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DIVISION DIRECTOR REPORT

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Thank you to all of you for your continual generosity and grace during these last few months. Covid 19 took us all by surprise, shutting down our ski areas, our jobs, and our 'normal' way of living. We have been quarantined to various degrees, some have lost employment, and many of you have been struggling with home-schooling your children in either a virtual or paper packet platform. And in the midst of these difficulties, many of you have been reaching out to your local communities through donations and volunteer work in support of those fighting this pandemic. You are a powerful group of people, and I am proud to be of service to you during this extraordinary time in history.

At this point in time, many of our counties in all three states are either in Phase 1 or Phase 2 of reopening. The near future is uncertain and I know that many of you are wondering what OEC classes will look like, how we will conduct our OEC refreshers in the fall, whether or not ski areas will open and what protocols will be in place for patrolling. I wish I had solid concrete answers to all of the above. I can tell you that all of these are being addressed at the National level and at the PNWD level.

National has a sub-committee currently dedicated to discussing and planning for courses and refreshers. Please check out the website to stay up to date with NSP recommendations and workable solutions. <https://nspserver.org/covid-19-updates/>

Remember, we all do need to be recertified, which does require some kind of face to face refreshing. How this will play out will likely vary from county to county and state to state. In the PNWD I have put together a "Planning for 2020-2021 Committee". We will be discussing various issues as they relate to our Division including OEC refreshers and classes, the OEC rollout for instructors, financial concerns, PPE on the hill and in the aid room, patroller protocols, aid room operations, risk management and more. This team currently consists of Jim Hamilton and Carl Heine – PNWD Medical Advisors, Janie San Romani – PNWD OEC Supervisor, Jodie Jeffers – PNWD Safety Advisor, Mark Timm – PNWD Treasurer, John Nelson – PNWD Legal, Joseph Ferraro – PNWD Outdoor Risk Manager National Committee member and me. As we gather information in conjunction with NSP, we will share that with all of you. Information will be disseminated through our PNWD website, our PNWD Facebook page and through email. Please continue to be patient, stay in touch, and make sure you understand protocols and procedures as they come your way. If you aren't sure of something, ask.

The PNWD Convention 2020 will be held virtually this year on August 8th. I am working with Michael James, RD of Northwest Division, and Grace Yarber from Northwest to

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make that happen. Andy Bechdolt, Oregon RD, Michael Mays from Oregon Region, and Peter Schwartz, Division Awards, are also giving us a hand. Nearly all division supervisors plan to give a virtual, interactive workshop on the 8th. Please check out the flyer and registration form in this issue of the Nor'Wester. Saturday morning includes an Eboard Meeting, Saturday afternoon are the workshops, there will be an awards ceremony Saturday evening and a General Board Meeting Sunday morning. PD 101 will take place August 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. And, there will be a separate Registration Workshop on August 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All times are Pacific Standard.

Although the Convention 2020 format is different, I am confident that the workshops will be well worth your time, and that the awards ceremony will be a true celebration of the hard work you all do in the PNWD. The PD101 class and the separate registration class are vital to the success of our PD's/PR's, which is why we placed those on different days. Please mark your calendars, send in the registration form, and plan to join us.

Other Items at National

Education - is a standing committee as of January 1st. There are now four standing committees – Planning, Finance, Governance and Education. I am on the Education Committee and have been working with my team to update Intro to Patrolling, which now includes a Bike Patrol Track. We are in communication with the subcommittee working on OEC and Covid 19, and we are reviewing a handful of other documents. Please let me know if you have any thoughts, concerns, or ideas about any of the work at the National level, including any of the committees. If I don't have the answer right away, I will work to get it.

Outdoor Risk Management (ORM) – This is a new program at the National level. It is in the development stages and looks to include some basic risk management information that is essential for new patrollers, along with some advanced material that will be more relevant for pro-patrollers, certified patrollers etc. I have asked Joseph Ferraro from Inland Region to represent the PNWD at the National Level, working in the ORM Committee to get the program off the ground.

Awards – National has a revised awards matrix that has been developed by our Awards Advisors (page 28 this issue). The goal is to provide outstanding awards for our pro patrollers and our alumni. Peter Schwartz from PNWD was instrumental in putting this new matrix together. The matrix evens the playing field with regard to patrol days/hours, courses instructed, etc. If you are your patrol or region awards person, please make sure you are using the new matrix for your awards this year. It should be found on the member side of the website – Forms and Documents – Awards.

Previous Information

Business Process Committee – The first phase of this committee ended in the fall of 2019. We had several PNWD members on various subcommittees. The goal of the first phase was for each committee to review the various processes and make recommendations. Phase 2 should be starting this summer, with the hopes of making progress toward the goals set forth in Phase 1. Please let me know if you are interested in participating as a committee member.

Lift Evacuation Document – This is a risk management document that is currently being developed. It won't be a required document to use, but will be an available resource.

Additional Information

IOR's and IT's: Please make sure you are closing courses correctly and in a timely manner. This includes insur-

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ing that the closure date is accurate and not a date in the future. Inaccurate dates and open courses present problems with member profiles, and can become a legal issue if the patroller doesn't have that credit (ie. OEC Refresher). PNWD currently has several courses marked as complete by the IOR, but not signed off by the IT – these are therefore not closed courses.

Please let me know if you ever have questions, concerns or ideas. It is my pleasure to be of service to all of you. I can be reached by phone or email. [503-805-8513](tel:503-805-8513)/shelley.urben@nsp-pnwd.org
I hope you are all staying safe and staying healthy. I look forward to 'seeing' you at the Convention in August, and hopefully spending time with you next season.

Shelley Urben

OREGON REGION REPORT

By Andy Bechdolt, Oregon Region Director

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Good day from the Oregon Region.

Since the last issue of the Nor'Wester, there really hasn't been much skiing happening. Yes, there has been some, but not much.

I do know that many of us have been dealing with this global pandemic in our own different ways. There have been some positives come from this strange time that we are in though.

Many of us have learned to utilize virtual meeting platforms and embrace some technology. So far I've attended four ski patrol related meetings while sitting in the comfort of my own home. Patrollers have had an opportunity to spend more time with their families. Some of you have had to learn to be teachers. Some of you are teachers and have had to teach your own classes virtually and at the same time teach your children at home. I applaud every single one of you for that. Many of us have been put in positions in our day jobs that we never in a thousand years thought we would be doing.

I'm excited about the PNWD convention this year. Not as excited as I was before March, but excited nonetheless! While we aren't able to physically be in the same location together, the organizers are working every day to be able to pivot and bring you something we hope you'll find useful and entertaining.

It is a strange time we are in and there is a lot of uncertainty ahead. We are ski patrollers and through our training and experience we have learned to be problem solvers. We are a very resilient bunch of folks too. But, we aren't super human. We are all dealing with this in different ways. I'll just ask every one of you to do a few things:

Stay healthy

Stay in contact with your friends and loved ones – even if you can't physically see them

If you are struggling, please reach out to a trusted person, and if you just need someone to talk to feel free to get in touch with me

Keep physically active

Think snow!!!

Andy Bechdolt

SOUTHERN IDAHO REGION REPORT

By David Campbell, Southern Idaho Region Director

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

This last season was very good for most areas, although it ended abruptly. As seems to be the norm around the country, most had record days with parking problems. Spout Springs did not run again because of management not because of a lack of snow. Soldier Mountain is for sale, they had some buyer inquiries but no sale at this point. They do plan to open again next year.

Some of the training opportunities held this last season: SES clinics were held at Bogus, Anthony, Soldier, and Payette Lakes; a snowboard riding and Toboggan Clinic was held at Bogus Basin; two senior clinics were held, one at Brundage and one at Soldier Mountain. Plan to attend training opportunities this coming season.

At the Senior Final hosted by Bogus Basin, 5 candidates tested for OEC where one passed. 5 candidates tested for skiing with all passing. 6 candidates tested for toboggan with 4 passing. 2 Senior candidates passed all modules to become Seniors.

Planning for the 2021 Division Convention is underway.

