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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DIVISION—NATIONAL SKI PATROL

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The Northwest Region Presents

Ski to Sea in the Pacific Northwest 2010



August 13th – 15th

Bellevue, Washington

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Questions - contact:

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Region Director - Liz Dodge
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Registrar - Nicole Dodge
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Patrol _____
Region _____
Office/Title / Level _____
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Phone Day _____

I am staying in the Embassy Suites Hotel [] Yes [] No

	Number	Cost	Amount
Very Early Registration 8/6-8/9/09	_____	\$ 35.00 (patroller)	<u>prepaid last summer</u>
Registration (8/10/09-6/30/10)	_____	\$ 45.00 (patroller)	_____
Late Registration 7/1/10 and after	_____	\$ 55.00 (patroller)	_____
Friday Dinner	_____	\$ 15.00 per person	_____
Friday Dinner - Children under 10	_____	\$ 5.00 per person	_____
Saturday Breakfast ***	_____	\$ 15.00 pp non hotel guest	_____
Saturday Lunch	_____	\$ 16.00 per person	_____
Saturday Banquet	_____	\$ 30.00 per person	_____

Beef ____ / Chicken ____ / Vegetarian ____ Choose entrée for each person

Sunday Breakfast *** _____ \$ 15 /pp non hotel guest _____

Extras Friday early am Golf (18 Holes) _____ \$ 43 per person _____
 Carts \$18 single, \$24 double (\$12 ea) _____ \$ 18 / \$12 / \$24 _____
 Patrol Director Training – Friday Morning _____ \$ 0 _____
 OEC Enhancement Seminar – Fri am ____ Fri pm ____ \$ 0 _____

Total _____

*** Breakfasts:

- * Hotel Guests – If you are a registered hotel guest/lodging in the hotel there is no charge for the breakfast.
- * Non Hotel Guests – This is the charge for breakfast for anyone not lodging in the hotel, but who wishes to join the rest of us for breakfast. Purchase a breakfast ticket from the convention registration staff.

There will be general breakfast sessions in addition to the following specific break out breakfasts.
Saturday = Patrol Directors Sunday = Division & Region Program Advisors

I or my family are interested in the following extra activities _____

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Sample Agenda

Friday	Golf Tournament	6:30 am – noon
	OES (OEC Enhancement Seminar)	8:00 am – noon
	Patrol Director Training	8:30 am – noon
	Executive Board Meeting (open)	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
	OES (OEC Enhancement Seminar)	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
	Dinner	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Saturday	Patrol Directors Breakfast Meeting	7:00 – 7:50 am
	General Breakfast	7:00 – 7:50 am
	General Assembly - All attendees (guest speaker)	8:30 am – 9:50 am
	Break Out Sessions*	10:00 am – 11:50 pm
	Luncheon (Awards)	12:00 – 12:50 pm
	Break Out Sessions*	1:00 – 4:50 pm
	Awards Banquet (Auction / Raffles etc...)	6:00 – 11:00 pm
Sunday	Division and Region Program Advisors Breakfast	7:00 – 8:00 am
	General Breakfast	7:00 – 8:00 am
	Division Business Meeting – All attendees	8:30 am – noon

Hospitality Room and Equipment Rooms should be open throughout the conference except during meals and general meetings (unless otherwise posted).

*Break Out Session – Sampling of offerings

• Educational Discipline and NSP Specialty Programs

Alpine S & T

Auxiliary

Avalanche

Awards

Historian

Instructor Dev. And Mentoring

Legal Issues

MTR

Nordic

OEC

OES—OEC Enhancement Seminar
(4 hr sessions)

Patrol Director/Leadership Training

Patrol Financial Reporting

Senior/Certified

Alumni

• Other Program Offerings (In Planning)

Boot Fitting Seminar

Exercise Session

Search and Rescue

Potential Extra Activities for those interested:

Places of interest and shopping – Pike Place Market, Southcenter and SeaTac Malls, Museum of Flight, Aquarium, Historic Underground Seattle, Seattle Center, Pacific Science Center, Space Needle, Snoqualmie Falls, Winery Tours, Brewery Tours, Water Front, Ferry Rides, Shopping, etc....

*Offerings subject to change

This is my last article for the Nor'wester as the PNW Division Director. Dave Ulrich will be writing the DD article for the next edition. Congratulations Dave on your new position.

I want to thank everyone for their help during my tenure. My staff and advisors have done an excellent job. Thank you, Jim Whittaker, Assistant DD, you were always there and able to help out when I needed you; Ann Werner, Secretary, not only for taking minutes, but compiling the Administrative Roster; Al Richardson, Legal, I appreciate you representing the PNWD at National and answering so many questions; Rick DeBenedetto, Comptroller, you were always so timely in paying the bills and keeping our books in order; you are appreciated; Jose Elting, Registration, you did a great job implementing the new registration process and working through all the problems; John Haworth, Web-master, because of you and your expertise and willingness to help we have a super web-page. Thank you to all of the advisors: Anne Greenwood, Awards; Alumni, Josie Elting (who is now the National Alumni Advisor); Auxiliary, Dixy Campbell; Communication and Instructor Development, Bernie Goddard; Convention Coordinator and Historian, Shirley Cummings; Avalanche, Eric Geisler; Nordic, Joseph Calbreath; OEC, Carol Fountain and Janie SanRomani; Transportation, Walt Langkait; Mountain Travel & Rescue, Frank Rossi; Senior/Certified, Tom Fellows; Ski Flight, Jack Melill; Splint Guy, Glen Dodge; Nor'wester, Patt Kelly Pollet. You have all done so much for the PNWD. Also, I must not forget the support and encouragement given by the Region Directors. Thank you, Liz Dodge, NW Region; Chris Stern, Inland Empire; Michael Skeels, Oregon, Rod Legg, Mt Hood and Dave

Ulrich, Southern Idaho. I am so appreciative of all of you.

The PNWD Executive Board Spring Meeting was held in Kennewick, Washington on April 24, 2010. The E Board is made up of the Region Directors. The names of the Region Directors elect were announced. They are as follows: Craig Thornley, Oregon Region; Jim Trett, Mt Hood and Phil Dixon, Southern Idaho. I wish you all the best and congratulation on your new positions.

The Executive Board was presented with a draft of the new Policy and Procedures for the PNWD. The P&P was approved and will be posted on the web-site soon. There was also a discussion in regard to some minor changes in the current By-Laws. It was agreed to present the changes to the BOD during the August Board Meeting.

Rick DeBenedetto presented the Board with the 2010/11 proposed budget. Each line item was considered and after much discussion a preliminary budget was agreed upon. It will be reviewed again at the Friday Executive Board meeting in August and a final draft of the proposed budget will be presented to the Board of Directors on Sunday at the Convention. There will be a copy of the proposed budget posted in this publication.

Al Richard, Legal Advisor gave a report on the Idaho and Washington revision of the EMS regulations. Washington State will not attempt to regulate the NSP EMS services for now.

Idaho was still in the discussion stage, and will be making a recommendation in May. Since Al gave his report the draft rules for Idaho have been agreed upon. The proposed rules will require all ski patrollers and ski areas in Idaho

to be licensed by the EMS Bureau in order to continue doing business as we have in the past. The EMS Bureau interprets that ski patrollers are practicing medicine. Under the Idaho law individuals practicing medicine must be licensed. Therefore, patrollers must be licensed in the State of Idaho. In order to be licensed an individual must be affiliated with a licensed agency which in this case is the ski area. Also, a medical director is required. For those of you in Idaho, please contact your Region Director or Division Director for more information.

Other states have been waiting to determine Idaho's decision; so goes one State so goes another. This ruling has the potential of being the beginning of the end for the NSP as we know it. Also, it will cause an extreme hardship on many patrols and patrollers in Idaho. The NSP EMS Task Force is working on this issue and will keep members informed of the current status. Please see the minutes of the meeting for further detail in regard to the meeting. It will be posted on the PNWD web-site and soon as they are approved.

The Advisors turned in reports of this last season's activities which are published in this newsletter. As always they have been busy overseeing and presenting the training programs of the NSP.

Also be sure and read the reports submitted by the Region Directors. It is always a good idea to keep up on the happenings in your Region and the other Regions across the Division.

The National Board is always busy with the business of running the organization. I encourage every patroller out there to be familiar with what is *(continued on page 5)*

FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR ELECT

By Dave Ulrich

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To all PNWD Patrollers,

I am excited to be your new Division Director and look forward to the challenge in front of me for the next three years. I would like to thank you all for the vote of confidence in electing me your next Division Director, the election coordinator reported out at the Spring Board meeting that we had a 81% turn out in voting members, thank you for voting. I look forward to working with all Patrollers and Patrol Directors at the Convention in Seattle this August. There are a lot of issues at the Division level at this time and will be discussed at the Convention so please make plans now to attend and let your voice be heard.

David C Ulrich— Division Director Elect

AWARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2009 - 2010

By Anne Greenwood, Awards

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Region Awards Advisors:

June 30th: Nominations for 2010 Division Outstanding, Patrol and Patroller Awards to be to your current division awards advisor (Anne Greenwood).

Dave Ulrich is actively seeking a new PNWD Awards Advisor as I submitted my resignation and accepted the Assistant Region Director position with Oregon Region. Awards are a very important part of our organization. What a delight to honor patrollers who have shown exceptional skill, courage, time commitment and yes, sometime the pain of injury.

Many awards will be presented at the PNWD August Convention 2010 (**Ski to Sea in the Pacific Northwest**), August 13, 14, 15 in Bellevue, WA. Ten nominations from the PNWD are being submitted to NSP for consideration

of the 2010 **National** Outstanding Awards. Come, be among the first to find out the results.

