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Good News for the Alumni Program

- Northern Division Alumni Committee

In 1977 the NSP Alumni Program was developed with the purpose of providing a means for retiring patrollers to keep their connection with the NSP at reduced membership dues and some other benefits. Now, nearly forty years later the program is basically the same.

With an aging membership and many patrollers at or nearing the age of retirement it was felt that the program should be upgraded to make being an Alumni Member a more worthy and rewarding experience. You know, honor those who have served the NSP, the ski areas, and skiing public so faithfully for so many years.

In 2013 the Northern Division Director appointed a Division Alumni Advisor to work with the National Alumni Advisor in developing an ND Alumni Program. After many disappointing attempts it was decided that something different should be done. The ND Alumni Advisor recommended that a committee be formed to study the issues and recommend how the program should be conducted going forward. The ND Alumni Committee was appointed and approved at the Fall Division Meeting in 2015.

After some email dialog and debate the committee realized that the only alumni

activities that were successful were done at the patrol level. Wala!!, that was the answer... turn the Alumni Program over to the patrols. Encourage each patrol to have their own Alumni Program organized and conducted any way they choose.

The purpose of the ND Alumni Committee would then be to offer support to the patrols by providing information and materials to aid them with their program. Details of how that is to happen will be arranged by the individual Patrol Reps and a member of the Alumni Committee. Further planning of this concept will occur during the summer break and the Northern Division Fall Meeting.

Knowing the spirit of the Northern Division, the Alumni Committee feels confident that a majority of patrols will end up with a Patrol Alumni Program that they are proud of and that the Northern Division will, once again, show the rest of the NSP that we truly care about our members and the dedicated service they provide.

Northern Division
Alumni Committee



Region 1 News

Hello everyone, especially those in Region 1. This will be my last Polaris entry as your Region 1 Director. I want to thank all of you in region one for the support that you have given me over the last five years. Again I would like to thank each of you for the time and effort you put forth in providing care to the sick and injured whether on the slopes or off. You make a huge difference to your families, communities, the Northern Division and indeed the National Ski Patrol.

I do not know at this time who will be replacing me. What I do know is there are multiple candidates each

Martin (Marty) Merwin, Region 1 Director

of whom will be an excellent addition to the Northern Division Executive Board. The regional directors are selected under secret ballot by the patrol representatives for that particular region.

Whoever this new person is they will need your help and participation in order to provide you with a better patrolling experience and to help guide the Northern Division in that direction.

Best regards!
Martin (Marty) Merwin

New Region 1 Director

Northern Division
Membership,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the winner of the Election for Region One Advisor/ Director. As your Division Director, it is an honor to announce that Rusty Wells is the new Region One Director. It is without question that Rusty will give this job all the attention he can and be a great representative for the western end of the Northern Division.

This year, Trevor Motley, Keith Talley & Rusty Wells stepped up as candidates for the position of Region One Director. It was truly an inspiration to have 3 great candidates put them in to running to work even harder than they already do! All 3 candidates were very qualified to do the job too!

I wish to thank both Keith Talley and Trevor Motley for their intention to serve the division and look forward to both of them as potential

John Larson, Northern Division Director

leaders of the division in the future.

And finally, Marty Merwin, "Thank You!" Mr. Merwin you have served Region One of the Northern Division with honor and integrity over the years of service. Marty you will be missed as Region One Advisor/ Director. I am very sure Mr. Merwin will still be around to help us regardless. We wish him well!

Thanks to the Election Committee for your work.

John Larson
Northern Division Director



Region 2 News "Change"

Carl Schiner, Region 2 Director

When I joined the ski patrol Bob Dylan had written a song titled "The Times They Are A Changin"

At that stage of my life I thought it was a pretty revolutionary idea, now I guess my reply would be... "Always has, always will."

