



DIVISION DIRECTOR REPORT

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By the time you read this spring should be fast approaching, and for many the ski season will be starting to wind down. For some areas in this division winter never really came, meaning that several of our area's never opened or opened only for a very few days. There have been some days of great skiing/riding for many. Special thanks to the patrols who opened their doors and welcomed visiting patrollers.

One exciting and notable accomplishment is that our newest patrol – Mt Rainier Nordic—now boasts a roster of 57 patrollers having joined since last July. They have spent a considerable amount of time training their members this winter. Glen and I had the pleasure of spending a day in the field with them while working on transceiver and sled skills, followed by inside program updates. Approximately 50 of their 57 were in attendance, which was awesome in itself.

As you are planning your OEC and other courses this spring and summer, please remember that your students must be at least 15 years of age and must be registered members of the NSP.

Changes –

Within PNWD there are Region Director elections happening this spring in three regions – NW, OR, Wy'East. See page 4 for the most recent results.

NSP National Level Programs and Staff Changes

Program Directors/Advisors

- ⇒ Legal – Keith Cassidy from the Southern division has stepped into this advisorship
- ⇒ Telecommunications – Dick Woolf, Eastern division will be remaining in this position
- ⇒ Historian – Rick Hamlin, Eastern division will be remaining in this position.
- ⇒ Awards – Jerry Sherman from the Eastern division has stepped into this advisorship
- ⇒ Alumni – Marty Huebner has resigned and a search and selection committee has been formed to find his replacement.

2017 National board election of new members for the National Board of Directors was completed and the names of those elected were published on the National website in December.

- ◇ Rick Knight from the Eastern Division was elected as the Chairman of the National Board.

Each year our members ask how our voter turn-out compared to other divisions, and to our past performance. I have included several charts on the following pages for those interested in the details. I also want to thank all PNWD members who took the time to become informed and voted. 19.57% of our members voted which was our highest percentage in years.

The top five people on the chart on page two were elected.

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	Nominees	Total	% of votes
1	Ken Kramer*	5389	16.4%
2	Chris Pringle*	4735	14.4%
3	Wendy Aarnio*	4674	14.2%
4	Rick Knight*	4604	14.0%
5	Morgan Armstrong*	4307	13.1%
6	Nancy Pitstick	1773	5.4%
7	Julie Stone	1723	5.2%
8	Bill Sinykin	1636	5.0%
9	Christine Garrison	1284	3.9%
10	Sam Lanier	893	2.7%
11	David C. Ulrich	730	2.2%
12	Christopher C. Johns	687	2.1%
13	Happy McClurg	497	1.5%
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Avg votes cast per voter = 4.44

Eligible voters **28395**
 Voters who cast ballots **7415** 26.1%

By-Laws Amendment	Total	Am. Voters	Total Voters
For*	6402	91.7%	86.34%
Against	576	8.3%	7.77%
Voted	6978	100.0%	
Abstain	437		5.89%
voters who cast ballots	7415		100.0%

Voter Participation by Division

DIVISION, Region and Patrol	# of Patrols	Eligible Voters	% of all eligible Voters	Bal-lots Cast	% of all Cast Ballots	% participation within Unit
ALASKA	13	364	1.28%	14	0.19%	3.85%
CENTRAL	115	6139	21.62%	1328	17.91%	21.63%
EASTERN	177	7923	27.90%	3938	53.11%	49.70%
EUROPEAN	8	156	0.55%	29	0.39%	18.59%
FAR WEST	42	1848	6.51%	209	2.82%	11.31%
INTERMOUNTAIN	21	1014	3.57%	173	2.33%	17.06%
NORTHERN	16	520	1.83%	54	0.73%	10.38%
PACIFIC NW	50	2371	8.35%	464	6.26%	19.57%
PROFESSIONAL	100	3480	12.26%	239	3.22%	6.87%
ROCKY MT	22	1403	4.94%	286	3.86%	20.38%
SOUTHERN	20	1264	4.45%	603	8.13%	47.71%
U.S. SKI PATROL	2	17	0.06%	2	0.03%	11.76%
Unidentified patrol	n/a	1896	6.68%	76	1.02%	4.01%
TOTAL	586	28395	100%	7415	100%	26.11%

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Voter Participation by our Regions

DIVISION, Region and Patrol	# of Patrols	Eligible Voters	% of all eligible Voters	Bal- lots Cast	% of all Cast Ballots	% participa- tion within Unit 2017	% Partic. 2016	% Partic. 2015	% Partic. 2014	% Partic. 2013
PACIFIC NW	49	2371	8.35%	464	6.26%	19.57%	10.5%	13.7%	9.8%	9.2%
Inland Empire	10	505	1.78%	54	0.73%	10.69%	6.4%	17.2%	12.8%	10.3%
Northwest	11	833	2.93%	179	2.41%	21.49%	18.0%	8.7%	4.5%	8.6%
Oregon	7	344	1.21%	73	0.98%	21.22%	5.1%	19.5%	11.1%	8.3%
S Idaho	11	381	1.34%	108	1.46%	28.35%	8.0%	20.0%	16.9%	14.0%
Wy'east	8	301	1.06%	48	0.65%	15.95%	11.3%	15.6%	14.2%	6.4%
Admin/ Alumni (alumni not connected to a region)	2	7	0.02%	2	0.03%	28.57%	7.9%	7.2%	5.3%	6.7%
TOTAL - Nationally	584	28395	100%	7415	100%	26.11%	19.33 %	18.65 %	14.84 %	17.03 %

Thank you again for all who took the time to vote.

NSP Member Profiles

PLEASE – check your profile and make sure that your personal/demographic information is correct and current. This includes the spelling of your name, your address, phone, email, and even gender and birthdate. So, you say, why does the NSP need to know my gender or birthdate? That's easy. As examples 1) we have a 'women's program' – it would help to know who the women are. 2) we have a YAP (Young Adult) program – it would be helpful to know who the 15-18-year-old members are. 3) you've likely heard that we are an aging population as patrollers, well those with birthdates indicating that they are over 120 years old and are still on the hill patrolling don't help that statistic very much; likewise, for those that per their birthdate are actively patrolling at 3 years old. When you go into your profile there are also fields where you can input things like if you are an MD, DO, EMT, RN, etc.... these items are not mandatory, but they are great to know if there is a project such as the upcoming OEC 6 text, where the organization might be interested in finding someone interested in helping review a chapter or the like. So please be willing to share your information and talents.

While in your profile if you see something that you don't think is correct or is missing (education program credit), don't just gripe about it, let your Patrol Rep know and provide some backup documentation, and he/she can try to get the information updated. Oh, and be honest if you see something on your profile such as a class or award that should not be there because you did not earn it, speak up and we can get it removed. Each of us needs to take some responsibility for our own records.

If you have a problem navigating the NSP website, your records, etc... please do not call the national office. With 28,000 members you can only imagine that the office staff is very busy. Most questions can be resolved by contacting your PD/PR, a region or division program administrator or other line officer. Let us help you first.