At the August Division Convention there will be an Advisor Breakfast, Sunday morning at 7:00 am. – 8:00 am. This will be Round-Table discussions for each discipline. **All** patrollers are welcome to sit at the table of their interest. There will be an advisor (perhaps 2) at the **Awards** table.

The “Awards” page on the PNWD website is: <http://www.nsp-pnwd.org/forms.html>. There you will find links for the various division awards, as well as links for awards nomination forms.

See you in August, in Bellevue, at the 2010 PNWD Convention.

Anne Greenwood - 503-399-3518

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going on at National. Read the newsletters that come out, participate in the “forum discussions” and “ask the board” on the NSP web-site, (www.nsp.org) and for sure vote in all the National elections. This is your organization and your comments and suggestions are welcome. It is my opinion we have no right to complain about what is going on unless we are involved in the process.

I attended an Awards Ceremony this spring for the Northwest Region. What a wonderful time for all who were there. Awards are such an important part of our organization and it is so special when a Region has a dinner and ceremony for those who have received an award. I would encourage all Regions to have an award banquet each spring. Thank you Liz, for inviting Terry and me, and

thank you also for the stepping down recognition.

The 2010 Convention is being held in Bellevue, Washington at the Embassy Suites, August 13, 14, 15. The convention is always a great time to see old and meet new friends, attend educational seminars and honor those who will receive awards for their outstanding work. I am sure this Convention will be no exception. Hope to see many of you there.

Thank you all for supporting me as your Division Director for the last three years.

Now I will say Good-bye and wish you all the very best.

Dolores La Liberte, Division Director

PNWD BOD MEETING MINUTES

By Ann Werner, Secretary

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Friday, August 07, 2009 at Holiday Inn Hotel, Wilsonville, OR

Names per sign in sheet:

Executive Committee/Board Members Present: Dolores LaLiberte, Division Director; Liz Dodge, Northwest Region Director; Chris Stern, Inland Empire Region Director; Rod Legg, Mt Hood Region Director; David Ulrich, Southern Idaho Region Director; Mike Skeels, Oregon Region Director;

Division Board Members Present: Tim Heffron, Summit Central Patrol Director; Rosalind Liston-Riggs, Summit East, Patrol Director; Peter Schwartz, Crystal Mountain Patrol Director; Ed Gately, Lookout Pass Proxy; Jill Hoff, Mt. Spokane Patrol Director; John Gastineau, Mt Hood Meadows Patrol Director; Lyle Moholt, 49 Degrees North Patrol Director; Alan McCreedy, Mt Ashland Patrol Director; Gregory T. Tate, SIR Nordic Patrol Director; Santiago Rodriguez, 705 Backcountry Patrol Director; Karen King, Bogus Basin, Patrol Director;

Division Staff & Advisors Present: Al Richardson, Legal; Jim Whittaker, Assistant Division Director; Richard DeBenedetto, Controller; Eric Geisler, Avalanche Advisor; Joseph Calbreath, Nordic Advisor; Patt Kelly-Pollet, Substitute Secretary; Walt Langkait, S&T Advisor; Shirley Cummings, Convention Liason; Josie Elting, Registrar & Alumni;

Patrollers Present: Mike Gooderham, Anthony Lakes; Patty Gooderham, Anthony Lakes; James Hasse, Anthony Lakes Asst. Patrol Director; Joe Mabbutt, 705 Backcountry, Asst. Patrol Director; Bob Chandler, Summit West, Asst. Patrol Director; Jim Trett, Mt Hood Region Co-OEC Administrator.

Dolores La Liberte called the meeting to order at 1:09

Policies and Procedures Changes

Project status was reviewed by Liz Dodge. This is an on-going updating project. Copies were distributed to Region Directors. All RD's should review in detail and make notes/comments in the margins within the next 30 days. They should be returned to Liz to be melded into the next draft for review and further discussion. The document is modeled after the NSPS's P&P format.

If any PD is interested in helping with this project, please contact their RD.

Bylaws Changes

There is one change up for vote on Sunday on Article 4, item E.

Liz Dodge has also identified for the Executive Board several items for review/change for next year.

Projector/Recorder Expenditure

Dolores announced the projector and recorder are still under investigation. They have not been purchased as yet.

Region Director Job Description Draft

Introduced by Dave Ulrich. This project draft was sent to the Region Directors in advance of this meeting for review. Dave announced the description does not exactly match the Policies & Procedure. Each item in the draft was reviewed and discussed with ideas given to enhance the document. Dave will incorporate the ideas and re-present the document at the Spring Board Meeting in April. No other action was taken.

Comptrollers Report—Rick DeBenedetto

Rick presented the Year End Financial report for 2008-09.

Line item entitled OEC was introduced for discussion. Dolores stated that this was originally set up as a separate account and reported to the IRS separately. Rick stated, With the OEC Fund (\$2019.18) item backed out the net income will be \$ 18,362.00

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Peter Schwartz asked if a financial analysis had been done on our investments. Rick said he and Dolores looked for better rates, but there are many restrictions according to the laws governing the investment.

Karen King questioned the cost of the OEC seminar and travel. Rick explained that there is separate funding for the seminar and travel. Rick also stated there was deficit spending of \$603 in that account. This report only deals with PNWD costs.

Dolores also stated that some fund raising donations coming into the Division are not clearly identified as to whom they should be sent. It is assumed that most come in for the Northwest Region, however if where the money should go is not clearly identified or easily determined the money stays with the Division.

Liz motioned to accept the report as presented. Dave Ulrich seconded. Ed Gately, proxy for Look-Out Pass, called for the question to pass the motion to accept the comptroller's report. Motion to accept passed unanimously.

Budget Issues

The proposed budget for 2009-10 was reviewed. The 2009-10 Budget will be presented and voted on at the Sunday Board Meeting. The proposed budget has deficit spending of \$13,227.00.

Dolores indicated financial and legal advisors recommended that the Division reserves be in the amount of two to three years budget. Dolores also stated "Many years ago we set up a reserve account with at least 2 years expense budget. Also, an attorney suggested we also include a legal expense of at least \$90K. These need to be in solid accounts like CD's and money markets."

Most of our income comes from the dues and some years from convention profit. The fact that people don't spend their entire budget also, contributes to year end profit. Dolores commented last year's convention made substantial money.

After much discussion Chris Stern agreed to chair a committee to review the Division profits and the accumulation of monies. The committee will get ideas from patrollers in regard to how the Division can manage the excess; i.e. do not collect dues for several years, grant for training to go to the regions, etc.

Chris asks the members for a show of hands in regard to reducing dues, increasing training expenses, or a combination of the two. The results were confusing and did not show a real consensus of the members present. Discussion ended with the recommendation to get with your RD to give your input so we can put an amendment together for Sunday's budget. Ed Gately voiced concerns as to whether this could be accomplished. Dolores stated if we can't do it by Sunday, we can continue the discussion and vote by mail.

There were outstanding expenses from the last fiscal year presented. A motion was made and seconded to pay these expenses. Motion carried.

Liz Dodge made a motion to adjourn. Rod Legg seconded and it carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patt Kelly-Pollet, Secretary Pro Tempore

PNWD PROPOSED BUDGET 2010—2011

By Rick DeBenedetto, Comptroller

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PNWD National Ski Patrol Proposed Budget June 2010 through May 2011

04/24/2010
Cash Basis

	<u>Jun 2010 - May 2011</u>
Expenses-Administrative	
Administrative Rosters	-400.00
Miscellaneous (Copies, Etc)	
Controller	-100.00
Director	-30.00
Registrar	-75.00
Secretary	-100.00
Total Miscellaneous (Copies, Etc)	<u>-305.00</u>
Office Equipment	
Secretary	
Controller	
Total Office Equipment	<u>0.00</u>
Office Supplies	
Director	-100.00
Controller	-150.00
Registrar	-75.00
Total Office Supplies	<u>-325.00</u>
Postage	
Controller	-126.00
Director	-45.00
Registrar	-175.00
Secretary	-60.00
Total Postage	<u>-406.00</u>
Spring Meeting Expense	-600.00
Telephone	
Director	-100.00
Total Telephone	<u>-100.00</u>
Travel Fall Board Meeting	
Advisors	-4,500.00
Controller	-700.00
Assistant DD	-500.00
Director	-1,045.00
Legal	-550.00
RD Travel	-3,600.00
Registrar	-700.00
Secretary	-500.00
Total Travel Fall Board Meeting	<u>-12,095.00</u>
Travel General	
Director	-1,200.00
Total Travel General	<u>-1,200.00</u>
Travel National Board	
PEC	-1,200.00
Director	-2,440.00
Total Travel National Board	<u>-3,640.00</u>
Travel Spring Board Meeting	
Advisors	-500.00
Controller	-250.00

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	<u>Jun 2010 - May 2011</u>
Director	-350.00
Legal	-175.00
RD Travel	-1,525.00
Registrar	0.00
Secretary	-135.00
Total Travel Spring Board Meeting	-2,935.00
Total Expenses-Administrative	-22,006.00
Expenses-Advisors	
Alumni & Project	-150.00
Auxilliary	-300.00
Avalanche	-1,500.00
Awards Advisor	-100.00
Awards Division	-2,000.00
Certified/Senior	-500.00
Communications	-100.00
Convention/Meeting Coordinator	-30.00
Educational Conference	-5,000.00
Equipment/Splints	-100.00
Historian	-100.00
Instructor Development	-510.00
Medical	-50.00
Mountaineering	-200.00
Nor'Wester	-5,500.00
Nordic	-370.00
OEC Programs	-1,500.00
Region to Region Travel	-1,200.00
S&T Programs	-1,500.00
Special Projects	-3,400.00
WebMaster	-240.00
Total Expenses-Advisors	-24,350.00
Expenses-Other	
Contingency/Miscellaneous	-1,500.00
Redistribution Fund	-22,650.00
Total Expenses-Other	-24,150.00
Total Expenses	-70,506.00
Income	
Alumni Program	1,400.00
Convention Income	
Convention Profit	2,000.00
Interest	500.00
Registrations	29,000.00
Ski Flight	700.00
Total Income	33,600.00
BUDGETED INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-36,906.00

SOUTHERN IDAHO REGION ANNUAL REPORT 2009—2010

By David C. Ulrich— Southern Idaho Region Director

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It is with a little sadness that this is my last Region Director Report. As the end of the season has come, I have enjoyed working with all of the people in the Southern Idaho Region that are dedicated to ski patrolling and the NSP, and I look forward to working with you as your Division Director. This year I attended refreshers, skied at some areas, attended a Senior Clinic at Bogus Basin in February, and held the Fall Region Meeting hosted by Bogus Basin in Boise, Idaho. The Region Business meeting was in the morning with all Discipline breakout sections in the afternoon. This was a first and worked out great with good input from across the region. I got feedback that people in the region would like to see this continued at future region meetings.

