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DIVISION DIRECTOR REPORT

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It's hard to believe that we now find ourselves heading toward the end of the ski season. We have been fortunate in the PNWD – nearly all of our resorts have had enough snow to open with a reasonable amount of the white stuff. At least we are skiing! Over the last few weeks my husband and I have had the good fortune to ski at two ski areas within our division (besides my own) – Anthony Lakes and Willamette Pass, and we skied at Loveland in Rocky Mtn Division and Pomerelle in Intermountain Division. It was great to visit with other patrollers and ski terrain we had not skied before.

Some items going on at the National level:

- NSP Board
 - ⇒ Please welcome our new Board Chair, Richard Pietrafesa. My impressions are that Richard has a strong allegiance to following NSP policies and procedures. He is open to making changes through actively listening to leadership and members. And he has excellent inter and intrapersonal skills. I look forward to working with him this year.
 - ⇒ I'd also like to extend a warm welcome back to the board to PNWD's Liz Dodge. Liz has been given a new role at the board level – Compliance Officer. In this role Liz will be working at the national level to ensure that the organization is maintaining its professionalism.
- PowderFall – please see the flyer included in this issue of the Nor'Wester and consider attending.
- Avalanche – Greg Fortin out of Northern Division is the new National Avalanche Program Director. Like many of us, I look forward to getting the program going once again at the national level. Remember, anyone can attend national meetings. If you are interested in attending an Avalanche Committee meeting, or any other, please go to the NSP website and look at the calendar. It has links to all of the meetings.
- National Reports – for Leadership
 - ⇒ The NSP office is working on getting access to courses including names of instructors, ITs, students, and dates to those in leadership positions who need that information in order to fully conduct your duties. Please be patient as the office works with our system provider to make those reports accurate and available.

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- Bike – The NSP LMS now has three courses for Bike Patrollers: Introduction to Patrolling: Bike Fundamentals, Bike 1 Patrol Basics Online and Bike 1 Patrol Basics Skills Session. If you are a new bike patroller, an existing bike patroller, or just considering becoming a bike patroller you are encouraged to sign up and take these courses. The two online courses are independent, and the skills session is in person and is instructor led.

Items going on in the PNWD:

- Certified Modules – Jack Ramsey, Marianne Becker, Kacy Carlson and I are working together to better promote the certified program in the PNWD. Our goal is to encourage members to pursue any one, two, three... all modules of the program and receive Division recognition for any module completed. Please watch for additional information.
- Division Staff, Supervisors and Advisors – If you haven't yet, please send me a snapshot of your drop down menu under Reports in the NSP system. I am conducting some comparisons and want to support all of you in making sure you have access to the reports you need.
- Youth Protection Reminder –
 - ⇒ Please log into your NSP account and check your Youth Protection status. If yours has expired, please renew as soon as possible. There are a couple of course options, including the Boy Scouts, which is a fairly straight forward and easy to access course.
 - ⇒ If you are in any kind of leadership position and/or you work with youth, you must take one of the approved Youth Protection courses. For more information go to the NSP website, Resource tab, Document Library, and then Membership.
 - ⇒ Once you have completed a course, send the certificate to Kay Seidel (kaydeerpark@gmail.com). Include your name and your NSP number and she will send it on to the NSP office.
- Patrol Directors and Patrol Reps – Please remember to add your Alumni to your Secondary Roster. This ensures they remain connected to your patrol and that they are in your database when you download your members to create email dumps, address lists, etc.
- Mountain Hosts and Youth Program Reminders
 - ⇒ Mountain Hosts – Many areas in the PNWD are exploring the idea of creating a host unit. If you are considering adding hosts to your area, please reach out to our Division Host Advisor – Dave Schwietzer at mountainhostadvisor@nsp-pnwd.org. I will be working with him to build a repository of sample documents for patrols to reference as they create host units.
 - ⇒ Youth Program – Now is the time to start considering adding a youth program to your patrol if you don't have one already. The youth program in the PNWD has been well developed by Tanya Carter, your Youth Advisor. She can be reached at spyadvisor@nsp-pnwd.org. Tanya also has a wide assortment of reference documents on the PNWD website under Programs – Young Adults.
 - ⇒ PNWD SafetyCulture4All Workshops – Workshops are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Workshops are built around patroller safety and Psychological First Aid Care. Please look at the PNWD website for information about the workshops including the schedule. And watch your emails each month. We do our best to send a reminder and link to each workshop about 1 week ahead of time. Click [HERE](#) for detailed information.

It is my pleasure to be of service to all of you, and I look forward to seeing you on the slopes.

Happy Patrolling

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INLAND EMPIRE REGION REPORT

By Dan Becker, Inland Empire Region Director

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It is safe to say the Inland Empire Region has added around 25 to 30 new NSP Patrollers to the IER Patrol Staff.

Running a common thread all 9 Ski Areas/Resorts have had a late start.
Some have only been open a few days this year (Cottonwood, Snowhaven, Bald Mt & Loup Loup).

There is an Advanced/Senior Training Clinic scheduled for February 17 & 18th at Mission Ridge, as I write this article. This will be IER's 3rd Advanced/Senior Training Clinic this year.

The first clinic was canceled at Loup Loup due to lack of snow January 20&21st.
Lookout Pass volunteered to host the clinic to save this event from not happening.

The second IER clinic was held at 49N February 3rd & 4th; snow was okay on Saturday and nice on Sunday Morning. We enjoyed five inches of new snow.

There has not been any OEC activity this season at IER's Clinics.
The attendance for OET at IER's Clinics has been good.
All IER's OET Clinics have involved PSIA Instructors.

An IER Instructor Calibration Clinic was held at Mt Spokane January 6 & 7th.
There were four Instructor Calibration groups that included Mt Spokane's NSP Candidate's.

After a few brutal warm spells, the snow seems to be holding for now.

Fingers crossed, IER OET Evaluations will be at Silver Mt. February 24 & 25th.

That all for now, think snow,

Dan Becker
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Special From Mt. Bachelor:

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Here's a link about our ski patrol and what it takes to become an NSP patroller at Mt. Bachelor. Central Oregon Daily produced this. We wanted to share this.

Here is the link; the story will download onto your computer: <https://we.tl/t-4UVsjqzWpc>

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WY'EAST REGION REPORT

By Joel Stevens, Wy'East Region Director

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Like most all of the Northwest, the weather has been weird: no snow until late December, then a huge dump followed by nothing, until near the end of February. Last Monday was a blizzard that caused significant delays on US 26 and forced T-line to open late. Monday afternoon was a white knuckle drive from Timberline down to Government Camp due to near white out conditions.

All of the Mt. Hood areas were open in January with adequate snow for near normal operations. There was not a lot of Powder but plenty of groomed runs.

The Mt. Hood Ski Patrol has completed a Level 1 Avalanche Class and is in the middle of a Level II class with Patrollers from the Oregon Region attending in addition to MHSP patrollers. Avalanche Refreshers are ongoing. Several MHSP instructors have received Pro Status with A3 and we have several new Avy instructors, so our Avy program is in good shape for the future.

