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Patrollers Conference August 9-11, 2013

The Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol held its annual meeting this year in Kingsport, Tennessee as has been the case for the past several years. The Marriott MeadowView Resort and Conference Center improves each year as a meeting place for our annual meeting.



In addition to our Board of Directors meeting, we are attempting to provide more and more training classes and educational courses to do two things, 1. Increase patroller interest in the annual meetings 2. Provide patrollers more benefit to attending the meeting. We're also working on alternatives to make the board of directors meeting more compact to allow board members to participate in the other meetings.

In the future look for shorter board meetings made possible by the board possibly meeting via conference calls more frequently during the year to spread the necessary decisions over other meeting times and the development of other opportunities of educational events which are required to increase your preparedness and skills set as a patroller.

This year we had the honor of **Darcy Hanley**, Managing Director from National, **Keith Argow**, the first Southern Division Director, and both **Jim Woodrum** (former Central Division Director) and **Keith Cassidy**, current National Board Members and all visiting our Patrollers Conference. Having their input and sharing their expertise with us was invaluable. Thanks to each of them for traveling the miles it took to be of help to the Southern Division.

Please also remember to vote in this upcoming National Election for new members of the National Board of Directors. Our future as an organization depends on whom we task with the important jobs of guiding us. Please exercise your input by voting!

A Notice to Members of the Southern Division
About a Change To
Article XIV

Recently, the National Ski Patrol Board of Directors unanimously passed a change to **Article XIV of the Bylaws** by adding clarification language. **Article XIV** contains the procedure for amending the Bylaws. This new clarification change was written and approved by the Bylaws Oversight Sub-committee and passed by a vote of the NSP Governance Committee. Finally, the NSP Board passed the amendment by a unanimous vote, which satisfies the 2/3-vote requirement. While it is not necessary for the members to vote on this matter, the NSP Board would like your advisory opinion and requests you let them know if you approve or do not approve of this change to **Article XIV**.

The current language of Article XIV is as follows:

ARTICLE XIV
BYLAWS AMENDMENT (2009 Edition)

- 14.1 Amendment Authority - The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make, amend and repeal the Bylaws by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board members elected and serving at any regular or special meeting. Provided, however, that any changes to the nominating process, election process or Board of Director Term Limits or quorum requirements for Traditional Member voting as set forth in these Bylaws for the Board of Directors shall require the vote of a majority of the Traditional Members voting thereon.
- 14.2 Amendment Procedure - Amendments to these Bylaws shall be proposed in writing and shall cite the article and section to be amended. Proposed amendments, which may be approved by the Board of Directors, must be delivered to the Board of Directors at least sixty days prior to the regular or special meeting during which the proposed amendment will be discussed. Proposed amendments that must be approved by the Traditional Members shall be delivered to the Traditional Members at least sixty days prior to the deadline for casting the vote on the proposed amendment. Bylaws amendments shall become effective immediately upon completion of the vote.
- 14.3 Supersession of the Bylaws – These Bylaws supersede all prior bylaws.

The proposed change to Article XIV is as follows:

**ARTICLE XIV
BYLAWS AMENDMENT (New Amendment)**

- 14.1 Amendment Authority - The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make, amend and repeal the Bylaws by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board members elected and serving at any regular or special meeting. If the Board action affects changes to the nominating process, election process, term limits for the Board of Directors or quorum requirements for Traditional Member voting, these special amendments shall require both an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board members and a confirmation vote of a majority of the Traditional Members voting thereon.
- 14.2 Amendment Procedure - Amendments to these Bylaws shall be proposed in writing and shall cite the article and section to be amended. All proposed amendments must be delivered to the Board of Directors at least sixty days prior to the regular or special meeting during which the proposed amendments will be discussed. After delivery to the Board of Directors, copies are to be delivered to the Governance Committee and the Bylaws Oversight Sub-committee so they may begin their work. During this sixty-day period the Board will accept reports and recommendations from the Governance Committee and/or the Bylaws Oversight Sub-committee. After the sixty-day period the Board is then permitted to discuss the amendments and vote upon them. Amendments rejected by the Board of Directors die, are not sent on for a confirmation vote if they involve the special topics named herein and may not be resubmitted for one year. Special amendments passed by the Board of Directors that are ones that must also be confirmed by a vote of the Traditional Members before they become effective, will then be scheduled for a confirmation vote. After the confirmation voting date has been set, the Traditional Members will be notified of these special amendments and this notice must be sent at least sixty days prior to the deadline for the confirmation vote on the proposed special amendments. The confirmation vote shall be set to coincide with the date for the regular vote for the election of the Board of Directors unless the Board of Directors declares an emergency exists and sets a special voting date for the Traditional Member's confirmation vote. Bylaws amendments shall become effective immediately upon completion of the vote and the official version in the NSP office is to be amended and published within a reasonable time.
- 14.3 Supersession of the Bylaws – These Bylaws, as amended from time to time, supersede all prior bylaws.

SUMMARY

What is clarified in the proposed change? All bylaws amendments continue to be submitted to the NSP Board of Directors. Then for sixty days the matter is not to be discussed or voted upon by the Board. During this sixty-day period, the Bylaws Oversight Sub-committee, the Governance Committee and the Division Directors have time to review the proposed amendment and reports are filed with the NSP Board. This process allows the amendment to receive comments, minor changes or improvements by all of these committees. After the sixty-day period ends, the NSP Board votes to approve the change by a 2/3 majority vote or the proposed change fails. If the matter is an amendment involving member voting or any of the special topics listed in Article XIV requiring the membership to vote; the change to the Bylaws is sent to the entire membership for a vote before the change takes effect.

Members Rights and the Colorado Law. It should be noted here, that regardless of the above new Article XIV language stating the same matter may not be submitted more than once per year to the NSP Board, which keeps the business of the Board moving; the law of Colorado provides a remedy. Colorado Revised Statutes for Not-For-Profit Corporations provides under Section 7-130-103 that whenever 10% of the voting members sign a petition (approximately 2,900 NSP members at this time), the matter is not voted upon by the NSP Board of Directors but goes straight to the membership to approve or reject the proposed change to the Bylaws by a simple majority vote.

While this current change to the NSP Bylaws is not a topic that requires a membership vote, the NSP Board of Directors would like your advice and requests you let them know if you approve or do not approve of this change to Article XIV. It is important for the Southern Division to vote on all national issues to let your national leaders know how you feel.

Submitted by

R. Morgan Armstrong, Chair
Bylaws Oversight Sub-committee and
Past Division Director of the Southern Division



Brent Bowman,
2nd Assistant Division Director



Leaves are turning and snow has already dusted many parts of the northwest. Temperatures are falling and that means its refresher time!!

OEC instructors are preparing for refreshers at various mountains through the region. Make sure you if you are not going to refresh at your own mountain that you check-in and verify if some of the refresher is online. I just completed the on-line portion of the refresher and the instructor refresher for Cataloochee and it was really great. I think the on-line is the wave of the future.

Instructors for disciplines other than OEC are also preparing for the season. Trying to book dates and setting up course material. If you have not attended an NSP course for a while, why not plan get out there and do one this season?? Instructors now would be a good time to get online and verify that you have closed all courses properly from last season (while you are opening new ones for this season).

I am looking forward to a great winter and getting around to the various resorts in the Southern Division. Do your snow dance and keep fingers crossed for a great season!!

Brent

Mike Harris,
Assistant Division Director – South



Another ski season is quickly approaching. I was privileged to attend Blue Ridge Instructor Refresher again this year at Appalachian Ski Mountain. As the refresher cycle continues please be prepared to cast your vote in the National Board election. There should be information available an all the candidates at all the refreshers. Thanks to the hard working group of instructors for a good experience. We are lucky to have the lodge available thanks to the **Moretz** family and **Joe Donadio**.

The Southern Division held the annual Fall Conference on August 9th and 10th again this year at the Meadowview Marriott in Kingsport, Tennessee. The Conference is very Productive having available many updates, breakout sessions integrated with the board meeting. We again had a great hospitality suite and awards banquet. Local information should be in your Region Directors articles and I won't duplicate it. Again I am looking forward to visiting, skiing, and patrolling with as many patrols as possible this year.

Mike Harris

From the Assistants...

Byrd White,

Assistant Division Director – North

Here we go again! Refreshers are in full swing and snow is just around the corner. We just finished the Fall Conference in Kingsport, or so it seems, and now we are headed to the resort. I have been in touch with **Mike Harris** in the South and **Randy Trow** in the North and everything seems to be going as planned. There was a little confusion about Instructor Trainers at the Refreshers. It is nothing to be concerned about, just the NSP way of keeping Quality Control. The plan is for the visiting IT to observe the Instructor Refresher, give some constructive ideas, and then come back for the refresher. I find their ideas to be helpful and that is what they are supposed to be. They help make things uniform throughout the division and spread ideas from one patrol to another. That's all.



I welcome **Milt Triplett** as our new Alumni program supervisor. He has a lot of energy and I know he will do a great job. If you know people who aren't active for one reason or another, but would like to stay involved, please put them in touch with Milt.