We were successful in securing the MK Nature Center in Boise on July 11, 2009 for an all Region OEC Conference. OEC Instructors from the Region attended this meeting for new Region changes in the Senior EMM Program and Regional Instructor Educational Recertification's and updates. Remember that you have to be Recertified every three years and this was a good opportunity to do this at the Region level with minimal travel. The cost was covered by the Region with lunch included.

Anthony Lakes hosted the first Senior level Nordic Clinic in the Region for nearly 28 years (17 patrollers participated) and special thank you to Joseph Calbreath, Division Nordic Advisor and Dan Miller. Payette Lakes Patrol hosted the Women's Toboggan Enhancement Seminar this year with a thank you to Heather VanHouten. Payette Lakes also held a "Final Sweep" for three fellow patrollers that passed away this past year.

The Eddie Orbea Senior Evaluation was hosted by Soldier Mountain and they did a outstanding job with great Basque food and hospitality (Eddie would have been proud). We had 3 candidates for EMM with all passing, 4 for Skiing with all passing, and 4 for Toboggan with all passing, with a total of 7 people in our region receiving their Senior Certificates. One candidate passed the Aid Room Management Module for Auxiliary Senior. Also 2 of those 7 received their Nordic Senior.

This is the second year in many years that Southern Idaho Region has evaluated Senior Nordic's. A great job was done by the evaluators and Senior Candidates in all disciplines. The Senior Trainers from each Patrol are doing a good job in getting the Candidates prepared, we had fair numbers and participation at our only clinic. The candidates knew what they needed to improve and work on. Southern Idaho is highly recommending that all Candidates attend one if not both Senior Clinic's each year. We felt that our Advisors and Instructors for this clinic did a great job and that the Candidates are getting value added.

The Clinic was a two day event with a full day of Skiing and Toboggan the first day and the second day was EMM. (Input from a Patroller was that the new format for Senior EMM clinics and test – great idea. Nice to bring ideas in from other Regions & Divisions. The test was well organized. They also liked the idea of setting up the scenarios on the mountain in varying terrain. The change in the evaluation form was a step in a positive direction, but they would have benefited from input from other Instructors, IT's and Division Senior Advisor's. Would like to see a committee formed to review the evaluation form for next year's senior event or to address it at

IT conference this summer). Thank you again to Bogus Basin for Hosting the Clinic and Soldier Mountain the Final Evaluation/Test.

The Mountain Host program at Bogus Basin was also a great success this year. They all have CPR training as well as basic first aid through the NSP education programs. They assist with crowd control, guest escorts, identifying possible accidents, assisting as requested at those accidents, providing tours for visitors, and greeting the school buses as they arrive at Bogus Basin. It's a great program and they continue to add new members and increase their understanding and interaction with all of the groups on the mountain.

Bogus Basin Ski Patrol will be providing emergency medical support this year for Jaialdi, which is the international Basque festival that is held every 5 years in Boise. The dates are July 27 – Aug 1 and are a great celebration of a culture that is such a big part of Idaho history. Jaialdi was started many years ago by Eddie Orbea and we're excited to participate again and to welcome the athletes that come from all over the world.

Soldier Mountain would like to host a Women's Toboggan Clinic next year. It would be a 2 day Southern Idaho Region Toboggan Clinic with drills in the morning and breakout Woman, Alpine, Nordic and Snowboard in the afternoon. The second day would be used for more advanced Toboggan skills.

My goal's for the year were to visit every Patrol in the Region and I accomplished that by attending either a Refresher or Skiing at most Areas. Also a goal was to continue with Region sponsored Skiing and Toboggan (continued on page 11)

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Seminars offered at all Area's for the Patrol's in our Region every two to four years, to be funded by the Region so that we are giving back to the every day Patroller something from their Region Due's. Another goal was to continue to expand the cross Division Training and Instructor Information exchange with Southern Idaho Region and Intermountain Division. Another goal was to get our Regional Web Page up, running and on-line. It is a slow process but we are getting there, we are still working on more details and enhancements. Another goal for the year was to Enhance the Senior EMM Program in our Region with some changes which was done, and to also get our Region Bylaws updated and in place which I am sorry to say did not get accomplished. They are still being worked on and handed off to the incoming Region Director.

The fall Region Meeting will be hosted by 705 Backcountry Nordic Ski Patrol, October 16, 2010 (location Boise) and Payette Lakes to host the Eddie Orbea Senior Evaluation at Brundage Mountain Ski Area (February 26-27, 2011).

Refresher dates that are known as follows:

Bogus Basin Alpine / Nordic

September 11, 2010 ISP Training Post Offices, Meridian
September 12, 2010 Bogus Basin - On Hill
October 2, 2010 Bogus Basin - On Hill
October 3, 2010 ISP Training Post Offices, Meridian

Spout Springs

September 25, 2010 TBD - Refresher and On Hill

Anthony Lakes

September 18, 2010 Anthony Lakes Ski Area -
Refresher and On Hill

Southern Idaho Nordic

October 3, 2010 ISP Training Post Offices, Meridian
TBD Idaho City - On Hill

705 Backcountry

October 23, 2010 TBD - Refresher and On Hill

Payette Lakes

November 6, 2010 Brundage Ski Area
November 7, 2010 Brundage Ski Area - On Hill

Soldier Mountain

November 13, 2010 CSI Round Building, Gooding
November 14, 2010 Soldier Mountain Ski Area -
On Hill

Ferguson Ridge

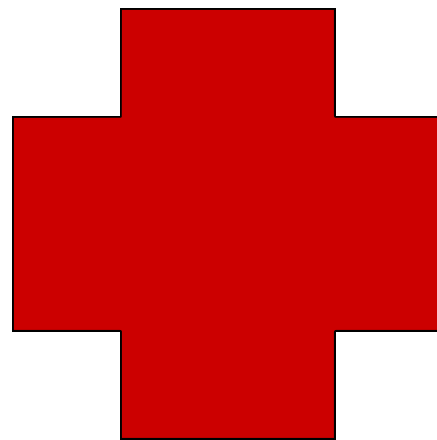
TBD TDB - Refresher and On Hill

Pomerelle / Duel Soldier Patrol – Intermountain Division

November 7, 2010 Pomerelle Ski Area
TBD Pomerelle Ski Area - On Hill

I thank you again for the continued great support from all the great Patroller's and Patrol's in this Region. Please make sure that your Patrol Director or designee attends the August Division Convention to make your vote and voice as a Patrol be heard.

David C Ulrich
Southern Idaho Region Director



Oregon S+T Advisor Annual Report - Al Klascius

One of my goals is to encourage all those who pass the S+T Senior test to take on the challenge of becoming a toboggan instructor and pass their skills on to others. My highest priority is to conduct all training clinics with the utmost attention to safety – no injuries. I hope that all instructors also take safety as the highest priority as training sessions are designed to enhance participant skills without injury.

This past season had good participation with 14 S+T candidates who trained during the season and expressing interest in taking the final. I would like to congratulate Doug Stanton (Mt Hood), Mike Kurfis (Mt Hood), Jim Hutchison (Willamette Pass) and Shelley Urben (Santiam Pass) for passing the S+T final held at Mt Bachelor on April 11, 2010.

I have continued in the tradition of joint venture Seniors Level S+T clinics between Oregon and Mt Hood Regions offering 9 senior S+T clinics and one women's S+T clinic. I would like to thank all the S+T IT's who participated in these clinics and conducted training within their own areas. It was a real pleasure working with Robert Schroder (Assistant S+T Advisor, Oregon Region) and Jeffrey Wietz (S+T Advisor, Mt Hood Region).

I would like to offer to other S+T Advisors the following guidelines for conducting an S+T Seniors Final exam:

“Suggested Rules for S+T Finals- Al Klascius- Oregon Region S+T Advisor

- The highest priority is the safety of all those participating in the testing process.
- The judges should assess the safety of the terrain prior to the candidates

being sent down. If potentially dangerous conditions are encountered then another course direction shall be identified to prevent injury of candidates and judges. Snow conditions are in a constant state of change and need to be evaluated through out the day.

- Judges should not have any verbal communication with candidates during the testing process. This needs to be explained to the judges before the testing begins and reinforced during the testing process.

