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DIVISION DIRECTOR REPORT

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It's hard to believe that summer is winding down and fall is quickly approaching. The PNWD 2021 Convention is over, awards were given out, workshops were attended, and a good and healthy time was had by all. Now we turn our heads towards refreshers and prepping our gear for the coming season. Or, those on bike patrol are completing the bike season and possibly switching out bike patrol gear for ski patrol gear. Any way you look at it, we are a busy group of people.

The 2021 PNWD Convention was held in Boise, Idaho. Your Division Supervisors provided educational and engaging workshops that were all well attended and very well received. The Keynote for this year included a panel of PNWD patrollers with a focus on patroller safety. John Nelson, Joseph Ferraro, Kacy Carlson and Jack Ramsey made up the panel, while Jodie Jeffers and Carl Heine facilitated. The hour and a half was filled with great questions, thoughtful answers, and some positive discussion. Everyone went away from the Keynote and workshops with something to think about and something to apply to their everyday patrolling.

The Awards ceremony Saturday evening was hosted by our Division Awards Supervisor, Peter Schwartz. The PNWD had a very successful awards year, with five gold merit stars, three silver merit stars, and several additional awards. Congratulations to all of the winners! We are incredibly proud of them and proud that they are a part of the patrol in the PNWD.

Some National Updates:

NSP Office Staff

- Chris Castilian is the NSP's newly hired CEO. We are excited that he has taken the reins and are confident in his ability to lead us forward. Please reach out to me if you need anything relayed to Mr. Castilian.
- Hannah Walden is NSP's newly hired Education Director. We are very happy to have Hannah join the NSP and are looking forward to her guidance in the Education Programs of the organization.
- There continue to be multiple positions open in the office, including several in the finance department. Please be patient as Mr. Castilian organizes the office, hires new staff, and begins to develop his vision for the roles and responsibilities these folks take in serving our members.
- As in the past, please try to direct your questions to the office through me or through your program advisors. If you do need to contact someone in the office, email is best.

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LMS (Learning Management System)/SIS(Student Information System)/MMS (Member Management System)–

- The NSP is currently working to move the existing Learning Management System over to a new company. This company has been vetted thoroughly so that it will better suit our needs. This move will include a Student Information System, which we don't have at this time. Currently student (patroller) information is manually keyed into the system, which is inefficient and prone to human error. The new LMS and SIS will be selected to include compatibility with a new Member Management System, to come at a later date.

DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)

- The DEI committee recently hired The Equity Group, an organization out of Colorado, to guide the NSP through a series of steps as we work to improve our approaches to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Their work will begin this Fall.

Business Process Committee/System Updates –

- Just a quick thank you to those PDs, PRs and RDs who completed the survey sent out by the Leadership Subcommittee. We are compiling information and plan to use it as we move forward in improving the NSP system for all members.
- One immediate change regarding secondary rosters: Those of you with dual logins no longer need them. If you manage one or multiple rosters, you will also note that Admin Accounts created with the sole purpose of managing rosters are no longer required. If you have an Admin Account and HAVE NOT been contacted about moving roster management permissions, please contact memberrecords@nsp.org.
- Print your own membership card - Members can now print their membership, OEC, OFC and OET cards directly from their member record.

RFA 07-20 – This is the RFA to change Bike and Mountain Host membership status from Associates to Traditional members, giving them voting rights along with additional access to pro deals, etc. Remember, our hosts pay the same dues as traditional members, but do not have the same rights. This has been approved by the board to go to the membership for vote in the fall. Please watch for the email to vote, log in, and make your voice heard.

Board Elections – Similar to the last two years, the Division Directors are working with a small group to put together phone calls with the candidates. It's a great way to get to know the candidates, hear their views and perspectives, so that you can be a more informed voter. Information on those calls will be out soon, likely posted in your Member News emails and on the NSP website.