Elsewhere in this edition and on the division website you should see information on the following upcoming events.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- OET – Advanced Terrain Clinic – April 6th to 8th – Crystal Mt
- All Discipline Instructor CE Conference – April 21st – Mt Hood
- OET – Nuts and Bolts Clinic – June 1st to 3rd - Mt Hood
- Division Convention – August 10th to 12th - Spokane

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If you are an instructor – make sure that you are keeping your teaching activity roster/log up to date. And if you are due for recertification next fall, and are in need of your discipline specific Instructor CE (ICE) course don't wait until next fall, get it done this spring or summer to be ahead of that game.

Your questions, concerns, or ideas about anything related to this division or the NSP in general are important to me. Please contact me so we can discuss them. Email at LizPNWD@gmail.com or phone at 206-300-7711 and let's work together. Collaborative Teamwork is essential to the organization at all levels. The skills, energy, and enthusiasm that all of us bring to the organization are what make it fun and rewarding to be a ski patroller.

T.E.A.M. - Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

I am encouraged by the eagerness to get involved, train to improve oneself, communicate, and the support that I have seen and felt from all across this division. I look forward to working with you and seeing the outcomes we get from our programs.

Yours in Service,
Liz Dodge

ELECTION RESULTS

Dolores La Liberte, Election Coordinator

The Election for Regions Oregon, Northwest, and Wy'East were closed on January 24, 2018. Sole nominees are automatically elected.

The nominees are as follows:

- Oregon Region: Andy Bechdolt of Willamette Pass, sole nominee.
- Northwest Region: Michael James of Summit Central and Ron Lewis of White Pass. The results are unknown as of this writing.
- Wy'East Region: Kevin Havre of Mt Hood Ski Patrol. The results are unknown as of this writing.

Congratulations to those individuals who are or will be the newly elected Region Directors.

Dolores La Liberte
Election Coordinator

YAP REPORT

By Dave Brown, YAP Advisor

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I have not heard of any issues with existing YAP programs in our division. Good news, those who have programs are working out their kinks and enjoying and appreciating their programs. So my main goal, after helping get information back on the NSP website, is to reach out to existing programs to help others who want to start a program.

I also encourage you to think about your transition plan. Start looking at who could help and possibly be your replacement. It will not be easy...but you cannot do it forever. To set up and continue your program—now is a good time to start looking!

Thanks and have a good finish to a weird snow season

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O² Administration and the NSP Patroller

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National Ski Patrol membership affords significant protection against liability for administering first-aid while patrolling *provided* that official NSP policies or officially approved local protocols are followed. Those policies are contained in our OEC 5 text or approved local protocol. OEC 5 was published in 2012 and significant new knowledge has become available since then. Because of these advances, the National Medical Advisors are currently working on a revision of the OEC text to potentially be available in January 2019. When new knowledge has the potential to significantly improve patient outcomes, official training protocols are issued to ensure our patrollers can use that knowledge. This type of change in NSP protocols will be implemented in a revision to our backboard protocols during the 2018 fall refreshers.

Research involving the use of O² in emergent situations suggests that O² is being overused and in some situations may actually be harmful. NSP patrollers reading this material have been left confused as to how to use O². It is universally agreed that if a patient presents with shortness of breath, cardiac or respiratory arrest, cardiac-related chest pain, stroke, significant blood loss, decreased level of responsiveness, head injury or long bone fracture the use of O² is appropriate (page 310, OEC 5). In the emergent, on-hill situation, 12-15 LPM is advised.

However, O² is an expensive and limited resource. Unfortunately once O² is started, it is commonly left on until the patient is passed to the ambulance crew. This wastes our limited supply and can result in *hyperoxemia* that can be detrimental to the patient, especially in a cardiac-related event. Patrollers need to continuously monitor the patient for O² use.

Patrollers often use pulse oximeters to help determine the need for O². Although these are wonderful devices, they have some important limitations. Because they are dependent on peripheral circulation, they are totally unreliable when used on someone with cold hands and thus are not helpful in winter situations on the hill. However, once the patient is in the FAR and warmed up, they can be very helpful in assessing the continued need for O².

As a *guideline*, an O² saturation level of 95% is acceptable (OEC 5, page 315). People at altitude or with COPD may have a lower O² saturation level with no symptoms. Conversely people with CO poisoning may have a higher O² saturation level and be in need of O². Patrollers need to observe their patient and continually reassess their need for O² considering the clinical situation *and* O² saturation levels. Was the rapid breathing seen on the hill caused by anxiety and pain or true respiratory distress? If an O² saturation level of 95% is obtained, then decrease the O² flow and monitor the result. Continue to monitor the patient and potentially stop the O² if the patient maintains a satisfactory O² saturation level and clinical response. Because current research has shown that *hyperoxygenation* is harmful in cardiac-related events, O² saturation levels above 95% should be avoided.

It is hoped that by following the above procedures, the patroller not only provides appropriate first-aid using established OEC policies while also incorporating all recent research advances and preserving a valuable and limited resource.

Dr. Hamilton
PNWD Medical Advisor

OET/TRANSPORTATION

By Jeffrey Weitz, Transportation Advisor

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Division:

Well your snow dances are working as winter has blown in with a vengeance in the PNWD. It is snowing in Portland as I write this update. Most of the resorts around the PNWD are enjoying a banner year of snow, terrain and conditions. However there are still a few of the lower elevation resorts in Oregon and Idaho that are really struggling to open and stay open. I know that Willamette Pass, Ashland and even Soldier Mountain have had their struggles this season.

A general thanks goes out to all the IT's and instructors around the Division for making great strides in getting your instructor updates/recerts completed & your refreshers done as well. Please continue to keep an eye on closing your courses once they have been completed so we can avoid an end of the season log jam.

The Senior finals are just around the corner here with Southern Idaho changing their venue for the Senior OET from Soldier Mountain to Brundage due to low snow conditions.

Inland Empire is on track for their Senior Finals at 49 Deg North, N Region will be holding theirs at Mt Baker and Wy'East and Oregon Region combined are planning to have theirs at Hoodoo. The current dates for the Senior OET finals are as follows:

- Sothern Idaho Region – Brundage – Feb 24th-25th
- Inland Empire Region – 49 Deg North – March 10th-11th
- WyEast/Oregon Region – Hoodoo – March 10th-11th
- Northwest Region –Mt Baker – March 17th – 18th

NSP:

The National OET Committee has been working on completing some educational videos for on-hill techniques as well as updating the Appendix "E" of the Polices & Procedures manual for NSP. We are in the process of submitting documents for our Instructor Tool Box on the OET portions of the NSP website for all instructors to have access from all Divisions across the US.

Region Held Multi- Day Clinics:

The NW Region The NW Region will be conducting a multi- day skills and drills this season at Crystal Mountain on April 7th & 8th, 2018. Please join us for some incredible fun and training on the steep & deep!

The Oregon Region

The Oregon Region hosted their 2 day clinic at Mt Bachelor this season on Feb 24th-25th. All were welcome to attend. Mt Bachelors snowpack is just awesome this season.