Tentative dates so far:

Regional Meeting

October 17th McCall, ID, Hosted by Payette Lakes

Senior Clinics: Location TBD

Jan 8-9, 2021

Jan 30-31, 2021

Eddie Orbea Senior Test

Feb 26-28, 2021 @ Anthony Lakes

Division Convention

Aug 6-8, 2021 Boise, ID

We are in need of a few advisers for the region. After 7 years as Nordic/Backcountry advisor Joe Mabbutt has decided it is time to give someone else a chance. Thanks Joe for all your hard work. Also, we are still looking for a snowboard adviser; Tom Muncy is ready to step down. If you want to help the region, let me know. It's a great way to learn and meet people from all over the region.

Hope to talk to you and see you on the computer screen in August at the Online 2020 PNWD Convention. Here's to a great summer, hoping that things get back to some kind of new normal soon, and to a great ski season to come. Be safe out there. Thanks for all you do!

Dave Campbell
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WY'EAST REGION REPORT

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The Wy'east ski areas got off to a relatively slow start this year, especially the lower elevation areas. Timberline and Mt Hood Meadows were open at the beginning of December while Mt Hood Skibowl, Summit, Teacup and Cooper Spur did have ski operations later in December. Cooper Spur closed in early March due to lack of snow, and the rest of the Mt Hood Areas closed in mid March in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent **Stay At Home Order** in Oregon. Of course, once the areas closed, it started to snow in earnest and Mt Hood ended up with a slightly above normal snow pack.

Wy'east was on track to have several patrollers participate in the OEC and OET Senior Modules this year. Several Wy'east patrollers and two from Mt Bachelor attended training sessions early in the season, but the Finals were postponed and probably canceled. Eight Patrollers completed the Senior Aid Room module, and three of these Patrollers completed all the requirements for Senior Patroller.

There was one Level I Avalanche Class and an Avalanche Awareness Class in the Wy'east Region. Most of the Avalanche updates were held, but several in the late season were canceled.

Most of the Wy'east Hill Patrollers completed a Sled Update, since most updates were scheduled in the early season.

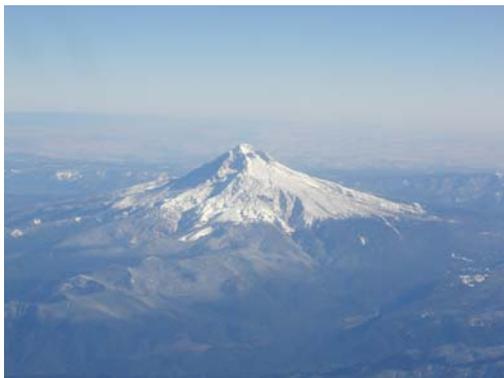
The MTR program scheduled for March and April was postponed. It may still happen this Summer, but it is up in the air at present. There are several patrollers working towards becoming MTR instructors.

Nuts and Bolts will not happen this year. Hopefully, we will be back next year.

Mt Hood Ski Patrol Inc. will have a new Patrol Chief, David Winterling, next year. I think most if not all the rest of the PDs and Assistant PDs will stay in place. The Cooper Spur PD is looking for a replacement, but has not been successful so far.

The Mt. Hood Ski Patrol is putting together a formal Bike Patrol to serve both Skibowl and Timberline. There will be a Bike PD and cycling competence requirements for Bike Patrollers. They will not have to be Ski Patrollers. Skibowl has had mountain biking for years, but our summer patrol there did not have to ride if they did not wish to. Timberline finished up their new bike trails this fall and expected to have a serious Mt. Bike operation this summer, in addition to their Summer Ski Camps. All of those plans are uncertain at this point.

Timberline opened for skiing on a limited basis on May16 using their paid Patrol staff. They expect to have volunteer patrollers working after the beginning of June. They have put a lot of COVID-19 specific requirements in place, so it will be interesting for both the public and the patrollers.



Mt. Hood, Fall 2004



Timberline Palmer camera

INLAND EMPIRE REGION REPORT

By Kelli Piper, Inland Empire Region Director

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Greetings from the Inland Empire Region,

We had a great season in Inland, lots of snow and good skiing conditions! Our Region had four OEC classes this past season, helping add new talent and experience to our volunteer and paid patrols. The Region offered a calibration clinic for OEC and OET instructors this year and will offer another one next season, dates and locations to be published in the fall. Also, we had four open Region clinics, held at Mt Spokane, Lookout Pass, Mission Ridge and 49 Degrees North. Thank you to these patrols for hosting us! There was great participation in the senior program, four candidates went through Senior Training, with three candidates testing and one passing.

The Region offered avalanche, instructor development and mountain travel and rescue courses. These were all well attended and valuable knowledge gained. Lots of Awards have been submitted this season, exciting to see those deserving patrollers recognized.

Our Region Advisors and Patrol Directors did an outstanding job this season and they all deserve a big thank you! If anyone is interested in becoming an instructor or has questions about the Region clinics and programs, please contact me anytime at piper@zagmail.gonzaga.edu. Hope you all stay safe and healthy.

Kelli Piper, RD Inland Empire

NORDIC PROGRAM REPORT

By Eric Geisler, Nordic Program Advisor

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Nordic/ Backcountry Kick-turns

It has been 11 years since I left the PNW Division for Alaska where I joined the Anchorage Nordic Ski Patrol. Alaska has been an exciting place to patrol and explore. Anchorage Nordic Ski Patrol covers all the aspects of the Nordic/ Backcountry program. I have also made several excursions to patrol at the American Birkebeiner race in Wisconsin and coordinated coverage for the Nordic Junior Nationals in Anchorage.

I have been planning to retire to McCall for the past year and will be there by mid-summer. I was a little surprised when Shelley Urben called and asked if I would be willing to take on the position as the Division Nordic Program Supervisor, but I am happy to work with this group of extra dedicated patrollers. I may have the title but the program is yours and I need your help to run it.

Joe Mabbutt has stepped down from this position, but has offered to help me out. Joe deserves a huge THANK YOU for all his extra work at the Division and National levels for helping guide the Nordic/ Backcountry program in new directions. His input has been much noted at all levels of NSP. In order to continue the progress the program has made under Joe's guidance, I will be reaching out to each Region and Patrol Representative to find out your needs after the August Division virtual meeting.

I am looking forward working with the PNW Division again and am always willing to talk patrolling. I would like all of you to consider this an open invitation to be a participant and not just a follower.

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Covid-19 Recovery?

May 2020

Over the last 6 weeks we have witnessed an unprecedented pandemic of Covid-19. As a new infection, we have been unable to mitigate its spread because of lack of “herd immunity” and a vaccine to prevent it. These problems make it highly likely that we will continue to see a significant number of new cases for at least another year. What has been very challenging with this virus is the prolonged period that a person is infected and able to transmit it to others prior to showing symptoms. This virus slowly attacks the lungs, decreasing a person’s ability to absorb oxygen. The slow rate of this decrease has allowed many people to adjust to a lower than normal O2 saturation. From our O2 saturation monitors evaluating injured skiers, we all recognize that people generally have an O2 saturation level of >90%. Many Covid-19 patients are presenting to the ER only when they recognize they are getting short of breath. At that time, many have an O2 saturation level of 60% (a level that would be seen at the top of Mt. Everest) and need to be immediately placed on a respirator. Once a Covid-19 patient is on a respirator, they have an 80% mortality!

This finding has led to the suggestion that people obtain their own personal O2 monitor and keep track of the O2 saturation levels during this crisis. If an O2 level is measured in the 80% range, it is recommended that the individual seek **immediate** medical care. This early intervention may radically improve the individual’s ability to stay off a respirator and increase their chance of survival.

But this crisis is ending – right? **WRONG!** Strict isolation rules have helped to stop the spread of the virus. But we still do not have “herd immunity” or a vaccine. If we abandon social distancing and avoidance of individual contact, there will be a quick and devastating resurgence of this disease. The relaxation of social distancing mandates in several states **WILL** result in a major increase in deaths! Over the next few weeks, follow the infection rate in the states that are beginning to relax restrictions. I am absolutely certain, the disease will return and probably be worse than what we have seen currently. Some pundits hypothesize the reason some states are relaxing these restrictions is to avoid paying unemployment to their workers. If the state “reopens” commerce and a worker does not return to his job, then it is claimed he “quit” and is therefore not entitled to unemployment. This relaxation of the restrictions has nothing to do with worker safety – it is going to place them in greater danger of contracting the disease.