- Candidate advocates are the only individuals who should have any verbal communications with candidates except the testing coordinator who provides information regarding the stop point and the expectation of what is expected, including a demonstration if needed. In the event that there is more than one advocate then the candidates will be assigned to one and only one advocate for feedback during the testing process.

- The assigned testing coordinator is the only person who instructs the candidates in where to stop and what is expected and to have a person (non candidate) demonstrate what is expected if appropriate.

- During loaded sled testing the sled riders should be instructed to have no verbal coaching with candidates during the testing process. The riders should be instructed to stay flat (horizontal) while in the sled as to reduce the potential of tip over during sled running. Sitting up in the sled creates a top heavy and tip over potential, which is dangerous for the rider and the sled runners.

- During the testing process, halted sleds should always be placed in a safe (across the hill) position and loaded sled riders should be instructed to leave sleds or put their legs out to stabilize the sled – this is different than running an actual patient, but reduces excessive

physical strain on the candidates.

- All candidates should be instructed in the expected method for loading sleds onto the lift.

- All candidates, advocates should be instructed in the ski area expectations regarding response to first aid incidents that may occur during the testing process.

- Candidates and judges should be instructed in what to do at the end of the testing-including where sleds need to go and where to gather for the final evaluation process.”

MTR Advisor Annual Report, by Joseph Calbreath

We held an MTR 1 class down at Mt. Ashland this season with the hopes of getting two of their patroller trained as MTR instructors. The class was a great success with 10 students. The two instructor candidates did well. Next year we plan an MTR 1 and MTR 2 class for the region so they can finish up their instructor training

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Oregon Region Awards Advisor Annual Report

May of 2009 was my first season as the Oregon Region Awards Advisor. I received several outstanding patroller award nominations as well as other type of award nominations. It was a learning curve but with lots of help from Anne Greenwood the nominations were successfully evaluated and sent on to PNWD. Thanks Anne!

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I also want to thank Rich Maris and Anne for the very interesting discussions on several awards related topics. These types of discussions really helps us to clarify murky criteria before nominations are submitted resulting in highly qualified nominations.

I am looking forward to receiving this year's nominations. We have such an amazing group of patrollers who do so much for their patrols as well as our region it is a pleasure to reward them. Keep up the great work.

Jody Tuttle -Oregon Region Awards Advisor

Oregon Region

I have received a lot of questions about the Auxiliary Senior Program. This has even been a topic at the PNWD convention breakout sessions.

The objective of the Senior Auxiliary Program is to enhance the skills of the patrollers within the guidelines of the auxiliary status. Core components required for Senior Auxiliary Status are: Senior Emergency Management and Aid Room Management. In addition to the core requirements the senior auxiliary candidate must complete a minimum of four electives.

The Senior EMM is no different for the auxiliary than any other branch of ski patrol. Bringing an empty sled to the scene is the one item that may be new for the auxiliary, but it does not have to be skied in, the auxiliary can just walk it into the scene.

There are 3 choices of how to run the Aid Room Management evaluation:

* A dramatic setting, with actors as patients, including appropriate supplies and moulage.

* A panel discussion of the scenario with the candidate. (I have been involved in a few panel discussion reviews and it has worked out well).

* A detailed, written action plan of a scenario by the candidate.

The candidate will be evaluated on at least two and not more than three scenarios. Since the function of the auxiliary is very different from patrol to patrol, and area protocols are very different, this must be taken into account in the planning and evaluation of the scenario.

The degree of difficulty of the Aid Room Management scenario, as rated using the scenario scoring matrix, is a level 5 or 6. The emphasis of the scenarios is to evaluate the candidate's skills in decision making, problem management and leadership within the Aid Room environment. The goal is to build upon the skills obtained in the OEC program and enhance the ability of the auxiliary patroller to manage the scene.

Aid Room Management Evaluators:

Regions will be responsible for developing the Aid Room Management evaluators. There should be at least three members on the evaluation team.

Suggested Aid Room Management evaluation team may include:

* 1-2 senior level OEC evaluators from the candidate's local area.

Plus one or more of the following:

* Region Auxiliary Administrator

* Region OEC Administrator

* Division OEC Supervisor or any OEC IT from another area

I encourage all Auxiliaries to go for Senior status!

Laurie Coventry—Oregon Region Auxiliary Advisor

Oregon Region ROA Annual Report

Thank you! To all the OEC instructors, ITs, and EM coordinators who managed and/or delivered the OEC program to the Region this year. Thank you for your time, and your commitment to making a good program better.

I'll probably miss some people, but these people I have down as having IT'd OEC courses in the Region this year: John Beery, Jody Tuttle, Rich Maris, and Alan McCreedy. People who IT'd refreshers: Jody Tuttle, Annie Greenwood, Rich Maris, Don Keenan, Janie San Romani, Drannan Hamby, Alan McCreedy and Kathy Alexander. People who were IORs for OEC courses were: Drannan Hamby, Sarah Aitken, and Don Keenan. Those who were IORs for refreshers were: John Beery (2), Sarah Aitken (2), Laurie Coventry (2), Don Keenan (2), and Bobbie Steninger.

Our Senior EM candidate group this year, including people from the Oregon and Mt. Hood Regions, numbered fifteen; so, there were a lot of people needed to fill the training

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and testing jobs done at home, at the Mt. Hood Clinic and at the Mt. Bachelor Final. Local EM coordinators in the Oregon Region were: Jody Tuttle, Rob Scherer, Laurie Coventry. At both the Clinic and at the Final there were fifteen qualified senior patrollers working as evaluators or advocates and another ten or more patrollers working as patients in the scenarios. Thanks again to all these people. It was great working and learning with you and I really enjoyed the chance to talk to so many people from our Region and from Mt. Hood at the Pizza feed.



Working as an ROA has given me a great opportunity to become more familiar with the duties of ITs, EM coordinators, the responsibilities of IORs for OEC, and where to go up the chain of command to get answers to NSP related questions. After two years in this job, I am more convinced than ever that we need to do a better job transferring information to local patrollers about the organization, workings

and requirements of NSP. For instance, how do you get to be an OEC instructor, or an IT; and if you do become one, what are your responsibilities and what requirements must you fulfill to remain an OEC instructor or IT?

One of my goals, as ROA, was to try to bring better knowledge to the local candidate and/or patroller about National's intent and hopes for the OEC program and its administration. To that end, I have made an effort to get local OEC coordinators, IDs and ITs to communicate to their patrol members, at patrol meetings, and refreshers, information about their duties, as defined by National. One of these duties for ITs is to monitor OEC classes and Instructors for class content, presentation, evaluation and attention to National goals and objectives. Another is to remind and monitor local Instructors regarding their requirements for recer-

tification every three years as described in the OEC Instructors Manual. Let's continue to make an effort to educate patrollers, especially new ones, about our activities, purposes, and goals and encourage them to step up and be active participants at higher levels in NSP.

Reminders regarding paper work:
Regarding routing of IT reports on

refreshers; the following from Carol Fountain:

- "As far as Refresher evaluations, I would prefer that the IT doing the evaluation send the report to the National Office, and just send copies to the appropriate Region and Division people."
- "The IT's should do a formal evaluation for the instructor refresher, just as they do for the regular patrol refreshers. (A refresher is a refresher is a refresher)."

Regarding routing of course completion reports for OEC courses and challenges:

- Send one copy directly to National
- Send copies marked as copies to the ROA and DOA.

Upcoming ROA work to do because of change of personnel, 2010-11:

- Identify current, 2010-2011, PDs, OEC coordinators, ITs, and EM coordinators and list their addresses.
- Identify planned fall 2010 Refreshers and OEC courses and get them on the website calendar. Assign ITs to them.
- Check with patrol ITs regarding 2010 OEC Instructor credential renewals; information to be forwarded as a recommendation to new DOA.
- Identify current OEC Instructor Candidates and their mentors.

Drannon Hamby—Oregon Region
OEC Administrator

MOUNT HOOD REGION ANNUAL REPORT 2009—2010

By Rod Legg - Mt. Hood Region Director

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The Mt. Hood Region has had a busy ski year with all downhill and Nordic ski areas in full operation after an early start in November. Although the snow pack on Mt. Hood remained below normal, major storms in March and early April significantly improved late season conditions. Mount Hood Meadows continued operations through May 16 and Ski Bowl closed on April 18. Timberline is looking forward to an excellent summer season on the Palmer Glacier.

Although snow conditions were marginal during the first half of the season, the Mt. Hood ski resorts continued to attract high volumes of skiers. This has led to an ongoing work load & significant number of incidents on Mt. Hood. In addition, the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol (MHSP) is a year round operation with summer skiing on the Palmer Glacier at Timberline and mountain bike patrolling at Ski Bowl. Special thanks to the hill patrollers, associate patrollers and mountain hosts at our ski areas on Mount Hood who have helped with the work this season. In addition, our Nordic patrol had a busy year supporting multiple events such as the REI Winter fest, the Tubbs "Romp and Stomp" cancer benefit, and ski racing at Teacup.

After successful OEC refreshers, chair evac, and hill captain/first aid room supervisor sessions in September & October, many activities took place during the 2009 - 2010 season in order to maintain the high quality service the patrols provide the ski areas within the region. Significant recruiting activity took place early in the ski year eliminating the need for spring tryouts. In addition, there is a waiting list of candidates for the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. The spring OEC class began early April with many of the students being "Mountain First" candidates. This is a highly successful approach to scheduling "on the hill" activities for basic candidates in conjunction with OEC

training.