When I joined the Ski patrol in 1966 we had wooden skis with screwed on metal edges. Bindings had long thongs for safety straps and our rescue sleds were wooden toboggans with angle iron edges and stokes litters attached with hitch pins.

I don't know anyone who wants to go back to that equipment but it is not uncommon to encounter resistance to any changes in training or procedure when it comes to upgrading current skill levels.

If those of us with a lot of miles on our experience find an attitude starting to develop when we are asked to try something different, I would suggest we think a bit about 20/20 hind sight and try to apply it to foresight.

Were we wise to resist changing from the advanced Red Cross first aid standard to our current comprehensive OEC skill level? We have unquestionably improved both our level of care and knowledge, the skiing public is much better off as a result. The same goes for most of the other teaching disciplines, Outdoor Emergency Transportation, Avalanche, Winter Mountaineering and Instructor Development are have all undergone recent changes in instructor manuals or have something in the works. We all have to be lifelong learners!

I guess the point I'm trying to make is that in order to improve we have to change, and if we don't improve we will be left behind by those who continue to find a way to do things better.

Carl Schiner
Region 2

Region 1 - New Director

Rusty Wells, Region 1 Director

As the recently elected Region I Advisor/Supervisor I'd like to introduce myself.

I have been a member of NSP for 30 years and am a Nordic Patroller, primarily Back country. I have also had the opportunity to participate as an area Patroller at Blacktail Ski Area where I volunteered for 3 or 4 years (on Telemark skis as all I know how to do is "free heel"). Although MTR is my favorite, I am an instructor for Avalanche and OEC also.

My hope is to visit all Patrols in my Region over the year either at an OEC Refresher, On the Hill Refresher or to just visit and ski with you all for a day. Just as Marty Merwin did, I am available to help with any of

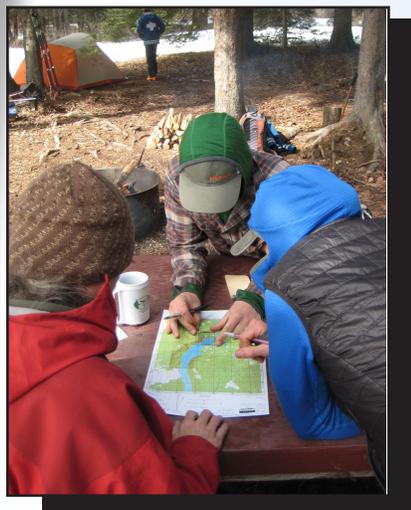
your needs and when contacted you can count upon me to reply in a timely manner. Even in the off season as I realize that is when many problems occur; it may take a little longer now that spring/summer has arrived (I may be off on a fishing trip somewhere as that is my passion when snow has melted).

Now that all of the ski areas have closed it is time for my 2 annual late season annual trips: bike/hike/ski to Granite Chalet in Glacier and ski Logan Pass (when Going to the Sun opens).

Rusty Wells
Region 1

Mountain Rescue & Travel *by Dan'l Moore, FNBP, MTR IOR*

Five Valleys Backcountry Ski Patrol asked the Flathead Nordic Backcountry Patrol if they could help put on an MTR course for their members. FNBP readily agreed, as it presented an opportunity to finish mentoring new MTR instructors. Initially



FVBSP, thought they would have 10-12 students, from their organization and Snowbowl. So the 4 MTR instructors from FNBP and three mentees took on the course. The last weekend of Feb. was selected as the date for a classroom session at Marshall Mtn.