If your company is forced to re-open and/or you must return to work, what can you do? 1. Negotiate to work from home. 2. Negotiate to work in shifts to decrease the number of people in the office at any one time and therefore allow greater inter-personnel distance. 3. Re-arrange the office configuration to allow greater space between people. If this is not possible require physical barriers be installed between workstations. 4. Institute temperature checks on all workers at the start of their shifts. 5. Continue the practices of mask wearing and hand washing. 6. Disinfect your work area daily. 7. Bring your own lunch and avoid the common break room – eat and take breaks outside. 8. Just because the restaurant, theater, bar and gym have opened doesn’t mean it is safe to go to them!

Yes, we would all like to return to our “normal” routine. Before you abandon current safety practices, observe what happens in the states that have abandoned them over the next couple of months. You are used to making risk assessments in your ski patrol work. Take that knowledge and apply it to your living/work situation now. Don’t go out and become infected and bring it back to your family.

Stay Smart and Stay Healthy!

OEC REPORT

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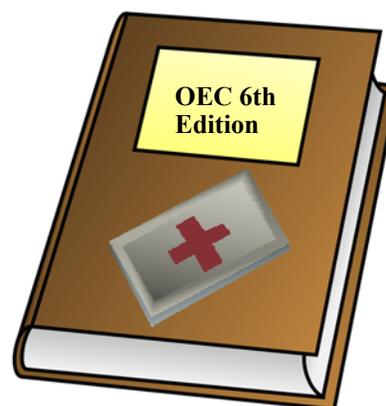
As most of you are aware, the 6th Edition of the OEC book is ready for everyone to order. It arrived right on schedule and is shipping very quickly after it is ordered from Jones and Bartlett, the publishers, and with a 25% NSP discount. There have obviously been some changes with some of the skills, and, also the way in which some things are presented in the text. Everyone who orders a hard copy of the book also receives an electronic copy of it. The online, hybrid OEC course, will be completed very soon. Everyone who takes this year's OEC refresher will be introduced to the new material in the 6th Edition. The refresher workbook should start arriving in the mail for everyone around June 1st with the online portion of the refresher being completed and available by July 1 for those patrols that chose to do the hybrid refresher option. There is much discussion and planning on how to deal with having our face to face refreshers this year with all the Covid-19 issues and various states' ever-changing rules and restrictions. Everyone is quite concerned and eager to have some answers but like everything else right now, we will just have to try to be patient and wait to see what shakes out. Everyone will be notified as soon as decisions are made.

Kathy Lee, Leisa Garrett and I attended an all-day video conference for OEC Supervisors on May 16, 2020. It certainly was a new manner of presentation for us, and it actually worked very well. Our new OEC National Advisor, Bill DeVarney, along with many other presenters, delivered a great informational meeting for us all. The Rollout of the 6th Edition is still in a planning stage but will be finalized very soon and then we will be able to deliver it to all instructors. Every OEC instructor that teaches OEC courses, including Refreshers, will be required to attend this Roll-out (see below for course information). It will most likely be in a video conference type of presentation, which should make it easier for everyone to take part in one. **Each Instructor** will need to register for this course just like any other continuing education course. There will be a certificate of completion and then we will send this confirmation of completion to the National Office to be entered into the instructor's records. There will be no exceptions.

Right now, too, there are improvements being made on the NSP website to provide easier and improved registrations of courses and closure of courses. The new Education Director, Nodin de Saillan, is working extremely hard to improve things on the website and help us all develop our programs to meet the needs of everyone in these changing times. Instructors need to be aware that all OEC Courses starting July 1, 2020 must be from the 6th Edition only. In addition, each instructor who is an IOR or IT for these courses and all assisting instructors will need to have attended a Roll-out of the 6th Edition or they cannot teach the course. We will be offering an Instructor rollout of the 6th Edition at the Virtual Convention on August 8, 2020. You will need to enroll in the "OEC 6th Rollout Instructor Training Course # P024100008.

A huge **thank you** to everyone for their understanding and patience in these crazy, changing times.

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ORM (Outdoor Risk Management) PROGRAM

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It is my great honor and privilege to serve as your newly appointed PNWD Outdoor Risk Management Program Advisor and Committee Member. My main mission is to help this program develop program curriculum and coordinate at the national level. During my 25 years as a Mt Spokane Ski Patroller and more recently as a 49 Degrees North Ski Patroller, I have been involved as a Risk Manager on the National Ski Area Association side of the ski area management. I also spend 22 years in the United States Air Force as a KC-135 Navigator, C-26 Missions Systems Operator, Commander, and was a Ground and Flight Safety Officer. Prior to my USAF career, I was a Quality Assurance Engineer for Lockheed Martin Aerospace. My wife, Mary, and I recently retired from Resort Management at Mt Spokane and a lake resort in northeast Washington State. We are both community volunteers and helped coach, our now grown children, through a multitude of sports to include ski racing. I love to ski, snowboard, nordic, snowshoe, snowmobile, and fix ski lifts. For summertime fun, I enjoy hiking, biking, camping, fishing, surfing, skiing, wake boarding, swimming, and hang gliding. I'm an aircraft and automobile mechanic and take much delight in fixing and restoring vehicles.

Risk Management is in my blood and I know you may be wondering why we need another program in the NSP, but as we all realize, loss control and mountain safety are extremely important at our resorts and every day we need to protect our public and ourselves from excessive risk. So, hopefully you will join me in welcoming this much overdue Outdoor Risk Management program to the NSP.

I appreciate the opportunity.
Joseph Ferraro

The following is a quote from the NSP website.

"The Outdoor Risk Management (ORM) program was created in the spring of 2019.

NSP's ORM program provides training and education in risk management for patrollers who may be asked to perform risk management functions for their resort operators.

This education program is in development. It will address topics including legislation, industry standards and practices, and risk identification and mitigation activities, along with operational basics of other on-mountain departments such as ski/ride school, lift operations, lift maintenance, terrain park operations, snowmaking and grooming.

Mark Petrozzi is the ORM program director. Mark is a patroller at Gunstock in New Hampshire with extensive experience in risk management in the ski and resort industry and over 30 years of experience in insurance, safety, loss control, regulatory compliance, and employment practices. He has been involved in creating many of the risk management, loss control, incident investigation, mountain safety, and terrain park guidelines used throughout the snowsports industry today."



AVALANCHE REPORT

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If you are like me, your yard has never looked so good for this time of year. I'm sure that the neighbors of avid skiers all over the Northwest have found a silver lining amid this COVID-19 pandemic. With the closure of the ski resorts, the grass is not way too long because the corn snow is way too good. The weeds are under control and snow riders are all telling themselves, "this yard work thing is no big deal, we just have our priorities!"

Another silver lining is that with so many in person conferences switched to online, I was able to attend the spring conference for the Canadian Avalanche Association (CAA). The content and speakers were great and the format was three mornings in a row of four hour each. Too many highlights to list them all but with regard to avalanche education and rescue, the introduction of an Avalanche Skills Training, eBook, and the revision of AvSORT were at the top of my list.

Even before the pandemic hit, we had much interest in moving avalanche education classroom content to self-study of some sort. This makes the scheduling of classes easier and allows students to self-study before field sessions. The eBook presented had various types of content including text, slides and video. The possibilities are encouraging and I hope to see more education moving in this direction. It is of course not without its disadvantages. My main concern is the retention and knowledge level gained by the students. I'm thinking testing of the classroom content will also need to be a part of the program. Please reach out to me with any resources you may have to help the PNW Division move down this digital path. Perhaps we can lead the nation in this effort.