The Mountain Host Program has increased the level of service provided at Timberline and continues to expand on Mount Hood. MHSP's web based dispatch system is improving the patrol's ability to optimize coverage at the ski areas with ongoing record keeping assistance from Peggy O'Leary, who assures patrol data is current. The "tiered" commitment levels and benefit programs implemented in 2005 will continue into the 2010 - 2011 season for the MHSP. Further details are in the "Sno Job" monthly newsletter from the MHSP web site. In addition, the MHSP "Patrol Shack" forum has been added as an additional communications channel. Special thanks to Matt Aimonetti for creating the forum at the following link:

<http://mhsppatrolshack.com/>

MHSP started a Young Adult Patroller (YAP) program for the 2009 -10 season. The opportunity to patrol is for persons who are 15 or 17 years old with the scope of duties set by the Patrol. We accepted several candidates and had two complete the program. They will be assigned opening and closing duties and assist Patrollers as directed on cases. The successful YAP'S finished both the First Care and CPR courses. The biggest challenge was the school work and school related activities that demand time from the candidates. We expect more success as the program moves forward and our training adapts to the variety of other activities that candidates are likely to be involved with. We view this program as a way to get families involved with Patrolling, which may help with retention and should open the work we do to more people.

Meanwhile, skills enhancement and advanced training has continued with

the senior Nordic, S&T and EMM programs. A representative from Mt. Hood attended Nordic clinics at Anthony Lakes and Summit Central. In addition, the feasibility of hosting a Nordic clinic at Mt. Hood in January of 2011 is being investigated. Prior to the 2010 S&T and EMM final evaluations, multiple cross regional "on the hill" training sessions were conducted by Kathy Lee and Jeffrey Weitz. The Senior EMM and Ski & Toboggan final tests for the Mt. Hood and Oregon Regions were conducted April 10 & 11 at Mt Bachelor. Congratulations to James Schuler, Cleo Howell, Terry Donahue & Jeff Ezzell who passed EMM and Doug Stanton & Mike Kurfis who passed S&T.

Other specialized training within the Mount Hood region included avalanche taught by Justin Zucconi and mountain travel & rescue taught by Joel Stevens, in addition to a highly successful women's toboggan enhancement seminar (TES) on January 17 at Mt. Hood Meadows. Instructors Trudy Nye from Heavenly Valley and Heather Van Houten from Bogus Basin conducted the 1 day seminar for 12 women. The session was fully booked and plans are in progress to repeat the seminar in 2011 with the possibility of extending it to two days.

Other important activities include ongoing support of the NSPS quality management (QM) development team. Representatives from the Mt. Hood Region are active participants in the cross divisional committee to document a centrally coordinated QM process for future propagation across NSPS programs. Contact PNWD focal point Rod Legg for updates.

As the hard work by our dedicated hill and associate patrollers took place on *(continued on page 16)*

AVALANCHE REPORT 2009—2010

By Eric Geisler, PNWD Avalanche Advisor

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It was a busy year in avalanche world. Several incidents occurred around the PNW Division but no patrollers are missing. There were Level I courses taught to the new standard in all Regions. Several courses were presented in many of the Regions. The Northwest, Oregon and Southern Idaho Regions all completed a Level II avalanche course as well. The students in Southern Idaho take the prize for wanting more knowledge. They put their four instructors through 60 hours of training over three weekends and still wanted more.

We have three new Level I instructors: Alan Werner of Snoqualmie Central, Brad Whiting of Mission Ridge, and Chago Rodriguez of 705 Backcountry. All completed their mentoring. I am currently working on completion of the Level II applications for Chago and Arch Harrison, Inland Empire Alumni.

I was able to teach a Level I course in Southern Idaho and assist with one in the Inland Empire. I was mentor for a Level I at Mission Ridge and IT for a Level I and a refresher at White Pass. I also was IT for the Level II course in Southern Idaho. I was not able to attend the Level II course in Oregon due to travel conflicts.

Many thanks to all the instructors and mentors throughout the Division. The efforts everyone put into getting the new Avalanche Instructor's Manual finalized and implemented are greatly appreciated. Also all of the editorial comments on the Avalanche rescue fundamentals were a great help in getting it out this season. We are slowly building up the cadre but the Division is still very limited in Level II instructors. I have talked to David Ulrich (new Division Director) about the avalanche program and said I will continue to support the program and offer him advice as he requests it. Please continue to work with the new advisor as you have with me when-

ever Dave Ulrich makes his selection.

It has been my pleasure to work with all of you in the Division for the last several years. My new home area at Alyeska in Alaska is definitely an avalanche mecca – they may shoot 30 rounds from the guns (4) and throw as many hand charges all before public opening. With 48 inches the past two weeks we are closing in on 900 inches of snowfall for the season with just under 20 feet currently on the top of the ski area.

"It's About Staying Alive"

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All OEC Instructors

Save this Date: September 18, 2010 for the PNWD OEC Instructor Conference. This is the conference that is held every other year for OEC instructors. The conference will be held in the Tri Cities area. Topics to be discussed this year include an update on the new textbook and teaching hints. As a reminder, travel to this conference is reimbursed up to \$200 from the Division OEC funds.

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the mountain, essential administrative and fund raising activities continued within the region. The Mt. Hood Region was 100% represented with all voting positions covered at the August of 2009 Division conference in Wilsonville, Oregon. Monthly MHSP general meetings, which typically contained both first aid education and general interest speakers, have taken place since October. Elections were held on April 12th and Jim Trett will be the new Mt. Hood Region Director. The MHSP awards banquet was held on May 8 from 6 to 9:30 PM at Timberline. The annual "Nuts & Bolts" clinic is sched-

uled for June 4 - 6, 2010 at Timberline on Mt Hood. A profitable ski swap was held in October of 2009 and a fund raising committee is already making plans for next year's ski swap scheduled for October 8 - 10, 2010. In summary, the dedicated patrol members in the Mt. Hood region are optimistically looking forward to good snow conditions and continued success next year.

Rod Legg—Mount Hood Region Director

PNWD TRANSPORTATION ADVISOR ANNUAL REPORT

By Walt Langkait, Transportation Advisor

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The season is just about over for the majority of us and due to the snow conditions we can honestly say it has brought many interesting challenges. The season started out well with many of the areas opening early. This allowed us to have our Division S&T Calibration Clinic at White Pass on December 12, 2009. The clinic was well attended with representatives from Mt. Hood, Oregon, Southern Idaho and Northwest Regions. This activity has been beneficial for all of us and as always the Area Management and Ski Patrol treated us with extreme courtesy.

This season I was finally able to visit the Oregon Region and specifically attend the combined Mt. Hood/Oregon Region Senior S&T Clinics. The two clinics I participated in were Willamette Pass on February 6-7, 2010 and Mt. Ashland on February 21, 2010. These areas were new to me and I will definitely visit them again. It is always a pleasant experience to visit new areas and meet other patrollers with differing viewpoints. Of course it does help when you are treated as a professional and they provide fresh powder for at least one day of skiing.

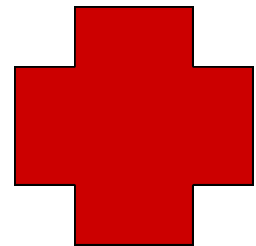
The opportunity to attend the Patroller Enhancement Conference (PEC) at

Snowbird, Utah on April 14-16, 2010 was definitely worth the effort. This is the second PEC I have attended and is well worth the money. It provides many opportunities to meet patrollers from throughout the United States. There were many Division Transportation Advisors in attendance and we were able to teach a TES on two separate occasions. The last day I was able to work with the Northern Division S&T Advisor from Montana and our patrollers were from the Central and Eastern Divisions. The highlight of this conference was the evaluation of the PEC challenge, where we were able to set up the course and observe the various teams deal with extremely difficult terrain. It should be noted that two of the teams from the PNWD placed second and third. The team from Willamette Pass finished second and the team from Brundage Mountain finished third. Congratulations and kudos to both teams.

There is one more event to attend before this season officially ends and that is the Nuts & Bolts Clinic at Timberline on Mt. Hood on June 4-6, 2010. We presently have close to sixty patrollers scheduled to attend. There are even a couple of individuals coming from the Central Division. This clinic will have Enhancement Seminars for Skiing, Telemark, Snowboard and the Toboggan Enhancement Seminars for men and women.

Finally, I want to thank all of the people throughout the PNWD for helping make this a wonderful season!!! Last but not least I personally want to thank our outgoing Division Director Dolores LaLiberte for her support these last two years.

Sincerely,
Walt Langkait, PNWD Transportation (S&T) Advisor
Summit East (HYAK) Patroller
NSP National #8766



*Nuts and Bolts Clinic 2010
Mount Hood Timberline
June 4th—6th*

*Includes Enhancement Seminars for Alpine,
Nordic, Snowboard and Telemark as well as
Toboggan Enhancement for
Men and Women*

NORTHWEST REGION ANNUAL REPORT 2009 –2010

By Liz Dodge, NW Region Director

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It's been an odd (snow wise) and busy year. Areas started opening in November and the last one closed at the end of April.

Educational Programs - We had a good year in the way of education, and it is not over yet. Just under 100 individuals completed an OEC full or challenge course. We have a full OEC course currently ongoing to prepare applicants for next season. Several hundred patrollers completed the CPR/AED recertification hosted by the Region. Candidate recruiting and training went well for all patrols resulting in lots of new patrollers. All program offerings were filled with energetic students this year. Avy, MTR, Senior Program modules, SES, TES, WTES were all conducted. About 25 patrollers completed the ID course and more are waiting for another course. It was interesting to note that 4-5 of these new ID students were candidates this year and said that they had so much fun during their training this year that they want to jump in and help with training in the future. This speaks very highly of the caliber of our training programs and trainers.

