the Eastern Division's Certified Program. Whose tireless efforts have insured that the program, its standards, and commitment to excellence will not be compromised. This person embodies the true spirit of what a certified patroller is through total participation in the season's events over many years, with a "no job too small" attitude consistently showing up and making everything work. They are the foundation on which this program is built. This year it was my honor to present this award to our OET Chair Don Mills.

As many of us watched, the Winter Olympics were completed earlier this year. We would like to recognize Eastern Division patrollers Clint Boyd (Whitetail), Justin Guth (Magic Mountain), Chuck Boyd (Ski Sundown), and Adrian Sites (Loon Mountain) for their commitment to the Olympic ideals. Thank you for your impact and positive attitude during difficult and sometimes stressful situations.

The Certified Team is already in the planning stages for the summer Boot Camps. HurriKane Cove will host its ever-popular camp August 20-21, 2022. We have an action-packed weekend including lift evacuation, low angle rescue, avalanche, and Outdoor Emergency Care. Please bring all your first aid supplies. The OEC team has been planning for months and this year should be another world-class event. Go to www.patrollersschool.org to register. All participants are asked to register online.

Hunt Hollow is the location of a one-day Enhanced Patrollers School, August 27, 2022. Please see page 10 for information. To register please send an email to enhancedpatrollersschool@gmail.com. OEC, lift evacuation, and outdoor risk management will be the focal points.



Proud new Certified Members Mike Ksenich, Brian Reed, Roddy Ehrlenbach



Welcome KATHY FITZPATRICK as the new ED Safety Program Supervisor

Having served as the CT Safety Advisor and as an ED Safety Team Assistant, Kathy Fitzpatrick has moved into the role of Eastern Division Safety Team Supervisor. This change will allow Melinda Mingus, MD (the former Safety Program Supervisor) to take a more advisory role as well as devote more time to Patroller Stress Injury Mitigation Initiatives.

Kathy has the organizational and creative skills necessary to steer the Safety Program forward to new excellence. One of the first items on the agenda is to encourage active participation of all the regions, not just during the ski season, but the summer (bike) season too. Stay tuned for more great things happening in SAFETY!



Introducing MATT NEBZYDOSKI New OET Supervisor

In January I began my term as the Division OET Supervisor. A little about my background; I am a Certified Alpine patroller and have patrolled at Elk Mountain, PA for the past 22 seasons where I was recently named Assistant Patrol Director. My enthusiasm for the OET program has been a constant in my patrol career. During the last 20 years I have been a toboggan instructor, trainer evaluator, and instructor trainer.

Over the past decade I have served as an Eastern Division Staff/Steering member assisting with planning patroller schools and designing TE recertification training. In addition to OET I also am involved as an OEC instructor/IT, and ID Instructor. On snow I am primarily on alpine or tele, however I can snowboard and even spent a few seasons as a snowboard instructor at Elk.

In my professional life I work as a school district administrator overseeing curriculum, instruction, and school safety. In many ways my professional and patrol lives overlap in that I am often working to assist others improve their ability to reach students.

Online Courses *and a Call for* Aspiring Instructors and TEs

by Matt Nebzydoski, OET Supervisor

SUMMER LEARNING

With summer upon us I'd like to encourage anyone looking for their skiing fix to consider trying one of our online courses. You will hear much in the coming months about NSP's new Learning Management System. It will definitely move us forward with its ability to design more engaging online content. In the meantime, the division has several functional courses designed specifically to help current instructors, TEs, and staff build their knowledge of OET Fundamentals and Coaching. These courses are also a great way for aspiring OET instructors, or any patroller, looking to better understand technical skiing, toboggan handling, and OET instruction.

Any Eastern Division patroller wishing to learn more can request Moodle School access. For access to recorded webinars and classes visit the OET Educational Resources page at <https://www.patrollerschool.org/events/divi-home/outdoor-emergency-transportation/oet-senior-program/oet-program-changes-2021/>. I recommend all aspiring instructors and TEs view the OET instructor teaching meth-

ods, recorded webinars, "5 Fundamentals," and OET homework to learn about how the senior evaluation standards and scoring system work. Keep an eye out for improvements. Our educational web hub www.patrollerschool.org will be refined over the summer to better integrate with the Eastern Division webpage and improve navigation.