Some PNWD Updates:

PNWD Safety Team –

- The PNWD Safety Team continues to consist of Jodie Jeffers (Chair) along with Kacy Carlson, Jack Ramsey, Joe Ferraro, Micha Willits, Shirley Cummings, and Mike Walsh
- Upcoming:
 - We need to have a Safety Advisor for each Region and Patrol. Be thinking of who, get them appointed, and then hook your Region Safety Advisors up with Jodie, and your Patrol Safety Advisors up with your Region Advisors.
 - We will continue to build on what's been started, pushing out patroller safety and service in the fall. This will include a series of short monthly workshops on topics of safety, starting with Psychological First Aid (PFA). This first workshop will be an introduction to PFA, aimed at PD's/PR's and RD's. Workshops will be held on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. Pacific Time. The first one will be Tuesday, September 21st. The zoom link will be added into the PNWD Website and Facebook page. Our focus for this year as a Division is around the question—How can we create and sustain a culture of safety within our patrols, regions and division?

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Bike Patrol – National is currently interviewing for a National Bike Patrol Advisor. We are very happy to announce our own Division Bike Advisor is Denny Burt. Denny is the PD with Hiawatha Bike Patrol. He has already joined the National Bike Task Force and has actively jumped in to move the program forward nationally and within our Division.

Mt Hosts - At the Spring Board Meeting your RDs voted to appoint a Division Mt Host Advisor to the PNWD.

- At this point the program is not a National one, but we felt it prudent to have our own Division Advisor to support our Division Mountain Hosts. Dave Schweitzer out of Willamette Pass has agreed to take on this task for our Division. Please make sure to welcome him and to ask him questions as you build your own host program and wrestle with various host patrol related issues.

Website – Murphy has done a great job redesigning our website. We now need to fill it with information.

- We are currently seeking 1 or 2 individuals who are willing to take on the task of maintaining our Division website. Please contact me at shelley.urben@nsp-pnwd.org if you are interested or know of someone who might be interested.

ICS 100 and Youth Safety

- ICS 100 is a requirement for all NSP patrollers. If you have not yet completed this course, please get it done. I will work with instructors from each region this fall to get courses registered so that you can get this listed on your profile if it isn't already.
- All NSP leadership are required to complete and document training in a recognized youth safety program. This includes National leadership, PDs/PRs, RDs, DDs, (and their assistants), Region admin or advisors in any discipline where youth participate in courses or events in the region. This change also includes information and guidance in reporting misconduct. If you need to complete this training, log into the NSP site, go to Youth Protection, and follow the directions.

Be safe and stay healthy. It is my pleasure to serve you as your division director,

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Psychological First Aid
Breakout Session
with Kacy Carlson
2021 PNWD Convention, Boise ID