Our current Candidates have completed their OEC class and are heavily involved in on the Hill training, which is going well.

We had our new candidate tryouts at the end of February and 64 people attended the tryout. We took 23 Alpine candidates and 10 Patrollers from the ski test so we hope to have a good group for next year.

The Nordic Patrol plans to have an MTR class this spring. Stay tuned for additional information.

Wy'east instructors will assist the Oregon Region with OEC Senior finals in April.

Wy'east will elect a new RD this year. Heather Van Houten, our OET Advisor and Assistant RD has agreed to run for RD.

The first weekend in March, the Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center has a Ski the Glade Day as a fund raiser. The Glade trail was the main ski trail on Mt. Hood before Timberline Lodge opened, and before lifts were built. It runs 3-1/2 miles from Timberline Lodge to Government Camp and was important in the history of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. The Timberline Ski Area grooms the trail for this event, and the MHSP provides Guides and Patrol for this event.

The Wy'east Region plans to have our annual Nut and Bolts Ski and Sled Clinic at Timberline June 7, 8 and 9 this year. Stay tuned for further information.

See you at the convention in Eugene.

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OREGON REGION REPORT

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Hello everyone. You are hopefully aware that the Oregon Region will be hosting the 2024 PNWD Convention. We are looking forward to a great time in Eugene. We are in the planning phases of the specifics right now. We will be sure to have a lot of great classes and fun stuff in store for you all.

Here's a sneak peek of what's on tap: We'll have a fantastic Physical Therapist/Ski Patroller doing a class on injury prevention and preparation for ski season, we'll have some cycling on tap for Friday (both road and mountain bike) and a GPS course that will take you to some great breweries and restaurants in town. That's just a teaser, but there will be so much more!!

We had a pretty slow start to the season, and it was looking dismal at first, but all of our ski areas are firing on all cylinders and as I write this, there is a winter storm warning in effect (in the valley!). Looking forward to some fresh coming up!

I'm sure that many of you have heard of gratitude and how it can change your attitude. Well, I'm here to tell you that it's true. Several months ago as a part of my journey in post traumatic growth, I started a daily gratitude journal. At first I was skeptical and thought that I didn't want to be all touchy feely woo woo. But I went along with it anyway. It has transformed me; it has deepened my connection to others, made me a much more empathetic person; amongst other things. It's really easy. You can use the notes app on your phone, you can download a journal app, you can grab a paper journal, you can put a whiteboard in your kitchen and when you are making your morning beverage of choice, just write down something that you are grateful for. It doesn't have to be deep and meaningful every day. Somedays I'm just grateful for socks. It's really that simple. Give it a try, I think you'll be better off for it.

If anyone of you that is reading this, feels like they need someone to talk to, you can always reach out to me, if not me, then someone else that you trust. Often times it's nice to just talk about nothing in particular. I also have a fairly deep background in resiliency, wellness and peer support. I'm always looking for someone else to share this stuff with; so hit me up!!

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NW REGION REPORT

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As noted in my last report, things got off to a bit of a slow start this season. Sometimes we forget that seasons like this come around every few years. Most areas did not open until mid-December, and some not until January. That said, we are all up and running now and in the last few weeks things have greatly improve. Unfortunately, we are still dealing with a persistent weak layer that developed back in the December deep freeze. There have been a few significant slides on this layer, as a result of control work while the areas were closed, so no harm done except that it has left a few of our main runs un-skiable until we see some new snow. If that's the worst it gives us, I'll take it.

Our senior program is well underway, the OEC midterm was held at White Pass Saturday, February 17th and an OET midterm at Crystal Mountain Saturday, February 24th. All candidates are progressing well and we have all the confidence they will be successful at the final evaluation.

Sunday, March 25th, we held a "Final Run" Celebration in honor of Matt Schleichkorn. Matt was a patroller at Snoqualmie Summit West. In his relatively short time patrolling, he could always be found on the front lines, coaching and mentoring candidates and experienced patrollers alike. Matt will be missed.

That's about it from the Northwest Region as we struggle through a less than perfect snow season.

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NORDIC/BC PROGRAM REPORT

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The Nordic/Backcountry program has had a very busy season in spite of a low snowfall in most areas. We had a great clinic at Mt Spokane that included a ski enhancement clinic with a PSIA Demo- team member. The Nordic Master Clinic at Santiam Pass was a rousing success. As I write this, the Nordic Rendezvous at Snoqualmie pass is in the final stage of organizing for February 24-25.
(Contact Rick King – rkingpatroller@yahoo.com)

The Nordic Junior Olympics are being held in McCall, Idaho Feb. 10 and 11 and the Payette Lakes Nordic Patrol will be there to highlight the NSP Nordic/Back Country program.

There is a tentative Nordic Master Evaluation schedule for April 27-28 at Anthony Lakes pending successful completion of prerequisites and submission of applications along with continued support from the ski area. We will need experienced MTR and Avalanche personnel to pull this off, so if you are interested, please contact Eric Geisler.

We are working to get Nordic Patrols registered at several areas including all of the above areas



SOUTHERN IDAHO REGION REPORT

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Hi from the Southern Idaho Region!

This winter has not been as powdery or cold as past winters, but hopefully March comes in with a fury of snow storms and pounds the mountains with snow. It has been hard to think of skiing when weather in the Southern Idaho Region has been in the 50s and 60s. I am still hopeful that we will get some more snow and I will be able to visit the patrols in the region.

We have our annual Eddie Orbea Senior Evaluation the first weekend in March. Payette Lakes Ski Patrol and Nordic Patrol will be hosting this season's evaluation at the Little Ski Hill in McCall, Idaho. Guests and candidates will be joining Southern Idaho from various patrols in the Pacific Northwest Division.

The Little Ski Hill has had issues with snow throughout the season, but recent snowfalls have allowed the hill to remain open and the forecast is reporting more snow the week before the evaluation. This will provide a great setting for OEC and a challenging course for our OET candidates. Payette Lakes is looking forward to a great weekend of camaraderie and fun, but most importantly hosting a great Senior Evaluation.

Bogus Basin hosted a Ski Enhancement Seminar which was well attended. We are looking forward to hosting more ski clinics throughout the region as we build relationships with our PSIA partners.

Keep your heads and tips up!!! Hopefully, the snow will be delivered in March and we can have a full season throughout the region.

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Some of you are aware that the PNWD website (www.nsp-pnwd.org) had a large malfunction and we have been trying to get it back in full function. While this has been a very large task, it has opened some great opportunities to explore and hopefully improved upon.

Social Media would like to showcase all regions and patrols, please keep us informed of your activities and pictures, video clips. Let's see your patrol rooms, aid rooms - we can all learn and share with each other.

Patroller Chats is gearing back up, do you have some patrollers current and past that would be great to talk to, learn from, share with? Please send some names to email: patrollerchat@nsp-pnwd.org

Do you have any input, requests, wishes? What do you like? Want to help us out?
Email: webmaster@nsp-pnwd.org.