INVITATION TO ASPIRING INSTRUCTORS AND TES

In my travels this winter to work with members in each of our regions it became evident that some regions need more OET instructors and TEs as well as ITs to help them build or sustain their OET programs. In some regions we have only a handful of TEs to assist with senior training. One of the goals the OET program has set for the coming year is to provide development programs for aspiring instructors and TEs. If you are a patroller looking to get more involved in OET I encourage you to start building your knowledge base with the courses mentioned above and be ready for some "TE Development Team" events next year to provide opportunities to improve your personal skiing, riding, and ability to coach others. If you have an interest, I encourage you to reach out to me or your region OET advisor or local OET staff and ask them how to get involved.

My Take on the “Mountain Travel and Rescue” Program

by Joni Porter, MTR Supervisor

First, let's talk about the 'Mountain Travel' part of MTR.

Every on-duty patroller does it. Some patrollers travel on downhill skis or a snowboard. Some travel on telemark equipment or a split-board. Some travel on cross-country skis, snowshoes, or mountain bikes. Some patrollers travel on (or behind) a snowmobile. Some have the luxury of riding a lift uphill.

Our 'mountain travel' abilities allow us to get to people in places where other first-responders cannot go. Our knowledge of our ski area's trail system and/or our navigation skills allow us to travel to wherever our patient is, and our training allows us to arrive at that location safely, and with all the necessary equipment and resources.

Our 'mountain travel' skills also allow us to transport our patients using a Cascade toboggan, a Stokes litter, or an expedient toboggan.

Of course, we're not just mountain travelers. We're also rescuers.

When we show up, we bring the knowledge, the equipment, and the resources to rescue the person from their predicament. This acronym is true for what we do as both patrollers and SAR team members: ALAST=Alert, Locate, Assess, Stabilize/Shelter, and Transport. Once we're alerted, we do whatever it takes to locate the patient. We assess the patient and the situation and provide emergency medical care to stabilize them. We shelter them from the elements, whether it's for a few minutes or a few hours. We transport them to the next level of care. Every incident we respond to is essentially a search and rescue.

Most times we are told where we'll find our patient, but there may be a time when all we know is that someone is missing and may need assistance. We often think of a search and rescue operation as something that happens only in the backcountry, but just a few years ago a guest

at a small alpine area in northern New Jersey was reported missing. The ski patrollers at the area used the Incident Command System model, formed an Incident Command, then put together and implemented an Incident Action Plan. They coordinated with other agencies, and the missing guest was eventually found.

How did they manage this? Well, it's part of our OEC training. Chapters 3 and 4 in the 6th Edition of the OEC textbook. Oh, and that ICS100 course that every patroller is required to take? That covers it, too. But wait...there's more! 'Mountain Travel and Rescue Fundamentals' and 'Mountain Travel and Rescue 1' cover it. MTR-F and MTR-1 are the same course, except that MTR-1 requires one outdoor overnight, and MTR-F does not. For you old-timers, 'MTR-F' is like the old 'Circle M' course, and 'MTR-1' takes it up a notch with the one night spent outdoors. These courses usually take place in late autumn or early winter. 'MTR-1' also fulfills many of the requirements to become a member of a search and rescue team, thanks to the efforts of several of my predecessors. 'Mountain Travel and Rescue 2' is a bigger challenge, with two outdoor overnights in a snowy environment, right in the middle of winter.

Next question: What do we do when the patient is down in the rocks off the side of a trail or deep in the woods, and the toboggan can't be skied to the patient? That's when we use our low angle rescue (LAR) training.

When, where, and how do we get to learn and practice these skills? Glad you asked! By taking Mountain Travel & Rescue courses, of course. A 'Mountain Travel and Rescue Clinic' can be held to learn and practice a specific skill or skill set. For patrollers who have already taken an MTR course, an MTR Enhancement Seminar can be held to refresh those skills.