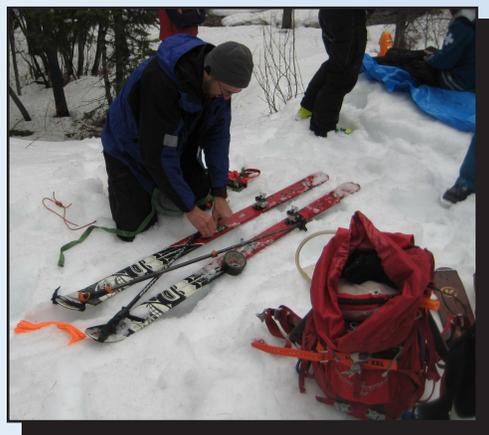
in Missoula. The preceding day was used to scout the field location at Lolo Pass, by instructors. The classroom day was filled with lots of information sharing, hands on work, power points, a visit from Missoula County Search and Rescue, and a great day. By the way, we had 7 instructors / 5 students, hard to beat that ratio.



The field session was scheduled for two weeks later, during which time we found out that the Nez Perce N.F. wanted a special use permit and did not have time to process it, so Lolo Pass was scrapped. We moved the field session to Lindberg Lake, on Flathead N.F., (where FNBP has worked out previous arrangements for trainings), which was half way between Missoula and the Flathead. Unfortunately, by the time the weekend rolled

around there was much bare ground. We met at the trailhead Friday morning, skied in about 1 ¼ miles and set up camp. We then proceeded with navigation training, map reading, compass course, GPS use etc. Then a short tour to get a feel for the area we were working in.

On the return the students had to evacuate an injured party with an improvised toboggan. Friday night saw



some beacon searches, and discussions on search strategies, winter camping tricks, past missions, etc. Sat. we

did more touring, focusing on trip planning, route finding, etc. At our high point, we did a bit of rope and rigging work, building snow anchors, Z drags, etc. The weather treated us to a bit of sun, rain, snow, rainbows, all just minutes apart. Must be spring. Sat. evening after dinner we had a night search scenario. Students had to find a missing person, who had fallen in a creek, transport him out to a staging area. They



treated for hypothermia, built a fire, transported via SKED toboggan, used GPS coordinates to help locate patient. All went well. The dramatic acting abilities of our team came the forefront. They were drunken

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revelers from a bachelors party. An Oscar worthy performance. Sunday morning we worked on hasty shelters made from what you carry in your pack, had a fire building contest, packed up camp and headed out. We had a debrief session at the Hungry Bear Steakhouse in Condon, then said our farewells.

We had 4 students complete the course, 1 incomplete.

We mentored 3 new MTR instructors



for the N. Div. Flathead Nordic Backcountry Patrol helped cover the out of pocket expenses of instructors.

Thanks to all who participated:
Instructors; Rusty Wells, Dan'l Moore, Alice Ford, Jer Lundgren

Instructor mentees: Rob Linder, Conor O'Neil, Derrick Mercer

Students: Donny Perret, Molly McDevitt, Chuck Casper, Dan Brister, Joe Lustik

It would have been nice to have more students participating, as this makes for a more expensive course

Submitted by:

Dan'l Moore, FNBP, MTR IOR 2016

Failure to Communicate

WHAT WE HAVE HERE

IS A FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE

COMMUNICATE - verb; intransitive - To transmit or exchange thought or knowledge (*The Reader's Digest Great Encyclopedic Dictionary*).

Earlier this season, I sent out a blanket e-mail to every patrol director in the Northern Division - 16 total - asking for interest input for a Level II Avalanche course next season - 2016 - 2017. My request was this - Please query your patrol and obtain names/numbers of patrollers who would be interested in a Level II Avalanche course next season and forward that information to me. At this point in the season (10 April 2016), I have received feedback from a total of SIX (6) patrol directors throughout the Division. That is 37.5% response.

My heartfelt thanks to Huff Hills (Eric Sakariassen responded within 48 hours !!!!!), North Absarokee

by Steve Thompson, Avalanche Supervisor

(thanks James Patrick), Casper Mountain (thanks Mike Rodell), Five Valley Backcountry (thanks Joe DiFulgentis), Snow Bowl (thanks Anthony Krolczyk) and Flathead Backcountry Ski Patrol (thanks Dan'l Moore). Just a couple of questions ——— am I to assume that e-mail only reaches these 6 locations in Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming??? ; or are 62.5 % of the Northern Division patrol directors not communicating with their respective members about educational opportunities or not communicating back to me about their patrollers' responses??

