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Hello Patrollers!

From the Director's Desk

I believe the September Division meeting was one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings I've had the opportunity to attend. I hope you were there to experience the event and if not you should consider attending the meeting in September 2020. Here are some brief highlights:

1. Approximately 80 people attended all or portions of the meeting and banquet.
2. John Fradette successfully pulled off an ICE continuing education course/seminar for OEC instructors. He reinforced course registration, editing, and closing procedures. He concluded by briefly speaking about the pending completion and roll out of OEC 6.
3. The Nordic/Backcountry/MTR folks put on several informative seminars.
4. The hands-on portion of the OEC refresher was well put together making participants think before acting.

Division News

Business Meeting Highlights

The Division is not proposing an increase in dues at this time. The National Board has increased the dues by \$5.00.

The total dues are:

Division: \$48.00

National: \$60.00

Total: \$108.00

Each program Supervisor/Advisor gave a brief report along with a budget request. The Draft minutes have been posted to the Division web site for your review. We passed a budget for the 2019-2020 season, discussed location for this season's WTO, Senior Training, and Senior Evaluation events. Please see articles by Mike Marlow and John Fradette for further details about the Senior and the application form later in this edition.

Open Division Board Positions:

Division Medical Advisor

Women's Advisor

As you know our very own Chuck Allen was recently offered

the National Medical Advisor position. As a result, he can no longer be our Division's Medical Advisor. The Division Board approved the formation of a committee to solicit letters of interest. The committee members are; John Fradette, Dan Schaefer, and Justin Grohs. If you know of someone who is interested in the position please have them contact the committee.

The Division Board also approved the creation of a new Women's Advisor position. The position is responsible for representing the women's perspective on ski patrolling and advocating for including more women within the entire organization. The NSP Women's Program mission is to empower patrollers by advancing skills and developing leadership in a women-focused program.

The women's advisor team consisting of all women's advisors across the organization has monthly conference calls and the division advisor is expected to help with ideas to develop the program. They try to get together in person every 2 years if possible. The women's advisory team host/teaches clinics at powderfall and strongly recommend divisions supervisors attend the PSIA/NSP women's Summit as able. (<http://www.thesnowpros.org/events/womens-summit>)

Ideally the women's advisor would be an OET instructor as a lot of the empowerment comes with showing women ways to finesse the toboggan smarter not harder. The goal is to recruit and retain women and increase the number of women patrollers in leadership positions.

If you are or know of a woman who would be interested in this new position please contact me directly by December 15th at karlskis210@gmail.com or **406-240-7793**.

By the time you read this article you should have already received the fall edition of the Ski Patrol magazine, the Fall Patrol Catalog, and the 2019 Board Election pamphlet. Voting is now open and will remain open until December 2, 2019. I **STRONGLY** encourage you to go to the National web site, sign in, go to the Member Resources page where you will find a Voting Now Open link. By clicking the link you will see three options where you can review the candidate position statements and applications and you may also ask candidates questions and voice your concerns.

Below the Candidate Platform, Vote Here, and Candidate Forum buttons is a description of further opportunities to interact directly with the 2019 candidates. For the past few election cycles the Eastern and Central Divisions have hosted Sunday evening candidate call in sessions. This year many Divisions are hosting these sessions which are orchestrated through Zoom. The candidate call in sessions were previously held twice during the months of September and October. There are two remaining sessions on November 3rd and again on the 17th. You can also listen to past sessions by going to the NSP web site.

It is no mystery to me why the current National Board is made up of primarily members from central, southern, and eastern divisions. These divisions make up most of the membership of the organization. I feel that the western divisions are underrepresented and this election cycle gives us a chance to review and possibly elect members who patrol in the western environment. I encourage you to gather information about all 10 candidates and vote for up to four (4) board members. **Happy voting!**

I hope to see you on the slopes.

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Why Ski Patrol Matters

Progress continues on the Antelope Butte lodge and excitement levels are at an all time high. They have finished almost all of the exterior work and are mainly focused on interior work at this point. There is a tangible energy in all of the communities that Antelope Butte serves. This energy has been missing for the past decade and half since the local ski community has had to travel several hours to get their fix. As such, many folks in this part of the world have either moth-balled their ski and snowboard equipment or sold it and given up on the sport in general. It is very refreshing to see the ski culture reemerging from its unfortunate hibernation.

“The group of candidates are engaged, excited, and ready to jump in.”

The general excitement for the ski season has been amplified by the arrival of some early winter weather. They are track packing the mountain as I am writing this article and I have heard rumors that folks have already made some turns on the butte. All around the community you can feel the passion for winter sports returning. This feeling is exemplified by our current OEC class. The group of candidates are engaged, excited, and ready to jump in. They are going to be a great group of patrollers and it certainly makes teaching fun.