OET ADVISOR REPORT

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After a lousy start for most of us due to lack of snow, all things OET are again happening, and in a big way. I've had the privilege of attending a few events closer to home, at both Inland Empire and Southern Idaho Regions. As momentum builds, I look forward to meeting folks throughout the Division this season.

First congratulations to Kameron Smith from Mt. Spokane, Inland Empire Region's new OET Advisor, drawing continued support from Dan Becker, RD and co-OET Advisor. Kameron recently hosted his first Instructor Calibration and Senior OET clinics. I was especially impressed with Kameron's implementation of new ideas at his ICE/TTW clinic. Jack and I were along to witness several instructors from throughout the Inland Empire get to hone their teaching skills with real live candidates from Mt. Spokane, which had a very large class this year. Instructors from several mountains took turns teaching OET content to real students, while engaging in feedback and taking suggestions from one another. Response from all attendees, both instructors and candidates was overwhelmingly positive. I encourage any Region to get their OET instructors on the snow together, to both collaborate and standardize teaching content at any level, be it Intro to Patrolling or at the Senior Level. Plus it's fun.

Next I visited Southern Idaho Region for the first Senior OET clinic of their season. Kelley Creamer, along with his OET team and Anthony Lakes Patrol gave me a warm welcome which was only tempered by chilly temps and a massive dump of fresh powder. I witnessed great skiing by Senior Candidates Brad Acker, Donald Lowry, Lynne Curry, and James Ackers. Good luck to you all and keep up the hard work! We worked on our Division's continued goal of standardizing the Senior OET final, running both two-handle sleds, and to my surprise, authentic vintage Akja toboggans. For those that don't know, they are a unique European 4-handle sled adept at challenging conditions. I've only seen a few of these throughout the Division. It's great to see all the different tools available to us, and to see these special sleds still being used (and at a Senior event at that). Thanks Kelley and your team for your hard work and keeping 4-handles incorporated at the Senior level. Southern Idaho also had a PSIA led SES. I have found PSIA involvement to be instrumental in improving everyone's OET instructor game. Please feel free to ask Jack or myself if you need help setting up a PSIA-Northwest event. They have some truly amazing instructors already versed in Patrol clinics.

My next stop was back at Inland Empire for their first Senior/Open OET clinic at Lookout, ID. It was a special treat to get to work with my long-standing colleague Rick Schoonmaker, his wife Becky, and the IER OET team. Senior Candidates Dan Edwards, Nick Valov, Derek VanMarter, Chris Shriner, Quentin Smith, and Anne Meslang worked hard honing ski skills with Dave Rowe, PSIA-NW Tech team and running toboggans in challenging snow conditions. For those of you who don't know Dave, check out Pg. 32 of the latest Ski Patrol Magazine! Inland Empire runs a concurrent Senior/Open clinic format, divided into groups. Patrollers from 49 Degrees North, Loup Loup, Lookout, and Mt. Spokane all benefited from a great clinic weekend. I also had the pleasure of working with a few of this year's Lookout Candidate class-great job guys!

Here I must interject and tell you just how amazing our PNWD patrollers are. In the midst of Lookout's Senior clinic, the call went out for an unresponsive patient showing no vitals. In a moment's notice, a Mt. Host and Patrollers including a clinic lead, students, and a visiting instructor seamlessly re-coordinated their schedule and location so that an immediate response could take place. Two guests initiated CPR. As Patrollers arrived, each took a critical role in providing care, which included several rounds of CPR with rescue breaths, AED administration, c-collar, vacuum splinting, vitals monitoring, and transportation. A heartbeat and respirations were restored and the patient is now recovering. Thank you from your Patrol Family at large to Jerry Inghiterra, Becky Schoonmaker, Dean Collins, Thomas Maddalone, Maggie Greene, Tony Peters, Rick Schoonmaker,

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Janelle Rodas-White, and John Batchelder. I'm especially proud of PNWD's Senior program and how Patrollers from different mountains worked together during this incredible event.

Women's OET clinics are on the rise, and we are happy to support them. Mt. Spokane held a women's clinic on February 10th with a dozen patrollers, including visitors from 49 Degrees North and Lookout Pass. Thank you Janelle Rodas-White and Becky Schoonmaker. They plan another at Lookout on March 23. Heather Van Houten, Wy'East OET Advisor, is planning a clinic on March 16.

Lastly, an Advanced Terrain Clinic is planned for Silver Mountain on March 9. Instructors out there, if you have ideas for clinics in your areas, your Division is here to support you. Please, reach to your PNW Division OET Team if need any help! I hope to visit more regions in March and am looking forward to meeting all of you.

Warmest regards,
George White

Thank you George for all your help and contribution to the PNW Division OET program. As George mentioned, I was able to attend the Inland Empire Region OET Calibration Clinic. I had a great time teaching my favorite course, Toboggan Trainers Workshop., I like the idea of getting at least one OET instructor, from each area in the region, together early in the season to calibrate how we are teaching OET. If you follow these articles, you know I'm all about continuity of the instruction and standards we provide. Every event I attend, I learn something new. It may be something simple and I will wonder why I hadn't thought of that. I add it my bag of tools and use it in my next course and/or the one after that. If you want to learn something well, teach it to others. Toboggan Refreshers are a great place to start. I feel bad for the first group or two of the season. By the time I get to the third group, I've learned a load from the first two. If you don't learn something new every day, your brain is atrophying. Use it or lose it.

I have been very busy getting new OET Instructors and Instructor Trainers appointed. Please forgive and remind me if I have neglected to call out someone who should be on this list. If you get a chance, congratulate these people and thank them for the work that they will be doing in the years to come.

New Instructor Trainers for the PNW Division:

Justin Banning, Mike McKinney, Quentin Smith, Erich Mietenkorte

New OET Instructors for the PNW Division:

Brit Andersen, Aaron Olsen, Stephen Barnett, Kameron Smith, Jerry Culley, Gregg Sargeant, Grayson Swiger, Bailey Bonaci, John Kennedy, Chris Andes, Rob Madson, Paul Arentsen, Martin Andreasen, Jeff Doughty, Hans Breivik, Jack Thomson, Shelley Urben, William Welch and Dave DeVeau.

Northwest Region has at this point, 16 Candidates for Senior OET. This is far more candidates any region has had since I became the PNWD OET GUY. Now we just need to figure out how to get everyone of them through the final evaluation. It will be a long March 24th at Alpental for certain. Inland Empire has 4 taking the skiing module and 3 taking the toboggan module. Oregon is looking at up to 5 people. Southern Idaho has 4 and hoping for snow. I applaud everyone in the Division accepting this worthy challenge and wish you all the best of performances at your final evaluation. Please remember, Seniors is a lifestyle goal, not just a one day performance challenge.

Thank you all for all you do,

Jack Ramsey
Pacific Northwest Division OET Supervisor

PNWD REGISTRAR REPORT

By Blaine Price, Registrar

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Registrations for PNWD patrols and their members are now complete for other than expected spring new member Candidates and Transfers.