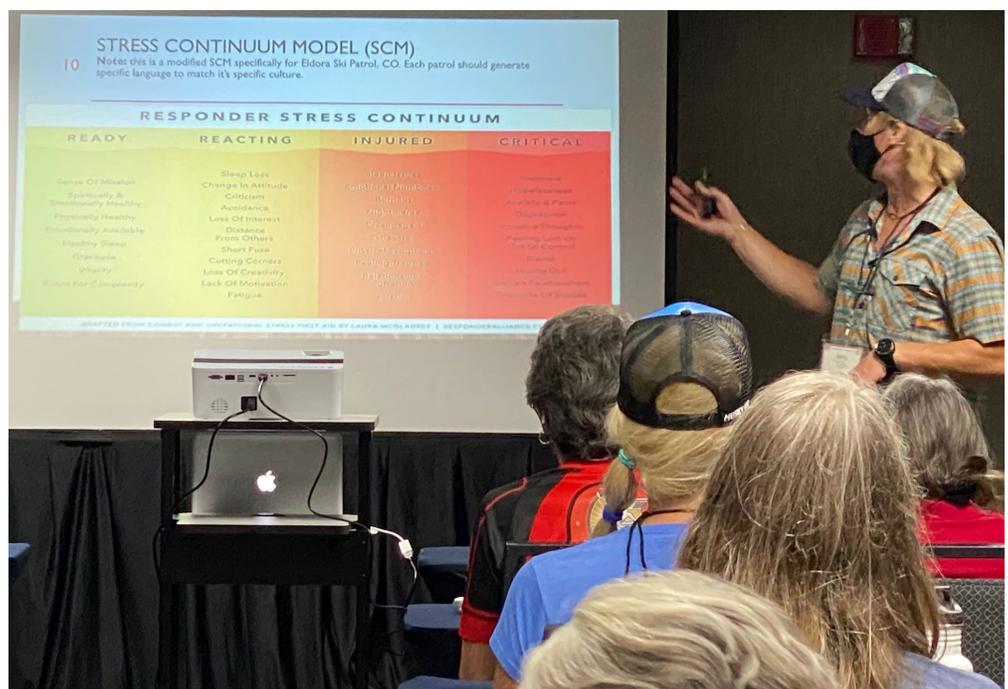


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WY'EAST REGION REPORT

By Joel Stevens, Wy'East Region Director

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Just when we thought it was safe to go back in the water, here comes the Delta Variant. It is starting to look like a repeat of the 20-21 season, with virtual classes, Zoom meetings and masks in the lift lines and lodges.

The Mt Hood Patrol is having a celebration honoring our longest serving patroller, Buzz Bowman on September 19th. Hopefully, we will still be able to get together outside safely then. Buzz joined the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol in 1946, so this is his 75th anniversary with us, though he actually stopped patrolling two years ago.

The PNWD Convention Awards Banquet brought the Wy'east Region a National Appointment, (Heather Van Houghton, and an LCA (Steve Potter), along with an Outstanding Nordic Patroller (Steve Potter) and the Division Director's Outstanding Administrator Award, (Kathy Lee).

Since Ski Patrollers are considered "health care workers", all working patrollers will have to be vaccinated to comply with Governor Brown's Executive order. Since most patrollers are already vaccinated, we don't expect this to be an issue.

Patrolling in the 21-22 season is expected to go on pretty much as last year, but we will wait to see what the ski area procedures are. So far for the Sumer skiing, biking and adventure parks, the rules haven't changed much. Training will probably be mostly virtual, or outdoors.

The Wy'east region has started planning the 2022 convention in Portland. The location is the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, and hopefully Covid will be in the rearview mirror by then.

Think Snow!!

INLAND EMPIRE REGION REPORT

By Dan Becker, Inland Empire Region Director

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The Fall Inland Empire Region's (IER) meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2021 at Ross Point in Post Falls, ID, 9am to noon.

Patrols are starting to send out organizing emails for instructor refreshers to prepare for patrol's refreshers.

Hiawatha Bike Patrol was hindered by high temperatures and smoke from fires in the area during July. At the time of writing this report, visitor numbers were not available for July. May and June visitor numbers are up 28%. This information is from Lookout's General Manger.

IER has a new Safety Advisor, Becky Schoonmaker from Lookout Pass Ski Patrol, who accepted the position shortly after the PNWD Convention which was held in Boise, Idaho.

Dan Becker
IER RD

SOUTHERN IDAHO REGION REPORT

By David Campbell, Southern Idaho Region Director

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

The 2021 division convention is in the book. I want to give a big thank you to Pam Carson for the untold hours she put in to make the convention a success. Fantastic job Pam!! Also a thank you goes to Patrick Arnold for keeping the registration straight and Carol Peterson for handling the finances. There were lots of others that helped - Thank you all for that help.

It was good to see lots of old friends and make some new ones. Tanya Carter is the new Division Ski Patrol Youth (SPY) formally known as YAP adviser. She has lots of fantastic ideas and energy. We need a SI Region Advisor to help her, anyone interested? Also, the new Division Bike advisor is Denny Burt. He also has great ideas to help bike patrols and we also need a SI Region Bike Advisor. Takers? There are these and other advisors we need on the region level, it's a great way to meet new patrollers and give back. If you have a question, please let me know.

It's now time to get in refresher mode. Let's all work together to make this refresher one of the best with hands on skills. It will be great to see and work with patrollers again at refreshers. Keep an eye out for information of your refresher. Remember that refresher books were not sent out, you need to go online to get one.

At this time we are hoping to have a normal training season. Region training dates and tentative location are as follows:

Senior Clinics:

Jan 8-9, 2022 Brundage Mt.

Feb 5-6, 2022 Solider Mt.

Eddie Orbea Senior Test

Feb 25-27, 2022 @ Anthony Lakes

We hope to bring back the ski/snowboard enhancement seminars, more info to follow.

Our Region meeting will be Saturday Oct 16 starting at 7:30 Pacific Time.