As I have written before, much of what we are working on as a patrol is getting our protocols and operating procedures up to snuff. Coincidentally, our fellow patrollers at Meadowlark are going through some of the same administrative work. They have a group of motivated patrollers that are working to affect some positive change. We have begun working together to try to get the foundation for our patrols shored up prior to the long winter months. It might just be my eternal optimism, but it seems that no matter where I turn, I find an unbridled enthusiasm for winter sports. It is something that has been missing and we are wholeheartedly welcoming it back.

Thanks,

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Patrol Director

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OEC Updates

First of all, I would like to thank all of the Instructors of Record whose dedication, ingenuity and logistical wizardry managed to put on 16 refreshers across the Division. This thank you is also extended to the instructors who assisted in those refreshers. A shout out to Great Falls and Huff Hills Ski Patrols that hosted the Division Refresher this year at the Division Meeting in September. I for once was able to take the refresher myself and was able to see what an awesome job these two patrols did. For next year I am looking for two more patrols to host the refresher at the Division meeting. If your patrol is interested, please contact me.

OEC 6 update: The release date for the OEC 6th edition text has been confirmed for May 2020. The estimated cost is approximately \$100 and there will be an e-version available. More information will be shared as soon as becomes available. Now would be a good time for patrols to consider extra fundraising so that book purchases or subsidized purchases can be made for patrollers. Patrollers will need new books for the 2020-2021 ski season. Please remember it has been almost 10 years when OEC 5 came out. I will be planning rollout sessions for instructors this summer, I will get dates out in the spring Polaris so that instructors can get it on their calendar. This rollout will be mandatory for all OEC instructors and will count as a OEC Continuing education course.

OEC Senior: I have heard lots of buzz about the number of potential Senior candidates. I do not know the exact number at the time I am writing this, but this looks to be a big class. Good luck to all the Senior candidates with the training and evaluations.

Cheers,

John Fradette

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Instructor Development

With the annual fall refreshers closed out, we enter into a new ski season. It's the perfect time to reflect back on the information that was presented in the annual refresher, the way that it was presented and to recognize those instructors that put a new fresh approach to an old topic or a new topic, making sure that all patrollers got the online portion completed and demonstrated their stellar OEC skills.

As the seasons change and with opening day of the 2019/2020 ski season just days away this is the year to take the Instructor Development course and become an instructor in any of the Ski Patrol disciplines.

The Instructor Development course consists of an online portion and a hands on portion, where the student instructor gets to develop a course outline and teach a 5 to 10 min. class on any subject of their choice. Once that is complete, you choose the discipline of choice, get assigned a mentor in that discipline and you're off on your way to becoming one of the best Instructors in the National Ski Patrol System, improving the skills of your friends and fellow patrollers.

If you don't take the Instructor Development Course this year you will be another year older when you do.

To those of you that already are Instructors, thank you for your continued dedication to your local patrol and to the Northern Division of the National Ski Patrol. If you have any questions regarding the ID course or becoming an instructor in the National Ski Patrol system, please contact me.

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The First Run

This is my first run as the Northern Division Awards advisor. Little did I know all that goes into this awards stuff! It's a bit like standing on the cornice at the top of a chute and thinking, what have I gotten myself into?! Thankfully, I get to follow the perfect tracks laid down by my predecessor, Erik Sakariassen. Erik has done an amazing job for the last 8 years to make sure that the outstanding patrols and patrollers in our Division get recognized. I want to thank him for his organization, thoughtfulness, eloquence and selfless dedication to the NSP and the Northern Division.

“Thank you!”

I would also like to thank all those who took the time to compose and submit award nominations for your patrols and fellow patrollers. They are a bugger to write but so worth the effort if your nominee gets recognized for their outstanding efforts.

Finally I get to thank those who volunteered their time to review those nominations:

Northern Division Awards Review board:
Bill Knudson, Jamie Cottom, Trevor Motley and Don Paul

Division National Appointment Review Board:
Kurt Weinberg, Steve Thompson, Vicki Motley and Chris Quinn

National Outstanding Awards Judges:
Marie Ando and Allan Rabbitt

On page 7 is the Polaris to find out which outstanding patrols and patrollers we got to recognize at our annual Northern Division banquet in Big Sky this fall.

Coleen Finch

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National Outstanding Alpine Patroller: Colleen Finch (Great Falls), Gold Merit Star



NORTHERN DIVISION 2018-2019 AWARDS

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION – National Anniversary Celebrations:

Active Patrollers:

- 25 years: Dave Davis, Kirk Evenson, Haven Holsapple, Vicki Motley, Mark Pabst, Chick Rolling, Dan Schaefer, Christian Smith, Claire Stoner, Jon Stoner
- 30 years: Karen Gallogly, Michael McLemore
- 35 years: Rusty Wells, Jim Whaley
- 40 years: Merlin Hochstetler, Meg Sedgwick
- 45 years: John Larson
- 50 years: Mary Ann Hoff
- 60 years: Steven Thompson

Alumni:

- 25 years: Jerry Hood, Robert Short
- 30 years: Ingrid Borah, Judy Handstede, Ken Lutz, Donald Paul, Judy Thornbrugh
- 35 years: Jon Anderson, R. Brophy, Fay Johnson, Martin Merwin
- 40 years: William Bays
- 45 years: Bill Mills
- 50 years: Jim Mills
- 60 years: James Lester

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:

Presented to all Division and Region officers and supervisors, and to all Patrol Representatives.