Who should take an MTR course? Every alpine patroller, bike patroller, and Nordic/backcountry patroller. Any patroller who loves to be outdoors. Any patroller who enjoys practicing their skills, because...you know...practice makes improvement. Any patroller who enjoys spending time with other like-minded patrollers. Any patroller who wants to be ready for anything.

Interested? Contact your region's MTR advisor. You can find them at www.nspeat.org under MTR Program. *The secret to finding the list of advisors is to click the MTR button—NOT the two drop-down buttons which appear when you hover your cursor over the MTR button.*

See you out there and remember...survival is mandatory!

AWARDS PROGRAM

by Sue-Ellen Helmacy, Supervisor

If you missed the Eastern Division Awards Banquet in Albany on Saturday evening, April 30, you missed a grand time. Many significant and well-deserved awards were presented and are listed on the awards page of this issue.

A reminder to everyone: there were several Eastern Division Outstanding categories that didn't receive any nominations this year. With over 9,000 patrollers in our division surely we can find more worthy patrollers to nominate for these special awards. I hope to see multiple entries for each category next year. I keep quoting G.B. Stern, "Silent gratitude isn't worth much to anyone."

The completed forms are due to me by March 1 of each year and require information from that season and the previous three seasons. NOW would be a great time to look at which patrollers 'made a real difference' this past season, begin collecting their information, and start completing the forms available on the NSP webpage! This way, you can enjoy the snow this winter, and have more than half the process completed by February when it comes time to finish writing them.

For a list of all available awards, please visit the Eastern Division webpage/Programs/Awards. You will find the awards separated into categories with a brief, bulleted summary of each.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your region NAG (Nimble Awards Gatherer) or me at sueellenh96@gmail.com.

2022 AWARDS



Eastern Division Outstanding Awards

Administrator	Sue Wuerthele	SVT
Alpine Patroller	Debbi Satterlee	ENY
Alumni	John Tuttle	CNY
Non-OEC Instructor	Randy Lewis	GVR

Donna McGraw Patroller for Patrollers Award

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Jerry Sherman Outstanding Division Patroller Award

Kim Terwilliger	SNY
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Kate Tornese	WMA
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Grant Fullman	ENY
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William Gross Memorial First Aid Trophy 2021

Bruce Geddes	ENY
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National Appointment

Michael McClure	12061	ENY
Robert Sullivan	12165	ENY
William Nealon	12247	ENY
Sue-Ellen Repeta	12256	CT
Cally Regan	12262	CT
Robert Horrell	12265	WAPP
Sadie Prescott	12273	WNY

Distinguished Service Award

Al Kraus	GVR
Mary Lynn Lulas	WNY
Rick Micoli	GVR
Doug Sensabaugh	WAPP
Doug Scofield	WNY
Kevin & Deanne Spear	GVR

Meritorious Service Award

Dave Robinson	ENY
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Yellow Merit Star

Doug Adams	CNY
Lee Anderson	NVT
Paul Casson	ENY
Joe Connelly	ENY
Tom Cooper	ENY
Michael DeFilippis	NJ
Phil Dell	ENY
Cynthia Griffinkranz	NJ
Will Hart	WAPP
Virg Hoyt	ENY

Yellow Merit Star (cont'd)

Paula Knight	CT
Eric Kreckel	ENY
John Majhan	WAPP
John McAlonen	ENY
Donna McGraw	ENY
Jerry McGraw	ENY
William Muir	ME
Matthew Nebzydowski	EPA
Ed Norman	ENY
Joe Probst	WNY
Dan Reilly	ENY
Eric Waldman	WAPP
Mike Wuerthele	SVT
Bob Zande	ENY

Purple Merit Star

Mark Blazano	ENY
Tom Deis	ENY
Mike Duncan	NVT
Tom Gale	ENY
Chris Gallagher	ENY
Brett Gold	ENY
Dick Hoffman	ENY
Gary Marchuk	ENY
Jerry McGraw	ENY
Glenn Newkirk	ENY
Bob Oser	NVT
Ron Packard	NVT
Matt Weich	ENY

