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From the Director

Bill Cathey, Northern Division Director

At the Northern Division meeting this year there were a few changes made within the following programs - Division Raffle, Senior Program, and Winter Tip-off.

Division Raffle - This year's raffle has just concluded. I hope everyone was aware it was going on and participated. Last year was the first year that we held a division-wide fundraiser. That raffle consisted of one winner being awarded two \$500 Visa Debit Cards. Each patrol was issued a pre-determined number of raffle tickets to sell. The raffle was never intended for the patrollers to purchase the tickets themselves. Each patroller was encouraged to sell as many tickets as possible to the public. That raffle was successful and the Division made about \$6000 after expenses. The money raised went towards expenses within the division budget and provided the necessary funds so that the Division would not need to raise patrol dues.

This year, it was decided to run the raffle for a longer period of time and provide more prizes thereby giving ticket purchasers more opportunities to win. I hope that all patrollers did their part and sold as many tickets as possible. This raffle truly does make a difference in our Budget and to you as a patroller.

Senior Program - This year it was voted on by the Division Patrol Representatives that the Senior will be held every other year however there must be a minimum of 12 candidates registered by the registration deadline. The registration fee was set at \$250 per candidate and is payable with the senior application. There will be no refund of registration money. The senior remains to be the most expensive program for the Northern Division. This higher fee will help offset some of the debt that is incurred when we hold the Senior event.

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Instructor Development

Steve Thompson, Instructor Development

Things have been very quiet in the Instructor Development world. I'm guessing that people have been totally committed to doing every conceivable snow dance they can think of. Hope your dances are getting better results than what we have received in the Missoula area.

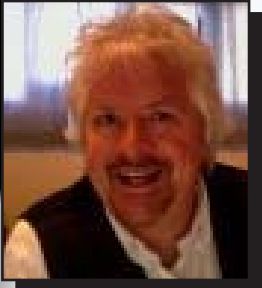
As you are waiting for the white stuff to pile up, take some time to look through your patrol ranks and see if there are any patrollers who are potential instructors. Our Division instructors are an integral, vital part of our overall success and I would urge all patrol reps to continually cultivate new instructor interest within your ranks. It is too easy to simply rely on the same instructors to get the job done time after time. The last thing we want to do is lose some of those "old reliables" because they have been called on too much.

Steve Thompson



Plethora of SS&T Events

Mike Marlow, SS&T Advisor



Hello all! We have a ton of training going on this winter around the division. First off, there are two Winter TipOff's. The Western Winter TipOff is at Moonlight Basin, January 7th and 8th. The Eastern Winter Tip Off is February 25th and 26th at Terry Peak, outside Lead, SD. They both will follow a similar format with Toboggan

Instruction and Tune Up on Saturday and PSIA Instruction on Sunday morning with a Pasta feed Saturday nite. Friday afternoon before the Winter Tip Off we will hold a SS&T Instructor Recert at Moonlight Basin and Mystic Miner (another area outside Lead,SD. Friday and Saturday are Patrol coat days, Sunday is civvies.

If that was enough to do, the same weekend as the Eastern Winter Tip-Off, we have the semi-annual Pre-Senior at Terry Peak. The semi-annual Senior will take place March 17th and 18th in Red Lodge. If you know a Senior candidate, encourage them and offer to help in their OEC, skiing and toboggan training. (It'll help you also!)

Come join us in any and all functions. It's always fun and you'll always learn something!

Your most humble SS&T Supervisor,
Michael Marlow

From the Director

Bill Cathey, Northern Division Director

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Winter Tip-Off - We will be having two Winter Tip-offs this year. The first will be held at Moon Light Basin on January 7th and 8th. The second will be at Terry Peak in South Dakota on February 25th and 26th. For details please see other information in this Polaris or call Mike Marlow for details. The Winter Tip-off is always a good time to practice your ski & toboggan skills, catch up with old friends and make some new friends.

Thank you to John Fradette and his group of OEC people. They did an outstanding job with the break- out of the OEC Fifth Edition. John and his group traveled all over the Division holding clinics for OEC Instructors so that they would be informed of the new OEC information when it came time to hold their own Refresher.

My thanks to Judy Hanstede. She continues to do an outstanding job as our Division Awards Advisor. We have never had the awards participation as high as we currently have. Congratulations to Judy for being given a very special recognition award by the Lost Trail Ski Patrol and their mountain management. She truly deserved it and deserves much more.

The Division Director's position is up for election this year. I will not be running for re-election. If you are interested in running for the position, contact Brent Brooks for the details. If you have questions about the job please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Thank You
Bill Cathey

DON'T MISS OUT!