NSP RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

SnowBowl Ski Patrol

Purple Merit Star (action in saving a life): Cheryl Thompson, Steven Thompson

Great Divide Ski Patrol

Purple Merit Star (action in saving a life): Stephen Markwardt, Bailey Smith, LeRoy Wosaba

Blue Merit Star (supporting action in saving a life): Eric Gomes, Mike Hinshaw, Jayson O'Neill (2), Tara Wilson

Yellow Merit Star (supporting action in saving a life): Stephen Begley, Tristan Lilly, Peter Straus, Ian Thigpen

Great Falls Ski Patrol:

Patroller's Cross (injured in the line of duty): Jason Huestis

Northern Division Patriot Star:

Beartooth Ski Patrol: John Larson, Seth Larson

Casper Mountain Ski Patrol: Frank Payton

SnowBowl Ski Patrol: Steven Thompson

OUTSTANDING AWARDS:

Northern Division Certificates of Honorable Mention:

Outstanding Instructor: Hunter Coleman (Great Divide)

Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol: SnowBowl

National Outstanding Award Finalists:

Outstanding Patrol Representative: Joe Lustik (SnowBowl), Yellow Merit Star

Outstanding Instructor: Gregg Rydquist (Great Falls), Yellow Merit Star

Outstanding Administrative Patroller: John Fradette (Great Divide), Yellow Merit Star

Outstanding Patroller: Jeff Littlepage (Great Falls), Yellow Merit Star

Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol: Great Falls Ski Patrol, Unit Citation

Northern Division Outstanding Awards:

Outstanding Volunteer Patroller: Colleen Finch (Great Falls)

Outstanding Ski Patrol: Great Falls Ski Patrol

National Outstanding Award:

Outstanding Alpine Patroller: Colleen Finch (Great Falls), Gold Merit Star

Dwight Chambers Rising Star Award: James Patrick (North Absaroka)

Dr. Warren Bowman OEC Instructor Award: Dave Martin (Lost Trail)

Mark Behan Outstanding Instructor Award: Mel Carnahan (Great Falls)

NSP National Appointment: Keith Talley (Lost Trail)

NSP Lifetime Member Award:

Mary Ann Hoff (Casper Mountain), Jim Mills (Alumni)

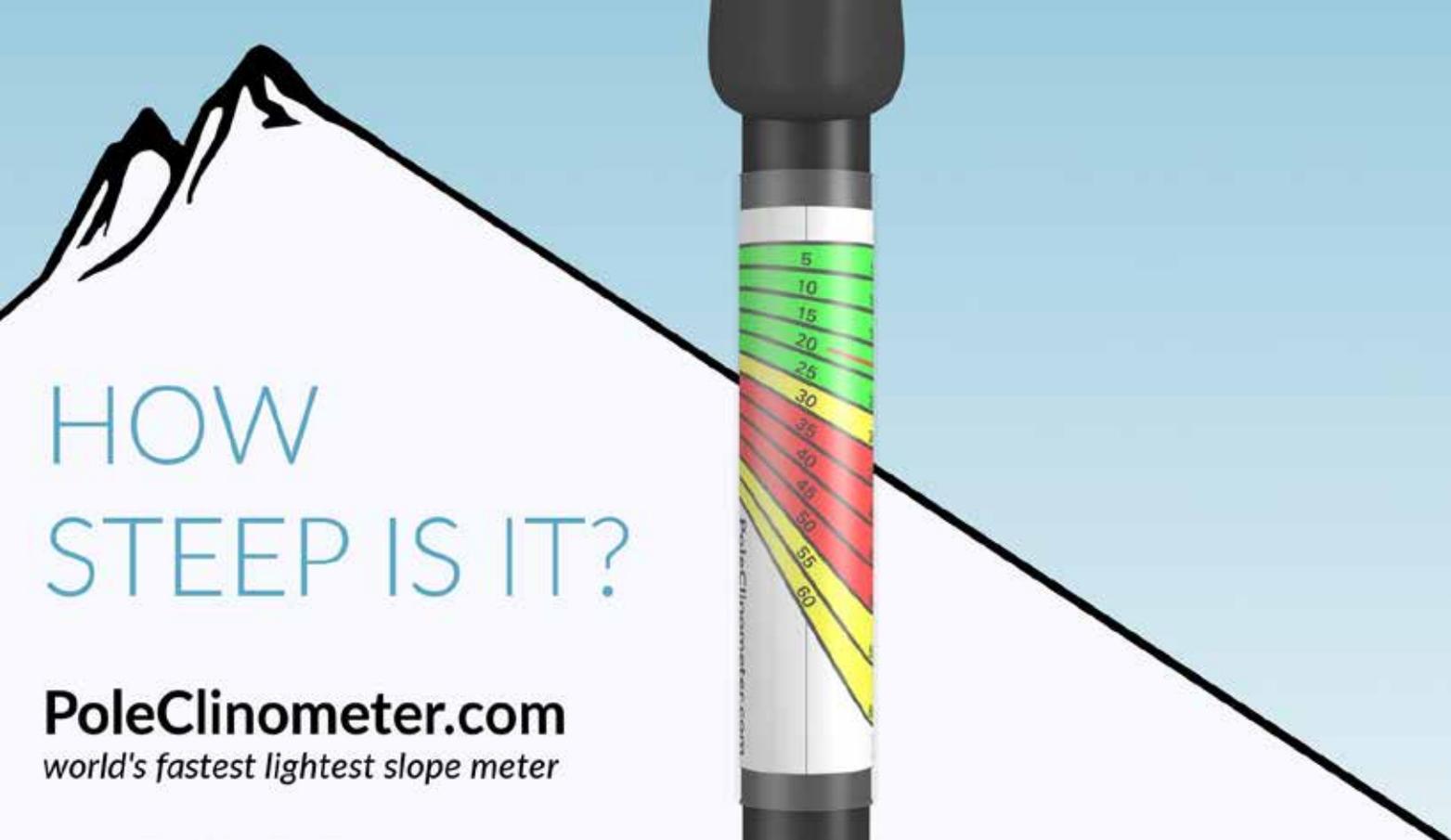
NSP Distinguished Service Award:

Steve Porcella (Lost Trail), Ron Wiggins (Antelope Butte)

NSP Hall of Fame:

Steven Thompson (SnowBowl)





Avalanche education

Hi everyone, greetings from the steep and deep.

The Fall Northern Refresher was a great time and the OEC refresher was outstanding. The long range forecast for the 2019-2020 winter is average precipitation, with slightly warmer than average temps. However, the cool summer and recent cold fronts make me wonder if we are in for a colder and possibly wetter than normal winter. We will see. Cold early snows followed by cold clear days and nights lead to surface hoar creation, or depth hoar. This could lead to instabilities early in the season. This is my yearly, early season reminder: Be mindful of shallow, early season snow packs if you can't wait for the base to build and settle over time.

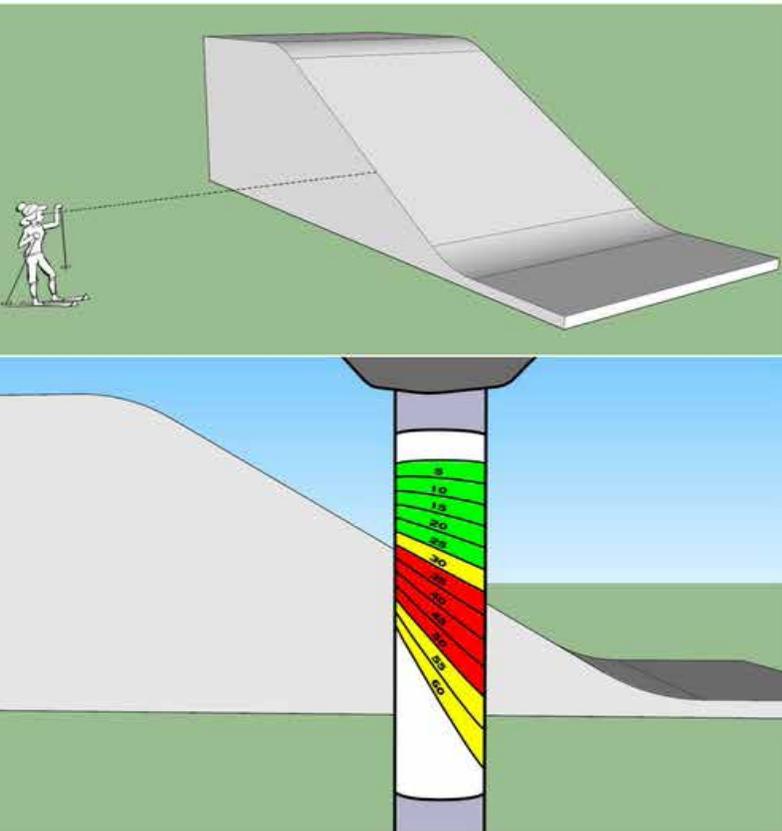
At the Northern Division meeting I gave out a nifty, new little Avalanche gadget. It weighs nothing, is cheap, and it is what I call an 'Avalanche terrain assessment' or 'awareness tool'. It's the Poleclinometer. Basically it is a sticker that goes on your ski poles, that when hanging by your pole strap (plumb-bob-style) allows for quick slope angle assessment below you and horizontal to your position. Most Avy folks know that water/air bubble-based inclinometers can break, leaving you without a way to measure slope angle. The poleclinometer is a great back-up tool. Slope angle is important in Avalanche science. Slope angle is the most significant terrain factor that contributes to avalanche activity. Slab avalanches happen between 30-45 degrees, +/- 5 degrees. Steeper than 45 degrees, slabs don't usually persist on their own. Having a quick, easy way to measure slope angle whether inbound and working on an Avy Team or backcountry skiing, gathers real time data and may save you or your friends lives. While no tool is 100% accurate, also think of the poleclinometer as a good reminder to assess slope angles in the steep and deep. Even better yet, we, as active, Northern Division ski patroller members, get a 40% discount on poleclinometers. Feel free to share this with any and all ski patrollers in our Division: This discount is for registered ski patrollers only. Garage Grown Gear and PoleClinometer are working off the honor system, and ask that the discount not get abused and the code not get shared outside of NSP networks.