As I write this all Southern Division offices are filled. This will change as people move, change jobs or move on for a variety of other reasons. If you are interested in becoming active in Southern Division please talk to your Patrol Representative. Your organization is always looking for good people. If you want to know what is involved or you just want to be better informed about your organization, attend a Leadership Course. You will be surprised at what you can learn in just one day.

For those of you who did not attend the Patroller's Conference in Kingsport you really missed some good stuff. I didn't get to every seminar but the one's I did get to were great. From the seminar on Autism with **Scott Campbell** to the Incident Investigation Workshop with **Wayne Morgan** they were great! **Bob Brewster** held a number of meetings on OEC covering everything from the new online course to how to fill out the new paperwork. I missed most of the Snowsports and Transportation program put on by **Briggs Allen** and **Tony Tingle** but what I did attend was great. All the programs were good but the great part is seeing all the people, fellow patrollers, who really care. I have made some great friends at these meeting with people I would have never met had I not attended.

Your National Organization is holding elections for four positions on the Board of Directors. I cannot stress enough the importance of your vote, please go to the National website and vote. Most of you are aware of the turmoil last year by a few that could have been catastrophic for our organization. We need good people on the board and you can make it happen. We have two of our own Southern Division people running. You should have received a pamphlet with Bios of the candidates. I will not, should not and cannot tell anyone how to vote but if you have questions about any of the candidates, please contact me.

Brent Rockett,
Blue Ridge Region Director

Blue Ridge Region Message

It has been busy for all three mountains in the Blue Ridge Region again this summer. Beech Mt had several mountain bike races and held a music festival and Sugar Mt held their BrewFest in August.



But now as summer has turned to autumn, it is time to start thinking about the upcoming ski season. As you read this you have begun refreshing your OEC skills. A tremendous amount of work goes into the preparation for these refreshers every year. The instructors have already gone through their refresher and have prepared to help make your refresher the best. Again, we can't thank **Cammie Hale** enough for organizing the OEC Refresher. I don't know what we would do without her but I guess we may have to find out next year if we can't convince her to change her mind. If anyone would like to step up for next year, please let **Richard Yercheck** or me know. Also, a thank you goes to each mountain's IOR, **Anne Donadio** at Appalachian, **Theresa Varner** at Beech and **Cammie** at Sugar and to all the instructors who go above and beyond for you. I hope all of you will thank all of the instructors as you go through your refreshers for all they do to make the refreshers a learning and enjoyable experience.

All of the clinics and evaluations have been scheduled for the season and can be found on the Division calendar. Look it over and think about what you may want to do this year. Also, as a result of the success from the Wounded Warrior Ski/Snowboard Day that was hosted by the Appalachian Ski Patrol last year, they will be hosting it again this year. There will be more to come about this event during the season.

See everyone at your refreshers and on the slopes real soon.

Brent

Thank You Ann Wood

For over 25 years **Ann Wood** has held an annual September CPR refresher class at the Guilford County EMS Headquarters for ski patrollers in the Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem area. This year's CPR class on September 24 was attended by 30+ appreciative patrollers from Blue Ridge, Dixie and Virginia Region ski patrols. In addition to completing their annual CPR refresher requirement, the participants were able to enjoy the evening by renewing old acquaintances and swapping stories with fellow patrollers. Ann, always being so helpful, is hard to refuse when she ask for instructors to help, so the large number of CPR instructors working on the "check-off" stations allows for quick and smooth event. She also conducts an annual CPR refresher in November for a large group of patrollers at Beech Mountain during the OEC refresher weekend.

Ann Wood has been a valued OEC Instructor, IT, and Instructor Development Instructor for many, many years.

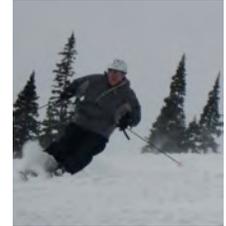
Thank you again, Ann *(submitted by Hugh Jernigan)*

From the Supervisors and Advisors...

Outdoor Emergency Care ... Outdoor Emergency Care ... Outdoor Emergency Care

Bob Brewster,
OEC Supervisor

Time to dust off the board(s), winter is on its way! Snow is falling out west, the leaves are changing and that can only mean one thing.... Refresher season and OEC classes.



Most instructor refreshers have already taken place and some patrols are even finished with their regular refreshers. We had two patrols this year participate in the online refresher, Cataloochee and Wintergreen. What I've heard so far is very favorable. The ability to do a large portion of the refresher online has freed up the afternoon for these patrols to work with patrol on-the-hill activities. With less manpower needed overall it has allowed for more manpower at each station, meaning less waiting and a quicker refresher. Next year I hope to see more patrols participating.

OEC classes are also ongoing as well as a number of challenge courses. Wintergreen and Snowshoe are both running an online course. Both patrols say the classes seem to be running smoothly and students seem to be well prepared when attending their live skills classes.



Why are we moving towards more online material for OEC learning and refreshing? There are many reasons, I cited quite a few in the last Southern Cross. What I think makes these programs very effective is that it allows for the students/patrollers to choose what learning mode works best for them. Instead of listening to a lecture, when you are a visual learner or having to read a text instead of listening to an instructor, these programs let the individual choose what mode of learning they want to use to learn/review the material.

As of this writing, all of the regions have posted their dates for the Senior OEC clinics and evaluations. If you haven't, please consider getting involved in the Senior program. We will make you a more confident and skilled patroller, guaranteed or your money back!

Other items we are working on are ways of providing information to everyone more efficiently in a timely manner and making the forms you need for both OEC and the Senior OEC programs available on the Southern Division internet site.

As always feel free to contact me with questions and comments. See you on the slopes.



Medical Supervisor ... Medical Supervisor ... Medical Supervisor ...

Russell Blakeley, MD, FACC

Medical Supervisor

“Don’t even think about puttin’ that thing up my nose!”

As is often the case, we are seeing protocol changes as we go through the Cycle C Refresher. One of the subtle changes is that we are now more cautious about suctioning an infant’s upper airway during delivery. OEC Fourth Edition (published in 2003) stated, “Now that you have delivered the infant’s head and verified that no nuchal cord is present, you will need to suction the amniotic fluids from the infant’s airway before delivery proceeds.” Certainly this seems absolutely reasonable since one of our first tasks with all patients is clearing the airway. But, this practice along with several others that had long been considered appropriate care around the time of delivery (e.g., certain medications used during labor, methods of warming the newborn, use of 100% oxygen for infant resuscitation, cord clamping) have been questioned, reevaluated, and reconfigured by clinical research. The clearest statement of the new direction in suctioning that I can find is published in the “Neonatal Resuscitation” section of the “2010 International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science With Treatment Recommendations”. (For anyone who may be interested this is found in Circulation. 2010; 122: S516-S538.) The statement reads “In healthy neonates suctioning of the mouth and nose is associated with cardiorespiratory complications”. Clinical research demonstrated that the risks outweighed the benefits and this resulted in the restatement of recommendations. The writers of OEC Fifth Edition (published in 2012) took these recommendations and reconfigured our childbirth protocol. Now, if the newborn is NOT healthy, suctioning may be needed and that is why OEC Fifth Edition states, “Once the baby’s head has emerged.....only if there is obvious obstruction to spontaneous breathing, immediately suction the baby’s mouth and then the nostrils, using a soft rubber bulb syringe.” The *Skill Guide* for “Assisting with Normal Childbirth” in OEC Fifth Edition still lists immediate suctioning of the baby as a CPI, but we can be forgiven if we choose to qualify that action with “only if there is obvious obstruction”. I do recall that the babies I delivered in Medical School never seemed particularly appreciative of oral and nasal suctioning and now the research has proven them right all along!!



Transportation ...

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Tony Tingle,

Division Transportation Supervisor

Boy I really missed being in Kingsport for the Fall Conference. I think I had a pretty good excuse my Daughter, Lillie, was due the Monday following the conference weekend and I was a bit hesitant to stray too far from home. Carla gave me permission to go for the day, but the Doctor looked at me like I was crazy. Lillie took her sweet time and arrived 10 days late, thumbing her nose at the Docs as she passed into this world. Thanks to **Bill Clarke** for covering the Transportation Roundtable for me.



Anyway, here it is October and the snow is just around the corner. The Transportation program has been busy right through the summer. **Jay Zedak** is the new National Transportation Director. He's a sharp guy and has all of the Division Transportation Folks working on various projects. Right now I am in the process of reviewing transportation instructors and Instructor Trainers for renewal, so if you hear from me, don't be alarmed. I'm still tracking down some courses that are listed on the NSP website as Active. Again, if you hear from me, don't be alarmed. I will help you however I can to close those open courses.

I just got off my monthly transportation call and I've got a couple things to pass along.

Every year the NSP policies and procedures (P&P) get a going over. The latest copy of the P&P can be downloaded from the NSP website after you log in. Here are a couple of things that I think impact the transportation folks.