Address or E-Mail Change?? Send your updated info to

Bill Lay at: w.a.lay@bresnan.net

Hello From Missoula & Region 1

*Marty Merwin,
Region 1 Advisor*

Well, I just got back from the division meeting. It was a lot of fun. I really enjoy being able to see people I only get to see once or twice a year. The other aspect that I enjoy is watching how the different patrols put on their portion of the OEC refresher. Their ideas always made running Snowbowls refreshers much easier.

I would like to congratulate everyone who received recognition for Outstanding Service to the public, their patrols, the division and national. These awards are a great way for you, and fellow members, to acknowledge each others efforts, contributions and dedication. If you know of someone who deserves to be recognized all you need to do is one of the following: contact your patrol representatives, the awards chairperson for the Northern

Division, read the section on awards from the Patroller Handbook or NSP Policy and Procedures manual.
<http://www.nsp.org/members/oms/pp/index.asp>

Back to refreshers for a minute: I had a great opportunity to observe several refreshers in Region 1. I have to tell you I was, in a word, "impressed"! I am a pretty black and white guy so I tend to take things very literally. So when I see it will take most of the Snowbowl Patrol to handle just one station of the OEC refresher I use to get literally "freaked out". But after attending many Division and other patrols OEC refreshers, I have learned there are many ways to teach someone—something and still achieve the original goals of that year's refresher. Your individual talents and ingenuity amazes me.

For those of you who would like to take on a more active role in your patrol, specifically as the Instructor Of Record, talk to your patrol director or IOR for the program you are interested in. Then go to everyone who ever held that position and ask them for their advice. You'll both gain from the experience and your patrol will gain your ideas, talents and enthusiasm.

I would like at this time to thank Mr. Bill Cathey for all his hard work over the years guiding and directing the Northern Division. Working with many advisors and volunteers, he has managed to organize and maintain high standards for our divisions programs and events. But we all know that Bill didn't do this by himself and credit also needs to go to his wife Sheryl. Sheryl has done registration, handed out shirts, prepped banquet rooms and countless other jobs. Thank you Sheryl!



Bill now wishes to step down as Northern Division Representative and allow others to take this great opportunity to share their ideas, talents and enthusiasm for Ski Patrolling and help guide the future of the Northern Division. It is your vision and talents that keep this division and the National Ski Patrol moving forward. This is your chance to guide and build on programs

that will affect the Northern Division for years to come. If you ever have thought you had a great idea here is your chance to make it happen. You have a great group of advisors and program directors to assist you in making your ideas work.





Winter-Tip Off - January 7 & 8, 2012

— Moonlight Basin Ski Area —

8:30 a.m. both days

Cost: \$109 by 12/17/2011; \$119 after 12/17/2011.

Registration includes lift tickets both days and spaghetti feed Saturday night



Checks payable to Northern Division Ski Patrol
Send to Bob Short at 4409 12th Ave. South, Great Falls, MT 59405

Please register as soon as possible so we can adequately plan instructors and groups.

Questions - Call Mike Marlow at 406-443-8386

WINTER TIP-OFF REGISTRATION

SATURDAY Boot up* 8:30 a.m., Clinic 9-4 with lunch break

All Day Toboggan Clinic: Get the rust off both you and your toboggan. Toboggan handling skills will be covered.

SUNDAY - Boot up* 8:30 a.m., Clinic 9-Noon

PSIA Ski Instruction: Working with PSIA Instructors and Clinicians

* **Boot up** is at Headwaters Grille at the Madison Village Base Area

Please check box if you are interested in participating in the following:

****The earlier you respond, the better we can gauge to have these clinics put on. If there isn't enough response for any of these clinics, they will not be held.*

- All Women's Clinic.** Have fun working on anything and everything with a PSIA Ski Instructor.
- Snowboard Clinic.** With PSIA Snowboard Clinician.
- Telemark Clinic.**

NAME _____ NSP NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

BASE LAYER MOCK TURTLENECKS - \$40

SIZE: SMALL MEDIUM LARGE XL XXL

Registration fee is \$109 on or before 12/17/11;

\$119 after 12/17/11, registration includes lift tickets and spaghetti feed.

Make checks payable to Northern Division.

Mail completed form along with check to Bob Short, 4409 12th Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59405

Hotel Accommodations Info - you make your own reservations:

Lodging under NSP at Buck's T4 Inn, Big Sky, Montana - \$99

<http://www.buckst4.com> • 800-822-4484



Winter-Tip Off #2- February 25th & 26th, 2012

— Terry Peak, Black Hills, South Dakota —

8:30 a.m. both days

Cost: \$129 by 2/6/2012; \$139 after 2/6/2012.