Wy'East Region

Wy'East will be hosting their annual Nuts and Bolts Clinics on June 1st-3rd at Timberline again this year. Plan on attending the premier Division training event of the season with over 15+ courses offered over the 3 days with over 100 attendees last season hailing from the Midwest, Rockies, Calif, Utah, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. This year clinics and comradery will be just amazing! Contact David Atkinson @ David@northrimpx.com for specific details and look for the flyer coming out in March for sign ups.

Rhe Wy'East Region will also be hosting the Division Instructor continuing education seminars at Mt Hood for all disciplines on April 21st, 2018

The Inland Empire Region

No Multi-day clinics scheduled at this time

Southern Idaho Region

No Multi -Day Clinics scheduled. For individual daily clinics being held in the region you can contact Thad Murata for more info @ tmurata3@yahoo.com

My sincerest gratitude goes out to all our OET instructors & IT's and all the OET patrollers in our Division who continue to strive for excellence out on the mountains of the PNWD each and every day of the year. You all make us proud!

Cheers!

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NORTHWEST REGION

By Dave May, Northwest Region Director

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It's been a mixed bag of major snow fall intermingled with significant rain events here in the NW Region. Mt. Baker recorded over 200" of snow falling during the month of January and continues to enjoy a base of 210+" at the top of the hill despite the many inches of rain trying to wash it all away.

Crystal Mountain Advanced Terrain Clinic – April 7th and 8th 2018

The folks at Crystal have been putting the pieces in place to host another clinic that will definitely challenge your skills at all levels. There should be something for everyone! The Crystal OET Instructors are working on condensing their 10 day toboggan progression into a single day for the Toboggan Trainers Workshop. A couple of women instructors are lined up for the Toboggan Enhancement Seminar so there will be an option of offering an all women class.

See the flyer and registration at the back of the Norwester for more information.

OET

Paper work is in the process of being completed for four new instructors. We are looking forward to their involvement with their patrols and in the region.

There are currently seven candidates going through the Senior S&T modules and reports from the first clinic indicated that there was marked improvement throughout the group. A second clinic is scheduled for March 3rd with the final being held this year at Mt. Baker on March 18th. Best wishes to all!

OEC

Senior OEC is in full swing and we just concluded a clinic (Midterm) where three candidates participated in a final-like environment. All did great. The senior final is scheduled for March 17th at Mt. Baker. Best wishes to all of them as well!

Currently our region is in the middle of two OEC courses (Summit West and Crystal). They are scheduled to finish up in early March. An OEC course at White Pass recently finished up.

Avalanche

An Avy 1 course has been completed through Cascade Backcountry with Avy 2 courses being completed through Alpentel and Mt. Baker.

NW Region Banquet

Mark your calendars for April 28, 2018. Crystal will be hosting.

Stay Safe!!

Sincerely,
Dave May
NW Region Director

SOUTHERN IDAHO REGION REPORT

By David Campbell, South Idaho Region Director

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Hello from Southern Idaho Region; covering Spout Springs, Ferguson Ridge, Anthony Lakes, Bogus Basin, Southern Idaho Nordic, 705 Backcountry, Payette Lakes, Soldier Mountain, and Magic Mountain.

Like most areas in the Pacific Northwest, Southern Idaho Region's season started slowly, with fits and starts. Most areas were open by the Christmas and New Year's Holiday breaks.

This lack of snow caused changes in schedules, but in true ski patrol fashion, we improvised and made do. Alpine senior clinics were held in Brundage and Bogus. Anthony Lakes hosted a Senior Nordic/Backcountry clinic that was a lot of fun and involved playing with fire. There was a snowboard clinic, a MTR, and an Avalanche class at Anthony Lakes. Several areas held Ski Enhancement and Toboggan Enhancement seminars. I attended both the Ski & Toboggan Enhancement clinics at Anthony Lakes this year. They were fun, instructive, and skill honing. I highly recommend them to any and all.

By the time you read this, the 2018 Southern Idaho Eddie Orbea Senior Test will be complete. Congratulations to all who participated. This year we had to move the OET module to Brundage due to lack of snow at Soldier Mountain. I appreciate everyone's contribution to make this event successful.

Upcoming Events:

NW Region Advanced Terrain Clinic, April 7-8 2018, Crystal Mountain, Washington

PNWD ICE CONFERENCE 2018 April 21, 2018 Collins Lake Lodge, Government Camp

PNWD Convention August 10-12, 2018 Spokane, WA

From Bogus Basin

Our new mountain coaster was actually finished and up and running the Friday before Christmas weekend! It was an enormous success! If anyone has a visit to Boise scheduled, be sure to check in with the Bogus Basin Mountain Recreational office to see when the coaster is operating. The scenic 16-mile trip up to Bogus Basin is well worth the trip for some skiing, tubing or a ride on the coaster. We are making great progress towards our goal of 40 new patrollers by the 2020 season and are looking for strong candidates and transfers. As such, any PNWD patrollers moving into the Boise area are warmly invited to consider joining the Bogus Patrol!

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you all that Henry L. "Hank" Gimmel, 91, of Boise, passed away on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at his home. Hank has been a Bogus Basin Ski Patroller since 1964, 53 years. His National Appointment number is 3847. Check the upcoming NSP Magazine for a review of Hank's outstanding contributions to the NSP, Pacific Northwest Division, Southern Idaho Region, and the Bogus Basin Ski Patrol.

A few closing comments from Dave. First, we need a new awards chairman. It is important within our organization to recognize the volunteer efforts being made. If anyone is willing to help with awards, please contact me.

Also, a thanks to our experienced patrollers. It is so important to encourage our young patrollers to accept leadership roles. Your willingness to mentor those up & coming members and offer your expertise where appropriate, is truly appreciated. Maybe just for fun, expand your own horizons with some new training, or visit a neighboring ski area. Take time to get to know some of the other patrollers that are part of this great family.

Hope to see you on the slopes!

David Campbell
Southern Idaho RD

WY'EAST REGION REPORT

By Doug Stanton, Region Director

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Nuts & Bolts is Coming!

Mark your calendars for the annual Wy'east Region Nuts & Bolts clinics planned for June 1st, 2nd and 3rd this year at Timberline on Mt Hood. Our snowpack is doing quite well in spite of the warmer than normal temps that have impacted areas of the region. The Palmer snowfield, with its exposure and elevation, is accumulating a very dense snowpack that will provide excellent conditions throughout the summer, but particularly during Nuts & Bolts. If you haven't joined the fun, this should be your year. Historically, Wy'east Region Nuts & Bolts has been an extremely fun event. So begin to think about having some fun to close out the season on Mt Hood—where friends reacquaint while working on skills and cross training with like minded patrollers from across the division and country. Registration forms and event details will be out shortly. Hope to see you on Mt Hood in June!