My second highlight was a revision of the avalanche triage tool AvSORT (Avalanche Survival Optimizing Rescue Triage) which was developed in 2010. Now AvSORT 2 is in the working stages. Most NSP patrollers are knowledgeable with the concepts of triage. In an avalanche context, we have unique constraints on how to provide the most good for the most people. Two major concerns and changes being addressed in AvSORT 2 are time of burial and depth of burial. The original tool started triage at a victim, however in retrospect, depth and time of burial also need to be addressed. I'm looking forward to receiving a new pdf of the AvSORT 2 triage field card and further publications. Finally, as I close out my first season as the PNW Div. Avalanche Advisor, I would like to make some comments on leadership. Specifically the importance of our regional avalanche advisors and the important role they take. The avalanche education community has been in much flux in the past five plus years, mainly around the role out of the Pro/Rec split. The NSP plays a key role in the avalanche education community at large. The NSP Avalanche Level 1 is currently in compliance with the recreational level 1 guidelines. It's my personal hope that we also develop a Pro track, however, I have no idea what the National level stance is on this. As I moved from patroller, to instructor, to Regional Advisor and now to Divisional Advisor each step of the way I have seen the challenges which face the instructors around the course registration process and certification renewals. The NSP has no shortage of improvements and projects. These do not solve themselves and require the work and leadership of its members. I am counting on my Regional Advisors to suggest and implement improvements which are in our purview. I'm also counting on them to suggest larger systemic improvements that can be presented to the National leadership. I'm excited for the future of the NSP Avalanche Program (including our new logo). I feel I have had a good start and I'm happy with the engagement I've had with my Regional Advisors. I'd like to personally thank them for their leadership: Gabe White- Inland Empire, Eric Griffith-Southern Idaho Region, Nichole Gains-Wy'east, and Jim Hutchison- Oregon Region. Thank you all for your leadership. You may have noticed the Northwest Region is without Leadership. If you have the qualifications to fill this key leadership role, please reach out.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns about the avalanche program.

Regards,

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PATROLLER/SAFETY REPORT

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Patroller/Safety Advisor

Virtual Convention-Need Feedback From YOU!

Need your help for several things the organizers are asking for, however I need your feedback to do that.

1: What is the best way to do the virtual meeting?

- Do a live face to face video meeting?
- Watch a Powerpoint?
- Make a Google / Facebook group to interact before, during, after?
- Record whatever is done and post to the website to watch later?
- ???

This can be done in multiple ways or just one. What are your thoughts and needs? Please let me know within one week of receiving the June Nor'Wester. Thank-you!

2: TOPIC & IDEAS for the virtual meeting- What do YOU want to learn, know & share, need, use, advise at the virtual convention being planned for August. What is on your mind? Please let me know by July 1st. Thank-you!

Safety and COVID

At this point in time without hearing any of your great ideas, the plan will be to cover three main areas-

A: COVID19 & Ski Patrol

B: Social Media Role: Who's doing it & Does it Work?

C: Safety Message: How & Why

Yes, this could take up the whole Virtual Convention and more! However, let's focus on some key things and what is most pressing on your mind. Please send me your wishes and needs for this so we can make the most of our time and be beneficial for all. I would like to get this dialogue going now and keep it going after as well. This will enable us to have a great resource of ideas, plans, etc., so we can all benefit while making it work for the individual patrols and ski area.

I had forwarded to the leadership of PNWD two papers on some things regarding COVID / PNWD / What's Next, that in turn hopefully got sent to all the PD's. These were things to act as a starting point, NOT to dictate anything, but to be a resource with your own patrol, local ski area and communities to be figuring out NOW and BEFORE the season starts.

We may only have a shortened window to have our ski season and do not want to incur extra wait times getting things started. No, like everyone else, I do not have any crystal ball to predict, but know we can start the lines of communication, planning of various topics to be the most proactive and productive NOW vs being way behind later.

I am NOT the expert, but I am writing this based on my profession of being a 40 year veteran in emergency and critical care medicine,



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PATROLLER/SAFETY ADVISOR — continued

By Jodie Jeffers, Patroller Advisor

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and currently on the Frontline. I will post these 2 files to the website for anyone to refer to and add. This is a time truly for ALL to come together, share, and learn from each other! We all bring varying expertise to the table and it is ALL very needed.

Be safe, Be educated, Be proactive, Be supportive!

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INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT

By Kathy Alexander, ID Advisor

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This report is being written to ALL Patrollers, whether you already are an Instructor in a discipline or in multiple disciplines, or you WANT TO BECOME AN NSP INSTRUCTOR

TO ALL: The PNWD 49 ID Instructors and the 16 ID-ITs have had a busy year; and we welcomed 5 newly appointed ID Instructors and 3 recently appointed ID-ITs.

There have been 8 ID eCourses completed, 9 ID-ICE courses for ID Instructors' Continuing Education, and 5 ID-Skills Review courses taught this season. In mid-May, 1 Inland Empire ID Instructor held a ZOOM ID-ICE course for 3 ID Instructors and the course IT (thanks for thinking outside the BOX to help Instructor recertification).

WANT TO BECOME AN NSP INSTRUCTOR? Go to the NSP website: read the 2018 ROADMAP TO BECOMING AN INSTRUCTOR; take the OnLine Instructor Development eCourse (NO course registration required) & print certificate; then contact your Patrol or Region ID Advisor for scheduling the face-to-face meeting to complete the course before you start the Mentoring program.

ALREADY AN INSTRUCTOR AND YOU WANT TO BE CERTIFIED IN ANOTHER DISCIPLINE?

Contact your Patrol or Region Advisor so you can begin the Mentoring Program for this discipline.

During this COVID-19 quarantine time, go to the NSP website & check your Member Profile, check when your Instructor recertification expires, check what you need to do before your certification runs out, and set up a plan for what you need to do to stay certified (remember: some certifications expire 12/31/2020). Please contact a local Instructor and/or Region advisor if you need help with this process. And, you can contact me for additional information: cell 541-325-3827 or email katalexander911@mail.com.

Stay safe - Stay well,

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Alexander, PNWD ID Advisor

PNWD REGISTRAR REPORT

By Blaine Price, Registrar

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As you will have noted the PNWD Convention for 2020 will be held remotely due to the Covid 19 virus. There are two virtual training sessions that are extremely important for new PD/PRs to attend and participate in order to orient and prepare themselves for leadership, administrative and management roles vital to the job. These are 'PD 101' and 'Patrol Formation & Registration'. Existing PD/PRs who want to refresh or want a better understanding are also welcome. To enable PD/PRs to attend other convention breakouts Saturday and Sunday, these two sessions will be presented on separate dates from the regular August 8 & 9 virtual convention dates.

PD 101: Sunday August 2nd - 8:00-12:00 AM Pacific

'PD 101' is an interactive seminar for new PNWD PD/PRs. It covers such topics as PD/PR system access, patrol management, ski area management relations, communications skills, patroller training and certification, NSP and PNWD resources, NSP education programs, awards, member records and system data quality, NSP Policies & Procedures, by-laws, patrol finances, as well as an overview of the Patrol Formation & Registration process. These are all topics vital to carrying out the role of PD/PR and provide an opportunity to get oriented, ask questions, and discuss those and similar topics. It will be led by Dave Campbell, RD from S. Idaho Region with others assisting, and a hard copy PD 101 reference manual will be sent out prior to the session for those who sign up.

Patrol Formation & Registration Seminar: Monday August 31st - 6:00-8:00 PM Pacific

'Patrol Formation & Registration' is an in depth, interactive session on the processes related to annual patrol formation and patroller registration duties of the PD/PR (and patrol Registration Reps if applicable). It will provide detailed information on how to administer the process, as well as demonstrate the process on-line while accessing NSP systems available specifically to the PD/PR. Topics will cover 'Patrol Director' system access, 'Managing Your Patrol Roster' to include 'Adding, Removing & Updating' members, and completing the 'Patrol Formation Process' prior to 'Notifying Division, Region and National' to initiate the annual dues collection process. As well, there will be a stress on data quality in the system related to individual member's personal profile information, to include an overview understanding of administering Member Types, Initial Classifications and Credentialed Classifications, DOB and Gender data etc. that appear on the Patrol's Roster and in Member Profiles at NSP. It will also cover the 'Candidate Join Process' and how to successfully bring on new members.

Prior to the on-line session, I will be providing written materials by email to all new PD/PRs and those signing up, to give a pre-orientation to material being covered so it's easier to absorb things as we present, demonstrate and discuss.

These can be complex topics until you become familiar enough with the system and processes to carry out those duties, thus the need for the session. Although we want to stay on topic, it is intended to be interactive so questions can be asked, discussed and clarified as we proceed. Liz Dodge will be assisting me in putting on the session.