2023-24 counts are as follows:

PNWD Totals: 1,998 Returning
 17 Transfers
 132 New Members
 2,147 Total

Total Counts by Region:	Return	Trans	New	Total
IE Region	438	0	44	482
NW Region	738	5	44	787
OR Region	265	5	12	282
SI Region	304	5	22	331
W'E Region	253	2	10	265
PNWD Admin	1			1
	1,998	17	132	2,147

This compares to 2022-23 which was:

Returning	1,835
Transfers	39
New	<u>180</u>
Total	2,064

In addition, there are 182 Canadian BC Affiliate Group members in the PNWD who are registered with NSP in order to take OEC classes and do refreshers.

Spring Candidates:

Patrols that bring on new candidates in the spring and have them in training in any manner, or have them joining patrollers on the hill for other than an initial ski along to determine compatibility, must do an additional dues submittal to me for Region and Division dues. Only if you have a person join NSP and place them on your roster to capture them without doing any such activity, can those dues not be collected until after June 30th.

Late Fees:

At this point all PNWD members should have paid National dues on line of \$80.00. Those that haven't done so as of Feb 1st are subject to a late fee of \$10.00. If not paid as of that date, they are suspended in the system for anything but going in to pay those dues. That means they won't be able to register for classes or make use of the NSP Store or Pro Deals until paid. If not paid by June 30th, they will be subject to a \$20.00 late fee with a last chance to pay by Dec 31st, after which they are removed from membership. If they then come back and pay dues after that, they will start over in Years of Service at zero years.

PD/PRs should monitor their on-line roster and take action with any patrollers not paying on time. You are encouraged to monitor your roster for 'Paid Through Dates' and not allow patrollers on the hill after Feb 1st until those dues are paid.

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Members with 'Member Type' CAN Showing on your Roster as 'Primary Initial Classification' of Patroller, Alpine or Nordic:

A PD/PR must contact the Office at memberrecords@nsp.org to change a Candidate to a Patroller 'Member Type'. The PD/PR can only change the persons 'Primary Initial Classification'. If you see someone on your roster showing as New or Candidate as a 'Member Type' while also showing as 'Primary Initial Classification' of Patroller or above, you must contact the Office with the persons Name and ID # requesting them to make the change to Patroller for Member Type.

Associates (ASSOC) on a Patrol Roster:

Associates can never be a member of a Patrol or Host Unit. If PD/PRs or Host Unit Reps see someone as an Associate (ASSOC), Member Type on their roster, it may be for two reasons.

First, when they joined NSP and your patrol, they mistakenly chose 'Join as an Associate' instead of 'Join as a Candidate'. If you see any on your roster, send an email to memberrecords@nsp.org with the person's Name and ID# and request they be changed to Member Type New or Candidate. You can't make that change yourself.

Second, they joined NSP as an Associate to take a class like OEC, MTR or Avy as a river or backcountry guide. If so, they can't be on a patrol's roster per NSP rules. See Non-Members Taking Classes below.

Non-Members Taking Classes:

The NSP requires that a non-member wanting to take an NSP class like OEC, MTR or Avy to register as an Associate member and pay National dues in order to do so. They ARE NOT members of a patrol and can't be on a patrol's roster. They will appear on a separate PNWD related Associate Roster that is not affiliated with any patrol. They are commonly river and backcountry guides or park rangers wishing to take one of our NSP classes. Only if they decide to become New Member Candidates, and join a patrol, can they be added to a patrol's roster, and changed from Associate to Candidate. If a patrol has mistakenly added one of these people to their roster, they must be Removed.

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

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AWARDS ADVISOR REPORT

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Hello all!

Outstanding Awards Season is rapidly approaching, so now is the time to begin thinking about those deserving patrollers/patrols for awards nominations! Every patrol has some truly outstanding individuals who can and should compete for National recognition. The deadline to submit Outstanding nominations to your Region advisors is mid-April, but please reach out to confirm. You also have patrollers who fulfill requirements for a National Appointment, MSA or DSA. These awards, including merit stars can be submitted anytime. We prefer sooner so they can be presented at the Division convention in August.

Here is information that you need to be aware of now as you're preparing.

Pam will be overseeing new Award nominations, including Merit star submittals and last year's Outstanding winners from Southern Idaho, Oregon, and WY 'East/Mt Hood Regions. Sue will be handling new submittals and last year's Outstanding winners from Inland Empire, and Northwest Region along with all National, LCA, and DSA nominations.

New Award nomination forms can be found on the NSP website. After logging in, click on Resources at the top, directly below the search bar, click on Document Library and then Awards. All the different award types are located here. Please make sure to use the updated 2023 documents! The National Awards committee worked hard this past season to improve them. Deadline to submit to Division: May 1.

As a reminder, the following are award categories NSP recognizes:

Group:

- Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol - 41 or more members
- Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol - 40 or fewer members
- Outstanding Nordic/Backcountry Patrol - The Patrol must be registered as a Nordic/Backcountry Patrol
- Outstanding Bike Patrol - The Patrol must be registered as a Bike Patrol
- Outstanding Mountain Host Unit
- Outstanding Bike Host Unit

Individual:

- Outstanding Alpine Patroller - Any active volunteer alpine patroller minus youth
- Outstanding Young Adult Patroller
- Outstanding Patroller
- Outstanding OEC Instructor - must have been a credentialed OEC instructor for at least three years, and actively instructed for the last two years. **If the nominee is a paid patroller, only teaching activities done as a volunteer are considered toward the award nomination
- Outstanding Instructor - an NSP instructor in any NSP educational programs other than OEC. Must have been a credentialed instructor for at least three years, and actively instructed for the last two years.
- Outstanding Alumni
- Outstanding Bike Patroller - must be registered as a Bike Patroller either as a primary or secondary patroller.
- Outstanding Bike Host
- Outstanding Mountain Host
- Outstanding Nordic/Backcountry Patroller - must be registered as a Nordic/Backcountry Patroller either as a primary or secondary patroller.

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Continued Individual:

Outstanding Administrative Patroller - a patroller who has made an outstanding administrative contribution to the NSP beyond the patrol level. (Region/Division contributions)

Outstanding Patrol Representative – aka Volunteer Patrol Leader

Outstanding Paid Patrol Director

Outstanding Paid Patroller

National Appointment (NA)

Leadership Commendation Appointment (LCA)

Distinguished Service Award (DSA)

Meritorious Service Award (MSA)

Last year's Outstanding winners, as well as Division Director's perpetual plaques, need to be returned by June 1 so make note of where they are now!

Please send them securely packaged and well-padded so they make it to Boise intact. Return to Sue if she is closer.

Pam Carson (preferred)

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Please do not hesitate to reach out to your amazing Region awards advisors and us for any questions! Many of the categories received no submissions last year even though we know there were people out there doing excellent work. Let's do better this year and get people the recognition they deserve!