The success of any and all programs within the Northern Division is dependent on the involvement of each and every patrol. If patrols chose to be non-involved, then the members of those patrols are the ones who lose.

Steve Thompson
Northern Division
Avalanche Supervisor

From the Director

John Larson, Northern Division Director

Spring 2016

I am just finishing up on 4 years as your division director; I feel like we have a very strong group of patrol representatives and division staff. I would like to formally thank Marty for his long stent as Region I Director. It was great to have an election for his replacement with three excellent Canadettes; Trevor Motley, Keith Talley, and Rusty Wells. I know you will support Rusty as the new Region I Director.

We have a small patrol at Red Lodge and I have not been able to travel as much as I would like to. I was able to get to both senior events this year and meet with a few folks. We put a lot of time and money into the senior program and I hope everyone thinks it worth the effort.

I just got the division Subaru last weekend it came from outgoing board member Janet Glaser and was delivered by the national OET program supervisor. I hope to get around the division more next season and to any events you have this summer to show off the car. It will be at the bike race in Missoula in June. If you have any events in your areas let me know and I will try to get the NSP Subaru there.

The spring budget meeting is set for Chico the 7th of May and I hope to see all the program supervisor there. We try to get next year's budget set at that time so were all set for fall meeting. It is the third weekend of September and tentatively at Bucks again.

On the national level the new computer system will be in line July first there will be several changes which should be better, the one that effect everyone is individual regression, more on that latter. It will be similar national EMT registration works.

I have also been on the planning and governance committees as well several interview committees for national program supervisors. (Avalanche, Nordic, and Certified). I spent about 10 hours a month on national business and attend meeting in Denver in June and January so I don't get to go to tipoff.

We need to get more folks involved in working at the national level. Mike Huber has run the last 2 years but we need more involvement. There are three seats on the national board and it would be nice to see at least one of them filled by someone from northern!!

This is an election year for my job. There will be a call for Canadettes out soon. I am running again and would like to be your director 2 more years. Karl Uhlig and will be work together on internal division work.



Your Division
Director
John Larson

All In The Family

Erik Sakariassen, Awards Advisor

You know them. Ski patrol families. Lost trail has its Motley Crew. Great Falls, the Malisani Mob. Eagle Creek has the Korb Clan. And at Huff Hills, it's the Sak Pack. For me, it all started when my son, Alex, was about 10 years old. Then as now, we spent our winter weekends on the snow. (The family that skis together, freeze together!) When I'd go into the chalet to shiver by the fire, Alex would stay outside, tailing the guys with crosses on their backs, asking if they needed his help or challenging them to race him down the hill. He told me he wanted a cross on his back, too.

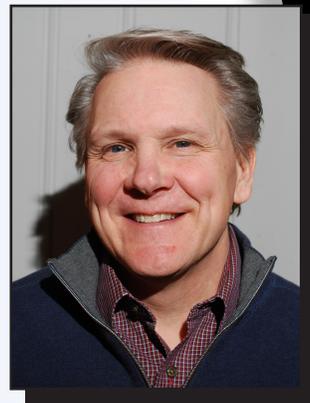
I reminded him about that cross when he was in high school. So we took the OEC class together and drank the Kool Aid. His sister, Emily, joined us a few years later. Their mother, Amy, was (and still is) often recruited to play injured patient, getting herself c-collared and strapped to a backboard or having her leg stretched in a traction splint. And so the circle grew.

Families are a big part of ski patrol. But I like to think ski patrol is really just one big family. It's chemistry. It's in our DNA. If you ignore the odd grumpy uncle, we pretty much care for each other in our own special way. Like a family, we're there to lend

support through the challenges, celebrate the triumphs, show pride in the accomplishments.