The code is: **THANKSSKIPATROL**. follow this link and use the code at checkout or payment: <https://www.garagegrowngear.com/discount/THANKSSKIPATROL?redirect=%2Fproducts%2Fpoleclinometer-by-snowander>

They do offer the option of co-branding PoleClinometers. For example, California Ski Guides and the Utah Avalanche Center have had their logos printed on their poleclinometers.

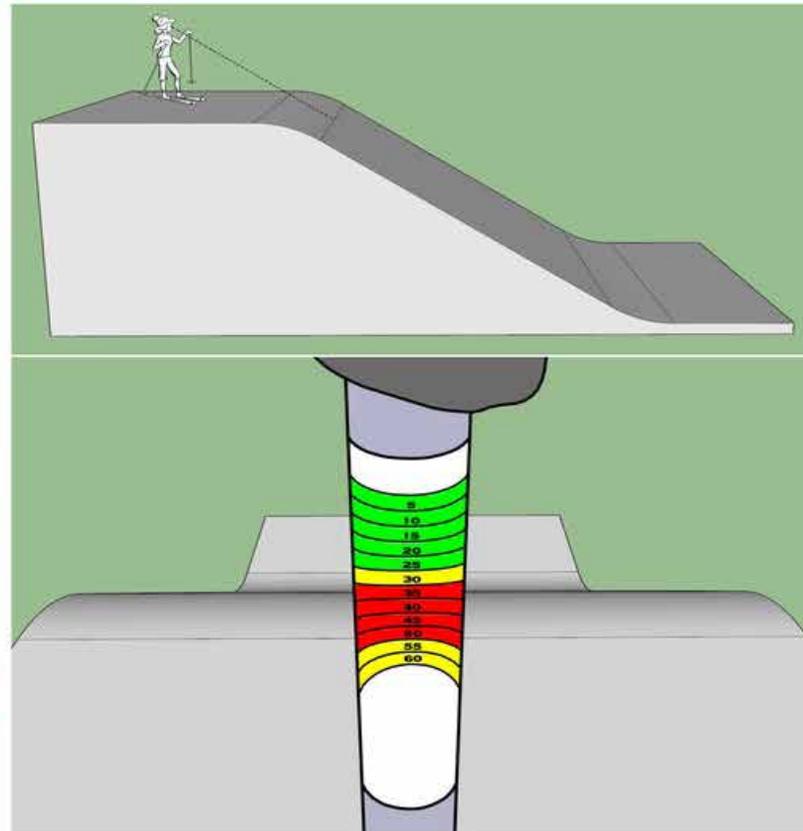
From the Side

Sighting Across the Slope



From the Top

Sighting Down the Slope



I want to thank Matt Radlowski for his outstanding service as the previous Avalanche Supervisor. I also want to thank Flathead Nordic for Avy training, and I want to thank Casey Brucker, Marea Kuehl, Jenny Cloutier and Laurel Faurot for their communication and enthusiasm towards eventually becoming avalanche instructors within the Northern Division! Be safe and always remember,

“There is no such thing as too much snow.” - Paul Coombs.

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Oustanding Large Alpine Patrol: Great Falls Ski Patrol



Mike Huber NSP board of Directors



Dr. Behan Outstanding Instructor Award: Mel Carnahan (Great Falls) NSP



Steven Thompson (SnowBowl)



National Outstanding Alpine Patroller: Colleen Finch (Great Falls), Gold Merit Star



Auctioneers Mike Marlow and Dan O'Schaefer at your service!



Yellow Merit Star Outstanding Administrative Patroller: John Fradette (Great Divide)



National Appointment: Keith Talley (Lost Trail) – What's your number Keith!



SnowBowl Ski Patrol Purple Merit Star (action in saving a life): Cheryl Thompson, Steven Thompson



Patroller's Cross (injured in the line of duty): Jason Huestis



Outstanding Patrol Representative: Joe Lustik (SnowBowl)



NSP Distinguished Service Award Steve Porcella (Lost Trail) presented by Jim Whitlock



Dwight Chambers Rising Star Award: James Patrick (North Absaroka)



Warren Bowman OEC Instructor Award: Dave Martin (Lost Trail) Mark presented by John Fradette (2018 Winner)



OET Notes

As Dave Matthews Sings “***So much to say, so much to says, open up my head and let me out!***” It looks like winter hit early then retreated, Great Divide is already spinning, and there are several items to attend to:

Toboggan Refreshers: Every Alpine Patroller is required to attend a registered Toboggan Refresher, just like an OEC refresher is required. This can be a simple couple run thing, or if needed, a full day event. (IOR’s remember when you are registering to put me, Michael Marlow, as the IT. That helps me keep track off refreshers around the Division.)