We will hold the meeting on Zoom so folks will not have to travel.

Stay Positive, Be Adaptable to change, Enjoy the fall.

Hope to see everyone on the snow this season.

Dave Campbell

Southern Idaho Region Director

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OREGON REGION REPORT

By Andy Bechdolt, Oregon Region Director

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Greetings from the Oregon Region. As you may have already read, the Oregon Region was awarded a number of significant awards at the National level this year.

Gold Unit Citation for National Outstanding Nordic Patrol – Willamette Backcountry Ski Patrol

Gold Merit Star for National Outstanding Nordic Patroller – Matt Strauser, Santiam Pass Ski Patrol

Gold Merit Star for National Outstanding Alumni – Joseph Calbreath, Willamette Backcountry Ski Patrol

Silver Merit Star for Runner up National Outstanding Alpine Patroller – Ian Doremus, Willamette Pass Ski Patrol

Silver Merit Star for Runner up National Outstanding Paid Patrol Director – Doug Volk, Mt. Ashland Ski Patrol

National Appointment to Kerry Metlen, Mt. Ashland Ski Patrol

National Appointment to Andy Bechdolt, Willamette Pass Ski Patrol

I am extremely proud of our Region and every single one of you. All of these awards are very well earned. I'd also like to thank the Awards Advisors at every level. These awards are not easy to research and write.

It was great to see those of you that I did see at the PNWD convention in Boise, ID. The Southern Idaho Region did a great job this year. I hope to see all of you in Portland next year when the Wy'East Region hosts.

From the sounds of it, most of you have refreshers scheduled and are working through the process of finding IT's, locations and scheduling instructor refreshers. That can only mean one thing... the ski season is getting closer. I know I'm excited!

This season will likely be another one for learning. With the daily changing protocols, and an unknown workforce, it will be a very interesting season.

For the time being, I'll be assisting the PNWD social media effort. So if you have something that you think would be interesting to put up, please send either Jodie Jeffers or I the info or a link so that we can vet it and get it up on the socials. If you are a social media user, and don't already do so, follow the PNWD on Facebook. We're still working through some kinks with Instagram, but we'll have that up and running very soon.

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Andy Bechdolt

Oregon Region Director.

2021 PNWD Convention Report

By Pam Carson, 2021 PNWD Convention Chair

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2021 PNWD Convention Wrap Up

The 2021 PNWD convention held in Boise August 13-15th was a great success! But it wasn't without its challenges! Southern Idaho Region started the journey to host this convention in the fall of 2019. Life was good, things were going well. Then Covid hit and everything came to a screeching halt. Hotels closed, contact persons vanished, and Boise, along with the rest of the world, shut down. There we sat with a signed contract not knowing what was going to happen next.

But little by little things began to ease up as safety protocols were established, vaccines became available and Covid numbers began to drop. Yay! But Covid numbers got ugly again just when we were hoping we were over the worst. Multiple surveys went out, the contract got revised yet again (6 times total!) as people were worried and understandably so. Different states, different protocols. We got it! But finally, we had advisors willing to come in all but four of the NSP disciplines, so we decided to push onward with only months to spare. And you responded! We closed with 128 registrants from across our division; 41 from Southern Idaho, 25 from Inland Empire, 24 Northwest, 21 Oregon, 11 WyEast, 1 PNWD admin, and 5 with no patrol listed. More than double the number we thought would come!

The convention opened Friday with PD 101 for new patrol leaders/directors and the Executive Board meeting in the afternoon. We had no scheduled Friday group activities but showcased many of Boise's fun events for people to pick from and enjoy on their own. We moved our Friday evening outdoor rooftop terrace banquet indoors due to 100+ degree temps, as well as poor air quality from the smoky air that was blanketing the entire Northwest.