The NSP awards program helps us recognize those accomplishments, whether competing as an outstanding patrol or patroller, or being honored for meritorious service. Every year we hold our "family" reunion with an awards banquet at the Northern Division annual meeting. It gives us a chance to reflect and remember why we do it, to retell the stories and to share a laugh or two.

After a whirlwind trip to Montana early in April, the Sak Pack put the skis away for the season. Well, maybe not Alex. He'll probably still be skinning up Lolo Peak in May. But you can always count on family to keep the spirit going. So here's to family! All of them. See you in September.



Registration

Bill Lay, Northern Division Registration

With up-coming changes in Registration and to be keep aware of events & news in the Northern Division and National Ski Patrol, please check your e-mail on the National Website. Please correct it and your address if needed.

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2015-2016 Season - Avalanche Report

Steve Thompson, Avalanche Supervisor

As the 2015 - 2016 winter sports season melts into history, we can look back on quite a bit of activity in the avalanche world. There were 3 Level 1 courses conducted - 2 in the Missoula area and 1 in Sheridan, WY, 1 Level 1 Refresher in the Flathead area and 11 Avalanche Awareness courses in the Potomac, Seeley Lake area.

The surge in the avalanche awareness classes is a direct result of the new "Know Before You Go" (KBYG) program which was produced by the Utah Avalanche Center. The KBYG program is geared more toward skiers, boarders, snowshoers and hikers. In cooperation with the snowmobile industry, they also produced a new dvd entitled "Knowledge is Powder" which is snowmobile specific. These two dvds, combined with some basic statistics and general discussion make a great information-packed 1 hour program.

In keeping with the Division scheduling program set up a number of years ago wherein the Senior evaluation and a Level 2 Avalanche course alternate years, next season will be the time for a Level 2 Avalanche class again. In preparation for that, I sent out a survey to every patrol in the Division asking for "a show of hands" of patrollers interested in taking the Level 2. 16 patrols contacted - 4 responded. Many thanks to Huff Hills, North Absarokee, Flathead Nordic and Snowbowl for your input. With a little more followup, we currently have 12 - 14 interested in a Level 2 course. No dates or locations at this point in time, however it would make

sense to hold the course close to where the most interest is expressed, providing appropriate Level 2 terrain is available. If you were not asked about your interest in a Level 2 course and you would like to attend, please contact me ASAP.

At the National level, not many changes. The new Avalanche Instructor Manual (AIM) is working out well. We have identified some small changes that we would like to incorporate but nothing significant.

For any of you who would like to consider educational opportunities next season beyond the local Level 1 and Level 2 classes, the Northern Rockies Snow and Avalanche Workshop will be in Whitefish, the Utah Snow and Avalanche Workshop will be in Salt Lake City (dates for these two have not been announced at this point but mid to late October is a probable time). On the world-wide front, the International Snow Sciences Workshop (ISSW) will be held at Breckenridge Ski Area, Oct 3 - 7, 2016. ISSW has their web site up already if anyone is interested. Any and all of these workshops are well worth attending.

Hope your season wrap-ups go well and your Spring, Summer and Fall are most productive.

Steve Thompson
Northern Division
Avalanche Supervisor



Candidates Needed - for Division Director

Hello Northern Division Patrollers,

The Northern Division Election Committee along with your Division Director (DD) are seeking candidates for the Division Director Position. The Division is seeking nominations and pronouncements of candidacy for the offices of Division Director. (See Job Description on bottom of page.)

The Division Director can be anyone in good standing with NSP, as provided in the Northern Division Bylaws Article IV, Section 4(d), only the Region Directors and Patrol Representatives vote for the Division Director position. Remember you as a Northern Division patroller can surely influence your patrol director. With that said, keep tuned into the emails and website for announcements.