Winter Tip Off: This years Winter Tip OFF (WTO) is being held at Red Lodge Mountain January 10, 2020 (Instructor Refresher but anyone welcome), January 11, 2020 Toboggan Refresher (with PSIA), Toboggan Rodeo and Banquet, January 12, 2020 – Group Lessons with PSIA.

This years special guest will be Tanya Thomas, National Women’s Program Advisor along with Marc Barlage, National OET Supervisor. If you are interested in being the Northern Division Women’s Advisor, **THIS** is the event you need to attend!

Senior: We are running Senior a little differently this year, as follows:

Senior OET: The OET portion of Senior will be held at Winter Tip Off at Red Lodge on January 11, 2020. For those candidates that have paid their Senior Application fee, you only need to purchase lift tickets.

Senior OEC: The OEC portion of Senior will be held at Showdown Ski Area on Saturday, February 22, 2020. This will be an On-Hill event.

Senior Final: The Senior Final will be held at Lost Trail Ski Area on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and Sunday March 22, 2020. This will be also be a TWO day on On-Hill event. OEC Testing will be Saturday and OET testing will be Sunday. Please do not plan on leaving early on March 22.

There will also be mandatory paperwork, OEC items, OET items AND a couple of Zoom meetings!

Please, please DO NOT make any hotel/travel reservations (except for WTO) until we reach out to you sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Even if you are NOT a Senior, you are welcome to attend , observe and help!

PNW Nuts and Bolts: The date is not “set” but the event is held at Mt. Hood every year usually the first weekend of June. Never skied in June before? Now is the time.

Let me know if you have ANY question about any of the above events! Email me at mmarlow@infosysmt.com.

See you on the slopes!

Mike Marlow

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When Safety Returned

SO THERE I WAS.....Sitting in the basement of the Izaak Walton Inn in Essex about ready to take a second bite of my well deserved burger and awaiting my beer. My fellow Patrollers and I had just arrived from Marias Pass and a 2 night winter camp-out in Igloos and snow-caves where I had run my first MTR 2 Course under the mentorship of Chuck Kempner. Our waiter had just returned with our beers and asked if we were with Flathead Nordic Ski Patrol. His next words were "one of you should go upstairs and talk with the guy on the payphone. He is on the phone with ALERT helicopter, his buddy was caught in an avalanche at Marion Lake and has a broken leg. ALERT tells him they can't fly". All heads turned toward me so I headed upstairs.

We transitioned from overnight to rescue packs, rigged a makeshift sled to accompany my Mountainsmith Pulk and shuttled to the trail head. One Patroller stayed behind with one of our 2 radios and a landline phone. I readily agreed to his suggestion to call Mercy Flight (in Great Falls) as 4 of us and the witness loaded into the Nordic trail groomer for a ride to the trail head.

That was the beginning of my first Senior exam. The goals of the NSP Senior Program are to evaluate decision making, problem management and leadership and have those Patrollers become leaders and mentors to Candidates and newer Patrollers. The next year at the urging of several Senior Patrollers and protests of "I don't need it" I began the formal Senior.

**"We were greeted with hot chocolate
and the Northern Lights dancing
across the sky!"**

Our Marion Lake mission was successful. The patient (with a Femur and also Tib/Fib fractures of the same leg) lifted off with Mercy Flight right at dark. Our advance team helped anchor the Chopper skid on a slope steeper than the pilot would normally land on. The 2 of us following with sleds arrived near the avalanche scene minutes later and were told the mission was successful: the injured party was aboard the Helicopter. We turned around and skied the 3 miles of switchbacks down to the trail head and were greeted with Hot Chocolate and the Northern Lights dancing across the sky.

This year the Northern Division is holding a Senior clinic and the formal testing. Like myself you may feel you "don't need it" ; but you deserve it! Give it a shot.

I never did finish that burger and beer....

Rusty Wells

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So Ya Might Wanna be a Mentor? (not the breath mint)

If you were at the division meeting, you may have noticed more and more gray hair. In my case lack of hair! As we gain in experience in life, we kinda don't like to change much. After all, we all can't be the division historians. Steve has it made as he lived through our division history and just needs to pull out old pictures and there is his presentation! Thanks Steve for your service!

Meanwhile, we still have all that OEC, OET Mountaineering and Avalanche activities to keep afloat. Get to the Point you say? In my view and my profession it has been shown to only take a second and we have a vacancy in our patrol, patrol leadership, in our division and division leadership. Who fills in? What is the secession in your patrol or our division? While Marlow's may be a dime a dozen, the Fradettes' of the world are not! Let's look; we borrow the MTR guy from a different division. Good news is that he likes us and is willing to keep coming over to help. Here is the thing, Troy is a good mentor and we thank him for it.