Blue Merit Star

Brandon Boutelle	ENY
Briana Braman	ENY
Larry Burnah	ENY
Dylan Dearborn	ENY
Bill Everett	ENY
Stan Frangk	ENY
Grant Fullman	ENY
Tom Gale	ENY
Laura Griefenberger	ENY
Levi Groves	ENY
Mitch Harriman	ENY
Jim Hoyt	ENY
Josh Kelly	ENY
Todd King	ENY
Bill Martin	ENY
Jon McKissick	ENY
Derek Prill	ENY
Ann Ritz-Farmer	ENY
Randy Rock	ENY
Bill Walton	ENY
James Williams	ENY

Patriot Star

Hanke Beebe	WAPP
Flip Buttling	ENY
Justin Campbell	WAPP
Tracey Chapman	WAPP
James Cross	ENY
Paul Emerson	ME
Edward Gabriel	WAPP
Steve Gonzalez	WAPP
Bill Lawrence	WNY
Jim Melanson	ENY
Thomas Monks	ENY
Clint Payton	WNY
Joe Rine	ENY
Deb Satterlee	ENY
Shaw Signlin	WAPP
Robert Snoby	WAPP
John Toth	WAPP
Michael Worden	WAPP

50-Year National Lifetime Service Award

Lucile Bump	SVT
Avis Cherichetti	CT
Rob Greenberg (2019)	SNY
Harold Humphrey	CT
Bruce Smith	CT

50-Year Eastern Division Award

Lucile Bump	SVT
Rob Greenberg (2019)	SNY

Patroller Achievement Award

Steve Bateman	GVR
Kevin Boehm	GVR
Fredrick Bump	SVT
Barb Collins	GVR
Karen Gollnitz	WNY
Carolynn King	WNY
Mary Lynn Lulas	WNY
Adam McInerney	WNY
Sue Schueckler	GVR
Holly Scudder-Chase	NVT
Scott Shear	GVR
Judy Valachovic	GVR
Dave Vinke	GVR
Dawn Wright	GVR

Angel Pin

Troy Woodard	GVR
Julia Lucas (Balk)	NJ

This year's awards of four \$1,000 scholarships and four \$250 honorable mentions were announced at the Spring Officers Meeting. Unique to this year's group is that each awardee has at least one parent who also patrols. They are wished every success as they pursue their educational goals.

2022 David J. Nelson Sr.



MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

by Harriet Frawley, Advisor

SCHOLARSHIPS

MASON RINKER | Blue Mountain, EPA

A senior at Nazareth Area High School, Mason has already earned senior alpine patroller status and is an Eagle Scout. He plans to study Mechatronics Engineering at California University of Pennsylvania with an emphasis on Drone Technology. "After college I plan to use my education working with drones. I see so many opportunities which could include my passion for helping people. Could you imagine a day, for example, when a drone enters a burning building before firefighters? I want to be on that cutting edge. I want to make a difference."

REILLY LAITALA | Wachusett Mountain, EMARI

Reilly is a senior at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School and plans to attend Norwich University in Vermont, participating in the Corps of Cadets military leadership program while earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She's been active in both club and varsity diving, competing at regional and state, as well as national levels at the AAU Nationals in 1-meter springboard. She has earned both Medical Assistant and Certified Nursing Assistant Certifications. A "preemie" at birth, Reilly wants to give babies like her the best chance of survival. To that end, she ultimately hopes to work as a NICU nurse.

MOLLY SMITH | Hidden Valley, WAPP

Molly is a senior at Winchester Thurston School and says she has always been "interested in how things work." She is a member of the STEMinst Society, a high school club for women in STEM, and organized an all-girls robotics team called the "Cyborg Unicorns" who built pink and purple robots and took them to VEX IQ Robotics Worlds two years in a row. She is also a metalsmithing artist. True to her interests, she plans to study Mechanical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University.

BLAKE PETERSON | Cockaigne, WNY

Blake is a 27-year-old medical student at the University of Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine. In 2016, Blake's father lost a brief, three-week battle with myeloid leukemia. This experience inspired Blake to volunteer at the same hospital his father had been treated in, and to raise money for cancer research. Exactly one year later after his father's death, he began a research internship there, working on a novel chemotherapy drug. Throughout this time, his dream to become a physician took shape.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

THERESA GOSSEL | Holimont, WNY

Theresa is a 23-year-old with a bachelor's in chemical engineering from Syracuse University. She has volunteered at Buffalo City Mission, a women and children's shelter, and at Vera House, a domestic violence shelter. She says, "Giving back to the local community in Buffalo, NY, has been a lifelong aspiration of mine, while patrol has combined my love of the outdoors, caring for others, medicine, and skiing. Professionally, a goal is to combine my background as an engineer with medicine to lead research and innovations in the industry." To that end, she will pursue a Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, beginning this fall.