The session will be important for new PD/PRs (and applicable Registration Reps) to participate in regardless of whether the PNWD continues to be Opt-Out for dues, or moves to Opt-In for 2020-21. At this point, that decision hasn't been made due to factors that must be considered first by the E-Board and Board.

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PNWD REGISTRAR REPORT— continued

Change of Officer Form:

Recently, I sent a copy of the 'NSP Change of Officer Form' to all existing PD/PRs, requesting that if a patrol is bringing on a new PD/PR, the form must be completed and be sent to me as PNWD Registrar and to the National Office. Doing so updates NSP records and gives the new person access to the Patrol Director portion of the NSP system to manage their patrol, and for access to the necessary reports the PD/PR needs. It also enables me to ensure that the PNWD Administrative Directory reflects the change so Region and Division staff and officers can be in contact as needed.

DOB & Gender In Member Profiles & the Patrol Roster:

One area of concern is that we have too many members with no Date of Birth and Gender in their member profile. When provided, the DOB will now only reflect the month and year, and not the date for confidentiality. This information is important to the patrol and the NSP for general membership statistics and for awards. Most members are providing this information, but all should. PD/PRs need to work with their members to be sure this information is current.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Blaine Price, PNWD Registrar
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AWARDS REPORT

By *Peter Schwartz—PNWD Awards Advisor*

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It's a virtual Awards year! Due to the Covid19 virus and the related social restrictions, most patrols and regions have either delayed their awards presentations for the year, or presented awards virtually. This year, we will have a virtual awards presentation for the PNW Division as part of the upcoming virtual PNW Division Convention in the early part of August. You will be able to participate and see the PNW Division awards presentation virtually from your distant location. The deadline to submit awards for the PNW Division Outstanding awards is June 15th. Those awards along with others will be announced at the virtual awards presentation mentioned above. Please continue to write and send me award nominations for merit stars, National Appointments and Leadership Commendation Awards, and Distinguished Service Awards. Since many of us are spending a lot more time at home, this is an excellent opportunity to get caught up on writing award nominations for the patrollers on your patrol to give them the recognition and appreciation they should receive! Have a great summer!

Virtual Awards Ceremony—August 8th, 7:00 p.m. (stay tuned for login)

Best regards,
Peter Schwartz
PNWD Awards Advisor



Seeking NSP involvement opportunities?

Remind your old patrol or region if you have talents and energy that can assist. Alumni talents are sometimes overlooked, so seek them out if you have that interest. And, don't overlook the growing NSP bike patrols and mountain host programs as renewed involvement opportunities for alumni.

For future alumni options to get more involved, consider:

****Volunteering at the huge Sea Otter Bike Classic, at Ft. Ord National Monument between Monterrey and Salinas, CA, rescheduled for October 1 - 4, 2020 – stay tuned for changes.**

****Being part of a 60-person bike and trail first-aid safety patrol to watch over 10,000 competitors over four days of intense downhill, cross-country, road bike, dual slalom and Gran races, making new friends, then disbanding after four days. Alumni and family can join as course marshals for the National Ski Patrol first aid and safety patrol that serves the huge Sea Otter bicycle classic, each year for the past 16 years. As an additional plus, each participant gets free camping, lunch, t-shirt and their patrol receives a donation for their service. For more insight, please download the Sea Otter flyer on the NSP website.**

****Check out the Whitefish, MT, Alumni Celebration Week, February 28 to March 6, 2021- stay tuned for changes.**

****Joining fellow alumni, family and friends for 4 days or a week of exciting skiing, tours into Glacier National Park. For more info, please download the flyers on NSP website.**

Did you miss out on your renewal day? *****IMPORTANT*****

If your NSP membership misses a year your membership will start over. If you missed this year, here's how to do it:

1. Sign into your account on [NSP.org](https://www.nsp.org). If you are a current member and having trouble signing in, please contact Member Services at memberservices@nsp.org.
2. Select "Hi, (Your Name)" at the upper right of the home page to access your Profile page.
3. Click on the large blue "Renew Now" button in the left sidebar and follow the instructions.
4. If the "Renew Now" button is gray, your account may be Inactive or Suspended. If so, please send an email to alumni@nsp.org for assistance.
5. Update your Profile, especially your current contact information.
6. On the "About Me" tab, select each section's down arrow on the right side and click the pencil icon to edit each section.
7. After updating your information, be sure to select "Save & Close" at the lower right for EACH section you edit.

Promoting the NSP Alumni Program

If you know of a patroller who is considering either retiring from active patrolling or in need of a temporary break, please suggest they speak with either their Patrol Representative/Patrol Director or local, regional or division, Patrol Alumni advisors about the opportunities and benefits of the Alumni Program. For a link to the "Become a Member Today" form, go to the Alumni page in Member Resources at [nsp.org](https://www.nsp.org). Also, feel free to forward a copy of Alumni News, found on the NSP website to others who may benefit from it.

Download the "Become an Alumni Member" form found on the NSP website.

Enjoy the spring and summer seasons, shelter in place and remain resolute!

These are trying times. We isolate ourselves so when we get back together no one is missing.

(portions of this article are by permission from the National Ski Patrol Advisor)

Join NSP ski patrollers, family October 1-4, 2020, for first-aid, marshal services at USA's big cycling event!

Sea Otter Bike Classic located at Laguna Seca Raceway/Ft. Ord National Monument, CA.

For the 16th year, over 50 Far West Division ski patrollers, family and friends provided first-aid service, non-emergency transport and course marshaling at the Sea Otter Classic at Laguna Seca Raceway near Monterey, CA, the USA's largest outdoor biking event.

NSP members and friends camp at "Ski Patrol Central" within the event, enjoy evening barbecues, find time to ride their bikes, attend the huge trade show and make new NSP friends! For their volunteer service, the Sea Otter Foundation donates almost \$5,000 to patrols of the NSP volunteers.

Patrollers, family and friends are **offered free camping** right in the Laguna Seca paddock at Ski Patrol Central as well as **free admission, lunch and t-shirt**. Motorhomes, camping trailers and tents make for cozy accommodations and evening **NSP barbecues** add camaraderie and fun!

This four-day bicycling extravaganza attracts 10,000 participants ranging from world-class pro riders to serious amateurs and recreational cyclists. Over the four days, riders take part in circuit racing, cross-country events, wild downhill and dual slalom racing and citizens road and cross-country rides. Each year, NSP members provide first-aid

care to over 200 riders, from incidents of road rash and exhaustion to more serious trauma-induced injuries.

Over 70,000 spectators crowd the huge venue, which spreads out from Laguna Seca Raceway into the scenic back country of the Ft. Ord National Monument and, for the road races, along roads through Monterey County. 600 trade show vendors make for the largest market in the country for cycling equipment and accessories.

In 2019, the Dodge Ridge Patrol led in volunteer numbers, with 31 members and friends/family (providing marshaling services), joined by patrollers from Alpine Meadows, Bear Valley, China Peak, Heavenly, Mt. Shasta, Sierra at Tahoe and Squaw Valley ski patrols. The NSP contingent pairs with members of Friends of Fort Ord and back-country first-aiders, along with Monterey County Rural Fire Services and AMR Ambulance.

The Far West Division invites members of NSP patrols to join us! **For insight into the event: seaotterclassic.com; mark your calendars, October 1-4, 2020.**

To volunteer or for more info, email or call Tim Viall, Coordinator for NSP Volunteers for the Sea Otter Classic, at tviall@msn.com, or (209) 969-3875.



Clockwise from top left, the NSP first aid crew for the backcountry courses prepare to depart for assignments, NSP volunteers staff two large first-aid tents at the venue; NSP members, back-country first-aiders and Friends of Ft. Ord volunteers (in orange vests/shirts) pose for back-country photo, and tents, motorhomes made for cozy evenings at "Ski Patrol Central". Join the NSP team in April for NSP service and fun!



OET/TRANSPORTATION

By Jack Ramsey, Transportation Advisor

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It seemed like this season ended just as it was getting started. I had planned on attending all the Division Senior finals and as many Senior clinics as possible. Due to some injuries and a shortened season, I was only able to attend one Senior Clinic and one Senior Final. Both were Inland Empire events.