- 1) In the P&P, there is a requirement to refresh your sled handlers just like we all refresh our OEC skills. If you go and look at the document, this requirement is found on pages 38 and 106. *"If the patroller's duties include toboggan-handling, that patroller must complete a ski and toboggan handling proficiency refresher, the content of which is determined by the local patrol based on recommendations in the Transportation Program Appendix E."* The moral of this story is that you need to do a toboggan refresher (TREF) on the course registration menu. If it is REGISTERED then you get the added benefit of NSP insurance.
- 2) Here's some good news. The NSP insurance carrier has removed the exemption for ski instruction from the insurance policy. What does that mean? It means that if elements of skiing are addressed in a REGISTERED NSP COURSE (e.g. if a Transportation Instructor is working with you on edge control exercises during a REGISTERED TES, then they are covered by NSP insurance). What this does not get you, as I understand it, is the same level of coverage that the Southern Division Ski School instructors had by paying the additional 60 bucks or so (e.g. a 1 million dollars of liability coverage, additional accident insurance, and the ability to teach skiing outside of a REGISTERED COURSE and maintain insurance coverage). The coverage extended to Transportation Instructors while teaching in a REGISTERED COURSE, is a great step in reducing our individual exposure.
- 3) This revised P&P includes a new Appendix (Appendix B). Here comes the Quality. Appendix B of the P&P includes the quality assurance program for all teaching disciplines. There is now a lot of emphasis for implementing this guidance found in this appendix. For the transportation courses we need to add more robust quality assurance into our courses which will include more frequent audits by ITs. In addition, now every course gets a standard feedback form for each student to complete. Document, document, document will be the name of the game.....and close the courses you register.

I just wanted to pass along a few things that I found out. All that said, I am really looking forward to seeing you on the snow. Shout if you have questions, comments, or just want to talk. Register those TREFs, and have fun!

Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports

Briggs Allen,

Snowsports Supervisor



A ski patroller was at the gym getting ready to work out for the upcoming season when he noticed a few incredibly attractive members of the opposite sex nearby. The patroller wanted to impress them with all of his prowess so before working out he went to the gym's personal trainer and asked which of the machines could be used that would make him look the best. The trainer looked over at the ski patroller, not yet fit from doing nothing all summer, and said, "Use the machine that's down the in lobby.... it's an ATM".

Oooooooh that hurts.... yet probably hits right at home. At least he was attempting to get fit. With ski season right around the corner there is no better time than today to begin physically preparing for being on the snow. How many of us jump right into that first day on the snow with our minds ready, but our bodies not? Sure most of the time we can get away with it, however this lack of physical conditioning will surely find its way into our skiing/boarding technique. Often times this poor technique, by way of muscle memory, continues for the rest of the season. Not a good way to start off patrolling for the upcoming year.

Getting in condition not only makes you a better skier but also a safer skier as well. We all know the ways we need to exercise our lower extremities, and that's very important, but don't forget strengthening your core. A strong core is critical for efficient snowsports activities. Finally, take 5 minutes a night (while your watching TV) and practice on a circular balance board. Standing stationary, then progressing to knee bends (while on both and then each foot) while remaining balanced on the board, will dramatically improve your on the snow skills. By the way, this is a *must* if you had off-season low back pain or a lower extremity injury or surgery.

For all of you working on a PSIA/AASI certification (and I highly encourage such) I just wanted to let you know PSIA-E has changed their exam policy. Beginning this season, those taking the Level II or III (Parts 1 & 2) test and not passing, will be given credit for that they did pass. This means is that on their next test, they will not have to repeat the areas that they previously passed. For example, if they passed everything but MA, then that is the only portion they will have to take at their next exam challenge.

2013-14 Ski, Snowboard and Telemark Clinics

Whether you are your patrols designated instructor, a S&T instructor, an examiner, a Senior patroller (or working towards such), a Basic patroller or Candidate (with your candidate trainers permission) *you will benefit* from one of our Division Clinics. You will also *earn SES credits*, pick up some great new skiing/boarding skills and have fun doing so with other patrollers. So what are you waiting for register before it is too late.

December 7-8, 2013 Cataloochee Resort, NC

This ski/boarding clinic is suited for patrol trainers, general patrollers, candidates and those seeking preparation for their PSIA exams. This is a great way to improve your skiing/boarding for the rest of the season. Video will be used. NSP SES credit. Course participation fee \$25. Come join us for this early-season clinic.

January 24, 2014 Winterplace, WV

This 1 day ski/boarding clinic has been presented twice over the last four years at Winterplace and has filled and received rave reviews. Jay Zedak, NSP National S&T Program Director and PSIA level III instructor will be the clinic leader along with other PSIA level III instructors from the Central Division NSP Ski School. Video will be used. NSP SES credit. Course participation fee will be \$25.

January 25-26, 2014 Beech Mountain Resort, NC

This ski/boarding clinic has been presented twice over the last four years at Beech Mountain and has filled and received rave reviews. Jay Zedak, NSP National S&T Program Director and PSIA level III instructor will be the clinic leader along with other PSIA level III instructors from the Central Division NSP Ski School. Video will be used. NSP SES credit. Course participation fee will be \$25. Register early as this clinic usually fills quickly.

February 22-23, 2014 Timberline Resort, WV

Telemarkers this clinic is specifically for you to learn new and improve on your existing skills. Our clinic will be taught by a level III PSIA-E Level III Development Team Nordic instructor Jay Nation and is in conjunction with a Telemark Festival at Timberline. Participation is limited to 10 patrollers. Register early. NSP SES credit. Course participation fee will be \$35.

TBA

We hope to have an additional ski/snowboard clinic this season. As of this publication time details are not firm but are forthcoming. Be sure to join us on Facebook and check the Southern Division website frequently for more information.

To register or obtain further details on all the above clinics contact me via e-mail at briggsaln@aol.com.

Until next time, remember Snowsports are simple...turn right....turn left ...and repeat as necessary.



Election Coordinator ... Election Coordinator ... Election Coordinator ...

Bill Smith,

Election Coordinator



This year there will be four open seats on the NSP Board of Director's. Ten individuals have expressed an interest in those positions.

Traditionally the Southern Division has not had a good voting turnout in the National election process. Many patrollers typically ask their line officers (or former line officers, program advisors, etc.) for "recommendations" on who to vote for the BOD positions. They believe the leader has read the candidate's information, they trust the leader's opinion, they believe the leader is more involved and informed on the issues and they believe that the leader has the ability to network with other leaders across the country and become better informed on issues and the candidates. Often they just don't have the time to read all of the related materials, so they don't vote.

In an effort to improve Southern Division voting, the Division leadership has appointed a Candidate Evaluation Committee (with each Region having an opportunity to provide input) to evaluate the National BOD candidates and make available to the Southern Division membership their findings. That group is in the process of reviewing candidate materials and scoring each candidate based on specific criteria.

Prior to the election cycle beginning, the NSP Board identified attributes of being a good board member. Utilizing the criteria, each Board candidate is to be scored on ten criteria that were identified in that process and by Southern Division leadership. The scores will be tabulated and the top candidates identified. This would not be a "single slate" or "approved" list, but rather it is a detailed review and collective scoring of the candidates by the Southern Division leadership. The candidates, (four) this year, that best fit the criteria will be identified and deemed "Most Qualified".

As quickly as this work is completed it will be shared with each Southern Division patroller (in early October) for them to use (or not use) as they see fit. The end goal is to have more Southern Division patroller's participate in the election process.

The voting process is scheduled to begin October 15th and remain open until December 2, 2013. Just use the "Vote" button on the NSP website (www.nsp.org). I encourage each patroller to vote, as it does make a difference in your leadership, the future of the organization, recruiting, and fundraising.

If anyone has trouble logging on (you will need a password and email account). Call **Carol Hudson** (303-988-1111 Ext. 2637). If you do not have an email address, please contact the national office and speak to Carol Hudson.

Trish Deane,
Internet and Website Supervisor



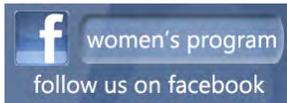
What's new on the web site?

The web site continues to grow to meet the needs of the Southern Division.

The **Women's Program** has been added under the Programs menu and now has its own page (<http://www.southernnsp.org/WomensProgram.aspx>).

You can find information for the upcoming Women's Clinic there. Watch for that page to continue to grow.

We also have a link to the Women's Program on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/nspSDWP>).



Another new page is the **OEC Program** page (<http://www.southernnsp.org/OEC.aspx>). Bob Brewster has great plans for this section of the web site. Watch for it to grow over the next year.

The **Snowsports School** has posted its schedule and that can be viewed on both the **Calendar** (<http://www.southernnsp.org/Calendar.aspx>) and the Snowsports School page (<http://www.southernnsp.org/SnowsportsSchool.aspx>).

The **Regional Senior Programs** and the **Division Certified Program** have added their schedules to the calendar. Both of these programs are excellent opportunities to increase your skill level. It's also a great way to meet patrollers from other mountains and to share knowledge/practices.