We need "Mentors" to keep the plan moving. The NSP has a mentoring program. What makes good mentor is someone who engages in a positive relationship while teaching, listening, reacting positive when frustrations raise. We have to be tolerant to errors and give time to encourage someone struggling. We can't judge someone who has a bad day or training session. Mentorship promotes self-esteem, endurance, good judgement as well as the ability to communicate effectively with other. While mentors are not parents, we have to create a trusting relationship and reinforce them when they succeed too!

Did I mention the senior program is going on? If you want a senior candidates to succeed, they need mentors willing to hang with them for the long haul. I always learn from all of you every time I help regardless of OEC,OET or MTR... especially the Avalanche program. Thank you for teaching me Northern Division Ski Patrol.

Your Friend,

Dan Schaefer

Northern Ass't Division Director

Northern Division Young Adult Program:

The Mission Statement:

The National Ski Patrol Young Adult Patroller (YAP) Program is a volunteer educational program that provides a structure and atmosphere for young adults, ages 15 through 17, that will help them develop and enrich their lives as they make the transition from teenagers to adulthood by learning skills around snow sports safety and injury prevention, emergency care and response in the outdoor environment, skilling and snowboarding, physical fitness, leadership, and ski patrolling. Through outstanding training programs and engagement of the young adult patroller, the Young Adult Program provides a foundation for future lifelong patrollers and develops the future leaders of the NSP.

The National Ski Patrol Young Adult Program Advisors are asking for your help. We need to know if you are operating any type of Young Adult (Junior) Program. If you are, please let me know. If your patrol is interested in starting a Young Adult Program, I would be happy to help in any way that I can. There is a Young Adult Start-Up Manual on the NSP website, but I would be happy to discuss any questions that you might have.

The Northern Division would also like to recognize Jackson Data, as the 2019 Young Adult Patroller Scholarship Recipient. Jackson has been a member of the Huff Hills Ski Patrol.

Vicki Motley

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Shawn Iverson presented the Northern Division Scholarship to Jackson Data.





Basic Requirements for a First Aid Room from 1941 Ski Patrol Manual

“A warm, clean room identified as a first-aid room and clearly marked as such, and restricted exclusively for that purpose - not cluttered up like a tool shed or storeroom. This first-aid room need not be large; it may be a room off the canteen or warming hut, a separate small building, or a room in a nearby farmhouse - but it must be available and should contain as a minimum:

- a. 1 full length cot or bed with mattress and small pillows.
- b. A chair or two for attendants.
- c. 4 clean blankets (sheets add cleanliness, but detract heat).
- d. A small stove which heats quickly and in which a fire is burning on busy weekends.
- e. Water should be available nearby, though not necessarily in the room and a kettle of hot water should be kept simmering on the stove on a busy day.
- f. 4 (or more) hot water bags or bottles which can be filled with hot water or chemical heating pads for use as heating agents.
- g. If the canteen is not very close by (so that hot coffee and soup can be obtained) have a package of tea balls available for a quickly prepared hot stimulant.
- h. A few cups, glasses, spoons, etc
- i. An extra pot for heating additional hot water.
- j. If possible, 1 Keller-Blake half-ring splint (for leg traction) and 1 Murray-Jones ring-splint (for arm traction).
- k. Certainly (even if the above mentioned mechanical splints are available) have a complete set of smoothed board splints of various lengths:
2 60" x 4" x 1/2" both ends notched (for traction, leg splints). 2 50" x 4" x 1/2" both ends notched (for traction, arm splints) 2 40" x 4" x 1/2" (for immobilization of arm or lower leg).
4 20" x 3" x 1/2" (for immobilization of forearm, ankle, etc).
6 short, strong sticks 6" x 1/2" x 1/2" (for traction sticks)
- l. A broom to sweep out the quantities of snow and dirt that inevitably are brought into a shelter with a victim on a toboggan.
- m. A large-unit first-aid kit or medical supply cabinet containing replacements for the patrolmen's individual kits and bulkier items not contained in the small kits. Details of this first-aid equipment are found in Table II headed: Suggested Basic Contents for a First-Aid Room Medical Supply Cabinet. (See page 84)
- n. 2 clean towels and soap
- o. Have place for everything and keep it there. Medical supplies should be in metal box or cabinet, not scattered about.
- p. The owner or a designated responsible party should check the equipment weekly, replace shortages, keep room clean, and keep fuel available.
- q. Some of the larger developments arrange to have a doctor on hand and/or a trained nurse, in the first-aid room on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. This is splendid. However, in such cases it must not be forgotten that there is a definite line between first-aid and medical treatment. Medical treatment is the premise of the doctor and he quite properly usually makes a professional charge for services rendered. Since this is so, if the doctor desires or prefers to use medical equipment other than the basic first-aid supplies (see Table II) it is suggested that he be expected to furnish such supplies himself and include their cost in his charges to the accident victims. In other words, there is no point in stocking a first-aid room with medical supplies first-aiders are not equipped to use, nor should a doctor, who is being paid for his services, deplete stocks intended for voluntary first-aid use.
- r. Odds and ends of clothing, scraps, burlap bags, etc. are valuable aids for padding splints. Keep some on hand.

s. Old newspapers and magazines for splendid immobilization splints for wrists and ankles and can also be used for padding the larger splints.”