Equipment and Conditioning

After decades of skiing with a knee that was well beyond repair, I finally took the plunge and had it replaced. I learned several things that are important to all patrollers before making this type of decision, but especially patrollers who are moving into more senior years. Equipment and conditioning are even more important than ever. Before having the surgery, I made a commitment to train even harder in advance of my surgery, ski and patrol as much as I could, all with the idea that my recovery would go more smoothly and quickly. It worked! But it also reinforced something that we all should be doing, and that is assuring that not only our bodies are well conditioned, that our boots and skis fit properly. So what is my point? Let me explain.

My surgeon came into recovery to admire his work and was amazed that I was able to continue to ski on a knee that was so degraded, and he's seen his share of bad joints. The underlying reason was conditioning and proper fit of my equipment. Like golf clubs that are tailored to your stance and swing, skis and boots are the same and even more important. The stress on your joints compounds over time. Poor alignment of your equipment puts undo stress on your hips, knees and ankles. Ski for 40 or 50 years without proper alignment and not only do your joints start to fail, it also affects your back. I'm passionate about proper fit and alignment, it's one of the only reasons I was able to continue to ski and patrol with a totally degraded knee. Orthodox foot beds, canting of my boot shells, high end boot liners all working together with a professional boot fitter is key. Like a doctor who you trust, your boot fitter should be the same type of guy or gal. But what about your skis? Binding manufacturers put a ramp angle in their bindings to help initiate turns. Typically this is around two degrees. The new skis want us to stand neutral on our skis, tip-to-tail, side-to-side. Removing the ramp angle is as simple as shimmying the toe piece. To see how your equipment shapes up, here's a simple test to see if you are neutral in stance on the snow. Traverse across a slope on one ski holding the other off the snow on a groomed slope. Can you stand comfortably on that ski without working to hold your balance while moving across the slope? If not, you are not aligned. Try it on both legs. Not aligned, there's stress on your body and joints. It's time for a correction.

OK, we've got ourselves aligned but what about conditioning? Alignment not only reduces stress, it reduces the energy required to initiate turns. Reduced energy extends our day on the slopes, but without some form of conditioning, we are at risk of injury let alone loss of stamina. Conditioning can be as simple as brisk walking but should include some form of strength conditioning, especially core which holds us in position as we move down the slope. Personally, I hate working out, it's not really fun. Working with my PT, she changed my attitude on working out and how I work out. Now when I go to the gym, I really only use one piece of equipment, the leg press. Everything else is resistance bands, ropes and balls. Crazy to think that this is all that's needed but trust me, it does the trick. Create a workout that is fun and challenging and reap the benefits.

I had a goal to be back on the slopes in January. I made my first turns in December. The two things that confirmed my efforts: preconditioning prior to surgery was key to my recovery, having my gear properly fitted and tuned allowed me to extend the years on my knee, avoiding surgery too early. After surgery my gear and conditioning have allowed me to ski without pain and better than I have in decades. It's never too late to change things up and the benefits can be striking. Don't let your equipment and conditioning limit your years of enjoying the sport we are so passionate about. Get in alignment and get in shape.

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INLAND EMPIRE REGION

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General

Over the past few weeks most of the IE Region has been blanketed in snow. Few complaints are heard when deep powder is on the mountains. After an average start to the season, many of the patrols are reporting great seasons with high skier counts at resorts. With multiple resorts currently planning expansions and others entering the planning phases, many patrols are faced with recruiting challenges and are looking for large OEC classes next year to help expand the patrols to meet resort needs.

We kicked off our first region event in January with our annual Instructor Refresher and Instructor Continuing Ed. classes at Mt. Spokane. Next, Silver Mountain hosted an Open and Senior Clinic for both OEC and OET. In February, Mission Ridge then hosted our second Open and Senior Clinic for OEC and OET. All three clinics were well attended by patrollers across the region. We would like to say thank you to the Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol, the Silver Mountain Ski Patrol, the Mission Ridge Ski Patrol, and the hosting resorts. We appreciated the hospitality on the mountain, the great lunches, and the excellent company after the clinics.

Throughout this season, please remember how much encouragement an award can bring to a fellow patroller. Please consider submitting an award nomination for those who go above and beyond. There are many patrollers in our region who deserve awards – why not submit the application and win a region, division, or even a national award for them? It starts by noticing and documenting the efforts we see and then submitting the appropriate award applications.

Convention – Aug 10-12, 2018

Inland Empire Region is hosting the 2018 PNWD Convention this year, and we could still use a little help organizing the event, so please contact Kevin Voss if you are interested. Please encourage patrollers to mark their calendars and make plans to attend.

- Outstanding educational breakout sessions and general sessions to learn more about the NSP, our division, and bone up on skills.
- Join patrollers from across the division on Friday for various activities across our region. We already have some exciting and unique activities planned.
- Come to the BBQ Friday night on the Hotel RL balcony that faces Spokane's Riverfront Park. The BBQ is always a memorable and enjoyable evening and one of the few times each year that we have an opportunity to meet the patrollers and leadership in our division.
- Participate in the Pacific Northwest Division Awards Banquet on Saturday night. Enjoy excellent company, great food, and help congratulate the best of the best in our division. There will also be an opportunity to support our division and take home high-end items through a silent auction before the banquet.

We will be staying at the newly remodeled Hotel RL Inn at the Park next to Spokane's Riverfront Park. It is a fantastic Hotel with an incredible amount of amenities within walking distance. Please get the word out!

Dates

Senior Final Evaluation @ 49° North Mar 10-11, 2018
Inland Empire Region Spring Meeting: April 21, 2018
PNWD Convention: Aug 10-12, 2018

Thank you,

Kevin Voss
Inland Empire RD

OREGON REGION REPORT

By Anne Greenwood, Oregon Region Director

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What an interesting ski season. Yes, some ski areas, Mt. Bachelor and Santiam Pass, have been operating since December, but with challenging conditions and amounts of snow. Willamette Pass and Mt. Ashland ski areas have been open for a few days in February, but are closed again. The snow conditions have been very “skinny” for the Willamette Backcountry Patrol, and Warner Canyon has yet to be open at all.

Some on the hill refreshers and trainings have been able to take place, but other refreshers and trainings have had to be postponed or rescheduled. “Thank-you” to all the instructors in the various disciplines for your dedication in trying to provide your programs to our region members.

Laurie Coventry, the Oregon Region’s OEC Senior Advisor, has been busy. She reports that a January clinic for the OEC Module of the Senior Program was held on January 20, 2018 at Hoodoo ski area. There were 6 candidates participating from Willamette Pass and Santiam Pass patrols. The final exam will also be held at Hoodoo on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Joe Harwood, the Oregon Region OET Advisor, reports that the OET Senior final has been relocated to Hoodoo Ski Area. The final is still scheduled for March 11th with the instructor calibration taking place March 10th. Joe also adds that the OET Senior Clinic scheduled for March 3 has moved from Willamette Pass to Hoodoo Ski Area.

Andy Bechdolt, the current Oregon Region Assistant Director, has been elected the **new Oregon Region Director**. **Congratulations Andy** and thank-you for taking on this leadership position. Andy will take the reins at the PNWD Spring Board meeting April 28, 2018.