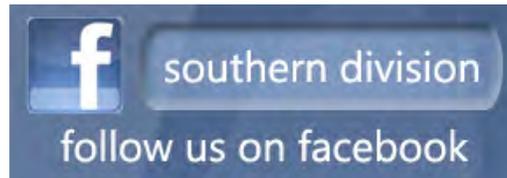
Check out the front page of the web site for tons of information on the upcoming NSP **election**. We need to turn around our poor voting record in the Southern Division and become a voice in what is going on in our organization. The Southern Division's new NSP Candidate Evaluation Committee has done a great job in reviewing the slate of candidates and providing a ranking. You just need to make sure you go out to NSP's web site



(<http://www.NSP.org>) and create an account or make sure your existing account has a current email address so that you will receive election emails. If you haven't been receiving NSP newsletters, then they probably don't have your current email address.

In addition to following the Women's Program on facebook, you can follow the Southern Division by going to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SoDivNSP>. Hope to see you there!

Trish Deane



Instructor Development...Instructor Development...Instructor Development

Teresa T. Stewart,
Instructor Development Supervisor

The NSP Instructor Development course is an integral part of *all* NSP Educational courses. This is a required step before the mentoring stage with an instructor within the specific discipline with which you are becoming involved (Outdoor Emergency Care, Toboggan and Ski, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, Outdoor First Care, etc). This is also a *SENIOR ELECTIVE*.

Interested students should look at the Division Calendar on the Division Website (www.southernnsps.org) for registered courses in their Region and contact the Region Instructor Development contact or drop me an email at (stewart.teresa@gmail.com).

Instructors and Instructor Trainers can expect to see changes coming this fall season. Stay tuned to the website and the Southern Cross for updates. Also, coming soon is an on-line Instructor Development Continuing Education module.

Darcy Hanley,
Managing Director NSP
NSP Educational Director



Instructor Development – What You Need to Know

During the past two years under the guidance of **John Keith**, ID National Program Director, the ID Student Manual, ID Instructor Manual and Mentoring Guide have been revised. The revision has been vetted by the ID division program supervisors, the division directors, the education committee and presented to the board. No small feat! Now it is ready for all ID instructors to use. So it is timely to speak to changes, forms and the pathway to be used for patrollers who want to be instructors.

Starting with the **Policy and Procedure** document go to *Member Resources* tab from the *Member Services* page, the document can be found under **Member Links- My Bookshelf**. In the Appendix, pages 89-97, is the Quality Management System. This outlines the Quality Assurance standards for every NSP program. Each program will have 11 National Program Elements, a course Feedback form (to be used by students) and an evaluation form to be used by IT's. Become familiar with these pages.

ID instructor manual, Mentoring Guide and forms are located under the tab *Instructor Resources*. The significant changes here are a revised Mentoring Guide and Instructor Manual. The necessary forms are located here as well. The mentoring form should be used by every mentor to record the activities of the mentee. This form is *not* submitted to the national office. Refer to local protocol for submission of this form. The release form should be used with every course completed by each participant and instructors and kept with the IOR. The ID instructor manual has the following changes:

- Clarification of the traditional VS e-learning hybrid course
- Elimination of learning levels, now located in the Appendix
- Moved lesson planning chapter to earlier in the manual (six-pack)*
- Clarified administrative forms and steps to certification
- Updated ID lesson guides
- Consistency between ID manual and ID instructor manual

There are numerous clarifications for instructors that are notable.

- Every course must be registered with NSP
- The hybrid e-learning course is **NOT** a stand alone course. Hybrid indicates that the learner must demonstrate in person the six-pack teaching.
- Course completion record (CCR) must be submitted to national for the traditional and hybrid course. No CCR, No credit.
- **Instructor Log** must be maintained by every instructor – Member Resources, Education Tools, Instructor Activity Log. Recording in this log directly attaches to the member profile in the national database. This log can be emailed to the supervisor for instructor recertification.
- Instructors will teach in their discipline(s) a representative amount of classes (OEC is at least one lesson per year)

- Instructors will attend a continuing education event once every three years
- Instructors will be observed by an IT at least once every three years

Lastly, there is the **Instructor Application**. This is completed and sent to national as the final step in completing the mentee's journey to becoming an instructor. The forms are available for all instructors but not to mentees. Mentees can gain access to instructor materials under the guidance of the mentor. As questions arise, the communication channel should go from local advisors to region to division. The national office does not make changes to instructors or IT appointments without correct documentation from the division supervisor. IT appointments are made annually from the division supervisor.

Your division supervisors have access to instructor/IT rosters. These rosters are submitted to national annually and are updated prior to December 31. If you are not able to see instructor resource tab on the member page then suffice to say your instructor certification has expired.

The **Course Completion Record (CCR)** should be submitted to education@nsp.org. Submission should have a read reply to insure it has been received at national. Submission of the CCR by fax or snail mail is not reliable. Of course the national office is happy to answer your questions and point you to the supervisor that can best assist.

Virginia Instructor Development News...

By: *Bill Smith*

On Saturday, August 17th, the Virginia Region held their annual Instructor Development Course at Wintergreen Resort. It was a rousing success and there was a good turnout. Three of the four Virginia patrols were represented in the class which made for great discussions and interactions throughout the day.

As a part of the ID Class we were also able to have four ID Instructor candidates each help teach the course. By the end of the day they had earned their ID Instructor credential which will prove to be a great help across the Virginia Region.

Those attending the ID Course included: **Glenn Jackson** from Bryce; **Ryan Ludwig** and **Jason Vitale** of Massanutten; **Rudy Strickland**, **Don Reid**, **Bob McFarland**, **Scott MacKay** and **Carroll Allred** from Wintergreen. The four new ID Instructor's include: **William Drury** and **Laura Lambert** from Massanutten and **Catherine Smithson** and **Charles Wilson** from Wintergreen.

Congratulations to all!!!



Learn to Love to Learn...

By: Bill Smith

Leaders aren't born with leadership skills; true leadership skills must be developed. Our ability to be a good leader at any level can only be strengthened by augmenting our skills with education and experience.

When we realize we don't know something, we seek the missing answers for simply one reason... we care about it. When we care about something, it makes us want to act in a way that creates progress.

That progress can only be achieved by learning.

When we start something new, we're often so uninformed that we don't even know that we don't know. Remember that first day in OEC class or at ski patrol? It quickly becomes evident that we have a lot to learn.

More often than not, we first turn to the growing list of resources to help find answers...the internet, books, mentors and classrooms. That's great, but only if we know what to look for and how to apply the knowledge once we find it. This leads us to the other learning path...experience.

Experience is much harder to capture and articulate. Repetition is only part of it.

In some cases, you may have learned something without even realizing you've learned it: That gut feeling when you look at a patient and know they are going to "crash" if you don't do something immediately is the voice of experience. It contributes greatly to our confidence and ability on scene.

A book or a website can't tell you all you need to know to successfully become a good patroller. On the flip side, as each incident is different, experimental knowledge only gives us one perspective at a time and is constantly changing. Each may appear deceptively simple, but in truth, neither is.

Developing into a good leader needs both education and experience. We must know the theories and understand the issues while exposing ourselves to many experiences that provide the perspectives and practice required to becoming proficient.

Leaders should be selected for their amalgamation of skill, knowledge and experience. It can't just be education without experience or experience without education.

Some of the best advice given to me when I was a young student was, "Learn to love to learn." Back then, I took it to heart for myself and even today I still love to learn. Now I also see it as a lens to view other potential leaders.

There may be no such thing as a born leader, but everyone was born to learn. By cultivating both experience and education, we can cultivate great leaders.

Women's Program ... Women's Program ... Women's Program ... Women's Program

Joy Jucker,
Women's Program Supervisor



2014 Southern Division Women's Clinic

Question:

Want more out of your hours on the slopes?
You have the potential to add to your patrolling experience, the Women's Program is offering you the opportunity.

What: All Women's Weekend Toboggan and Ski Enhancement/ Women teaching women / Building new confidence levels / renewing old ones/ Bonus equipment tuning clinic.

When: January 11, 12 2014

Who: NSP women patrollers All abilities

Where: Cataloochee Ski Area, Maggie Valley, NC
(5,000+ feet in elevation in the Smoky Mountains, just off of I- 40) 30 openings

Cost : \$40.00 Register now!!

How? Pay Pal will accept all credit cards, E-mail Joy Jucker at joyjucker@charter.net you will be sent a bill for the clinic registration.

OR mail a check made out to the NSP Southern Division Ski Patrol. Address: Joy Jucker, 1150 Cherry Blossom Lane, Talbott, TN 37877

Include: Name, address, phone, registration number, email address

Accommodations: There are many places to stay in Maggie Valley. **OR** share a large rental house near the slopes. Approximately \$70.00/person for all nights.

Contact: Joy Jucker **ASAP** if interested in sharing a rental house. joyjucker@charter.net 865-414-2453 (cell)

Senior Program ... Senior Program ... Senior Program ... Senior Program ...