The NW Region annual spring awards banquet was held on April 10th, with the Crystal Mt. patrol as our banquet coordinators/host this year. Awards were given and a great time was had by all. We've just reinstated the Bedpan award within the Region and some good stories were shared. Our award is titled "For underwhelming acts of poor decision making".

Change is in the air for this summer at several of the NW Region ski areas: White Pass is continuing what they started last summer and before next winter will have a new lodge, two new chairs, 13 named runs and will open up 767 acres of fun. Crystal Mt. is getting both a terrain park and a gondola to the summit, which will really

change the face and image of the ski area. Summit East is getting back into business with two new (rebuilt) chairs. One will go up the front side and the other up the back side. Getting a chair on the back side will reopen terrain that has not been skied or serviced for about 20 years. So needless to say patrols are gearing up and patrollers are getting excited for next year already.

There will be some openings in the region advisor/staff positions for next year; any patroller interested in working at the region level should contact me with their area of interest. Working at the region level is a great way to get involved and help the region continue to provide high quality programs for our members.

The NW Region will be conducting an All Discipline Instructor Conference on June 19th. This will be a great opportunity for instructors from across the region to get together to review policies and hear what's new within their discipline as well as to have an opportunity to discuss issues with like-minded individuals from across the region. We plan to have both global (all discipline) sessions as well as discipline-specific break out sessions. Information is available on the NW region website – www.nwr-nsp.org.

The Division Convention is being hosted by the NW Region on August 13-15th this summer - \$99 room rate for a suite with free breakfast's for those staying in the hotel. There is more information regarding this on the division website and elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope that many patrollers will make the trip to Bellevue, WA, and share in the fun and education of this convention. Oh, and if you have suggestions for specific sessions or topics, or if you have something you'd like to donate for the convention Auction, please let us know.

Calendar – Some fall dates are already set.

- Sept 11 - Region Planning Meeting
- Sept 25-26 - CPR/AED Refresher – NW Region
- Oct 2 - OEC Refresher – All Summit Patrols
- Oct 2 - OEC Refresher – White Pass Patrols
- Oct 3 - On Hill Refresher – All Summit Patrols
- Oct 9-10 - CPR/AED Refresher – NW Region
- Oct 16 - OEC Refresher – All Summit Patrols
- Oct 23 - On Hill Refresher – All Summit Patrols
- Oct 23 - OEC Refresher – Mt Baker Patrol
- Oct 24 - OEC Refresher – All Summit Patrols
- Nov 6 - OEC Refresher – Crystal Mt Patrols
- Nov 9 - Region Meeting
- Nov 14 - On Hill Refresher – All Summit Patrols
- Jan 11 - Region Meeting

More dates to follow, and also available on the region website.

The region website www.nwr-nsp.org continues to improve. Go take a look. If you have content, ideas for content, or photos, please send them to webmasters Perry Turner and Chris Castle at webmaster@nwr-nsp.org. As always my ears are open to listening to and assisting any Patroller who has a question, concern, or an idea that they would like to discuss. Contact me via 425-743-3366 or liz.dodge@nwr-nsp.org.

The NW Region is alive, well, and looking forward to an educational, fun, and productive summer. Come visit us August 13-15th at the Convention.

~~Liz, Northwest Region Director

INLAND EMPIRE REGION ANNUAL REPORT 2009 –2010

By *Chris Stern*

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Interestingly enough, The Inland Empire has registered 487 Patrollers for the 2009-10 season, the same number as a year ago. There was at least one Patrol that had difficulty with the registration process this year, but all is taken care of at this time. Our region still struggles with paperwork follow up, though we have gotten much better & will continue to do so (right team?).

Thank you Mt Spokane, Lookout Pass, Loup Loup Ski Bowl & 49N for hosting our region's annual events this past season, all seemed to have gone well. Our calibration clinic had good participation, particularly on the S&T side, from our various Patrols, even attracting 3 Patrollers from Snowhaven! I would like to see more hands on and training technique exchange with the OEC Instructors at the annual Calibration Clinic, but first we have to attract more OEC Instructors from around the Region. Both training clinics went well as did the Senior Evaluation weekend, thanks in large part to Brenda, Kelvin & Phil and the host mountains listed above. We continue to keep our 2 annual training clinics open to all patrollers, our instructors look forward to the challenge of having more participants than they thought they could manage! This next season we look forward to having events at 49degrees North (Instructors Calibration January 8th & 9th), Silver Mountain (1st Open Region Clinic January 22nd & 23rd), Mission Ridge (2nd Open Region Clinic February 12 & 13th), and Lookout Pass (Senior Evaluation March 5th & 6th).

Issues for our areas include a possible certification or licensing protocol for patrollers within Washington State & Idaho. A good dialogue is ongoing with NSP, NSAA & WA St Dept of Health, and as of the last notice I received, WA ST is receptive to the idea of exempting NSP trained patrollers from a licensing requirement. Other States are looking at this same issue. Similar issues in Idaho appear to be more problematic. Our larger Idaho Patrols within our region are monitoring the situation well, but the developments are worrisome for them, and more so for our smaller patrols with very limited resources.

I continue to chair a Division committee to look into ways to redistribute some of the accumulation of funds at the Division level. The current momentum is to devise ways to spend down Division funds by supporting various activities and perhaps purchases at the Region and Patrol level. Contact your RD for more information & to pass along ideas.

I look forward to this next season and once again encourage all to look to the future & to bringing new faces and talent along to participate at the Region level. I will continue to be available for issues that may arise within the Region, on a mountain, or within a Patrol. Just ask.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Stern, Inland Empire RD

MTR DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT 2009—2010

By *Frank Rossi, MTR Advisor*

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This was a good season with 58 patrollers and 7 public completing MTR Courses.

MTRF: 1 course – 4 patrollers passed

MTR1: 4 courses – 30 patrollers and 7 public passed

MTR2: 3 courses – 24 patrollers passed

In addition about 50 law enforcement officers completed the Law Enforcement Mountain Operations School (LEMOS) that is taught by Monica Spicker and Phoebe Duke (formerly Mt Spokane). This school runs six days from 7am to 10pm; there are two sessions each limited to 25 students. LEMOS instructors uses the NSP MTRF program plus additional material for law enforcement officers working along the US-Canada Boarder. Three King County Sheriff Deputies completed the course. One commented that it was the best training course he has taken as a Deputy. He wants to do a winter overnight with Northwest

Region MTR Instructors next winter. Then he would like to take the Northwest Region's MTR2 Course. This has greatly enhanced the image of NSP programs with this county.

New MTR Instructors:

Chris Paulsen, Scott Ferris, and Jonathan Olds with Cascade Backcountry Ski Patrol.

We need more MTR Instructors!

Complete MTR1, MTR2, Level 1 Avalanche, and Instructor Development.

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PNWD REGISTRATION REPORT 2009 –2010

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New Registration Process

This is the first season using electronic registration of our patrols with the National Ski Patrol (NSP). Online Registration Instructions are available on the website. Overall I think the registration process was highly successful. Patrols received their NSP cards in a timely manner. Patrol Directors and designated registration appointees have security access to the NSP website to register the patrol. Extensions were granted for patrols requesting additional time to learn and work with the new registration process or because of the timing of their OEC Refreshers. No late fees were assessed or collected this 2010 registration season.

Registration yes/no sheet the same process:

The registration process is not complicated. It is pretty much the same process as before with the yes/no sheet. The primary difference is that instead of using paper and pencil you mark the yes/no on the computer. For new registrations the Patrol Registrar can check to make sure they are not already in the system and then go to a sheet where the new person's information is added. Again this is pretty much like completing a new registration form with the same information. The exception is that there is information you must enter such as a date of birth. This is the information that makes the patroller unique as social security numbers are no longer used.

System will not save your work:

When a person begins the registration process they must finish, calculate and submit. Information will not be saved if that process is not completed. If you have a large patrol you can do 20 or 30 registrations, calculate, submit and print that batch and then do an additional 20 or 30 the next night, calculate, submit and print that batch and continue to do as many as needed in

increments. All batches can be sent when you are done with one check to NSP, PNWD and your Region for the total amount.

Changes to members: Any changes to the members must be made prior to submitting your registration. Once you submit the information it may no be changed by the patrol. Also, adding as a secondary still requires the approval of the PD. An email from the PD to the Division Registrar will do in order to complete secondary registrations as well as to make status changes from candidate to patroller. Currently the database only allows for recording of one Secondary Patrol for each member. Additional capabilities to add to multiple patrols may be available in the future. If a secondary patrol member is not found during the search they cannot be added to the patrol at that time. They must be registered with a primary patrol first. NSP will be doing some additional work on the registration system this summer to enhance the program.

Calculate Dues: Click on the Calculate Dues button when ready to make a submission for division and national approval. The system will calculate the dues and generate a listing of those members included in the calculation. A breakdown of Region, Division and National dues are provided. An option is available in order to provide alternate mailing information for distribution of membership cards if they are to be mailed to someone other than the PD/Patrol Representative or Registration Coordinator. All information should be verified and correct, then you can click print to have a copy of the members on the batch being submitted. Print and submit the roster to Division. Once the "Print and Submit Roster to Division" is selected, the submission is placed in approval hold



where it awaits Division and National approval and no further changes can be made to this submission.

You must also print a copy of this for your records and one to send with the dues checks to the Division registrar. Your dues checks must match the amounts listed on this calculate page. Also, your batch number is listed on this page and must be matched up with your submittal awaiting approval.