Saturday began with the welcoming address by Shelley Urben, Division Director. Our Keynote session followed Shelley, a five-person panel moderated by Jodie Jeffers – PNWD Safety Advisor, that included John Nelson – PNWD Legal Advisor, Kacy Carlson – Certified Advisor, Joseph Ferraro –ORM Advisor, Jack Ramsey – OET Advisor, and Carl Heine – Medical Advisor, all live streamed via Zoom. Continuing on Zoom, was Jack Ramsey - OET Advisor and Tanja Carter, our new Ski Patrol Youth (formerly YAP) Advisor, Joseph Ferraro's ORM session and Karen Jensen – OEC Advisor presenting two OEC sessions in the afternoon. Advisors for Awards – Peter Schwartz, Bike – Denny Burt, Instructor Development – Kathy Alexander, Legal – John Nelson, Medical – Carl Heine and Sally Seelye – Women's program presented their sessions simultaneously in the morning. Then came Joseph Ferraro – ORM, Kacy Carlson – Psychological First Aid, Eric Geisler – Backcountry/Nordic, Kacy Carlson – Certified, Brad Acker – Avalanche, following after lunch. Sally Seelye shared plans for Ski Flight 2022 during lunch and Dave Campbell gave away some raffle items with tickets purchased at lunch only, teasing us with great prizes to come later that evening. Kathy Alexander brought her box of games that got us up and moving and entertained us all afternoon!

For patrollers not in a leadership position, we worked tirelessly with members of Air St. Luke's Boise Maternal Child transport team to offer 4 sessions of primary and secondary assessment of a pediatric trauma patient geared specifically for ski patrollers. There were two ski tuning sessions where some discovered they might be doing things a bit wrong all these years! A certified orthopedic manual therapist presented a session on why our backs hurt and shared preventative measures along with restorative exercises to do at home. John Nelson presented a session on diversity, equality, and inclusion and Kacy Carlson discussed psychological first aid. A combined session with MTR, Nordic/Backcountry and Avalanche Advisors along with Ortovox transceivers finished the day.

The Saturday evening festivities and awards banquet began with a silent/live auction with fabulous items donated by many individuals, businesses, and patrollers, including the NSP National office. After dinner, Peter Schwartz led a moving Last Sweep for patrollers who are no longer with us. In attendance was Elaine Countryman, widow of Don Countryman, from Bogus Basin, who was a member of the National Ski Patrol for 73 years.

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Elaine was moved to tears as were many of us as Peter paid tribute to Don. Elaine received a standing ovation and flowers for her years of service! Peter, along with Shelley, then presented this year's outstanding award winners. Many of our national appointment holders were in attendance and all lined up forming a receiving line for the new appointment recipients. It was a wonderful evening which also got Zoomed for those who could not attend! The Sunday general board meeting was the closing event before everyone departed for home.

A big "hats off" goes to Patrick Arnold, Registration chair, and Carol Peterson, Treasurer, both from Bogus Basin, who did an extraordinary job handling all the registration paperwork and money end of things. A huge thankyou goes to the Southern Idaho Region patrollers headed up by Mark Lopshire and crew from Magic Mountain and JT and Ron Reed from Soldier Mtn, who hosted our guests in the hospitality suite over the three days and to Shelley Urben and Dave Campbell, Southern Idaho Region Director, who were there every step of the way as was my co-chair, Sarah Mello. This convention would not have been the success it was without you all!