Hugh Jernigan,

Senior Program Supervisor



The end of the 2012-2013 patrolling season concluded another successful year for the Senior Program in the Southern Division with each of our four Regions holding Senior Clinics/Evaluations. The weather conditions in February and March 2013 were no problem for the Senior candidates to “show their stuff” at the Senior S&T Evaluations. The Dixie Region S&T Evaluation held at Ober Gatlinburg February 10th provided had plenty of snow for the candidates to exhibit their skills. The most interesting weather conditions occurred at the West Virginia S&T Evaluation at Snowshoe on March 3rd, where a cold front and heavy snow greeted the candidates and evaluators. Entertainment for the day was provided by Region Director **Tom Wagner** by his telemark skiing demonstration of either (chose one); 1. Avoiding a creek, 2. Panic stopping, 3. Effective ways to get snow out from under jackets, or 4. Finding ejected skis in deep snow.

Well organized and attended OEC Senior Evaluations were held in all four Regions.

The 2013-2014 season is getting near and should be a great year for patrollers looking to get into the Senior Program. There are dedicated Senior Program Coordinators in place for each Region (see below) who are excellent information sources for interested patrollers.

The Senior Program is designed for NSP members who aspire to the upper levels of skiing/snowboarding and outdoor emergency care proficiency. It provides a forum in which patrollers can enhance personal skiing/snowboarding and toboggan-handling proficiency, improve their ability to manage OEC scenarios, and expand their patrolling knowledge and skills. The Senior Program is also excellent preparation for patrollers looking to move into leadership roles in the NSP.

Training is an essential part of the program. Senior candidates are expected to spend a significant amount of time reviewing senior criteria and using the required knowledge and skills to practice scenarios on challenging, senior-level terrain under various conditions in the patrolling environment. Senior candidates can also take advantage of clinics in which they receive constructive and corrective feedback on their performance.

Dedicated Senior Trainers/Evaluators in the four Southern Division Regions work with Senior Candidates to: provide suggestions for improvement, give an understanding of the required level of performance, and instill an increased awareness of advanced patroller skills.

To become a participant in the Southern Division Senior Program you only need to have your Patrol Representative complete the “Senior Candidate Application” and send to the Region Senior Coordinator through your home ski patrol Senior Coordinator, if the patrol has a designated person. The application can be found at: https://www.nsp.org/about/nsp_programs/senior.aspx -- scroll down to **Senior Candidate Application**.

Region Senior Program Coordinators

(see current Staff Directory available at southernmsp.org – select staff from home page)

WEST VIRGINIA REGION SENIOR PROGRAM

Ms. Mary Lou Legg [2012]

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marylou.riverrunner@gmail.com

VIRGINIA REGION SENIOR PROGRAM

Mr. T. Harris [2003]

[H] 804-320-1901

nsptandpeg@hotmail.com

BLUE RIDGE REGION SENIOR PROGRAM

Ms. JoAnn Ehlinger [2011]

[H] 828.273.6314

joannmsp@gmail.com

DIXIE REGION SENIOR PROGRAM

Mr. Bill Clarke [2011]

[H] 828-293-0491

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clarke@email.wcu.edu



National Ski Patrol Safety Team ... National Ski Patrol Safety Team ...

Brett Henyon,

Division National Ski Patrol Safety Team

The Safety Team met in Lakewood, CO in September to discuss upcoming initiatives. I am excited to share some of the things we discussed and where the National Ski Patrol Safety Team will be focusing our efforts for our upcoming season.



1. January is National Safety Month – more information will be disseminated to your mountain representatives about things we will be doing for Safety Month.
2. The ‘Lead by Example’ pins are available through the Safety Team, but other Safety items like the bandanas, lanyards, baseball cards, and rack cards are available through the NSP catalog – just pay the shipping and they are yours.
3. We will continue to focus on ‘Know the Code’ and this will be a key intuitive every year.
4. The Safety Team is working with the High Fives Foundation through a symbiotic relationship to share the message of proper helmet use. Check them out at <http://www.highfivesfoundation.org>
5. NSAA and NSP continue to focus on Workman’s Compensation issues – remember to continue to make your work ‘environment’ safe for you as an individual, your teams, and our guests. Collisions remain very high in Workman’s Comp cases. What can *you* do to help prevent collisions?
6. Chair lift Safety will remain a key topic again this year – remember – **Sit Back and Hold on!**
7. We will be focusing on Avalanche Awareness, ‘Blue Groomers’, and off hours mountain use. This is particularly applicable to the Intermountain Division and Pacific Northwest.
8. There are some changes coming to Terrain Park Safety and initiatives – stay tuned for updates.
9. We will be addressing mountain bike programs ‘best practices’ and things that we as patrollers can do to improve these programs.
10. We also discussed PEC 2015 and how we can enrich the program, increase attendance, and make PEC 2015 something that every patroller wants to attend. Stay tuned!

Text – NSP to 50555 to get messages from NSP, Text SAFETY to 50555 to get NSP Safety Messages

Brett Henyon

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Annual CPR Refresher @ Greensboro EMS Base September 24, 2013
Ann Wood of Beech Mountain Instructor Coordinator
(photos submitted by Hugh Jernigan)



Ann Wood briefs the CPR Refresher class held annually at the Guilford County EMS Base in Greensboro, NC. Patrollers from Blue Ridge and Virginia patrols that reside in the greater Greensboro metro area serve the Beech Mtn., Appalachian Mtn., Sugar Mtn., Winterplace, Smoky Nordic, Hawksnest and Alumni patrollers.



Patroller Becomes New US Citizen – July 4, 2013

Susanne Ebling, a Certified patroller from Wintergreen, became a new U.S. Citizen during a 4th of July naturalization ceremony at Monticello. Everyone clapped for each new citizen. When it was time for Susanne to get her certificate, however, loud cheering and whistling erupted from a group of patrollers who were on hand to cheer Susanne on. After shaking hands with the Judge, Susanne got a big hug from the key speaker, Dave Matthews. Susanne is originally from Germany.

Susanne states “Thanks so much, Teresa! It was one of the best days of my life and I'm really happy to be able to call myself an American citizen now. It just "feels right." And the support that I received from the Patrollers is indescribable! The Judge was so impressed by the audience's cheers when my name was called.... It truly set me way apart from the other 78 new citizens. I had a blast!”



Basic Leadership for the Ski Patroller ... Basic Leadership for the Ski Patroller ...

You Are a Leader

Who are the leaders in our organization? **How** did they get there? **What** sets them apart?

Every good patroller is a leader. Do you want to be better? Your chance is coming on **December 14** at Snowshoe Resort. The course, “Basic Leadership for the Ski Patroller”, is a Senior Elective. This 8-hour course deals with Effective Leadership Skills, Coaching and Mentoring, Effective Communication Skills, Risk Management and its application in snow sports along with Leadership Opportunities with NSP, your Division Region and patrol levels.

For more information or to sign up, please contact **Tom Wagner**, (wagnertew@frontier.com)

Zermatt Ski Trip – Jan. 31st 2014

Friday, January 31, 2014 – Sunday, February 9th, 2014

Go to www.AtlantaSkiClub.org to sign-up.

Zermatt - a mile high ski Mecca for all levels of skier at the foot of the majestic Matterhorn! Best known for its southern exposure, high snowfall levels and quintessential Swiss charm, Zermatt is an incredible ski destination, one of the top 10 in the world! Ski the three main ski areas of Rothorn, Gornergrat or Matterhorn Glacier, and the ski across the border to Cervinia, Italy for lunch. Zermatt is also renowned for its “all-inclusiveness” and no use of cars in the village – electric cars and horse drawn sleighs and carriages are the only transport allowed. The Hotel Perren is ideally located in the center of Zermatt and you will have free use of the sauna and steam room and entrance to the indoor swimming pool at the Hotel Christiania.

Before returning home, spend a day in one of Europe’s most beautiful cities, Geneva, situated along the banks of Lake Geneva at the foot of the Alps. Stroll the promenades around Lake Geneva, wonder the maze of cobblestone streets in Old Town, step into St. Paul's Cathedral, tour the United Nations headquarters, or visit the Red Cross Museum.

For additional information regarding Zermatt and Geneva go to:

<http://ski-zermatt.com/winter.html>

<http://www.hotel-perren.ch/>

<http://cornavin-geneve.hotel-rv.com/>

<http://www.geneva.info/>

Trip Coordinator: Ann Blakely / A2blakely@att.net / 770-330-3569

Complete Package Includes:

- Round-trip transportation (Atlanta/Zurich, return Geneva/Atlanta) on Delta Airport Transfers
- 7 nights at Hotel Perren in Zermatt – double occupancy
- 1 night at Hotel Cornavin in Geneva – double occupancy
- Breakfast buffet daily
- 4 course dinner for 5 evenings at Hotel Perrin in Zermatt
- ASC parties and activities
- Flight Information is **subject to change at any time** and may not be reflected on the website, contact trip coordinator for updates:

01/31/14 DL 066 Dep. ATL 4:52pm arr. ZRH at 7:45am (2/1)

02/09/14 AF1743 Dep. GEN at 1.00pm arr. PAR at 2.10pm
DL 029 Dep. PAR at 4.10pm arr. ATL at 8.16p

Barcelona Extention Optional - Contact Trip Coordinator for Full Details

2/12/14 AF1449 Dep. BAR 6:50am arr. PAR 8:45am
AF682 Dep. PAR 10:55am arr. ATL at 2:40pm

Trip Price:

Complete Package: \$2,965.00

Mountain* Package: \$2,020.00

Deposit: 50% with sign up

Final Payment in Full: 11/10/13

* Mountain Package does not include air transportation or guarantee airport transfers. Contact Trip Coordinator for availability and pricing on single supplements.