DAVID GUAN | Greek Peak, CNY

A senior at Ithaca High School, David is on the varsity swimming, diving, and tennis teams, acting as captain of both the swimming and tennis teams. He joined the YAP program at Greek Peak and writes, "The first time I used my OEC skills was a couple months before I took the written and practical exams. One Sunday evening after an exhausting training session, my dad was trying to clear a jammed lawn mower chute and stuck his hand in too deep. I vividly remember the adrenaline kicking in immediately. I instinctively grabbed the first aid kit and applied pressure to stop the bleeding, as I had been practicing." David plans to attend Boston University to study Human Physiology with the long-range goal of becoming a doctor.

FALLON REPETA | Mt. Southington, CT

Having also patrolled at Bromley and Okemo while attending school in Vermont, Fallon is currently studying Journalism at Central Connecticut State University. At age 23, she is a senior patroller, and both an OET and OEC instructor. During summers she's worked for Powder Ridge Bike Patrol, as a swim instructor for disabled children, and as a lifeguard for the Town of Nantucket. In 2021 she facilitated a successful pilot YAP OEC course for the CT Region. Fallon will graduate from college this spring but has decided to change her career path to align with her medical interests by taking a Phlebotomy Technician course.

NIKITA ANG | Pats Peak, NH

A senior at Westford Academy, Nikita plays in her school's symphonic band and is drum major for the marching band. She has won gold National Latin Exam Awards at levels I, II and III and earned a Tae Kwon Do black belt. She plans to attend the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in their accelerated 3+3 pre-med health sciences and master of physician assistant program. While in school, she hopes to become involved in CRISPR pain gene research which may offer pain management benefits to terminal cancer patients.

REMEMBRANCE OF LOST PATROLLERS

CNY REGION

Craig Collins
George Ehrmann
Harold Fradenburg
Harley Gamel
Elaine Gingold
Robert D. Hall
Robert Holt
Richard Husted Jr.
Walter A. Maier
Donald Moran
Edward Pflugheber
Craig Pugh

CNY REGION (cont'd)

Charles Roberts
Pete Scaffido
Joseph Spalding II
CT REGION
Andrew Dragat
Ralph Green
Marvin O'Leary
Donald Richardson
Russell (Rusty) Stilwell
Charles Warren
Rod Weinberg

EMARI REGION

Dave Hodgdon
Kathy MacDonald
Anne Surman
ENY REGION
Michael Baker
Kenneth Croucher
Guy Hausrath
Paul Normandean
Curtiss Paye
EPA REGION
Eddie Eddenberger
John Fratto

GVLY REGION

Ellen Rich
Henry Williams
NH REGION
John Byrnes
Robert Weber
Robert Wilson, Jr.
NJ REGION
Art Clark
Jim Hartigan
Maryann Hartigan
Barrett Kane

NVT REGION

Mark David "Arch"
Archambault
Alfred B. Burns
Roy Neuer
Nelson "Put" Putnam
SNY REGION
Robert Kaseguma
Joseph Lauterstein
Don Miller

SVT REGION

Katie Ewald Brooks
Hebert Hohengasser
Brian Horrigan
Mike McCooey
Don Richardson
WAPP REGION
Richard Barron
Ted Hovermale
Ruben Silva

WMA

Guido Sebben
WNY
Peggy Bierfeldt
Alvin Darbee
Elsie Doster
Mark Freeman
Marilyn Hansen
Franklin Koren
Robert Lewis
Ed Ziegenfuss

MARK "ARCH" ARCHAMBAULT



We are sad to advise that our friend Arch passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 9th, 2022, in Vermont. Mark was born August 30, 1955, grew up in West Hartford, Connecticut, attending Northwest Catholic High School. He was a graduate of St. Michael's College in Vermont, Class of 1977. After college, Mark adopted Vermont as his home and Vermont adopted him.