Registration includes lift tickets both days and pasta feed Saturday night

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CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

BASE LAYER MOCK TURTLENECKS - \$40

SIZE: SMALL MEDIUM LARGE XL XXL

Registration fee is \$129 on or before 2/6/12;

\$139 after 2/6/12, registration includes lift tickets and pasta feed.

Make checks payable to Northern Division.

Mail completed form along with check to Bob Short, 4409 12th Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59405

Hotel Accommodations Info - you make your own reservations:

Lodging under Northern Division Winter Tip Off - \$59

Golden Hills Resort

900 Miners Ave • Lead, South Dakota 57754 • Phone 605-584-3933



Ski Season is Upon Us...

Judy Handstede, Awards Advisor



It's time to point the ski's downhill and enjoy another stunning snow year.

For a detailed account of awards and photos of awards/refreshers, meeting events of the Sept. Division Meeting please check out the Northern

Division Web Site. Under the excellent Leadership of Bill Cathy, Northern Division continues its history of Outstanding Accomplishments.

N. Division Officers, Advisors and committee members make our patrols and patrollers an important part of NSP. Many patrollers reached milestone National Anniversary Celebrations, great patrolling folks. **Ann Brendel** conducted "A Day On the Hill for Kids with Special Needs" at the Huff Hills Ski Area last spring and N. Division is very proud of her successful effort. Thanks for the Many Years of Support (which have helped N. Division programs to flourish) to **George Willett**, Showdown Ski Area (Gr. Falls) and **Pacific Steel and Recycling**. **Dawson Glock** (Huff Hills) and **Linda Walton** (Lost Trail) were injured in the line of patrol duty...I hope both patrollers are now on the mend and ready to tackle patrol duties at their local ski areas. Huff Hills had 4 patrollers (**Larry Smith, Jeff Azure, Taresa Azure, Ryan Fisk**) earn **Merit Stars** for their assistance in a very serious accident. Northern Division National Outstanding Awards presented with National Yellow Merit Stars were Outstanding Patrol Rep - **Chuck Ball** (Gr.

Divide); Outstanding

Instructor Other- **Allan Rabbitt** (Gr. Falls),

National Unit Citation:

Outstanding Patrol - Snow

Bowl Ski Patrol. **National

Silver Merit Star:

Outstanding OEC

Instructor - **2nd at**

National, Dan Schaefer,

Huff Hills Ski Patrol.

Way to go Dan!



Dan Schaefer OEC 2nd (Silver) Place at National Outstanding Instructor

****This is very high honor*



Alice Ford and Norm Ando Received their National Number/Appointment at the 2011 Division Meeting

Intent: A Patroller with an Appointment is an individual who has demonstrated leadership, good character, diplomacy, a positive attitude, good judgment, exemplary qualities of patrolling ability, a genuine desire to serve the skiing public, and extraordinary service to the NSP. Receiving an Appointment is not something for which a Patroller-volunteer or paid-can work or plan. A Patroller does not apply for an Appointment. The Appointment should be overdue rather than premature, but tenure alone is never an adequate criterion. To obtain this classification, a Patroller must be nominated. An Appointment is not intended to be a retirement award.

2010-11 Northern Division Awards:

*Northern Division

Outstanding Volunteer

Patroller - **Bob Short,**

Gr. Falls Ski Patrol

*Northern Division

Outstanding Patrol -

Snow Bowl Ski Patrol



Bob Short- Outstanding N. Division Patroller

Ski Season is Upon Us...

Judy Handstede, Awards Advisor

***Mark Behan Award** - Purpose to honor a current Member in good standing of the Northern Division National Ski Patrol for outstanding service as an instructor. *An instructor who exemplifies the high standard of contribution set by Mark Behan. This coveted award is considered in N. Division as most honorable. **Allan Rabbitt**, Gr. Falls Ski Patrol



Allan Rabbitt- Mark Behan Award, and he also received a Yellow Merit Star for Outstanding Instructor Other

N. Division Awards is pleased to have **Erik Sakariassen** serve as a mentee for Awards 2011-12. Erik was previously in charge of award nominations presented on behalf of the Huff Hills Ski Patrol. His expertise is going to be very valuable to the Awards Program. Erik joined the Huff Hills Ski Patrol in 2003 and is currently an Alpine Toboggan Instructor. Welcome Erik!

2011-12 promises to be a busy year for the National Awards Board. Along with the boards ongoing duties the

board has on its agenda establishing the Concept and Criteria for the NSP Minnie Dole Hall of Fame with the goal of having it up and running by January 2013. The rewrite of the Patrollers Manual has begun in earnest and our committee has been tasked with writing and updating chapter 10. The board will participate in the 75th NSP Anniversary Celebration.

Please check out the 2011-12 N. Division Awards Board, Division Appointment Board and National Judges which should be published shortly for Patrol Reps.