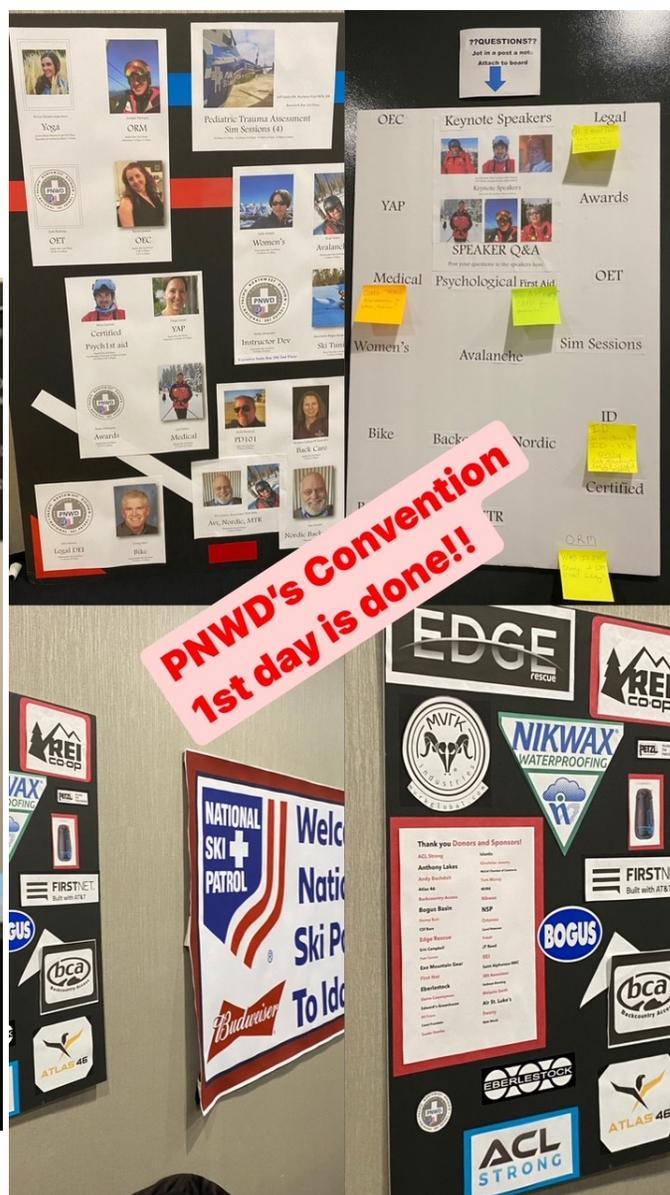
Put next year's convention on your calendar now as WyEast Region hosts on August 12-14, 2022 in Portland, Oregon! See you there!

Respectfully,
Pam Carson



PNWD 2021 Convention, Boise ID

photos by: Jodie Jeffers





Pacific Northwest Division of NSP COVID-19 Guidelines 21-22

Carl Heine MD PhD, James Hamilton MD, Jodie Jeffers, RN

Last year was quite a difficult and trying year for all of us, but it seems we still managed to get through it with some good skiing and riding here in the great northwest. However, the recent surge in Covid-19 infections due to the Delta variant indicates that we still do not have this pandemic under control. Due to amazing advancements in vaccine development, there is hope that we will be able to eventually escape this pandemic. Until it is under control, there is the real possibility of the virus mutating again to become a new, even more deadly variant. It is critical that we remain vigilant with the current surge in Americans being hospitalized and dying from this virus at rates we saw at the beginning of the pandemic. Almost all of those currently sick with COVID-19 are folks that did not get vaccinated, which unfortunately includes hundreds of thousands of children under the age of 12. The most important thing you can do to protect yourself, your loved ones, and the ski area guests we serve is to get vaccinated. The vaccines have been very thoroughly researched and have proven to be extraordinarily safe and effective. If you have not gotten vaccinated, please do so as soon as possible for this is the path to herd immunity and fully reopening our country and getting back to a normal life.

The science behind our understanding of COVID-19 has produced new information sometimes daily and certainly weekly. We now understand that the virus is mostly transmitted by droplets and also can be aerosolized, but is not spread by fomites or contacting contaminated surfaces. The best protection from airborne infections is wearing a mask and there is very clear data that masks reduces the chance of transmitting COVID-19 with a side benefit of reducing influenza as well. We also now know that fully vaccinated people can have a significant virus load in their noses even though they are not clinically ill. **Therefore, masks are required even for the vaccinated.** If you are worried about the virus, have not gotten vaccinated, or have a condition that makes you susceptible to infection due to a compromised immune system, please continue to wear a mask. The need for mask wear will continue until we have reached herd immunity (the state where the number of susceptible individuals is so small that the virus cannot maintain a significant infection rate of the population) and have the virus under control worldwide.

The data that COVID-19 does not spread through direct contact transmission means we do not need to continue the specialized surface cleaning protocols that we had in place last year. We still need to prevent the spread of all infectious diseases, so continuing the cleaning protocols in place prior to COVID are still very important. It is also still very important that we frequently wash our hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. This practice should continue to be the standard expectation.

Current CDC guidelines are urging that masks be worn by everyone indoors and social distancing be maintained. In the healthcare or medical setting, it is still the expectation/requirement that everyone wear a mask. Our aid rooms (FAR) and on-the-hill first aid situations fit in this category. You will not need to wear a mask while skiing, but you, and your patients, will still need to wear a mask in the aid room and while providing assistance on the hill, regardless of their vaccination status. The leadership of the PNWD are constantly monitoring the recommendations from the CDC and our various state health departments and we will update these guidelines as the science shows it is safe.