Submit you patrol information:

When you submit the information it automatically sends an email to the Division Registrar. When your checks are received by the Division registrar the batch number is approved on the NSP website and the approval sheet with checks are sent to NSP, the PNWD Controller, and the Region Treasurer for deposit. When NSP receives the dues they (send out NSP Membership Cards. Patrol's will notice when they mark a person yes the line becomes yellow and when NSP completes the process the line becomes green. Names on the yes/no sheet remain white until they are marked. A patrol can submit as many times as needed for their season registration. Some patrols have sent candidates registrations on a separate batch. Patrols can look at their registration status at *continued on page 21*)

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any time on the NSP website.

Complete the Registration

Process: To complete the registration process all dues payments must be received. The submitted registrations will remain in the approval hold until all payments are received and registrations are approved by the Division Registrar and by National. Once dues have been received and processed by national, membership cards are mailed to the PD/Patrol Representative or Registration Coordinator.

Critique:

- The NSP site did not go live until the end of October which was a little late in the season. I believe that as of July 1, 2010 the system should be up and running for the 2011 registration.
- Online Registration cannot be completed if you are working from a dial-up connection.
- The system was very slow at the beginning and occasionally would bounce you out or time you out and you had to start all over. There were a few occasions where the system was taken down to make changes or to correct things that were not working properly and the PD/Patrol Representative or Registration Coordinator was not able to access the online registration system.
- There are certain functions that the program was not able to do, for example change patroller status.
- Moving around in the system from one window to another and back again didn't work.
- It would be nice to be able to generate reports after the data is entered. However, at this time pa-

trols will need to just print a list of patrollers from the main webpage.

- Paying back dues are calculated for NSP but regions and divisions will need to do the paper accounting for situations that have a person move from one region/division to another in different years of back dues.
- The amount on the checks not matching the calculate page for NSP, PNWD and Region was a common problem. The PD/Patrol Representative or Registration Coordinator should check to make sure the dues amounts on the checks match the dues amounts for the registration of patrollers prior to sending the checks and batch sheet to the division registrar. Some PDs/Patrol Representatives or Registration Coordinators are not aware that the registrar does not handle money nor do they have a checking account to refund overpayments. Also, the division registrar cannot cash checks made out to NSP, PNWD or Region.
- Paid Patrollers as secondary members caused some difficulty as some of the paid patrol's areas did not pay dues until late January because their area did not open due to lack of snow. If patrollers have not paid dues they cannot be a secondary on another patrol.
- At one point candidates were entered after an OEC class and then they were entered again as new patrollers and received two NSP ID numbers. This was a bit confusing. Apparently the timing of the two events was such that the system allowed the error.
- As the system is currently configured it can handle the normal everybody pay everything, but the odd

cases needed to be done by request of the PD to the division registrar, and then by request of the division registrar NSP could make the changes. There were not that many changes that needed to be done and they were done usually on the same or next day with the information returned to the division registrar (for recording) and then sent on by the division registrar to region and to the patrol that requested the changes. When hard copies were sent with the checks and batch information to the division registrar, I copied the request for division and region records and sent them along with the dues checks and the original requests to NSP with their checks to process.

- NSP will be working on the system this summer to make improvements.

Appreciation: Changes are often difficult and some patrols had more problems than others. I would like to thank the Region Directors that worked with their Patrol Directors to make this change in registration process so successful. I would also like to thank the great bunch of volunteers that registered their patrols without any problems and those that notified me when they had problems. This is the first year **all** of the people I worked with were appreciative and considerate.

I'd like to extend my appreciation to Liz Dodge, Northwest Region Director and Craig Thornley, Oregon Region Director elect for their help and for testing the new registration system. Their valuable feedback contributed to better online registration experience by the users and provided the NSP IS department valuable information for the

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“Online Registration Instructions” Manual.

Kudos to the staff and IS department at NSP for their quick responses to problems. They worked evenings and weekends to provide a working system. The NSP Registration staff were always willing to do the work manually when PD’s had trouble getting their information into the system.

Josie Elting - Registrar

Membership Information:

2010 PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGISTRATION

2010 PNWD Registration

Region	Total Registered w/ NSP	Registered with PNWD
As of 4/6/10		
701 Northwest	729	740
702 Mt. Hood	262	265
703 Inland Empire	478	490
704 Oregon	321	317
705 South Idaho	388	435
021 Admin PNWD	4	8

PNWD	2,182	2,255
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SKI FLIGHT ANNUAL REPORT 2009—2010

TRICKS AND FUN - By Jack Melill, Ski Flight

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Ski Flight (Ski Symposium) has always not only been about fun, but also about learning new tricks from our European counterparts, and our trips in 2009 and 2010 were no exception.

Last year in Courmayer we had the chance to ski one on one with local patrollers and got to see how they worked, along with the essence of their routine. This year in Arabba the Italians put on a gala party for us with live music, drinks and an excellent presentation by the local ski patrol and mountain rescue groups. They also presented us with an impressive hard cover book of the extensive rescue work they perform voluntarily. The U.S. ski patrol and mountain rescue organizations have come a long, long way in the past 25 years, but I am pleased to see that we are still open to learning new and better tricks.

Fun is an important part of any experience and our group of over 30 skiers enjoyed the sunshine and snow while skiing 105 miles around the mountain in one day. In Courmayer it was the joy of skiing the Matterhorn or Mer di Glace down Mt. Blanc. Of course both trips included cultural encounters as well. A day was spent sightseeing in Aosta (an ancient Roman town). Each year we take in the local attractions, usually with a local guide.

In 2011 Ski Flight travels to Switzerland, Austria and Germany for more “new tricks” and “fun”. Please see the article posted on page 26 of the Nor’Wester for details, or go to the PNWD website and click Ski Flight.

Jack Melill, Ski Flight

Ski Flight is the official fundraiser for the Pacific Northwest Division of the National Ski Patrol.

PNWD ALUMNI REPORT 2009—2010

By Josie D Elting, PNWD Alumni Advisor

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My goal again this year was to educate and communicate to the PNWD patrollers the great potential of the Alumni Program so that patrollers would choose to become alumni when making the decision not to continue patrolling. My primary vehicle to communicate with patrollers has been the PNWD's newsletter. During my tenure as PNWD Alumni Advisor I developed the "Alumni Corner" in the PNWD newsletter to educate and inform patrollers. In previous years the Alumni Corner had been a great success as I received questions and provided answers in each issue as well as provided additional information on the program. However, this past year because of reason out of our control, the newsletter was not published and I lost the newsletter as an information vehicle. I did however communicate by email with interested patrollers and provided instruction on several occasions on how to keep an alumni patroller as a secondary patroller with their home patrols.



It was my honor to present a breakout session at the 2009 PNWD Convention held in Wilsonville, Oregon. The breakout session "Alumni & Those that Want to be... What's it all about?" was well attended. I distributed a packet of information on the current program and the NSP proposed program. The NSP has decided to invest more money and energy into the National Alumni Program to "rapidly revitalize the NSP Alumni Program for retiring patrollers; establish a National Coordinator and Divisional and Regional Advisors; associate alumni with active hill patrols; and guidelines for setting up a national program beneficial to NSP and the alumni". In this effort I was appointed the NSP Alumni Coordinator.

Josie Elting, Alumni Advisor

2009 NSP Registration as of 2-25-2010

Division	% Patrollers	% Alumni
Alaska	89.47%	10.53%
Central	95.23%	4.77%
Eastern	90.75%	9.25%
European	87.65%	12.35%
Far West	86.31%	13.69%
Inter-Mountain	93.69%	6.31%
Northern	91.24%	8.76%
Pacific Northwest	90.66%	9.34%
Professional	100.00	0.00%
Rocky Mountain	84.27%	15.73%
Southern	91.72%	8.28%
U.S. Ski Patrol	100.00%	0.00%
Average	91.75%	8.25%

SKI SYMPOSIUM to EUROPE
Ski Flight 2011
Davos, Innsbruck & Germany
Jan. 30 to Feb. 9, 2011
\$2650

Join Ski Flight 2011 for a whirlwind three country tour of Davos, Switzerland; Innsbruck, Austria; and Oberamergau, Garmish and Munich, Germany. Skiing includes the longest groomed and maintained ski run in the world at Davos—twelve miles of skiing through farms and picturesque villages to the narrow gauge railroad for a return to Davos.

Educational meetings with the Swiss and Austrian ski patrols, Mountain Rescue and a visit to the famous Swiss Avalanche Center in Davos are being organized.

Our base in Davos, the deluxe Club Hotel offers comfortable spacious rooms with bath, a lobby swim pool, spa, hot tub plus breakfast and dinner daily. After Davos we will motor coach to Innsbruck, Austria to skii Isgl a major resort en route. From Innsbruck participants will be able to ski five Olympic areas including the high Stubai Glacier. The final day will include a guided tour of the castles at Oberamergau or skiing at Garmish. We will then overnight in Munich and fly home in the morning. .

Included in the Symposium Package

- * Round trip air (coach) on Air France Airlines
- * Deluxe hotels (double occupancy) with dinner & breakfast
- * Meetings with Swiss or Austrian Ski Patrols
- * All group transfers via private motor coach or rail road
- * Guided Castle Tour or Ski Garmish
- * Gala Tyrolean Farewell Dinner

For more information please go to the PNWD Website and click the Ski Flight tab.

-----CLIP & MAIL-----

YES! Sign me up for **Ski Flight symposium 2011** to Switzerland, Austria and Germany. including Oberamergau Castle guided Tour or Garmish skiing. \$2650. My \$250 deposit is included. I have read the General Information and Disclosure on the PNWD Website under Ski Flight and agree to them.