Zermatt Ski Trip – Barcelona Extension

Interested in seeing Salvador Dali's Museum, Museum Picasso, Gandi's La Pedrera or La Sagrada Familia? Join Jim & I on an extension to Barcelona, Spain.

After skiing Zermatt and spending Saturday afternoon/evening in Geneva, we will depart Geneva on Sunday, Feb. 9th at 1PM on EasyJet's direct flight to Barcelona arriving at 2:25PM. We will spend Sunday afternoon/evening, Monday and Tuesday taking in the sights of Barcelona. Then depart from Barcelona on Wednesday morning, Feb. 12th at 6:50AM, arriving in Atlanta at 2:40PM (Flight change with 2 hour layover).

Jim & I will be staying at Hotel Avenida Palace (4 star) in Barcelona, 5 minute walk from Plaza Catalunya, La Ramblea and Paseo de Gracia - a great location. Ground transfers from airport to hotel and back to airport will be via taxi or airport bus.

Due to EasyJet's economical airfare structure, it is not advantageous to make these reservations through the Atlanta Ski Club's travel wholesaler. This Barcelona extension will be "A la carte" meaning you will make our own reservation on EasyJet and at Hotel Avenida Palace. Also, ground transfers, meals, tours, etc. will all be at our own expense.

EasyJet's airfare will be \$110 if you are checking 2 pieces of luggage (each weighing 44 lbs. or less) -YOU will book your "one way" reservation

Hotel Avenida Palace is \$471 (331.75 EURO) for 3 nights/standard room, single or double occupancy - YOU will book your hotel reservation

If you wish to join Jim & I on this Barcelona extension you need to reply to this email, or send an email to a2blakely@att.net stating that you would like your return flight to be on Feb. 12th from Barcelona to Atlanta. This email needs to be received by Nov. 10th. (Non-extenders will be returning from Geneva to Atlanta on Sunday, Feb. 9th.) There is no additional cost for returning from Barcelona to Atlanta on Feb. 12th, versus returning from Geneva to Atlanta on Feb. 9th.

Go to the following websites for additional information and making your reservations:

<http://www.easyjet.com/us/>

<http://www.husa.es/en/hotel-avenida-palace.htm>

<http://barcelonaturisme.com/>

<http://www.viator.com/Barcelona-tours/d562-ttd?pref=204&aid=m1787>

Looking forward to meeting you on Sunday, Oct. 6th, 4PM at our Get-Together. In the meantime, please feel free to call me at 770-330-3569 if you have any questions.

Cheers,

Ann Blakely

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Awards ... Awards ...

Peg Harris,
Awards Supervisor

Annual Southern Division Awards 2012 & 2013

As I begin to write this article for the Southern Cross, I realized that I had neglected to write one for 2012. I must have had a huge senior moment or we were traveling in our RV. Anyway, it is so important to recognize those patrollers who received awards for each year so I am beginning this article with the 2012 recipients.

Certificates of Appreciation

Ryan Costin, General Manager & **Gil Adams**, Ski Patrol Director, Beech Mountain Resort
In appreciation for hosting the Division Snowsports clinic January 2012

Chris Bates, General Manager, Cataloochee Resort & **Wayne Morgan**, Cataloochee Ski Patrol
In appreciation for hosting the Division Snowsports Train the Trainer Clinic in December 2011

Terry Pfeiffer, Manager & **Walter Watson**, Patrol Rep, Winterplace Resort
In appreciation for hosting the Division Snowsports Improvement Clinic in January 2012.

Walter Watson, Patrol Rep, Winterplace Resort
In appreciation for hosting the Division Snowsports Improvement Clinic in January 2012

Dan Moss, Director & **Jay Zedak**, Former Director, Central Division NSP Ski School
In appreciation for instructing at 4 Southern Division Snowsports School Clinics over the last 2 years

Peter Jucker, Patroller , PSIA/AASI instructor, Ober Gatlinburg/Cataloochee
In appreciation for instructing at 2 Southern Division Snowsports School Clinics in 2012

Service Awards by Patrol

Appalachian

Kent Graham	10 years	John Whitener	10 years
Steve LaPointe	10 years	Mark Latendresse	15 years
Chris Martin	10 years	Debbie Lentz	15 years
Dennis Simmons	10 years	Mark Soule	15 years
Scott Smith	10 years	Joseph Donadio	25 years
Michael Sutton	10 years		

Beech Mountain

James Niver	10 years	Richard Adams	25 years
Amanda Olson	10 years	Charles Handley	25 years
Brett Pryor	10 years	Greg Sowers	25 years
Alexis Santi	10 years	Douglas Whelan	25 years
David Hall	15 years	Bob Mahoney	30 years
Julia Adams	20 years	Charles Travis	35 years
Dan Cheek	20 years	Rodney Farris	40 years
Tim Holland	20 years		

Blackwater Nordic

Ronald Alt	15 years	Gary Berti	20 years
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Bryce Mountain

John Kern	10 years	Robert Mecaughey	20 years
G. William Nabers	10 years	Kevin Fagan	25 years
Jonathan Snow	10 years	Kent Christian	30 years
Steve Sutton	10 years	Carl Larsen	35 years
Lee Miller	15 years		

Cataloochee

Colin Halligan	10 years	Keith Kiser	20 years
Scott Krein	10 years	Thomas Raudorf	25 years
Robert Brewster	15 years	Randall Avery	45 years
Brent Bowman	20 years		

Cloudmont

Bob Palik	45 years		
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Massanutten

John Doyle	10 years	John Bartus	15 years
Emily Hall	10 years	Jeffrey Salem	25 years
George Vandenbosche	10 years	Charles Coleman	35 years
Carol Bartus	15 years	Robert Martin	35 years

Ober Gatlinburg

Phil Carney	10 years	Glenn Campbell	15 years
Craig Ratcliff	10 years	William Mattison	20 years
Rhonda Ratcliff	10 years	David Bjornstad	30 years

Sapphire Valley

Ken Collins	25 years	Ben Tholkes	35 years
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Snowshoe

Daniel Cincotta	10 years	Howard Gibson	25 years
Forrest Cox	10 years	Jerry Goldfarb	25 years
Ronald Bailey	15 years	Michael Cassis	25 years
Mary Legg	15 years	Jan Gooding	25 years
Christopher Methvin	15 years	Claude Hylton	25 years
Susan Murad	15 years	Jeffrey McKelvey	25 years
John Carruth	20 years	Nancy Tiffey	25 years
Jason Hall	20 years	Daniel Vincent	25 years
Mark Poore	20 years	Robert Humphris	30 years
Daniel Philippi	30 years	Jan Starr	35 years

Southern Admin Patrol

Mike Harris	35 years
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Sugar Mountain

Adam Rhyne	10 years	Clarence Ilderton	25 years
Mandy Self	10 years	Dirk Krause	25 years
Robert Barbour	15 years	James Bolton	30 years
Melissa Rees	15 years	Josephn Chesson	30 years
Randy Wrenn	15 years	Larry Fleming	30 years
Bryan Webb	20 years	James White	30 years
Patricia Woody	20 years		

Timberline

Aaron Martin	10 years
Joseph McNeer	20 years

Wintergreen

Robert Fedak	10 years	Paul Thompson	15 years
Bob Knox	10 years	Peggy Harris	20 years
Robby McFarland	10 years	Judith Kay-Monaghan	25 years
Carl Smith	10 years	Robert Leavenworth	25 years
Robert Coleman	15 years	Douglas Carlberg	40 years
Shawn Fields	15 years		

Winterplace

Kent Roberts	10 years	David T. Creager	25 years
Nadine Watson	15 years	Stephen Finch	25 years
Walter Watson	15 years	Cynthia Boehling	35 years
Byrd White	20 years		

Wolf Ridge

Joel Harrison	10 years	Rick Ligeikis	25 years
David Katterman	20 years	Lee Wilkinson	25 years
Wayne Person	20 years		

NSP Angle Pin

Jennifer Gohl for her service and dedication to the Wintergreen Ski Patrol's Youth Patrol

National Appointments

Norris Woody NA # 11308 (presented at the board meeting in Denver) -- Sugar

Randy Trow NA # 11346 (presented at Bryce in April) -- Bryce

William Drury NA # 11348 -- Massanutten

Patroller's Cross

Personal sacrifice in service to all who ski

Dale E. Spencer -- Appalachian

Division Outstanding Winners

Alpine Patroller

Bob Brewster
Cataloochee

Runner Up

Oscar Knight
Appalachian

OEC Instructor

David Kilmer
Wintergreen

Instructor

Richard Sanders
Appalachian

Runner Up

Matt Weitz
Wintergreen

Large Alpine Patrol

Cataloochee

Runner Up

Appalachian

National Outstanding OEC Instructor Runner Up – Recipient of a Silver Merit Star

David Kilmer
Wintergreen

2013 Awards

Now let me begin with the 2013 banquet. After my initial panic over the many boxes containing all the awards sitting on a very wet carpet in our hotel room from a leaky AC unit, there didn't seem to be any damage to any of the frames and other awards!! And as always, thanks to my wonderful husband who is there to help with all the lifting and transporting and for all the other little jobs he does to make my job as your awards advisor a little less stressful.