Anne Greenwood
Oregon RD

PATROLLER/SAFETY REPORT

By Jodie Jeffers, Patroller/Safety Advisor

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Say It, Practice It, Live It

Say It, Practice It, Live It.....or it just will not happen! If not, then what? Should we abandon the concept of safety, or embrace it as much as we do with all the training we expect for OEC, sled techniques, snowmobile and chairlift usage, let alone our own skiing/boarding/bicycling etc.? NSP believed in safety from its conception and incorporated it into the mission statement, “SERVICE & SAFETY”. However, it often times comes as an afterthought, if at all, for many.

What is it that you see a need for when we speak on safety, and is your area or patrol promoting it? If not, why not? We believe in scene safety, but there is so much more. It is our job to “Say It, Practice It, Live It” and to spread that message onward. This is such an easy concept, however one of the hardest to promote and move forward. Please really think about it and share with me just what is it that you think and or expect when hearing “Safety”. What do you do now and what obstacles are there? How do we improve? It is up to you all, truly. Please jump on board and get back to me. What can we do at our August Convention, in our patrols, in our areas and for the general public off the areas. Please don’t make this a forgotten concept.

Thank you

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AWARDS ADVISOR

By Peter Schwartz

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Hello PNWD Patrollers!

I am excited to take on the role of PNWD Awards Advisor. I want to thank my predecessor, Rich Maris for his many years of service to the PNWD and the NSP as the prior PNWD Awards Advisor. I am also pleased to let you know that Jerry Sherman is the new NSP Awards Advisor at the national level as he has replaced Bill Boulter who served in that role for many years.

I have a great passion for patrollers receiving recognition for their efforts and contribution to NSP! I am hoping that all patrols and regions in the PNWD have a respective Awards Advisor, and that each are actively considering patrollers for applicable awards in all the Outstanding award categories along with Merit Stars, National Appointments/LCAs, Distinguished Service awards, Patroller Crosses, Angel awards, Hall of Fame awards, and Certificates of Appreciation. Your patrol level and region level awards are also very important!

The intent of all NSP awards is to recognize and appreciate patrollers for their extraordinary efforts, passion and positive impact. We want to distribute awards to as many patrollers as possible, while assuring the integrity of the awards is maintained. Everyone contributes to the success of their team in their unique way. Our challenge and opportunity is to document extraordinary patrollers' deeds and character and align the applicable awards accordingly, and then write the awards!

From an awards perspective it is very important that all patrollers review their NSP profile and make changes as necessary to keep their profile updated. Each NSP patroller's profile is used in virtually all NSP award submissions.

A worthy goal is to have awards nominations for every NSP award possible in our PNWD! So please let me know if I can be of service to your region and/or patrol for any guidance or assistance in your awards process and nominations. On behalf of the PNWD, my appreciation extends to all who are involved with the awards process for each patrol and region!

Best regards,

Peter Schwartz
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OEC REPORT

By Janie SanRomani, OEC Advisor

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OEC is a short but sweet report this spring!

A notice was sent out to all the Region OEC Advisors to pass along to all their instructors that the latest and greatest OEC test bank is now available for OEC Instructors online on the NSP website. It is located under Instructor Resources, OEC Instructors and then on the left of the page, at the bottom, under “OEC Resources” titled “OEC Test Bank”. All the various Division OEC Supervisors will be meeting in Denver again this coming April to develop the next season’s OEC final along with the next season Senior OEC Final Evaluation scenarios. If you have anything that you would like us to share with the National Office at the meeting, please let Kathy Lee or me know so we can take the information back to our meeting.

All of our five Regions are having Senior Final Evaluations this spring. This whole process requires a huge commitment from both the candidates going through the training and, of course, the OEC Instructors providing the training and testing. All evaluators and trainers are required to complete their own training and evaluation in order to provide the highest quality and caliber learning experience for everyone. All evaluators and trainers need to also have a refresher on this process once every three years. It has been rather difficult for the Division to provide this refresher some years, but this spring, on Sunday, April 22, 2018, there will be a Division-wide Senior TE refresher at Government Camp, Mt. Hood. We realize that this is after everyone’s Senior OEC Final Evaluation but there was no other time available to present this. This refresher will be the same weekend as the All Discipline ICE Course that is occurring on Saturday, April 21. There is an information sheet along with a registration form included in this issue of the Nor’wester so please take a look at both forms for more information. If you have any questions about any of these courses, please contact Kathy or me. We will definitely have to have a head count for these courses.

Liz Dodge and I have been trying to work our way through the Delinquency Roster for all Regions. Liz, especially has been working day and night trying to solve the many mysteries involved in patrollers being delinquent on their OEC Refreshers. We are making some head way and will present an entire Division report all at once on our findings. So, if you have been contacted regarding these problems, please be patient on getting the resolutions taken care of. Most of the problems have centered on people not “enrolling” in a refresher correctly. This is still a rather new learning process but it is here to stay, so please give it your best shot by trying to enroll in every course that you take. It obviously will get easier every year. The proper “closing” of courses has also been a problem and this too will get less complicated as each instructor becomes more familiar with the procedure.

That’s all for now—hope to see tons of you at the ICE Course and Senior TE Course in April!

Janie San Romani

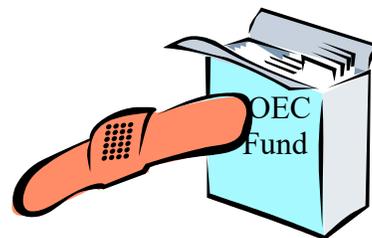
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PNWD OEC Fund

If you are an OEC instructor and have been teaching full/challenge courses, please make sure that you remember to submit your PNWD OEC Course Enrollment Fees to the division. The fee is \$10 per student enrolled in any full or challenge OEC course. There is a form on the division

website which will help you with submittal. If you taught a class in recent years go back and make sure that you / your patrol paid these fees. If you taught a course this past season or are teaching a course this next season, don’t forget about this in your course planning. Upon recent review many courses have not yet submitted their fees.



NORDIC AND BACKCOUNTRY REPORT

Joe Mabbutt, Nordic Advisor

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The year has been full of Nordic/Backcountry Clinics getting ready for this year's N/B Senior Evaluation. By the time you read this I am confident we will have several more N/B Seniors. These patrollers have been training hard and it shows. They are skilled and dialed in. I have seen shelters constructed in under two minutes, toboggans deployed lightning fast, haul lines efficiently put up and torn down. Their navigation skills are spot on. I am very excited to watch all of these pieces be put together in next week's evaluation. I only have one question for you. When is your turn?



Joe Mabbutt
PNWD
Nordic Division Program Supervisor

PNWD REGISTRAR REPORT

By Blaine Price, Registrar

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Another registration season is coming to a close. With few exceptions, patrols submitted Region and Division registration dues on time by the end of December, and mostly in a single submission. Congratulations to PD/PRs and their Registration Reps in their attention to detail and working with their patrollers in getting their dues payments into the patrol on time, and thereby to me as Registrar.