Name _____ (Patrol if any) _____
(print clearly)

Mail Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ E mail _____ @ _____

Room mate _____ If not related use separate form. Single room. _____

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2008—2009 PNWD AWARDS

By Anne Greenwood, Awards Chair

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We apologize for the delay, but please help us appreciate and recognize the following awards recipients from the 2009 Ski Season and the Convention!!

NATIONAL AWARDS



National Chair's Outstanding Administrative Patroller Gold Merit Star

Myer Avedovech
National Awards Coordinator

National Outstanding Nordic Patroller Gold Merit Star

Josie Elting Willamette Backcountry

National Outstanding Auxiliary Gold Merit Star

Lynn Coffey Summit East



Runner-up National Outstanding Patrol Representative Silver Merit Star

Dick Zollars Lookout Pass

Runner-up National Outstanding Instructor Silver Merit Star

Ross Bishop Summit at Snoqualmie-Central



Yellow Merit Stars, National Nominee

Leah Sheen, OEC Instructor
Leisa Schramke Garrett, Alpine Patroller
Chris Talbot, Paid Patroller
Rachael Nardo, Young Adult Patroller



Unit Citation, National Nominee

Summit East, NW Region
Large Alpine Patrol

DIVISION AWARDS

Outstanding Alpine Patroller

Ron Reed Soldier Mountain

Outstanding Nordic Patroller

John Reed, Sr.
Summit at Snoqualmie-Central

Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller

Steve Cromer Santiam Pass

Outstanding Administrative Patroller

Kathy Lee Mt. Hood Timberline

Outstanding OEC Instructor

Jodie Jeffers Mt Hood Summit

Outstanding Instructor

Andrew Youngblood Anthony Lakes

Outstanding Patrol Representative

Craig Thornley Willamette Pass

Outstanding Paid Patroller

Mike Barron Soldier Mountain

Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol

Soldier Mountain Southern Idaho Region

Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol

White Pass Northwest Region

Division Director's

Outstanding Administrator Award

John Haworth

Appointments

Patt Kelly-Pollet #8419
Summit at Snoqualmie-Central
Dain Bates #10852 Payette Lakes
Mickey Pillars #10854 Payette Lakes
Mel Goudge #10902 Snoqualmie
Leah Sheen #10904 Snoqualmie
John Rutherford #10932 Crystal Mt.
Noel Gilbrough #10934 Crystal Mt.
Lisa Hargrave #10942 Mt. Hood
Carol Gleason #8421 Mt. Hood
Timberline
Gina Malamphy #8423 Mt. Hood



Distinguished Service Award (DSA)

Heinz Gehlhaar Snoqualmie Pass
Ron Olive Snoqualmie Pass
Dave Brown Willamette Pass
Barb Dixon Payette lakes

PNWD Certificate of Appreciation

Robert Schroeder, Natl. Awards Evaluator
Peter Schwartz, Service for PNWD

Angel Pin

Ellen McKinney, Angel of Mike
McKinney with Payette Lakes

MERIT STARS



Mt. Hood Incident of April 1, 2007

Purple Merit Star

Exemplary Leadership attempt to Save Life

Cleo Howell

Blue Merit Star

Exemplary skills in attempt to Save Life

Mark Diamond

Yellow Merit Star

Support Roles in attempt to Save Life

David Hornibrook

Heidi Potter

Sandy Henschel

Kathy Lee

Larry Cahill

Susan Horky



Summit at Snoqualmie Incident of

January 26, 2008

Purple Merit Star

Successful Lifesaving

Lyle Sheen

Blue Merit Star

Assist in Lifesaving

Jeff Snell

Yellow Merit Star

Support Roles in Lifesaving

Ken Dods

Robert Chandler

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We apologize for the delay, but please help us appreciate and recognize the following awards recipients from the 2009 Ski Season and the Convention!!



Crystal Mountain Incident of December 14, 2008

Green Merit Star

Arduous Rescue of Critically Injured Skier

Brian O'Leary
Dr. Chris Belcher
Cooper Self
Jeff Henderson
Nick Garson

Yellow Merit Star

Support Roles in Rescue of Critically Injured Skier

Chris Morin
Adam Steel
Jennifer Olson-Wynkoop



Silver Mountain Incident of December 28, 2008

Purple Merit Star

Saving a Life

Joel Kopf
Pat Konecny



Summit at Snoqualmie West Incident of Jan. 25, 2009

Purple Merit Star

Saving a Life

Tom Arrington
Raig Ellefson
Robert Gibson

Blue Merit Star

Critical Support in Saving a Life

Julie Olszewski
Celeste Onorati

Yellow Merit Star

Support Roles in Saving a Life

Phyllis Chandler
Tony Develice



Silver Mountain Incident of February 14, 2009

Blue Merit Star

Attempt to Save a Life

Joel Kopf
Dave Alley
Cindy Rudi
Chris Demo
Elijah Saltzgaber
Nick Dielman

Andrew Bowers

Ty Foltz

Yellow Merit Star

Support Roles in Attempt to Save a Life

Calvin Bowers
Rick Inouye



Blue Merit Stars

Emergency Care to Skier

Scott Vye, White Pass
Attempt to Save a Life
Brad Cascagnette, Willamette Pass



Mt. Spokane Incident of Feb. 28, 2009

Blue Merit Star

Attempt to Save a Life

Nathan Ray
Dave Warnica
Gary Peck
Dan Hensley
Chris Bernardi
Jill Hoff
Jim Reugh
Randy Ruiz



Yellow Merit Stars

Outstanding Service

Erica Work, Mt. Baker
Joanne Bottenberg, Alpentel
Michael Graves, Summit at Snoqualmie-Central



Super Angel

Annie Bowen, Super Angel of Mike Bowen with Crystal Mountain



Patroller's Cross

White Pass

Alan Steen
Gavin Steen
Renee Lewis
Summit at Snoqualmie West

Alice Steneker

Krista Bunch

Donald Schroeder

Summit at Snoqualmie-Central

Glenn Kato
Juan Pablo Jofre
Lookout Pass
Cheryl Ward



PNWD Bedpan Award

Dr. Jim Kopp, Anthony Lakes
Flying Ski Pole Laceration

ALUMNI CORNER

By Josie Elting, NSP Alumni Coordinator

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A bit of information....

I regret that I have tendered my resignation for the position of the PNWD Alumni Advisor – however I'm happy to announce that I have been appointed as the National Alumni Coordinator.

This new position was developed by the National Ski Patrol to “formulate and implement an expanded national Alumni program”. I have found The National Ski Patrol is committed to a redefinition and an enhancement of this program and is working toward adding elements as developed by the Alumni Membership.

Invitation to Alumni

If you are current Alumni I invite you to join me at the **2010 PNWD Convention** to see old friends and meet new ones. You will learn about changes in the disciplines and be a critical part of the transformation of the Alumni Program. I will be presenting a breakout session on “Where have we been and Where are we going”. Please plan on attending the convention in Seattle and lending a hand on the formation of this program enhancement. Hope to see you in the Hospitality Room as well!

Invitation to Patrollers

I'd like to invite you to consider your NSP Alumni option when you are ready for a change. Consider your options...

The Alumni Membership is a way to stay connected not only with NSP but also with your home or secondary patrol if you so desire.

With the approval from the Patrol Director or Patrol Representative you can continue to be on the secondary roster for your patrol and individually define your participation. Have your PD/NSP Rep sign the application form and let them know you'd like to be involved with the patrol.

Alumni Members may continue to stay refreshed in OEC and other patroller skills. This is your choice.

It is easy to register as an Alumni Member and it is also easy to make the change back to active patrolling anytime you choose as long as you have fulfilled or will fulfill the requirements to patrol.

There will be new opportunities for the Alumni with the new program changes

Please join me in Seattle at the 2010 PNWD Convention Alumni break out session to learn more. I look forward to answering your questions and welcoming you to the program.

Alumni Program information will be added to the NSP website. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Josie Elting

Cardboard splints – Attention Patrol Directors, Are you going to need cardboard splints for next winter? Check your inventory, and make arrangements to get them this summer. A supply can be made available for pickup at the convention in August for example.

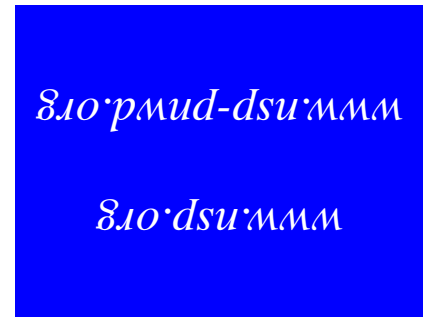


**THE NOR'WESTER
PACIFIC NORTHWEST DIVISION,
NATIONAL SKI PATROL
PO BOX 126
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The National Ski Patrol (NSP) is a Federally Chartered non-profit membership association dedicated to serving the public and the mountain recreation industry by providing education services about emergency care and safety.

NSP also reaches members through nationally funded education materials and programs, division newsletters, and local clinics. Through its divisions, NSP conducts training events to supplement training provided by the ski areas. This cooperative effort ensures that members are serving the needs of area management while staying in tune with a nationally standardized system.

Vision Statement: The Pacific Northwest Division is the foremost ski patrol association comprised of volunteer and paid patrollers in the host ski areas, dedicated to maintaining performance standards in the ski patrol environment. The main purpose of the ski patrol is to deliver up-dated first aid and rescue services to the skiing and outdoor-recreation public. The Pacific Northwest Division is an integral part of the National Ski Patrol Systems, Inc.



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