Thank you!

Pam Carson

Sue Baker

PATROLLER ADVISOR REPORT

By Jodie Jeffers, Patroller Advisor

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Do you have any Senior Programs in the works, let us know and how we can help. Let's network about your Aid Room, your roles etc. Do you have plans for attending the PNWD Convention? What would you like to see offered, happen? Let us know!! Send pictures, information to webmaster@nsp-pnwd.org

OEC REPORT

By Marianne Becker, OEC Supervisor

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There are three upcoming Senior Finals:

Southern Idaho Region is March 2 and will be held in McCall ID.

Northwest Region is March 23rd and will be held at Hyak, Snowqualmie.

Oregon Region is April 20th and will be held at Hoodoo Ski Area.

There are issues with the NSP website and updating your profile. If you notice anything not being updated on your profile, please send issues to your Region OEC Advisor and they can prepare a spread sheet to send to me and I will send this off to the NSP office. The office has had to update items manually, so please be patient as this is an arduous task for the office staff to accomplish. It has also been taking more time than normal if someone sends me an OEC Instructor or IT application, again, please give this some time to get completed.

I hope you are all doing well and getting some more snow to end your ski season successfully.

Marianne Becker

PNWD OEC Supervisor

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INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT

By Kathy Alexander, ID Advisor

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TO INSTRUCTORS AND IT'S OF ALL DISCIPLINES: PLEASE READ!

To help you navigate the NSP website for educational information, please read the following:

LOG IN to NSP Website

Click "Programs" then "Education Programs"

Go to your Discipline Program: Landing Page

"For resources and more information, click here"

View what is posted specific for your program

On HOME page

Click "Resources" then "Document Library"

Find "Six Pack Lesson Plan Template," "Guide to Mentoring New Instructors," "Roadmap to becoming an Instructor Diagram," "Instructor Application (Revised October 2022)," "Instructor Trainee Mentoring Completion Form (October 10, 2020)," "Training the Adult Learner Manual (NEWLY updated)," and "IT-Instructor Trainer Application (Revised April 2023)."

3. In "Education Programs", Go to the Instructor Development Discipline Landing Page, click "Resources" to view the following educational videos: "Using the Six-Pack to Teach a Soft Skill" 5 minutes; "Using the Six-Pack to Teach a Physical Skill" 4:07 minutes; "Becoming an Instructor of Record (IOR)" 2:33 minutes.

I do hope this information will be helpful to all. Region Advisors please share with your Discipline specific Instructors. Thank you and enjoy the rest of the ski season!

Kathy Alexander, PNWD ID Advisor

Outdoor Risk Management (ORM) Program Outline

I. Introduction and General Concepts

Introduction – The 90/10 Equation

Patrolling has changed dramatically over the last several decades. Through the 1970's and into the early 80's, the majority of a patroller's time on-hill was dedicated to "post-loss" first aid/medical response and transportation of the patient, with minimal allocation of time to "pre-loss" preventative measures; arguably a 90%/10% split. However, since the mid to late 80's, there has been a significant shift in many patrollers' allocation of time from post-loss response to "pre-loss" risk management related functions, literally turning the 90/10 equation upside down, with today, many patrollers dedicating 90% of their time to pre-loss risk management activities and 10% dedicated to post-loss response and related functions.

The question should then be asked, "Why is that?" Primarily, two reasons (among many others). First, the rate of skiing/riding injuries (winter sports) has dropped by over 50% overall over the last 4 decades and second, the 1978 Sunday v. Stratton Corp. case, which resulted in the first \$1M+ verdict against a ski area in the U.S., prompting a variety of reactions over the ensuing years that included a shift from a *RISK TOLERANT* to a *RISK AVERS* view of operations, which corresponded to that of general society, from *REACTION* (response to injuries) to *PROACTION* (injury cause mitigation) and ultimately from an *OFFENSIVE* to a *DEFENSIVE* approach to operational decision-making, all of which pointed to the need for the Outdoor Risk Management program.

As a result of the above, current-day patrollers are often asked by area management to perform risk management functions during the course of their patrol day. The ORM program is designed to provide educational content that addresses this integral component of many patrollers' daily responsibilities. The ORM program will address topics including general risk management and legal concepts and topics, skier legislation, industry regulations and standards, generally accepted industry practices and principles, risk identification and mitigation activities and personal risk management.

The ultimate goal of the Outdoor Risk Management program is to provide a baseline curriculum of background knowledge and practical tools that are depth and breadth appropriate for line patrollers so that they are able to apply the general concepts of risk management *within the context of patrolling*, to assist them in more effectively executing the risk management duties they may be assigned and to better meet the needs of area operators, patrollers, patrols and the skiing and riding public.

General Concepts

Possess an understanding of and be able to define the following:

- A. Define "risk management": Risk management is the process of the identification and quantification of potential risks (exposures to loss) in advance of their occurrence, analyzing them and identifying and applying precautionary measures (controls) to reduce, eliminate or transfer the risk.
 - 1. Understand the concepts of:
 - a. Pre-Loss goals, objectives and activities – BEFORE the loss occurs
 - b. Post-Loss goals, objectives and activities – AFTER the loss occurs

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B. Define “inherent risk(s)” with respect to Skiing/Snowboarding: Inherent risks are those (risks) that due to the ***nature of the activity*** and the ***environment in which it is performed*** cannot be eliminated. Should be able to identify/list such inherent risks which include but are not limited to: variations in terrain, surface and/or subsurface snow or ice conditions, bare spots, rocks, trees, stumps, forest growth or debris, freestyle terrain, lift towers, signs, light poles, posts, fences, closure ropes, sign posts, snow making equipment, other man-made objects, buildings, structures and components, collisions with such objects, other skiers or other persons, losing control of speed and/or course/direction, falling and/or becoming injured. With respect to Lifts/Conveyances: Should also understand the inherent risks involved in loading/boarding, riding and unloading/disembarking lifts and conveyances.

C. Define the concept of the assumption/acceptance of risk: May be statutory and/or common law (in various states, it differs), and is the concept that a person’s voluntary participation in an activity that contains inherent risks, does so under the premise that by that voluntary participation, those risks which inhere to (are an integral part of) that activity are and must be assumed/accepted by the participant.

D. Define “safe”: The (complete) absence of, being protected from, or not exposed to danger or risk.

E. Define “reasonably safe”: Given the inherent risks involved in voluntary participation in the sport of skiing/snowboarding (nature of the activity and environment in which it is performed), some level of exposure to danger or risk is and must remain a component of participation.

F. Understand the concept of “reasonably safe” (as opposed to simply “safe”), as it applies to the sports of skiing and snowboarding (or for that matter, other activities such as mountain biking, snow tubing, etc.) as it is impossible to make skiing/riding completely safe due to the ***nature of the activity*** and the ***environment in which it is performed***. In other words, because skiing and riding contain ***inherent risks***. As a ski area operator, the legal duty typically placed upon it is to provide a reasonably safe operation and premises.