Last year the process was difficult at best given new NSP computer systems and associated problems and learning curves. This year all was not ideal, but we were, for the most part better prepared. Where there were problems, we were able to work together and find solutions. And when necessary, I was able to work with National for answers, usually for issues related to system limitations, errors or data problems.

Now that we have had a reasonably smooth process, next year should be even better, including at the National level, as problems have been resolved.

Things to focus on:

- PD/PRs need to manage the registration process by setting firm dates for which dues for Region and Division are paid to the patrol. Then follow up accordingly. Those patrols that did so had few problems. Where it wasn't managed firmly, problems, delays and late fees resulted, and in two instances continue.
- Once Region and Division dues have been collected, and the PD/PR has 'Notified' NSP to generate an invoice for National dues, PD/PRs need to weekly examine their on-line roster to see that NSP national dues are paid on a timely basis. Patrollers not doing their part in getting National or Region/Division dues paid need to be reminded that they need to do so prior to the date that 'late fees' apply. Where the individual hasn't paid on a timely basis, for whatever reason, it's up to the patrol's leadership to step in and work with the patroller to solve the problem. Come to me to assist if there is an NSP or system issue. When necessary, the PD/PR should remove the patroller from their roster and keep them off the hill until that obligation is taken care of.
- Any member going into the NSP system to pay dues that finds they are unable to do so for any reason needs to inform their PD/PR immediately. The PD/PR will work with me to find a solution. Doing a 'Screen Shot' as documentation for the PD/PR can be a great assist in solving the problem quickly.
- Avoid 'Late Fees' for patrollers. \$5.00 late fees for PNWD were few due to timely submissions to me prior to Jan 1st.
- I had informed PDs that a National \$10.00 late fee would be applied effective Feb 1st, along with 'Suspension' for those individuals not paid by that date. National recently advised PD/PRs that date had been moved to Mar 1st due to administrative problems at the office. Don't plan on National late fees and suspension being delayed next year. And remember, 'suspension' means a patroller has no access to NSP systems, class enrollment, or to Catalogue/Pro deals until dues have been paid. Patrollers not paying National dues will receive a formal 'suspension' notice after March first this year. If they persist in not paying, they will eventually be removed from membership.
- Members need to review their 'Profile' on line and see that their information in the system is complete and up to date. That includes an entered or corrected 'date of birth', a correct 'join date', and ensuring that credit is shown for classes and refreshers completed, along with instructor status for example. Also check for your correct current mailing addresses, email address and phone number. Edit in what the patroller can update, and go to the Patrol Director or IOR to seek corrections when information is not up to date, particularly if documentation is needed. Personal information can always be edited in the system by the patroller. (Too many members were never born, or were born the date they joined NSP when you look in the system.)
- Patrollers or candidates that are not 'New Members' in the current year should NEVER click on 'Create Account' on the nsp.org home page. Doing so creates a duplicate account and member number and locks the person out of the system until a fix is requested manually. The same applies to former members coming back to active patrolling. Once a 'Member Number' is created, it never changes. Come to me or the office to reinstate former members in the system if they can't be found.
- New members and returning 'former members' need to be provided with a 'link' by their PD in order to go in and pay National dues, which then enables the person to enroll in classes and get further access to the NSP system, including the catalogue.
- Patrollers who come on as 'candidates' later in the season still need to obtain a member number and pay dues if they are doing any type of training with the patrol including OET, on-the-hill procedures and shadowing, or taking a spring OEC class. Not doing so exposes the patrol and instructors for registered classes to liability issues if registration has not been taken care of. (This doesn't include the 'ski check' for compatibility we usually do with a person who approaches us about becoming a patroller.)
- Patrollers who decide to not be active for a year or more, if they wish to maintain their continuity of membership in years of service either they need to pay dues as 'Not Actively Patrolling' (formerly called 'Inactive'), or pay \$30.00 dues as an 'Alumni'. Either option preserves their continued years of service/membership, and allows them to come back and actively patrol while receiving 5, 10 or 50 year service pins. Not doing so makes them start again at zero years of service. This is important since 'back dues' are no longer allowed. Many of us would be very unhappy if we didn't get that 25 year pin; or a 50 year pin and plaque with lifetime membership' and no future dues required that accompany it. (Alumni membership requires at least one year of membership above 'candidate' to be eligible.)

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AVALANCHE ADVISOR

By Patrick Stanton, Avalanche Advisor

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Summary

Across most of the PNWD the snow year started early and we are hitting the mid-winter stride.

PNWD Avalanche Season So Far

It has been a bit of a mixed bag in this Division in terms of amount of snowfall, but most of the areas are looking pretty good coverage wise. As of this writing, there have been a few close calls and a few injuries from avalanches in the Division but fortunately no fatalities. Now is always a good time, being about half way through the winter to a) check the gear such as the batteries in your transceiver, b) do a few practice finds, and c) take a look at your local snowpack to see how things are shaping up.

Avalanche Instructors

The biggest asset of the NSP avalanche program is its instructor base, enabling courses to be taught for all NSP members affordably.

New Instructors

Every year instructors, instructor trainers, patrol and regional advisors should be on the lookout for students who have the aptitude and interest to become avalanche instructors. They can ease into trying to teach a session in upcoming courses either classroom or field. The next step would be to get them started with an instructor application and beginning the mentoring program. New instructors are critical to the long-term health of the program.

Current Instructors

Frankly, I find keeping current instructors at the same level of enthusiasm and aptitude as when they first became instructors to be challenging. There is a balance to be had between practicing the skills needed to be proficient in the avalanche education arena and being a proficient instructor. If you an instructor look at your past couple years, are you getting enough time personally in the snow, have you taken any courses or continuing education recently, and how much you have been teaching.

Avalanche Training

There have been a lot of courses ongoing this season with many already completed. Don't forget to close out the course on the NSP.org website as well getting completion certificates to students. I highly advise also keeping paper copies of your course completion records (for the benefit of you, your students, and your instructors).

Hope everyone has been enjoying the winter.

Regards,
-Patrick Stanton

Registrar Continued

- Patrollers who decide to 'retire' should be encouraged to become Alumni and maintain their relationship with NSP and the patrol. They can be secondary if desired on their former patrol. If the person has 25 years of continuous service, the Division pays their first year Alumni dues for them upon request. And Alumni need to remember they also get that coveted 50 year plaque if they continue as dues paying members.

If all of the above seems something mostly for leadership to know, remember if you as a patroller understand things that impact you, the easier you can work as a team with your PD/PR to make things better and solve problems.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

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INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

By *Kathy Alexander*

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Hi all ID Instructors/ITs:

Please remember to sign up for the PNWD Instructor Conference 2018: April 21st at Mt. Hood: this includes All Discipline ICE Courses and is only part of your ID Instructor recertification process. Register 2 courses: the “Instructor Skills Review” (Global portion) course #P024180007 AND the “Instructor Continuing Education Clinic- ID” course #P024180009. The newly updated ID Manual titled “Instructor Development: Training the Adult Learner” is available on-line: please print and bring this manual & the “Guide to Mentoring” to the Conference. A paper registration form is to be returned to Anne Greenwood by April 11th for planning purposes. See you there! The form is at the back of this Norwester.