It's not about me! **It's about the many worthy patrollers in N. Division.** It's about you, taking the time to make sure they are acknowledged. I expect many changes on information and forms, please take time to check the National Web Site frequently as many of the changes will be made throughout the season.

Let's make the 2011-12 Ski Season Northern Division Awards "A Year to be Remember"



Missoula Patrol at Division Meeting, Outstanding N. Division Patrol

OEC Update

John Fradette, OEC Advisor

Whew, we made through the fall with all OEC Cycle A Refreshers. It is a chore getting all of the refreshers covered that is to say having an Instructor Trainer in attendance. I even covered one this year. In order to make next year go even smoother, I am asking for patrols to schedule next year's refreshers well in advance. Ideally, the dates should be set before the end of this year's ski season. I will be communicating directly with the Patrol Representatives on this. The advantage to setting the dates early is that we can:

1. Get them registered and put on the Division calendar and the National Calendar.
2. Allow our OEC Technicians to know well in advance so they can plan accordingly
3. Allow me to schedule the IT's early and avoid potential conflicts, like 3 refreshers the same weekend.

We had a good refresher at the Division Meeting this year; I really could not do without the support of the patrols. Thanks to the Patrols that helped me put on stations this year.

We have a several OEC classes going on in the Division. By the time this article is published, several will have been

concluded. There were some issues regarding the written exam that the national office is looking into. If your class has not yet administered the written portion, please contact me about revised exams.

The last of the OEC 5 rollouts have been concluded with the last one for this year taking place on December 3 in Missoula with 6 instructors attending. Thanks to the all the instructors that attended the 5e rollout session. This shows the dedication of our nearly 100 OEC instructors. Thanks also goes to the Divisions OEC staff (Chuck Allen, Jessica Suess, and Dan Schaefer for helping with the presentations. I also want to thank Mike Marlow who helped me glean through the material to put together the presentation. Going forward, I will be conducting regular instructor recertification classes. The schedule for these has yet to be determined.

Lastly, the Patrol Representative should be reviewing the OEC delinquent Rosters and working the list assigned to you for your patrol. I will be asking your local IT to follow up with you so we can the list cleared up.

Looking forward to a great ski season. Keep me posted on your classes or if you have OEC related questions.

Calendar of Events

January 7,8	Winter Tip Off, Big SkyContact - Mike Marlow
January 14, 15	Level I Avalanche Course, Cody, WYContact - Allan Rabbitt
February 25, 26	Winter Tip Off 2, Terry Peak, SDContact - Mike Marlow

"No one would have crossed the ocean if he could have gotten off the ship in the storm."

.....all mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move."

MTR Update

Troy Walker, MTR Advisor

Welcome Back To the Mountain Travel & Rescue World
It is great to be back out on the Mountain Peaks climbing around and skiing!

By now most everybody should have been out there on their skis patrolling getting all the kinks out of the way. Here are a few checklist items to make sure that are completed early:

1. Good to be back with the Pardis = Check
2. Get back on the skis = Check
3. Get first crash out of the way = Check
4. No injury's = Check

Remember to keep yourself injury free and safe for the season!

I attended the Northern Division Meeting in September at Big Sky, Montana, along with our Division staff and the Patrol Representatives from the division. This meeting was a great time as usual getting together with old friends and meeting new friends. Discussing business is always part of the agenda along with refreshing our OEC skills. One of the greatest things about the meeting for me is getting together with fellow patrollers and discussing what is going on in their ski areas and how we can all help each other out in achieving our goals as staff, patrollers and our local ski resorts. Thanks' to all the people it takes to put this meeting together in our division.

Great achievement and award!

Alice Ford one of our MTR instructors from the Flathead Nordic Patrol received her National appointment #11214 at our division meeting this year! Way to go Alice!

MTR courses for the 2011-2012 season:

The only course planned at this time is the MTR level 1 & 2 combined course being held at Alta, Utah. The classroom training can take place in your local area, and then you would need to attend the field session at Alta, Utah on May 4th, 5th and 6th of 2012. If you are interested in attending this course please contact me and we can discuss the requirements to getting you enrolled.

The next MTR level 1 & 2 combined course that will be available at this time will be held at Flathead Nordic patrol area starting in November of 2012.

Thank you and have a great season. Please contact me with any questions and or needs for your ski area in regards to MTR training.

Troy Walker - MTR Supervisor
801-360-2445 - troywalker13@gmail.com

Update Your Member Info!

Please take a moment to go to the NSP website, login, and click Member Resources above the scrolling banner on the welcome page to check that your mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address are up-to-date. This is especially important so that you can receive the board election ballots being mailed by Votenet, as well as other information and special offers from NSP.



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