Arch, what a colorful person, ski patroller, and such a good friend for many ski patrollers around the world. Arch was a passionate and skillful skier and served on the Ski Patrol at Smugglers' Notch Resort in Vermont for 40 years. He taught and mentored many young patrollers, teaching them not only the skill but the responsibilities that came with the job.

He joined FIPS, an international organization representing ski patrol and associated ski safety organizations with membership from throughout the world, many years ago. He attended the international meetings, had fun, and went skiing. For patrollers, he certainly placed Smugglers' Notch on the international map for ski areas. He always made the days

a bit brighter and better with a lot of laughter and skiing. He had the great ability to bring light and happiness into the room and just made people around him happy.

During the summer, Mark enjoyed wind surfing and kayaking on Lake Champlain. He was a partner in Notch Country Construction for 30 years, and co-owned Appletree Tree Bay Resort for several years.

Music and dancing were a big part of Mark's life, especially following The Grateful Dead. He traveled over 50 years to attend shows, laugh with friends, and dance to the music.

Mark was the son of Helen (Murray) Archambault and Arthur Archambault, and the devoted nephew of Josephine Murray. He was cherished by his extended family, including many cousins, and was Godfather to Julie (Egan) Briere, Julia Marie Nuzzo and Isobel Nuzzo.

Mark leaves behind numerous dear and special friends from all decades of his life. His wit, humor, candor, unique perspectives, loyalty, and kind heart endeared Mark to those fortunate enough to know him. He was fiercely independent and funny, and the best evidence is by his email address "Archsdamway@gmail.com." The ski patrol world will not be the same without you. The FIPS and the ski patrol community will never forget you, Arch. Rest in Peace.

Mark's love of animals started early and especially his love of golden retrievers. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the ASPCA.

MICHAEL BAKER



Michael P. Baker, 65, passed away on January 16, 2022. He had been stricken at Gore Mountain on January 14, 2022 and was kept on life support to fulfill his organ and tissue donation request.

Mike "Bakes" was born on December 16, 1956, in Troy, New York, to George and Wanda Baker. He graduated from Burnt Hills High School in

1975 and went on to earn his associate degree in electrical engineering. Employed as an engineer for 35 years, Mike retired from Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory (KAPL) in Niskayuna, New York.

Mike was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed camping, hiking, biking, canoeing, skiing, volleyball, golfing, and nature photography. He joined the Whiteface Volunteer Ski Patrol in 1999, and after his KAPL retirement in 2013 he became a one of their 'pros.'

Mike organized the volleyball games at the yearly Whiteface patrol picnic. He was a ski ambassador at Stowe Mountain and a groundskeeper at the Edison Club in Rexford, New York. He was an active member of the Out-of-Control Ski Club, where he made many lifelong friends. He also enjoyed listening to music, including his favorite band the Grateful Dead.

Michael is survived by his siblings, Thomas (Deborah) Baker, Richard Baker, David (Maryann) Baker, Daniel (Julie) Baker, and Susanne (Thomas) Clark; his cherished nieces and nephews, Eric (Kristen) Baker, Mark Baker, Jessica Baker, Rachael (D.J) Clark, and Brandon Clark; his two great-nieces, Georgia and Savannah Centofanti; aunts, uncles, and many, many lifelong friends.

As a patroller, Mike was all over the mountain. His presence on the slopes and assistance in many incidents made Whiteface Mountain a safer place to ski. Mike skied with us, biked with us, golfed with us, and played volleyball with us. The patrollers of Whiteface and the Eastern New York Region wish Mike Godspeed on his final sweep; you will be missed.

*Joe Rine
Whiteface Ski Patrol, New York*

ROBERT HALL



Robert "Bob" Hall, whose love of New York State's Adirondack Mountains led to various roles promoting the Adirondacks, including service as NSP Eastern Division Director, passed away at age 91 on December 8, 2021.