G. Understand the concept of the “shared responsibility” (between the ski area operator and the skier/snowboarder) for skiers’/snowboarders’ voluntary participation in the sport of skiing:

1. Which party has “control” over which aspect(s) of the sport
2. Typically assigned by statute, e.g. ski area operator must...and the “skier must...”

H. Define and distinguish between a “Hazard” and an “Obstacle” with respect to skiing/riding:

1. Definition (Merriam Webster Dictionary):

- a. Hazard (noun): a source of danger
- b. Obstacle (noun): something that impedes progress

2. With Respect to Skiing/Snowboarding:

a. A Hazard is something that is NOT able to be seen from such a distance above that a person keeping a proper lookout and skiing in control could NOT stop or avoid it and by impacting/colliding/interfacing with it, may sustain injury or harm.

b. An Obstacle is something that IS able to be seen from such a distance above that a person keeping a proper lookout and skiing in control could stop or avoid it, thereby avoiding injury or harm.

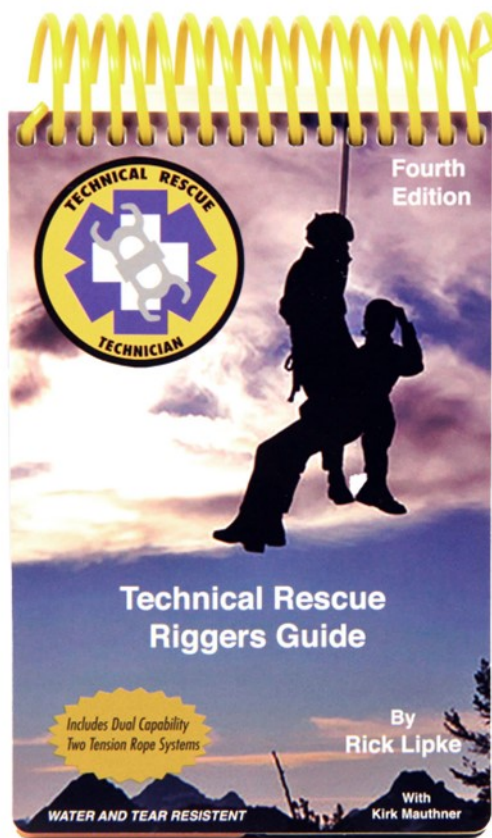
I. Understand the concepts of:

1. Likelihood of the Occurrence (Potential): High Probability v. Low Probability
 2. Severity of the Outcome/Consequence: High Consequence v. Low Consequence
- ...and how they relate to assessing and mitigating/eliminating the risk(s).

Joseph Ferraro
PNWD ORM Advisor
49 North & Mt Spokane Ski Patrols
National #12272



Fourth Edition Technical Riggers Guide NATIONAL SKI PATROL MTR INSTRUCTORS MANUAL October 2023



This Conterra Fourth Edition Technical Riggers Guide by Rick Lipke is listed on page 126 / 127 of the October 2023 revision of the MTR Instructors Manual under Preparation Materials and Resources. The guide has over 200 pages of information on basic rescue techniques. There are many illustrations of the use of the newer type devices now being utilized. This guide should be a good recourse to fill the gap left by the switch to the Mountaineering, The Freedom of The Hills manual.

I am planning on introducing this resource at the 2024 PNWD Convention this August in Eugene. It would be great if MTR instructors could acquire a copy. There are device examples on the second page.

Steve Potter
PNWD MTR Advisor

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CONTERRA SCARAB



PETZL PAW M



BLACK DIAMOND ATC-XP



PETZL ID MPD DEVICE



URL TO PETZL INSTRUCTIONAL

<https://youtu.be/6qi3Q81U4g8>

CMC MPD



URL TO CMC INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfLwAWcNxcc>



New PNWD Alumni Assistant



Matthew Otonicar

I'd like to welcome Matthew as the new PNWD Assistant Alumni Advisor. Many of you already know Matthew, he has lived in all of the Pacific Northwest Division states, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, as well as Virginia. He has been an active patroller on 5 different NSP patrols, Summit Central at Snoqualmie Pass, Willamette Pass, Willamette Backcountry, Bogus Basin and Wintergreen. Matthew has assisted with training MTR, Avalanche, and Search and Rescue. He has also been an OEC Instructor, treasurer, recruiter and more.

Matthew has not only contributed to NSP but also to several other groups such as the American Red Cross Disaster Response Team and the Mass Care Response Team, Tide-Water SAR, and Lane County Sheriff's SAR, to name a few. Matthew currently lives in Kennewick, Washington with his wife of 42 years, Barbara. They have two daughters, Brenda and Jayna. Please join me with a warm welcome when you see him on the various zoom calls and in Eugene at the PNWD Convention, August 9, 10, and 11th!

ALUMNI OPPORTUNITIES

This year there were three national opportunities for Alumni to get together to connect with friends old and new and to celebrate our shared passion for skiing and patrolling. We had a first ever **Eastern Division** Alumni and Patroller celebration at Mount Snow Ski Resort, Vermont, February 11-16, 2024 and the **Pacific Northwest Division** Alumni Celebration Week, at Whitefish Mountain Resort, Montana, February 25th-March 2nd, 2024. Also, the Alumni will have a session this year at Powderfall- The Hythe Vail. Registration ends March 15th. The Alumni Session is on April 12th, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Contact Dan Dalquist, the National Program Advisor, for more information. The division alumni advisors are hoping to eventually have some type of Alumni Opportunity offered in each division. Stay tuned...

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please help us clean up the NSP database... check your profile on the nsp.org website, make sure all your information is up to date and entered correctly.

If you **HAVE NOT** paid your dues for 2024 and 2023, please pay them now. **Please do not let your membership laps and lose your benefits.**

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HERE'S HOW TO RENEW

Current Alumni can pay their 2024 dues of \$50 online. If you wish to mail in your dues, send a \$50 check to the National Ski Patrol, 133 South Van Gordon Street, Suite 100, Lakewood, CO with your **NSP Member ID** on the memo line. If you have any trouble renewing your membership please let me know.

HERE'S HOW TO JOIN

You can find an Alumni Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), renewal form, and the new member application in the **Document Library** under **Membership**. Please contact me if you need more information.

BENEFITS:

If you have maintained your membership for **50+** years, you are eligible for a **Free Lifetime Membership** with no more National dues. The PNWD also does not require additional dues. With NSP continued membership of **30+** years there is a reduced fee for Lifetime Membership. Let me know if you fit into this category.