It is always a pleasure to look out at the crowd of folks who make the effort to come to this banquet. This year we had a great one, especially having past division directors **Neil Booth**, **Morgan Armstrong** and our Southern Division founder **Keith Argow**. Richard and I try hard to give each recipient their due but it does take a while to do this. I am constantly thinking of new ways for presentation so you may be surprised at next year's event. We both know how important it is for everyone to get back to the hospitality room after a nice dinner!

Here are this year's recipients.

Service Awards

Instructor

6 yr

Bradley Hinton
Victor Misenheimer
Jenny Primm
Scott Smith

12 yr

Henry Horn
Adam Lentz

18yr

Anne Donadio
Hugh Jernigan
Brent Rockett
Richard Sanders
Eddie Winkler

24 yr

Mike Fletcher
Tom Gant
Charles Lentz
Gordon Sox
Mark Taylor

Appalachian

Service

10 yr

Jacob urleson
Kim Davis
Cindy Hinshaw

15 yr

Henry Horn
Carroll Lowe
Sam Taylor

Mike Teague

20 yr

Michael Fletcher

25 yr

Mitchell Davis
James Morris
Eddie Winkler

35 yr

E. B. Fox
Tony Ray

Instructor

6yr

Michael Baxley
Dan Cheek
Toni Cheek
Frances Edwards
Kenneth Hale
Richard Lott
Amanda Ohlson
Sabrina Powell
James Niver
Michael Sandford
Collin Waldron

12 yr

Julie Adams
Elise Allen
Margaret Rees
Theresa Varner
Richard Yerchek

18 yr

Ronald Clyde
JoAnn Ehlinger
Douglas Gilstrap
Jane Miller
Raymond Smith
Harvey Varner

24 yr

John G. Adams
Briggs Allen
James Gayle
Richard Laws
Mark Rees
Ann Wood

Beech

Service

10 yr

Chris Haley
Thomas Handley
Matthew Pipkin
Collin Waldron

15 yr

Elise Allen

20 yr

David Kaser

25 yr

Robert Schisla

40 yr

James Shuttleworth

45 yr

Michael Ohlson

Instructor

Service

Blackwater Nordic

15 yr

Stephen Strothers

40 yr

Penelope Dimler

Bryce

6 yr

Lisa Gravitte

Lee Miller

Jonathan Snow

12 yr

Bill Kost

Kurt Legenhausen

18 yr

Nancy DiBenedetto

Patricia Lessy

Anthony Wells

Lacy Williams

10 yr

Drew Fagan

Gray Herter

Jenny Larsen

Bryce Lavay

15 yr

Lisa Gravitte

Rodney Torp

25 yr

Carlton Sampson

35 yr

Patricia Lessy

40 yr

Lacy Williams

45 yr

Robert McCowen

Instructor

6 yr

Russell Blakely
Craig Cox
Scott Krein
Lynn McCarragher
Bruce Stout

12 yr

Bob Brewster
David Hall
Chris Polhemus
Michael Wolf

18 yr

Stephanie Crowe
James Peterson
Tony Tingle

24 yr

Joy Jucker
Wayne Morgan
Ed Saleem
Melanie Wolford

18 yr

William Parks

Service

Cataloochee

10 yr

Tanya Thomas
Sabine Hardin
Lynne McCarragher

15 yr

Gordon Petit

20 yr

James Peterson

25 yr

David Gunter

30 yr

Tony Thonus

35 yr

Robert Feldman

40 yr

Neil Booth
Robert Landin

50 yr

Janie Bollinger
Roger Bollinger

Cloudmont

10 yr

David Long
Franklin Marshall

20 yr

Randi Bjornstad

Hawksnest

30 yr

Brent Rockett

Homestead

25 yr

James Birchfield

Instructor

6 yr

Travis Dorman
John Doyle
Steve Escobar
Paul Goulart
Maryland Lafoon
George Myers

12 yr

Carol Bartus
Chris Bartus
John Bartus
Nancy Bradburn
Tom Byron
David Pedrick

18 yr

Mark Andrews
Scott Cambell
Brian Dubas
Todd Horting
Sanford Montalto
Kenneth Pankow

24 yr

Jim Borher
Leslie Carter
Tom Olander

Service

Massanutten

10 yr

James Bradshaw
Marc Severe

15 yr

Tom Byron
Charles Harner

30 yr

Michael Miller

40 yr

Leslie Carter

Instructor

6yr

Adrienne Armes
Joe Ayers
Glenn Campbell
Dave Crawford
John Crawford
Steve Ebb
Stewart Foshie
Grigori Gavrilets
Dedra Kaufman
Bob Lewis
William Mattison
Armand Mendez
Brandon Olson
Craig Ratcliff
Rhonda Ratcliff
Ryan Rose
Troy Tissue

12 yr

Brent Galloway

18yr

Dennis Slagle

12yr

David Castildini

6yr

Teresa T. Stewart
Fred Wessels

Service

Ober Gatlinburg

10 yr

Dave Crawford
Toby Flynn

15 yr

Jeff Hostler
Jessie Hunter

20 yr

Brent Galloway

35 yr

Dennis Slagle

Sapphire Valley

35 yr

Timothy Bauer

Smoky Mt Nordic

25 yr

Patti Johnson

Instructor

12 yr

Charlotte Bradley
Gregory Gill
Jason Hall
Mary Legg
Jane Poundstone
Karen Sealock

18 yr

John Magi
Jim Maxwell

24 yr

Janet Starr

6 yr

Camille Hale

18 yr

Steve Kuller

24 yr

Jan Starr

Service

Snowshoe

10 yr

Lanelle Fischer
Terri Mohnacs

15 yr

Charlotte Bradley
Timothy Estep
Gregory Gill
Christopher Jacobs
David Orlando

20 yr

Mark Mendes
Marie Mohrman
Anne Slayton
Les Stiers

25 yr

Virginia Weisz

35 yr

Jon Magi

Southern Admin

45 yr

James Underwood

Instructor

6 yr

Robert Barbour
Roger Bushnell
David Hurtz
Jeremy Hoke
Meridith Philips

12 yr

Patrick Benson
Cindy Fleming
Jonathan Hale
Terry Loges
Michael Milligan, Jr
Alex Rucker
Gene Self
Mary Self
Ronald Scott

18yr

Babette Fleming
Patricia Woody

24 yr

Flynn Harris
Norris Woody
James Bolton
Larry Fleming

6 yr

Richard Dunne
Scott Frankenhouser

12 yr

Darren Bennett
William Cox
William Fitzgerald
Mike Smith
Charles Weatherford.II

18 yr

Janet Basile
Robert Chatman
Steve Cvechko,Jr
Joseph McNeer

Sugar

Service

10 yr

Roger Bushnell
John Powell

15 yr

Tim Hagaman
Terry Loges

20 yr

Babette Fleming
Jane Johnson
Mary Self
Mark Thurston
Steven Wall
Jean Webb

40 yr

Doug Groce
Norris Woody

Timberline

10 yr

Aaron Sworden

15 yr

Darren Bennett
William Cox
Richard Dunn
Scott Kersjes

30 yr

Dale Schultz

Instructor

Service

Wintergreen

6 yr

Debbie Gagon
Paul Gagon
Brett Henyon
William Hogsten
Chuck Lollar
Jay Matula
Robbie McFarland
Robin Meyer
Holly Mueller
Meggan Robbins
Harry Warren
Matt Weitz

12 yr

Keith Cassidy
Christopher Cuthbert
Patricia Deane
Ted Forbes
Tom Hughes
Gregory Pence
Virginia Ragsdale
Paul Thompson

18 yr

Tucker Crolius
Brandon Deane
James Dick
Mary Graham
Janice Haigler
Peg Harris
T Harris
Bob Leavenworth
John E. Pouncey
William Smith