Several on-line ID courses have been held this ski season throughout the Division; thank you to Jim Benton for instructing 2 courses and I have completed a course at Santiam Pass.

Please remember to send me the course completion roster when you complete a course so I can update my Division records. Thank you to each of you for all you do for the NSP ID program.

And to Region ID Advisors: please contact your ID Instructors and ITs and encourage them to attend the April 21st conference: have a party, carpool, make it fun, be there.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Alexander, PNWD ID Advisor

OR Region ID Advisor:

Hi all ID Instructors/ITs:

Please sign up for the PNWD Instructor Conference 2018 at Mt. Hood on Sat. April 21st: this includes All Discipline ICE Courses and is only part of your ID Instructor recertification process. You need to register for 2 courses: the Global portion: “Instructor Skills Review” is course #P024180007 AND the “Instructor Continuing Education Clinic- ID” is course #P024180009. And a paper Registration Form is to be returned to Anne Greenwood by April 11th for planning purposes. The newly updated ID Manual titled “Instructor Development: Training the Adult Learner” is available on-line: please print and bring this manual & the “Guide to Mentoring” to the Conference.

Please encourage other Discipline Instructors in your patrol to attend: have a party, carpool, make it fun, be there!

I only have knowledge of 1 ID on-line course completed this ski season so far: Santiam Pass. If you have instructed a course, please send me a copy of the Course Completion roster so I can update Region records.

And thank you for all you do for the NSP ID program,

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Alexander, OR Region ID Advisor

CONVENTION 2018

Convention 2018

Join us in Spokane for the 2018 PNWD Convention!

Please reserve August 10th, 11th, and 12th for a trip to the Inland Empire Region and a great time with the patrollers of the Pacific Northwest Division. We will be staying at the newly remodeled Hotel RL Inn at the Park located on the banks of the beautiful Spokane River and next to Spokane's famous Riverfront Park. Shopping, dining, parks, site seeing, exercise trails, waterfalls, and nightlife are all within walking distance. We already have some unique activities planned for Friday and a great venue for the BBQ on Friday night. It is an excellent hotel and a beautiful city, but the educational opportunities and the companionship of our fellow patrollers cannot be beat. Make your plans and encourage your fellow patrollers to join us in Spokane in 2018!





NW Region Education/Instructor Advanced Terrain Clinic PNWD OET Skills and Drills

April 7-8 2018
Crystal Mountain, Washington



The on snow programs will be conducted on
Advanced Black Diamond Terrain



Toboggan Enhancement Seminar-**TES**

Course Number: P006180005

Using a variety of toboggan styles and models in some of the most challenging terrain you are likely to encounter, this seminar is designed to enhance the skills of experienced toboggan operators. Though our first name is Advanced, we will offer classes for all skill levels. Just give us an idea of your comfort level and we will push it a little further. We will be using Cascade 100, 350 models as well as the Edge clipper toboggans and exploring the strengths and limitations of them all. We will have a hands on belay station especially for those who may never have had the opportunity to belay or be belayed with toboggan in hand. There will be a women only group if there are at least 6 women who would like to form a group. **OPEN TO NSP CERTIFIED ALPINE TOBOGGAN OPERATORS ONLY.**

Snow-Sports Enhancement Seminar-**SES**

Course Number: P006180006

When was the last time you took a lesson taught by one of the best instructors in America? These sessions will be taught by PSIA Level 3 instructors and will improve your skiing/riding skills. Groups of differing needs/levels will be available, provided there are enough students to form a class. Cost is \$25.00 per person per session to cover the instructor expense. Classes are limited to 10 people per session. Pre-registration is required and fee must accompany registration.

Instructor Development Course (**ID**)

Course Number P037180005

This is the course that starts it all. If you are interested in becoming an NSP certified instructor in any discipline you must first take an Instructor Development Course. Get a jump on next season by getting this requirement out of the way and you can start your instructor mentoring right away or at the beginning of next season. This is an e-course. All online work must be completed prior to attending the final at this event



Instructor Continuing Education Clinics

This is a two-part course offering instructor skills review for all disciplines (course P006180008) and the instructor skills for OET (P006180007). You need both every 3 years to be an instructor.

Toboggan Trainers Workshop (**TTW**)

Course Number: P006180010

We thought it might be fun to offer a 1 day Toboggan Training Progression. This is Crystal Mountains 10 day basic toboggan training progression crushed down to 1 day. Bring a note pad, as we will be covering a lot of information. **OPEN TO NSP CERTIFIED ALPINE TOBOGGAN INSTRUCTORS ONLY.**

Snow Sports Trainers Workshop (**STW**)

Course Number: P006180011

Rather than focus on improving your own skiing as in the SES, how about a course to improve your ability to improve the skiing of other Patrollers? There are few things more gratifying than to help others improve their skiing skills. Taught by PSIA Level 3 Instructors, this is an outstanding opportunity to improve your ski instructing skills. **OPEN TO NSP CERTIFIED ALPINE TOBOGGAN INSTRUCTORS ONLY.**

Conference Registration Fee \$50.00

Includes: Saturday dinner and lift tickets for both days (lift tickets are for NSP registered patrol members who are registered to attend the conference only)

Check-in: 8:00am in the Lodge

Lodging: Skibacs Lodge - \$40.00 per night per person (bunk style lodging so bring your sleeping bag)

RV parking -\$40.00 per night per RV (w/ electricity only) B-lot parking is first come first served and paid for at the kiosk in the lower part of B lot. Please check the RV Rules at <https://www.crystallmountainresort.com/plan-your-trip/getting-here/rv-parking/>

This excellent weekend of clinics is hosted by the Crystal Mountain Volunteer Ski Patrol and the Northwest Region in coordination with the Pacific Northwest Division of the National Ski Patrol.

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NW Region Skills and Drills on Advanced Terrain Clinic and OET IT & Instructor CE Clinics

April 7-8, 2018 Crystal Mountain, Washington

The on snow programs will be utilizing **Advanced Black Diamond Terrain**

Registration FORM

Please let us know you are coming. Completely fill out the following registration form and send it, by mail or email ASAP Pre-registration closes by **April 1, 2016**. After that walk-ups will be taken on a space available basis only.

Name _____ NSP ID # _____

Your Home Patrol Area _____ Level Basic ___ Senior ___

NSP Instructor? Yes No; Discipline _____ IT Discipline _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Check EACH box for the courses you will be attending:

TES - Toboggan Enhancement Seminar - **Sunday P006180005**. **OPEN TO NSP CERTIFIED ALPINE TOBOGGAN OPERATORS ONLY**. A completed Division Enhancement Seminar Permission Form must accompany the registration form (see page 4).

SES Snow sports Enhancement Seminar – **Saturday \$25 P006180006** (send payment with registration)

STW Snow Sports Trainers Workshop - **Sunday \$25 P006180009** (send payment with registration)
OPEN TO NSP CERTIFIED ALPINE TOBOGGAN INSTRUCTORS ONLY.