BASICS...ALUMNI INFORMATION:

Eligibility for Alumni Membership:

One year of membership past candidate year

Requirements: pay dues

Eligible for some pro dues

NSP voting rights

NSP Magazine/NSP Alumni Newsletter

Optional to keep current with Continued Education with certifications

Option of secondary with home patrol – contact Patrol/Director or Rep

Returning to patrol requires completion of patrol and/or area requirements check with PD/



ALUMNI AT WORK...
ALUMNI CONTRIBUTING TO THE OPENING
OF THE WILLAMETTE BACKCOUNTRY PATROL CABIN

INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS: Please send me pictures, articles and information on alumni and let me know if your patrol has awarded an outstanding Alumni so we can get them the acknowledgement they deserve in the Nor'Wester and the NSP Magazine. Josie Elting, Alumni Advisor, imaginejosie@yahoo.com 541-342-1105 cell/text

PATROLLER WELLNESS REPORT

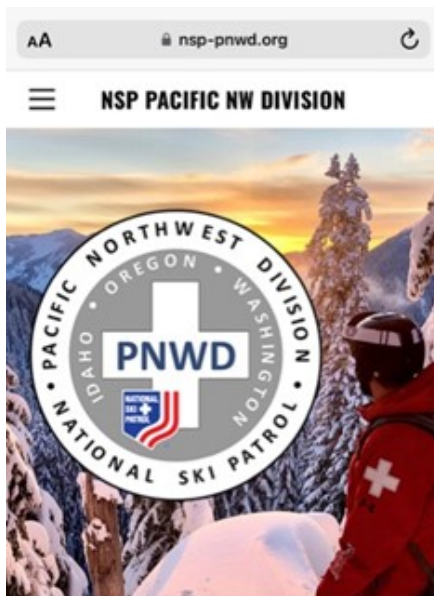
By Jodie Jeffers, Patroller Wellness Advisor

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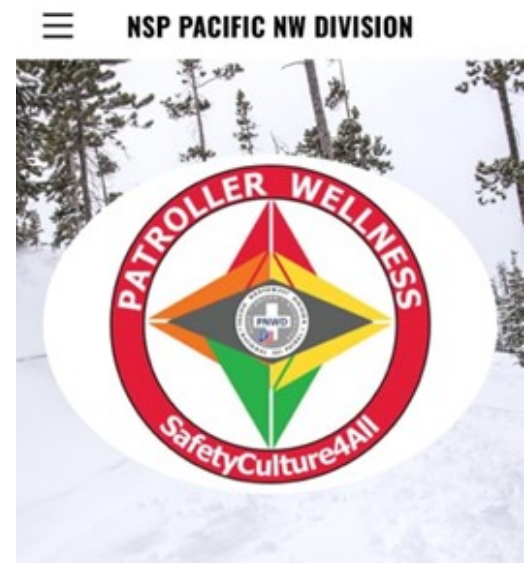
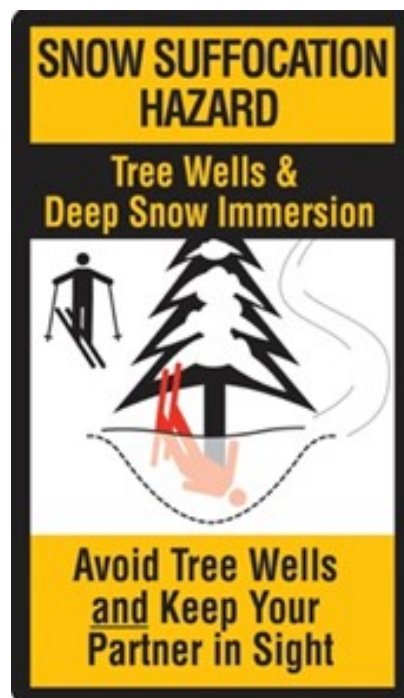
We are continuing our monthly Patroller Wellness that starts off with a variety of topics and ends with a round table of Patroller Wellness. We have had Airflare & Tree Well Immersion, Safety Topics & Events, Meeting with the Division Leadership, and many more great ones. Check out the schedule and website for more. If you are leading your patrol or wanting to be more involved in general, let me know.

New storms have been arriving with an unstable snowpack at times. What have you been doing to promote tree well safety? Other safety topics...ie chair lift safety? Let's share and promote it!

We just had our 3rd Special Patroller Wellness Workshop of the season last month! We were very fortunate to have Laura Lipsky from the Trauma Stewardship Institute join us and shared several handouts. Please check them and others out at <https://www.nsp-pnwd.org/safety4all.html>. Networking discussion was very informative and helpful by all attending included those from multiple divisions, regions, law enforcement & SAR agencies. This included patrols that range from just starting to ones well established. Next season there will be four special workshops, ensure you make plans to attend these as they are not recorded. Have any questions? Suggestions? etc. please contact me.



Upcoming Events, Action or Information



HISTORIAN/SPECIAL PROJECTS

By Shirley Cummings

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Official NSPS Skis and the 1980's

Several patrollers challenged one of the questions on the last Nor'Wester history quiz—namely, the one about the “official ski of the NSP”. Some thought that there never had been an “official ski”, a few more patrollers thought that there were a lot of skis which had been named “official NSP skis”. Over the years, we’ve all seen skis where the words “ski patrol” or letter graphics were used on the skis. But, to my knowledge only one ski was ever termed “the official ski of the National Ski Patrol System”. To verify my memory, I first checked with our National Office, but they were unaware that there had ever been an official NSP ski. Next, I asked a few of my alumni friends. Finally, Rick Hamlin, NSP National Historian, confirmed that even though other skis had used the logo or words ski patrol, “**Swallow**” (not to be confused with **Swallowtail**) was the only recorded official ski.



Swallow Ski: Official Skis National Ski Patrol USA

My recollection of an “official NSP ski” had less to do with the ski itself and more to do with when it was introduced. The decade was the 1980's. Most patrollers wore the official rust ski parka with the yellow NSP cross, navy pants and lots of arm and chest patches. No mandatory helmets then, but there were lots of individualized ski hats with crosses, pins, patches, braids and what not. The 80's were also part of the infamous Division Toboggan Contests (more on that another day) and the rotating National NSP Convention. More ski companies appeared on the market. Manufacturers were experimenting with new materials. Favored ski choices then were the expensive metal skis black **Heads** and blue metal **Harts**, fiberglass **K2s** (manufactured on Vashon Island where we lived) as well as many other choices of cheaper wooden skis.

Swallow skis were introduced in the United States with a lot of fanfare at the 1984 NSPS National Convention—that's right, National not Division; our division, PNWD, was the host. Gary Burke, National Board Representative and past PNW Division Director and I were co-chairs of the 1984 event. (Our organization was then known as the NSPS—National Ski Patrol System. The word System was later dropped.) Those of you who have worked on Division Conventions know that they are a ton of work, and that the hosting responsibility rotates among our 5 regions. The National Conventions lasted for four days; the committee arranged for 3 daily meals and provided many activities to show off our locale. Patrollers were welcome to attend all national meetings and seminars and learned first-hand how the national system operated. Thursday night we bussed the delegates, families, and our committees to St. Michelle Winery in Woodinville. Our staff wore crab-leg costumes which were hard to walk in but very well received by the out-of-town guests. There, we had a cracked-crab and shellfish feed, much of which was caught and provided by patroller Johnny Hight. After national meetings on Friday, hired buses transported several hundred people to the Seattle waterfront where we boarded the *Goodtime* and ferried to Blake Island for a traditional Native American salmon dinner. Deb Armstrong, who had recently won an Olympic gold medal in skiing, was a speaker at the Saturday lunch.