****Source - The National Ski Patrol System Manual, Copyright 1941**

In my article for the Spring 2019 Polaris, I included a letter from the National office, thanking one Jack C. Throckmorton, a Great Falls patroller, for his “generous response” to a note from National requesting financial help. You may recall that his “generous response” was \$5.00. Prior to his generous donation to NSP, Jack Throckmorton became the first patroller in the Northern Division to be awarded a national appointment number. From the certificate:

“The Badge of Membership of the National Ski Patrol of America is hereby awarded to Jack C. Throckmorton in recognition of his having met the special requirements prescribed by the National Ski Association and having successfully completed the Red Cross First Aid Courses.” It was signed by Roger Langley, President, National Ski Association and Minot Dole, Chairman, National Ski Patrol, dated January 24, 1948. Jack’s national # was 882.

Keith Talley, Lost Trail patroller, was awarded his national appointment at the Division meeting this Fall. Keith’s national # 12146 was presented September 21, 2019. What growth in national appointments in 71 years!!

Steven Thompson

Northern Division Historian
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WINTER TIP OFF!

Red Lodge Mountain

JANUARY 10,11,12 2020

Cost: \$199 by 12/30/2019 - \$214 after 12/30/2019

Early Registration BONUS! One Lucky Participant will get their Registration Reimbursed!!

Checks payable to Northern Division Ski Patrol

Send to Jeanette Amrine, 4853 Forest Hill Lane, Missoula, MT 59804

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

Questions - Call or email Mike Marlow at 406-443-8386 or mmarlow@infosysmt.com

WINTER TIP-OFF REGISTRATION

FRIDAY: All-day tickets available for **\$25 per day**. Must secure tickets by Jan 9.

12:00p.m., Instructor Recertification for OET

Attendance required for all OET IT's! Email Mike Marlow at mmarlow@infosysmt.com that you will be attending.

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

Toboggan Clinic with PSIA Instruction: Get the rust off both you and your toboggan.

Toboggan handling skills will be covered.

ADDITIONAL SATURDAY: PATROLLER OBSTACLE COURSE - With Prizes for the Top 3 Teams!!

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET - Location TBD

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

Personalized PSIA Ski Instruction: Working with PSIA Instructors and Clinicians

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.
- Attending OET Senior Clinic** (Mandatory for Senior Candidates).

NAME _____ NSP NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

NORTHERN DIVISION 1/4 ZIP BASE LAYER (Design to be Discovered!)- \$35

SIZE: SMALL MEDIUM LARGE XL XXL (\$55) *Woman's sizes available too!*

Make checks payable to Northern Division. Mail this completed form along with check to:

Jeanette Amrine, 4853 Forest Hill Lane, Missoula, MT 59804

Hotel Accommodations Info - you make your own reservations:

Quality Inn, 612 North Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068, \$96 per nite

(Room block closes December 10th) Call (406) 446-4469



Join the Senior Ranks!

This is the First Step to Leadership in the NSP System

Senior OET Clinic at Winter Tip Off **Red Lodge Ski Area**

Jan 11, 2020 OET Senior Clinic - Mandatory for Senior Candidates

Senior OEC Clinic **Showdown Ski Area**

Feb 22, 2020 OEC Senior Clinic - Mandatory for Senior Candidates

Feb 23, 2020 POSSIBLE OET Senior Clinic

Senior Final **Lost Trail Ski Area**

March 21-22, 2020 Senior Final Evaluation

(P.S. don't plan on being done early on March 22)

The cost to each candidate for the Senior is \$250.

Everything is based on skills and fair evaluation.
Improve your skill level and your confidence by becoming Senior.
Monthly webinars/conference calls required.

For additional information and explanation of the Senior Program
www.nspnorth.org/senior-program.html

Registration deadline is Sign up deadline is November 16 - mail by November 13.

Hotel accommodations to be determined.
(each individual NSP member must complete their own form.)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME: _____

NSP PATROLLER NUMBER: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

EMAIL: _____

Make checks payable to Northern Division and send to:

Northern Division Ski Patrol
c/o Jeanette Amrine

4853 Forest Hill Lane, Missoula, MT 59804

For questions or more info contact Mike Marlow - mmarlow@infosysmt.com

Calendar of Events



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
January 10,11,12, 2020	Northern Division Winter Tip Off	Red Lodge Mountain
January 11, 2020	Northern Division OET Senior Clinic	Red Lodge Mountain
February 22, 2020	Northern Division OEC Senior Clinic	Showdown Ski Area
March 21, 22, 2020	Northern Division OEC Senior Final	Lost Trail Ski Area
February 7, 8, 9 2020	Powder Blast	Alyeska Ski Alaska
June 2020	Pacific Northwest Nuts and Bolts	Mt. Hood Ski Area