TTW Toboggan Trainers Workshop – **Saturday P006180010**. **OPEN TO NSP CERTIFIED ALPINE TOBOGGAN INSTRUCTORS ONLY**.

Instructor Development Course. – **Sunday P037180005**. (This is an e-course all online work must be completed before attending this final!)

ICE Instructor Continuing Education – **Saturday (P006180007 Instructor OET CE) (P006180008 Instructor Skills CE)**.

Clinic Registration Fee - \$50 Includes: Two days lift tickets and Saturday dinner.

Total Enclosed \$ _____ Make checks payable to: NW Region

Mail to: NWR April Clinic - c/o Evan Wang 18538 SE 45th St. Issaquah, WA 98027-9726 evanw133@gmail.com



PNWD Patroller Permission Documentation for Enhancement Seminars

The original signed document must be given to the instructor of record for the specified enhancement seminar. Photocopies may be kept by patrol director and participant.

I, _____, with NSP member number _____ as a registered member of the National Ski Patrol as an (check box that applies)

- Alpine Patroller/Senior Nordic Patroller/Senior Patroller (formerly called Auxiliary) Patroller/Senior
 Alpine Candidate Nordic Candidate Patroller Candidate (formerly called Auxiliary)

on the _____ Ski Patrol, _____ Region, _____ Division am hereby requesting the permission of my patrol director to participate in the following Enhancement Seminar(s) on the following date(s).

Check those that apply to type of Enhancement Seminar(s) requested:

- Alpine Ski _____ date(s) Snowboard _____ date(s) Nordic Ski _____ date(s) MTR _____ date(s)
 Alpine Toboggan _____ date(s) OEC _____ date(s) Nordic Toboggan _____ date(s)

It is understood that Enhancement Seminars are not basic training sessions but rather sessions to enhance the skills one already has through previous program certification. PNWD Prerequisite for attending an Enhancement Seminar: The individual must either have completed the basic certification course for the discipline (i.e. OEC, Toboggan), or must have patrol director approval (i.e. if they currently participating in a toboggan training program but have not yet been certified.)

By signing this document, the patrol director is not taking responsibility for liability of my participation. He/She is only assuring that I, the participant, have the minimum certification and/or skill level* required to participate in the above specified seminar and believes that my participation will benefit the development/improvement of my skill-set in this area. By signing this document, he/she is giving permission for my participation based on the following prerequisite completion.

Prerequisite Completion: The above individual has completed the required prerequisite for participation in the above Enhancement Seminar, as indicated below. (check box(s))

- OEC Certification MTR course completion MTR – prior equivalent coursework
 Basic Ski/Ride Skills - This individual has ski / ride skills that are above the 'base beginner' level and would benefit from this Ski/Ride Enhancement Seminar.
 Basic Toboggan Certification
 * This individual is currently participating in an ongoing basic toboggan training program, and has completed enough of that program and has the minimum skill level required to enable them to fully participate in a Toboggan Enhancement Seminar.

Therefore, he/she has my permission as their Patrol Director/Unit Representative to participate in the above dated Enhancement Seminar.

Safety is always the first priority. Instructors of the enhancement seminar have the right to excuse any participant who's specified skills upon review are determined to not be at the minimum level for participation.

Print Patrol Director Name

Patrol Director Signature

Date

Participating Patroller Signature

Date

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PNWD INSTRUCTOR CONFERENCE 2018

APRIL 21, 2018 MT. HOOD
COLLINS LAKE LODGE, GOVERNMENT CAMP

NSP Instructors and ITs for OEC, Avalanche, MTR, OET, Instructor Development (ID) and Nordic/Backcountry.

Note: If there is room, Instructor Mentees are encouraged to attend if they are already in the mentorship stage of their instructor training, with applications submitted and the process well started before the conference.

CE Credit: This conference will fulfill part of the NSP's requirements for instructor recertification. Instructors need to complete an instructor continuing education seminar for their discipline during each 3-year period of instructor certification. Attendance does not guarantee instructor recertification.

Saturday, April 21, 2018, All Discipline ICE Courses

8:00am Sign-in

8:30am - 10:00am Global session - all participants

- ✧ Update on NSP Programs and Review of NSP & Division Policies
- ✧ Instructor Development Process, including recruitment, mentoring, & certification
- ✧ Quality Assurance and Records

10:00 - 4:00pm Break-out sessions for all disciplines

Lunch - Something will be provided to those going off-site

In addition, we are offering a different course on Sunday, April 22, 2018. This will be an OEC Module of the Senior Program (OEC-MSP) Trainer Evaluator Clinic.

8:00am Sign-in

8:30am – noon SR OEC TE training

Depending upon the number of participants, we hope to complete this training by noon.

To Bring:

- ✧ Textbooks and Manual for your NSP educational discipline and Guide to Mentoring.

Registration: Please pre-register for this conference by **April 11, 2018**. Lunch is provided on Saturday. Please turn in your registration form early so we can order the proper amount.

Lodging and Expenses: See Registration Form

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Ski Flight 2019

Skiing in the Swiss Alps!

Plans are currently underway for Ski Flight 2019 to visit Davos, Switzerland, late January or early February.

Known in Switzerland as the region where the snow never fails to arrive, Davos is the highest elevation town in all of Europe, and one of Europe's largest sports areas.

With 55 lifts and 186 miles of pistes, Davos Klosters includes:

- Parsenn (famous 8-mile long run, tobogganing, and speed measurement to see how fast you're skiing. Don't forget a visit to Igloo Bar!)
- Rinerhorn (day/night sledding track)
- Pischia (air boarding or fat biking anyone?)
- Madrisa (offers Madrisaland for any of you bringing young ones not quite ready for its advanced ski runs)
- Jakobshorn (freestyle mountain with a large air bag for jumps, and home of one of the most beautiful pipes—the super pipe at Bolgen. Also known for its numerous fun ski huts)
- Schatzalp/Strela (the starting point of the classic toboggan run to Davos Platz, about which Thomas Mann wrote in his novel "The Magic Mountain." The wide, well-prepared toboggan run is 2.8 km long and takes in 18 bends through the Schatzalp magic forest on its descent down to Davos Platz)

Davos Klosters—there truly is something for everyone!

In addition, since we will be so close, plans are underway for at least a one day visit to **St. Moritz**, location of two separate James Bond movies. Here, rumor is there is plenty of off-piste skiing that stays untracked for days. Many area experts suggest hiring a guide to explore Corvatsch's Roseg Valley.

While at St. Moritz, be sure to visit the infamous men's downhill with its "Free Fall" starting slope—the steepest in the world, catapulting competitors from standstill to 90 mph in a mere six seconds.

St. Moritz includes five ski areas—Lagalb, Diavolezza (known for its off-piste glacier route), Corvatsch, Furtshellas and Corviglia—and offers 220 miles of terrain accessed by 56 lifts. There are also 115 miles of cross-country trails around the town.

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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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