The clinic was at Mission Ridge and my first face-to-face meeting with George White and Dan Becker, the Inland Empire OET Advisors. This was also my first visit to Mission Ridge. Both were quite enjoyable experiences. Dan and George make a great team. They had also hired Kate Feucht, a PSIA Level 3 Instructor/DCL, for the day. There was a great deal of learning that took place, not only for the Senior Candidates, but for everyone involved as well.

The Inland Empire Senior Final was at Lookout pass. Though I have driven past this area more times than I care to count, I had never even taken the exit to look around. I will be stopping there more often. This is a great area with a very friendly patrol crew. They provided the best on hill lunch I have ever had. How often do you get Crème Brulee in the auk hut at the top of an area? That was another first for me. Thank you Sue Russel, Trina Burt, Brian Perry, Bezzy Davis, Thomas Maddalone and Brenda Stienbeck for an outstanding lunch. I apologize if I missed anyone and for the spelling of your names.

Inland conducts their Senior Final a bit differently than most of the other Regions. They allow candidates to test out on the toboggans even if they haven't passed the skiing. Although I am a firm believer that good toboggan skills are based on good skiing skills, there were a couple people who failed the skiing, but ran the toboggans to Senior level. I still feel there is a safety issue that needs to be addressed, but the event went very well. Three people took the skiing module, but no one passed. Joseph Ferraro, Janelle Flores, Chase Hausman, Becky Schoonmaker, and Chris White passed the toboggan module. Congratulations!

I do regret not making it out to the Southern Idaho Region Senior Finals. Kalin Swan and Thad Murata put on their Senior Finals with excellent results. Of the five that took the Skiing Module, all 5 passed. Congratulations go out to: Eric Antink, Jeff Downie, Lisa Itel, Nathan Morgan, and Peter Muscat. Six people took the Toboggan Module and four of them passed: Eric Antink, Jeff Downie, Nathan Morgan, and Peter Muscat. Well-done, one and all!

Evan Wang was a tremendous help putting on the Advanced Terrain Clinic at Crystal Mountain in early March. We moved the date up from the last one in 2018. That was a fortuitous decision for reasons obvious now. Considering I was looking into cancelling the event the weekend before the event, due to low signups, it went very well. The fabulous weather, great snow and a fun bunch of attendees made the whole thing worthwhile. We ended up with 37 attendees, which was better than the ten we had registered a week earlier.

These are the highlights of an abbreviated season. I now have a better understanding of the OET Supervisor responsibilities, as well as what can be accomplished in a season. I have penciled out an aggressive plan to visit more PNW Division events next season. I did enjoy this position and look forward to continuing the work as soon as possible.

Jack Ramsey
PNW Division OET Supervisor



WOMEN'S PROGRAM

By Sally Seelye, Womens Program Advisor

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Mt. Hood Ski Patrol held their Women's Clinic March 7th. We started with a hearty breakfast served at the patrol building in Government Camp and then headed out to Meadows. The weather held out, and thank you to all who instructed and participated! We all left with new tips and drills to practice.

- Trainers: **Heather Van Houten, Gina Hackett, Torry Taylor**
- Alpine Patrollers: **Elisabeth Hicks, Jennifer Jackson, Zoe Lynn Powers, Steve Bonham, Sally Seelye**
- Patrollers: **Kathy Lee, Reba Sharp, Lisa Smith, Michelle Harsono**
- Candidate Alpine Patrollers: **Katie Stubbers, Heidi Loebach**
- Candidate Patroller: **Mackenzie Lussier**
- MHSP Host: **Carter Hubbard**



The Women's Program classes we had been planning for spring at Nuts & Bolts were cancelled due to the pandemic. Timberline itself, however, is now reopened for skiing! The Women's Program classes will be rescheduled for the 2021 Nuts & Bolts.

Save the Date! Powderfall 2021 is scheduled for April 7—10, and will be held at Breckenridge, CO. We are currently working on a great lineup for the Women's track.

A special shout-out to **Cyndy Oatley Meno** for granting me admin rights to the Facebook page National Ski Patrol - PNWD Women's Program. It's been a while since this page has been active, so please let's start using it again!

"The NSP Women's Program mission is to empower patrollers by advancing skills and developing leadership in a women-focused program."



Bored?

Bored? Don't have much to do during the pandemic? Have I got an idea for you! Record these times as a part of your ski area history so that others can look back and see some of the many, many ways our ski areas and patrollers were affected.

Thanks to the requirement that all patrollers have refreshers on "Infectious Disease", we are probably better prepared to realize the seriousness of this situation and take the necessary precautions to help protect ourselves and our families. The pandemic raises a lot of questions. There may be different face mask and distancing requirements for different regions. Will our protocol for practicing our first aid skills change? For performing and practicing CPR? For treating our patients? For paperwork? Regardless, the pandemic will be a topic of conversation for a long time.

What happened at your ski area as news of the pandemic spread? Did you close early? Abruptly or over a period of weeks? Were all patrollers allowed on hill to close, store items, and bring down tower pads or were only a few? Did you clean out your locker or was stuff just left? Did you have your year-end banquet or potluck or was it cancelled? Did you vote for awards? Did the area make an official statement? What happened at your area? This is the first time that something of the magnitude of a pandemic happened and it will affect our ski resorts, the NSP, patrollers, and the skiing public for years to come.

How will anyone know fifty or one hundred years from now the ways that the pandemic affected your patrol or your ski area? They won't unless you write it down. Once you've written about the present and what is happening at your ski area, you can go branch out and fill in prior things that have happened. The hardest part of any writing project is the beginning and now you have a place to start!

Guidelines for PNWD Patrol/Area History Project:

There is no specific deadline...just, hopefully soon.

Start at the present and work backwards or start at the beginning and work forward or start in the middle and tell whatever you can. **JUST START**

Focus on patrol history or ski area history or ideally some of both

2-50 pages in length, plus photos if you have them

One or multi-authors

Use specific dates & names or general terms ("in early days", "some recall", "it is thought")

Submit initial report and can re-submit others or changes as more info is learned

Patrol histories will be placed in each Region's Patrol History Book and on the Division web

If you need help contact me. [shirley-](mailto:shirley-cu@msn.com)

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Shirley Cummings





Ski Flight 2021 January 30—February 9

Ski Sierra Nevada, Spain! 3 Nights in Lisbon, Portugal

The Sierra Nevada Ski Resort is Europe's most southerly resort, and offers staggering views over the Mediterranean, as well as a great snow record. An extensive snowmaking system which boasts 350 snow machines in its arsenal, ensures reliable snow conditions throughout the winter.

While the Sierra Nevada ski area is relatively small compared to the mega-resorts of Ski Flight trips past, it is very much a world-class resort with its high-altitude skiing, and regularly hosts international ski and snowboarding events. The high elevation allows for a longer ski season, and reportedly views on a clear day can stretch to the northern coast of Africa!

What happens if you need a day off from skiing? 30 minutes away is the beautiful historic city of Granada. Visit its stunning history, castles, Alhambra—or perhaps you might prefer a visit to the beach along Spain's Mediterranean southern coast.