We the Election Committee are soliciting nominations of interested and qualified persons for the Division Director Position. Anyone interested and qualified for the Division Director Position needs to submit their letters of candidacy and a resume of ski patrol experience to the **Election Committee by April 29th. Voting to be completed by May 13th.** The candidate that received a majority of the votes cast shall be elected. In the event of a tie, a run-off election will be conducted between candidates that received the same number of votes.

Please submit to: motleycrew@q.com
or yogimedic@hotmail.com

As provided in the Northern Division Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4(c), If only one qualified candidate for Division Director submits candidacy materials as of the deadline date for candidacy, no election will be held. The Executive Committee shall appoint the one qualified candidate and shall notify the candidate that they have been appointed Division Director.

Election Committee

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Division Director Job Description. (National P&P Manual)

(Division) Region Director and Section Chief (for those divisions with sections)

2.4.1.1 Qualifications

- Is a current NSP member.
- Must have the willingness and capability to carry out designated responsibilities.
- Selection: Elected or appointed following division bylaws.
- Responsibilities: Designated by division bylaws and policy.

2.4.2 NSP Patrol Representative

2.4.2.1 Qualifications

- Is a current NSP member.
- Must be registered with the local NSP registration unit.
- Must be approved as the NSP patrol representative by area management or public lands administrator.
- Should have been registered as an NSP member (excluding candidate, inactive, or alumni classification) for at least two years.

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Division Director Job Description. (National P&P Manual)

e) Should have served one season as instructor, supervisor, adviser, or officer.

Should be familiar with the national policies and procedures as defined in the current NSP Policies and Procedures manual.

g) Should be familiar with division, region, and section policies and procedures, as applicable.

2.4.2.2 Selection Alternatives

a) The method of NSP patrol representative selection is the prerogative of area management or the public lands administrator. If not elected by the local NSP registration unit, this individual may be appointed by either area management or the ski patrol director.

b) Area management may refuse to accept an individual as the NSP patrol representative. This individual may be removed without recourse and another appointed.

c) The NSP patrol representative may be removed from division officer responsibilities by the immediate senior NSP officer, with the approval of the division director for failure to administer the NSP registration unit according to the rules, regulations, and training standards of the NSP, provided that such removal does not violate the NSAA/NSP JSOU.

2.4.2.3 Responsibilities to the National Ski Patrol

a) Serves a term in accordance with ski area and local patrol policies.

b) Maintains good rapport and communication with area management or the public lands administrator.

c) Serves as an officer within the NSP division in accordance with division bylaws and policies.

d) Supports and fosters the NSP mission statement. Ensures membership compliance with NSP national education requirements.

e) Collects and forwards NSP member registration fees in a timely manner in accordance with national and division policy.

f) Coordinates the course administration and distribution for all Outdoor Emergency Care education and continuing education records with the responsible instructors of record.

g) Provides timely and accurate communication of NSP policies to NSP members.

h) Maintains administrative and financial data and all other records for the NSP registration unit.

i) Submits annual reports and financial reports as required by division policy.

2.4.2.4 Members of each NSP registration unit may identify their NSP patrol representative by any other title, as long as it does not create or tend to create confusion or misunderstanding about the separate duties of the NSP patrol representative on behalf of the NSP from any duties associated with ski patrol operations,

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Additional Responsibilities & Requirements:

- Attendance at NSP (National Meetings in Denver) twice per year.
- Monthly NSP Board Meeting via teleconferences.
- Plan and attend Division Meetings both Annual Fall Banquet and Spring E-Board.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the election committee.

*Thank you for what you do!
Elections Committee:*

Calendar of Events

September 16, 17, 18, 2016	Northern Division Annual Meeting Location TBD
October 3-7, 2016	International Snow Sciences Workshop Breckenridge Ski Area
April 6 - 9, 2017	Powder Fall 2017 Aspen Snowmass, Colorado

*"I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult.
It's not. Mine had me trained in two days."*

DON'T MISS OUT!

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