Bob's ski patrol career started when he was a teenager. Being a natural promoter, he quickly rose to leadership positions in much of what he did. Born in 1930, Bob joined the Old Forge (McCaughey Mountain) Ski Patrol while he was still

in Old Forge's Town of Webb School, from which he graduated in 1948 after serving as class president. While the Old Forge patrol dates to 1938, it was inactive during WWII. When the war ended in 1946, 16-year-old Bob Hall was credited with getting it going again. He served as patrol leader until 1956 with a break while he served in the US Air Force in Japan during the Korean War. He is also credited with creating the popular Polar Bear Ski Club, which still exists in Old Forge.

In an interview with this writer 40 years ago, Bob shared that the early years of the Old Forge patrol included patrolling cross-country-type trails. He said the patrollers were known as "Trail Sweepers" because they swept the 6-7 miles of trails, often starting as early as 2 p.m. Bob noted that winter recreation enthusiasts came to Old Forge in those early years on the New York Central Railroad snow trains.

Those early years featured a "senior patrol" and a "junior patrol" at Old Forge for those aged over 16, and those from 13-16, respectively, he said. "There was no first aid training as we know it today," Bob noted. "They were more sweepers and carried metal first aid kits on belts." The kits were made by Johnson and Johnson, he said.

Upon his discharge from the Air Force, Bob returned to upstate New York to take a job with General Motors Acceptance Corporation and start a family in Whitesboro (outside of Utica). He also became Utica Section chief in 1953, serving until 1961. Then, Bob took on the duties of Eastern Division Director for many years. In 1968, Bob was awarded National Appointment #3290.

After 17 years with GMAC, he returned in 1970 to become publicity director for Old Forge and executive director of the Central Adirondack Association (CAA) until he retired in 1995.

His obituary noted that "Bob used his unique gifts of administration, creativity, and humor to blend a diverse group of outdoorsmen, athletes, musicians, and many more to create a vast list of Adirondack events and clubs that exist to this day. Mr. Snodeo is the name that Bob received in 1973 after creating "a rodeo without horses" to lure more snowmobiles to Old Forge."

Bob was named "Mr. Adirondack" in 1995 and was awarded an Honorary Member Award by the CAA in 2010.

His family wrote their highest tribute calling Bob a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who cherished his family.

*Submitted by Jeff Paston
CNY Region Historian*

PAUL NORMANDEAU



On October 22, 2021, Titus Mountain Ski Patrol grieved the passing of our friend and fellow ski patroller Paul R. Normandeau. Paul was an avid skier who joined our patrol in 2004. He was a dedicated patroller who was often referred to as the "Gentleman Patroller."

He served as the shift leader on Friday nights where he fostered a team atmosphere. The Friday night crew always planned a potluck meal to share, and Paul's homemade maple syrup pie

was a big favorite. Besides a desert specialist and great shift lead, Paul volunteered his time to various projects, including helping with preparations for our annual Oktoberfest. He also helped grow our membership by sponsoring his son Devin in the Titus Mountain Junior Ski Patrol Program and mentored him as well as many other candidates who were lucky enough to ski with him on his shift. Paul would often get a toboggan out and assist the candidates in honing their skills.

Paul was a role model on and off the hill. He was very involved with

the local Boy Scouts Troop 61, he was a member of the American Legion Post 219 in Malone, New York, and he earned a brown belt with three stripes in karate. But he truly loved spending time with his family and friends at his family's camp on the St. Lawrence River where he loved to take them all on boat rides.

Paul was born April 15, 1965 in Malone, New York, the son of Ray and Anita Soucy Normandeau. He graduated from Franklin Academy in Malone in 1983. At the time of Paul's death he was employed by the New York State Department of Transportation as Traffic Systems Technicians Supervisor.

Paul was a loving husband, father, and son who leaves behind the love of his life Tracie Hanna Normandeau. Besides Tracie, he is survived by his parents; three sons Devin, Cameron, and Chace; his two daughters Hanna and Olivia; three sisters and brothers-in-law, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Paul's laid-back manner is missed by all who knew him and had the pleasure to patrol with him. Your shift has ended, rest easy my friend.

*Submitted by friend and fellow Patroller
Lisa Stickney, Titus Mountain Ski Patrol*