***Package pricing and additional details should be available by the end of this month.

To receive additional information when available, please contact:

Sally Seelye, Ski Flight Advisor
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Monica Voltz, Snow Tours
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2020 In Focus

PNWD 2020 Convention

August 2nd PD101, August 8th Eboard Mtg/Workshops
 August 9th General Board Mtg, August 31st Registration Workshop

Virtual Format

Convention Registration – No Cost, but please register by the due dates

ONE FORM PER PATROLLER

Send your completed form to:

PNWD 2020 Convention
 c/o Liz Rooney
 12703 NE 200th Place
 Bothell, WA 98011
rprooney@hotmail.com

Name _____	Patrol _____
NSP # _____	Region _____
National/LCA Appt. Number _____	Office/Title / Level _____
Address _____	E-Mail _____
_____	Phone _____

Schedule (all times are PST):

August 2nd, 8:00 to Noon – **PD101** – must sign up by July 10th
 August 8th, 8:00 - **Eboard Meeting** – no sign up needed
 August 8th, 1:00 – 5:00 **Live Virtual Workshops** – must sign up by July 31st
 August 9th, 8:30 - **General Board Meeting** – no sign up needed
 August 31st, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. – **Registration Workshop** – must sign up by August 15th

RD's and PR's/PD's must attend the board meeting on August 9th, or delegate a proxy to attend. RD's must attend on the 8th, or delegate a proxy. Proxy letters can be sent to Kay Seidel at kaydeerpark@gmail.com

To Sign Up for PD101, August 8th Workshops, and Registration: Circle which workshops you plan to attend. Full course descriptions and instructor bio's are on a separate flyer, as well as PD10 and the Registration Workshop:

August 2 nd , 8:00 to Noon	PD101 – Must register by July 10th		
August 8th			
1:00 to 1:55 p.m.	Instructor Development	Safety and Covid19	OET – 2 hour workshop
2:00 to 2:55 p.m.	Patroller Liability	Avalanche	
3:00 to 3:55 p.m.	OEC 6 th Rollout for Instructors *	Social Media	Awards
4:00 to 4:55 p.m.		Certified Program	Nordic (1.5 hour workshop)
August 31 st , 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Registration (PD's, PR's, Registrars) – Must register by August 15th		

There will be two pre-recorded sessions to watch at your leisure: Women's Program and Ski Flight. There will also be downloadable information available.

*** Need to enroll in "OEC 6th Rollout Instructor Training"- Course # P024200008.**

Log In information for board meetings and all workshops coming in July.

For more information: www.pnwdcon.org

Questions: Grace Yarber at grace@fixatedre.com or Shelley Urben at shelley.urben@nsp-pnwd.org

2020 PNWD Virtual Convention – Registration and Schedule

1. Register. Forms are available at: www.pnwdcon.org or in this Nor'Wester
2. Notice that we have scheduled PD101 and Registration separate from the Convention dates

August 2nd – PD101 Only, 8:00 am to Noon

Virtual Live Session

Patrol Director Training (PD 101) –

Dave Campbell

Teaching Assistants: Liz Dodge, Blaine Price (Instructor Bio's Page 2)

- A must presentation to attend for all Patrol Directors. If your Patrol Director cannot attend, please send an alternate person for your patrol
- Topics include:
 - o NSP Overview
 - o General Timeline
 - o Relationship Maintenance
 - o Assessing Risk
 - o Budgeting/Money
 - o Leadership and Administration
 - o Management Issues
 - o Awards
 - o Alumni
 - o Forms
 - o Registration Overview Only (you must attend the separate registration workshop on August 31st for the complete training)
 - o Maneuvering Covid 19
 - o And more

Contact: Dave Campbell, dcampbell@eoni.com, H: 541-963-0771

PNWD Registration Workshop Only, August 31st, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m

Virtual Live Session

Registration & Patrol Roster Formation for PD/PR's

A must have session for PD/PRs and designated patrol registration reps on administering the patrol formation and registration processes. This workshop includes an additional focus on PD/PRs role in maintaining current and timely patroller data in the system such as correct member types, classifications and patroller profile information. We will explain and demonstrate what and how, and we will answer your questions.

Instructors (PD101 and Registration):

Dave Campbell (Southern Idaho RD) Dave Campbell is a 32 year member of the An- (continued p.23)

thony Lakes Ski Patrol. Was part of the first class to use WEC, the forerunner to OEC. Is an OEC instructor and IT.

He became a Senior in 1991, was awarded national number 8774 in 1998. Has been a patrol Treasurer, Assistant PD and Patrol Director. He is currently the Region Director of the Southern Idaho Region. He lives in LaGrande, Oregon with his wife of 25 years, Ramona, he has two adult daughter's, One that is a paid patroller at Loveland, Co. After 30 years owning a retail Hobby Shop, He is currently working on getting his private pilot license.

Blaine Price (PNWD Registrar) I have been PNWD Registrar for the past seven years and was the PNWD Secretary as well. A member for 49 years, I've held various NW Region and PNWD positions over the years. I'm on the PNWD Admin Patrol and patrol with Hyak Ski Patrol in NWR. Last year I was on an NSP Business Practices subcommittee for 'Patrol Formation and Registration' looking at what the system should be in the future, and hope to continue that work. I work closely with our division PD/PRs and Registration Reps solving and training in the NSP registration/patrol formation process with a focus on patroller's data quality and completeness. I also process and audit the collection of Region and Division dues while working with NSP Member Services in solving related problems. I enjoy cycling in the off season.

Liz Dodge (National Board Member/Past PNWD Director) Most of you already know me, your recent Past Division Director and current National Board Member. I'm from the Summit at Snoqualmie – Central in the NW Region. I've been a patroller for 50 years and have held many if not most leadership positions. I am dedicated to making your job as a PD/PR easier and more manageable. This includes helping you learn to navigate and work with the current NSP data management system, as well as with the NSP and PNWD P&P's. In my spare time (what's that), I can be found traveling the PNW and up into Alaska with Glen on our Boat – Magic Moment.

PNWD Virtual Convention Day Workshops - August 8th

Virtual Live Sessions:

Avalanche – 1 hour

Topics to be determined

Instructor

Brad Acker: (PNWD Avalanche Advisor) Brad Acker is starting his second season as the PNW Avalanche Advisor. He is the past Advisor for Southern Idaho Region and a member of the 705 Backcountry Ski Patrol based out of Boise, ID. Brad is also a Level 2 Ski Guide for Soldier Mountain Ski Area in Fairfield, ID. Brad has been learning about snow science since the mid-1990's where he helped with research at Montana State University, Bozeman and received his undergraduate in Mechanical Engineering. Brad holds a Masters in Engineering and works professionally with energy efficiency, HVAC and high performance building design. Brad splits this time between Boise, ID and Sandpoint, ID, being better positioned to hit the power highway from Sandpoint is a great benefit. Adventure racing, ultra-marathons, and commercial river guiding have all been part of his outdoor life.

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Certified – 1 hour

PNWD Certified Program - This session will share some updates and answer any questions regarding the division's certified program. All are encouraged to attend. This session is really for everyone. You don't need to be at any particular NSP training level to attend or benefit from what the certified program has to offer. All questions are welcome too.

Instructor

Kacy Carson: (PNWD Certified Advisory) My name is Kacy Carlson and I live in Ashland, Oregon and patrol at Mt. Ashland Ski Area. I have been involved with NSP for almost 15 years. I am on the board of directors for the Association of Professional Patrollers (APP) and am our division's Certified Program Director. A favorite past time of mine, when not patrolling, is riding bikes and whitewater rafting. I also enjoy backcountry skiing.

Instructor Development Breakout Session for ID Instructors and ID-ITs: 1 hour

Information about the on-going updating process of the ID eCourse (the workings of the National ID Division Advisors Committee); goal setting for Region ID Advisors and the PNWD ID Advisor for recertifying ID Instructions (planning ID-ICE and Skills Review courses).

Instructor

Kathy Alexander (PNWD Instructor Development (ID) Advisor) A native New Jerseyan, I have lived in Bend, Oregon, for the past 35 years. I joined NSP in 1986 and have been a paid and a volunteer patroller at 2 ski areas in Central Oregon. Certified as an Instructor and IT in Avalanche, MTR, OEC, and ID, I also instruct CPR/AED for my present patrol: Santiam Pass. With my 2 Alaskan Malamutes and my twin sister, Katie, I hike, visit dog parks, camp in my RV, and drive cross-country every fall to visit my family in New Jersey, Georgia and South Carolina.

Safety & COVID: 1 hour

Now What? Patrollers, Patrols, Ski Areas & Community: How do we all work together for the upcoming season and what changes are anticipated. Interactive discussion and presentation. Remember: There is no emergency during a pandemic!

And

Social Media: 1 hour

Learn, Use, Embrace It! Learn the many options that are available to get information out to the areas and patrol you serve. Facebook, Instagram, PNWD Website.

Instructor of both Safety & COVID and Social Media workshops

Jodie Jeffers (PNWD Safety and Patroller Advisor) I grew up in SW Michigan, worked in EMS and air medical. I moved to the PNW and worked as a Critical Care RN for the last 30 years. I joined the NSP with Mt Hood starting in 2002 & transferred to Santiam Pass in 2018. Currently, I am serving as the PNWD Patroller & Safety Advisor. Dogs are my passion! Outdoors, kayak, photography, I dabble with it all.