24 yr

Judi Kay Monaghan
Morgan Armstrong

10 yr

William Hogsten
Peter King
Chuck Lollar
Jay Matula

15 yr

Christopher Cuthbert
Patricia Deane
Landon Harris
Brett Henyon
Geoffrey Stagg

20 yr

Tucker Crolius
William Smith

25 yr

James Dick
Mary Graham

35 yr

Robin Meyer

Instructor

6 yr

Adam Carrico
Issac Colvard
Kellie Colvard
John Darrow
David Halloway
Andrea Marino
Alex Overmiller
Brett Scaggs
Jonathan White
Matt Word

12 yr

Charles Clements
Thomas Dragan
Stephan Finch
Byrd White

6 yr

Glenn Larsen
Per Larsen
Matt Piscatelli

12 yr

Thomas Bingham
Bill Boughton
Larry Erb
Michael Erb
Sue Estridge
Jerry Stamey

18 yr

Matt Lowery
Randi Lowery
Rhonda Smith

Winterplace

Service

10 yr

John Darrow
Shane Dragon
Tim Jewett

15 yr

David Wallace

20 yr

Teresa Mason

30 yr

Lowell Franz
Joy Marr
George McMurray

Wolf Ridge

10 yr

Michael Erb
Sue Estridge
Bill Herring

20 yr

Rhonda Smith

National Appointments

Rhonda Smith NA# 11430 -- Wolf Ridge
Trish Deane NA# 11432 -- Wintergreen

Patroller's Cross

Trish Deane -- Wintergreen
Richard Coyne -- Cataloochee
Jim Brown -- Appalachian

Distinguished Service

Richard Chadick DSA# 1356 -- Wintergreen
Brandon Deane DSA# 1357 -- Wintergreen

Division Outstanding Winners

Alpine Ski Patroller

Meggan Robbins
Wintergreen

Instructor

Brandon Deane
Wintergreen

Patrol Rep

Joe Donadio
Appalachian

Paid Patroller

Paul Gagon
Wintergreen

Large Alpine Patrol

Appalachian

Ski Patroller

Mark Cook
Appalachian

National Outstanding Runner Up – Recipient of a Silver Merit Star

Instructor

Brandon Deane
Wintergreen

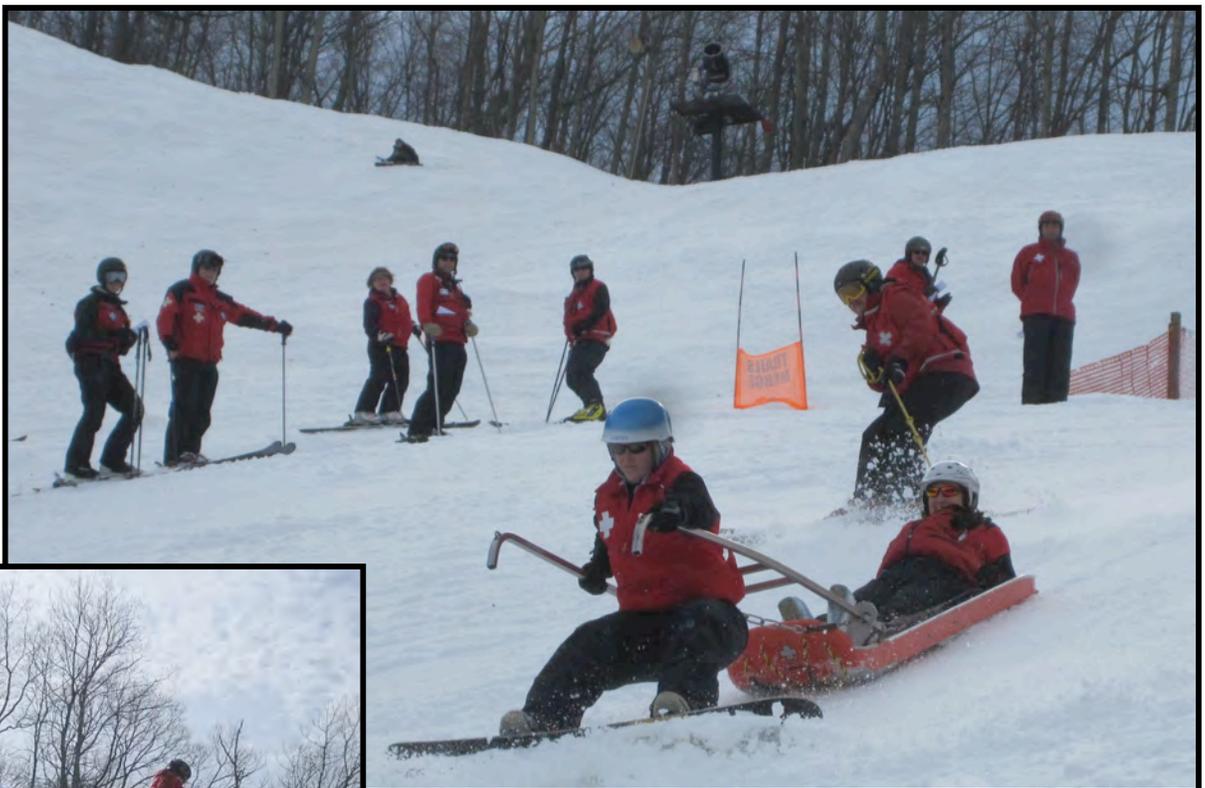
Patrol Rep

Joe Donadio
Appalachian

Thanks to all of you who submitted the award nominations and congratulations to all the recipients. I say this every year - This is a reminder to all Patrol Reps, Patrol Directors, Region Directors and Awards Advisors that this is one of the best ways to thank those who so deserve the recognition. With that said, I expect nominations in all of the categories from each patrol next award season! Remember, it is never too early to start thinking about who needs to be nominated.

Thanks to everyone who made this year's awards banquet such a success!

Ober Gatlinburg S & T Evaluation -- February 10, 2013
(Photos submitted by Hugh Jernigan)



Snowshoe S & T Evaluation -- March 3, 2013
(Photos submitted by Hugh Jernigan)



Above – “Getting Ready”

Right and Below →
“Evaluation Runs”



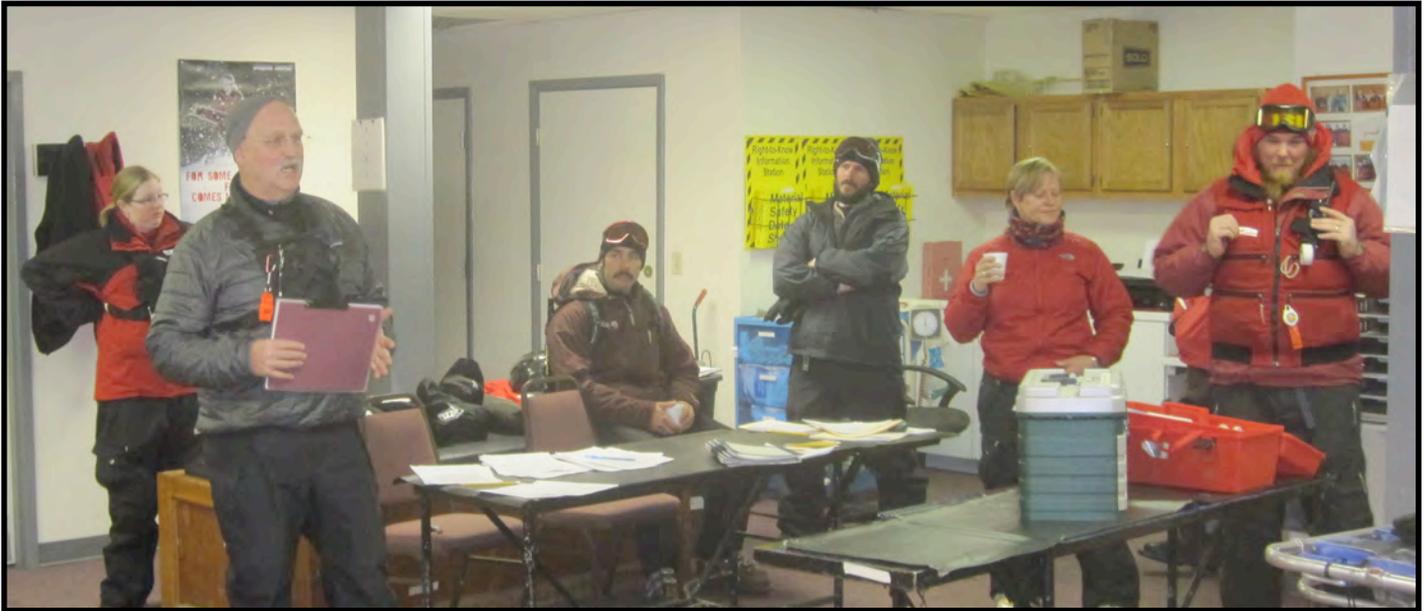
Right → Tom Wagner
looking for skis!



Bryce OEC Evaluation -- February 23, 2013
(photos submitted by Hugh Jernigan)



Winterplace OEC Evaluation -- March 3, 2013
(photos submitted by Hugh Jernigan)



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The calendar is flexible dependant on the weather – please check the calendar and/or with your patrol representative / Region Director for the most up-to-date changes.