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HISTORIAN/SPECIAL PROJECTS—continued

Two of the other special attendees at our convention were Mr. Tetsuzo Maruyama, chair of the Board, Association of Japanese Ski Manufacturers representing **Swallow skis** and Al Senyohl, President Swallow Ski USA whose offices were in Kirkland WA. Mr. Maruyama understood English but spoke to us mostly through a translator with everyone doing lots of bowing.

Initially, **Swallow skis** were well received. They were beautifully made and finished in the then official NSP colors, rust and navy. However, because **Swallows** lacked torsional stiffness, they became known as terrible hardpack skis.

Graves skis were engraved with the NSPS logo. They were made of fiberglass, and I'm told their claim to fame was a top skin that was made of a self-healing polymer which fixed itself if scratched. Supposedly they were also able to be bent tip to tail repeatedly without breaking. Unfortunately, **Graves** apparently weighed a "million pounds". Rick Hamlin told me he had a pair of **Swallows** as well as a pair of **Graves**; he said both were terrible.



Swallow Skis with NSP graphics



Graves Skis engraved with N.S.P.S.

Photos provided by Rick Hamlin, NSP National Historian

Well, congratulations if you have read this far! Maybe the "official NSP ski" or its competitors will appear in future Nor'Wester history quiz someday.

Do you have an idea for an article on NSP/ski history? Do you have a suggestion for a question (and an answer) to use for a history quiz? All input is appreciated! Send to Shirleycu@msn.com

Shirley Cummings
PNWD Historian

Convention 2024 Report

Thanks to the efforts of many the convention is set for August 8-11, 2024, in Eugene Oregon. Oregon Region is sponsoring the event. In an effort to try and get more attendance, we plan to have some fun events set up for Friday and Saturday for family who may be traveling with patrollers. The online registration form is live. If you plan to eat, please purchase tickets ahead of time so proper planning for food can be made. Reservations for the Valley River Inn can be made online with the following link. [National Ski Patrol.](#)

Please keep checking the convention website for the most current information:

<https://www.pnwdcon.org/>

Below are the bullet points we are discussing. If you are interested in helping or donating let me know and I'll get you in touch with the proper person. First time attendees are only \$45 for registration!

Hospitality Room...Toby is our primary sponsor. Ashland Patrol, Toby Willey

Keynote speaker... Shelley Urben is looking into this

Theme..."Rolling on the River"

Line up of vendors...Edge, SAM (Jodie), Life Flight, others. Toby has other possible vendors too.

Friday and Saturday events for patrollers and families. Golf event (Larry Davis). Brewery tour within walking or biking distance. Bike tour or bike ride along the river. WP patrollers to help with this. Steven Eller and others. **Please answer the**

SURVEY below this article. We need input for what activities you might like.

PD101 Andy Bechdolt and Eric Brittingham Friday morning.

PNWD Board meeting Friday PM.

Breakout sessions. Jodie Jeffers is coordinating. Patroller Wellness to be incorporated into each session. Avy Dogs requested to come.

Ski Flight during lunch Saturday. Sally Seeley

Registration online and payments online or mail hardcopy with check. First time patrollers discount of \$45

Silent auction items and raffle items. Each patrol to try and get 5 items. Ashland, WP, Santiam, WBC, Bachelor. Anyone else?

Encourage patrols to offset registration cost to encourage more patrollers to make the trip.

Saturday night banquet and Awards, Sue Baker and Pam Carson

Sunday PNWD General meeting

Next zoom meeting March 26 at 6 PM

Thanks again to all of you who have helped to get this off the ground. Andy Bechdolt, Anne Greenwood, Reba Sharp, Jodie Jeffers, Shelley Urben and everyone else, you have my gratitude.

Eric Brittingham PD Mt. Bachelor and Assist. OR. Region Dir.

PNWD 2024 Convention Chair

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Convention Survey for Activities:
use this link or the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Kkpt5wahAE>





2024 PNWD Convention Registration
August 9, 10 & 11, 2024
Eugene Oregon
"ROLLING ON THE RIVER"



Convention Registration:

ONE FORM PER PATROLLER

Paying with Credit Card, please go to PNWD
site online: www.pnwdcon.org

Paying with a Check:

Checks Payable to: **PNWD 2024 Convention**
Mail to: PNWD c/o Anne Greenwood
960 Sunmist Ct SE
Salem OR 97306

Event location: Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley
River Way, Eugene, OR 97401.
UTM: 10T 491764.96E 4879149.92N

Hotel Reservations: use the following booking
link: [National Ski Patrol](http://NationalSkiPatrol.com)

**Reservations must be made no later than
7/24/2024. \$179.00/room night**

Cancellations must be received 5 days prior to
arrival.

**Rate only guaranteed for contracted # of
rooms. Make your reservations early.**

Name _____ Patrol# _____ National# _____
Patrol _____ Region _____ Position _____
Address _____ Phone # _____
City _____ St _____ Zip _____ Email _____
Non-Patroller Guest name _____

	Number		Cost	Amount
First Time attending				
PNWD Convention Registration	_____	X	\$45.00/per person	= _____
Registration 8/14/23–7/20/2024	_____	X	\$65.00/per person	= _____
Late Registration starts 7/21/2024	_____	X	\$85.00/per person	= _____
No guarantee of meals after 7/20/2024				
Meals require a ticket – "No Tikie, No Eatie"				
Friday Night-Fajita Buffet	_____	X	\$26.00/per person	= _____
Saturday Hot Breakfast Buffet	_____	X	\$20.00/per person	= _____
Saturday Lunch Deli Buffet	_____	X	\$25.00/per person	= _____
Saturday Dinner-Plated	_____	X	\$48.00/per person	= _____
(one entrée per person) all meals include a Garden Salad and Gluten Free Chocolate Torte (Pan Seared Salmon____ Rosemary Chicken Breast____ Stuffed Portabello Mushroom____)				
Sunday Hot Breakfast Buffet	_____	X	\$20.00/per person	= _____
				Total = _____

**** During the breakfast time, there will be meetings for Program Advisors on Saturday & Patrol Directors on Sunday.**

For more information (including Programs & Courses): www.pnwdcon.org

Questions: Convention Chairs, Eric Brittingham: ebrittingham03@gmail.com & Kym Lavell: kym.lavell@gmail.com
Registration, Anne Greenwood: anne.greenwood@nsp-pnwd.org



**THE NOR'WESTER
PACIFIC NORTHWEST DIVISION,
NATIONAL SKI PATROL
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**SERVICE
and
SAFETY**

The National Ski Patrol (NSP) is a Federally Chartered non-profit membership association dedicated to serving the public and the mountain recreation industry by providing education services about emergency care and safety.

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

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



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Article deadline for the next Nor'Wester is May. 15, 2024