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Patroller Liability and Patrol Risk Management – 1 hour

Details to be determined

Instructor

John Nelson (PNWD Legal) I grew up in Salt Lake City, have practiced law in Spokane, Washington for 32 years, and am in my 29th year on the Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol. Fly fishing is my other passion.

OET - The Matrix – 2 hours

Toboggan training safety must be planned.

Instructor

Jack Ramsey (PNWD OET Supervisor) My name is Jack Ramsey. I am the PNW Division OET Supervisor. This will be my second year in this position and I truly enjoyed the first year, so I thought I would see how year two works out. My paying job in heavy equipment has me dealing with several safety organizations on both the state and federal levels. As part of the safety planning for my company, I developed what I like to call a Safety Matrix that I use when training new operators on our systems. After a potentially catastrophic incident last season, I was asked to develop a safety plan for OET training of new candidates at Crystal Mountain. I realize that's a bit like closing the gate after the cows have gotten out, so I thought I would put the word out to get more OET Instructors thinking about the same thing for their classes. This doesn't have to be limited to OET. All disciplines should put together a safety plan. My hope is that this course will begin the thought process and discussion for you to take back to your home area.

NSP Awards - 1 hour

This session will provide updates to the NSP P&P Chapter 12 Awards regarding NSP Outstanding Awards, how such awards have changed and how they are evaluated by the NSP. We will also review National Appointments, Distinguished Service Awards, and Hall of Fame Awards.

Instructor

Peter Schwartz serves the NSP as the PNWD Awards Advisor, and is an OEC IT, and has been serving as the Crystal Mountain Volunteer Ski Patrol Rep/Director for 12 years. He has also served the Northwest Region as its Treasurer, Assistant Region Director and Region Director. Peter began patrolling at Crystal Mountain in 1992, and has lived in the Seattle area since 1977.

Nordic/Backcountry Skills, Needs, and Program – 1.5 hours

Where are patrols on needing training/ Trainers? What ideas are there for recruiting and keeping patrolers? Where is the next Nordic Senior and what support is needed? How are the 50 skills working out? Are patrols running refreshers on the 50 skills? What would you like to see in the new Nordic Manual? What is the Nordic Master's program and is there interest in it? Do we want a Nordic Clinic in 2020-21 and where? What focus/ skills? Who is willing to assist with the program? My aim is to replace myself in a year or two. Open Forum.

Instructor

Eric Geisler - I am just in my 54th season as a ski patroller. I started in Banff and Lake Louise under the tutelage of a member of the 10th Mountain Division before moving on to Missoula Snowbowl in 1972

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and met more of the 10th Mountain folks. After college I returned to Canada to Fernie, Castle Mountain and Kimberly where I was heavily involved in the Avalanche program. I first came to the PNW division in the fall of 1975 where I joined the Cascade Backcountry and Crystal Mountain Patrols. In 1977, I joined Anthony Lakes and 1979 Spout Springs and helped develop Nordic patrol programs in both areas. In 1982, I became Nordic Advisor and helped initiate several other Nordic patrols and helped draft the new Nordic Patrol Manual in 1984. In 1982, we initiated the Nordic Senior program in the Southern Idaho Region. I served as Spout Springs Patrol Director in 1984-85. In 1986 I went east to Minnesota where I worked with Viking Nordic, Western Region Nordic and the American Birkebeiner Patrols.

In 1987, 1988 and 2009 I worked with the trials for the Nordic patrol for the Olympics and was chosen to serve at the 1988 Olympics in Canmore Alberta. In 1992, I returned to the PNW and back to Anthony Lakes and Spout Springs. I served as Division Nordic Advisor again from 1996 to 2004 before taking on the Division Avalanche Program until 2010. From 1999 to 2005 I was with 49 Degrees North where I helped initiate their Nordic Patrol. From 2008 to 2010 I joined the Payette Lakes patrol and helped start 705 Backcountry Patrol. 2010 brought me to Anchorage Nordic Patrol and Alyeska and for the first time in many years I was not leading any programs outside of my own patrol. In 2017 we were able to expand the Avalanche classes to a regional program, since I had helped mentor several new instructors in the previous years. In 2020, I took on the challenge of becoming a Nordic Master's patroller and am awaiting the final steps to complete it. I have continued to patrol at the American Birkebeiner and will be encouraging others to join in this super event with 10,000 racers over a 50 km course. As I retire from BLM Alaska in the forestry, soils and fire programs, I am returning to the PNW with the Payette Lakes patrol and 705 Backcountry Patrols this summer. I am happy to be asked to take on the position of Program Supervisor, but it is your program so I need you to tell me what direction we are going.

[OEC 6th Rollout for Instructors. 2 hours](#)

This will be the Instructor rollout of the 6th Edition. You will need to enroll in the “OEC 6th Rollout Instructor Training Course # P024100008.

Instructors

Janie San Romani (Alpine Senior from Santiam Pass Ski Patrol). Starting my 25th year on patrol. Also wear a couple of different hats for my patrol too. Happily retired dental hygienist who loves to go camping in the boondocks with husband Archie and my perfect puppy Rex!

Kathy Lee is a Senior Patroller, LCA #8161, and just completed thirty five years with Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. She is an Instructor and Instructor Trainer for OEC and Instructor Development. She has served as the Wy'east Region OEC Administrator for 16 years and the division OEC Assistant Supervisor for 10 years. Her husband, Larry, has been an Alpine Senior Patroller at Mt. Hood Ski Patrol for 40 years. For other fun activities, she loves to fish (and catch!), travel, prepare garden (Larry's garden) to table meals, and drink wine.



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[Pre-Recorded Sessions – To Watch at Your Leisure:](#)

[Women’s Program – About 1 Hour](#)

Topics to be determined

Instructor

[Sally Seelye](#) (PNWD Women’s Supervisor) Growing up on Mercer Island in Washington State, Alpentel was my ski home. Sunny days or pow days you would find me there rather than in school, whether I had to beg for rides or hitchhike. Oddly enough, my parents were fine with my missing school - so long as it was for skiing. In the mid 80s, pre-OEC and soon as I was old enough, I joined the Alpentel Ski Patrol for a few years. Then life happened and skiing fell by the wayside. It took a long while before I finally found my way back, joining the White Pass Ski Patrol just a few years ago. Outside of ski season and when I'm not working selling houses, I can usually be found camping somewhere near water or in the mountains. Preferably both.

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Instructor

[Richard Murphy](#) (PNWD Webmaster) A long time western Washington resident and a late arrival to the passion of skiing. The father of 4 beautiful, intelligent, hardworking daughters, and married to a mostly understanding wife who’s found herself becoming somewhat of a winter widow. When I'm not patrolling I'm a commercial electrical contractor with a BA/finance concentration from the UW business school. Starting my 7th year with the Ski Patrol, patrolling at both Crystal Mountain and with the Central team at Snoqualmie Pass.

[Ski Flight 2021 & Beyond](#)

Will there be a Ski Flight in 2021, post (hopefully post) Covid-19? And if so, where to? What does a typical Ski Flight trip look like? Should Ski Flight expand beyond Europe? And other considerations.

Presented by Sally Seelye.

Award Form Section	Volunteer Patroller: Alpine, Nordic, Patroller, Bike	Paid Patroller	Volunteer Young Adult Patroller	Volunteer Admin Patroller	Instructor: OEC Instructor, Non OEC Instructor	Vol Patrol Rep	Paid Patrol Director	Alumni	Patrol: Large Alpine, Small Alpine, Nordic, Bike
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5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
7a	5	10	15	5	5	5	5	0	5
7b	5	0	5	5	5	5	5	5	0
8a	5	5	5	5	15	0	0	5	10
8b	10	10	5	0	15	0	0	10	10
8c	5	5	10	5	5	0	0	0	0
9a	5	5	0	5	5	10	10	0	15
9b	5	5	0	0	0	5	5	5	5
9c	5	5	0	5	5	10	10	10	10
10	5	5	0	5	5	5	5	5	25
11	15	15	15	20	10	15	15	20	0
12	5	5	15	10	5	5	5	15	0
13	5	5	5	10	0	15	15	0	0
14	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

2020 NSP Awards Matrix



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