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COVID - 19 GUIDELINES 21-22 —continued

The current PNWD recommendations for **fully vaccinated and unvaccinated** ski patrollers delivering first aid to a patient are:

While in the FAR, or while providing first aid on the hill, both the patient and the patroller should be wearing a surgical mask (an N95 mask is highly recommended for a patroller performing CPR).

Access to the FAR should still be limited to the injured/ill patient only, unless the patient is a minor, then their adult parent/chaperone is expected to accompany them.

Continue COVID-19 signs/symptoms screening for anyone entering the FAR.

The FAR should be cleaned on a daily and as needed basis.

Frequent hand washing is still a MAJOR recommendation.

HEPA filters should still be maintained on bag valve masks / ambu bags.

Gowns are no longer required for routine first aid, but should be worn during CPR and for trauma when blood splatter could occur.

Gloves continue to be recommended while examining a patient.

If you are ill with COVID-19 like symptoms or flu like symptoms, you should stay home and not patrol

Symptomatic patients who report a history of a recent exposure to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, or there is a strong suspicion of being infected by COVID-19, should be referred to medical care.

For groups held indoors with close contact of individuals demonstrating their first aid skills such as at annual refreshers, all participants must wear a mask.

NOTE: All individuals with potential or compromised immune systems such as those folks with organ transplants or on strong medications for an autoimmune diseases should still wear a mask at all times regardless of whether you have, or have not, been vaccinated. As everyone's situation may be different, discussion with your doctor is always recommended.

This next section is for those who want more details on the science behind what we have learned about COVID and the vaccines. First, the two mRNA (messenger RNA) vaccines by Pfizer and Moderna produce about ~50% protection two weeks after the first shot and ~95% two weeks after the second shot. The Johnson & Johnson single shot vaccine, which used more traditional technology and is not a mRNA vaccine, gets to ~65% protection a couple weeks after the shot. There are a number of new variants of COVID-19 that are starting to spread rapidly with the most concerning currently being the delta variant. The Pfizer, and we assume the Moderna, vaccine is only ~30% effective against the delta variant after the first shot and tops out at ~85% protection after the second shot. We know that the vaccines, and having had COVID-19, are protective, but we don't know how long immunity will last. Recommendations are now being developed for the provision of a booster shot eight months after completion of the original vaccination series. Booster shots may also be needed if there is a new variant not currently covered.

With the high concentration of cases currently ravaging India and some other parts of the world, the virus will continue to mutate and we cannot predict what future variants will act like. They could be more virulent and more deadly, which could be devastating. Even during the past year when international travel was severely restricted the new strains of COVID-19 were able to leapfrog around the world. A worldwide effort is needed to get the virus under control, especially while it is mutating.

Bringing the vaccines to market has been expedient, yet done with thorough and rigorous testing and approval by the appropriate regulatory agencies. No steps in the research on these vaccines were skipped; however some of the steps were done simultaneously to get to the end answer as quickly as possible. Developing vaccines using mRNA technology is new, and the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are the first time this has been used, but will not be the last. mRNA technology for use as a therapeutic has been under development for more than 25 years and we were fortunate that it was ready for prime-time last year. There are mRNA vaccines in current research protocols that will protect us from certain cancers and could cure some other chronic diseases. This is an exciting field to keep an eye on if you work in healthcare. Now that many hundreds of million doses of the vaccines have been given, we are getting a clearer picture on their safety. These vaccines are safer than many over-the-counter medications. The most common side effect is 24 hours or so of flu like

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symptoms from the vaccine, especially from the second dose, causing a normal immune response in terms of a release of cytokines. The more serious reaction that is fairly uncommon is to have an allergic reaction to the vaccine, but this is also very easily treated and the reason they make you wait at the administration site for 15 minutes after receiving your shot. There are reports of a very rare increase in cardiac inflammation or blot clots forming after the vaccine. There have been isolated reports of more serious and even deadly outcomes after the vaccine, but none of these have been proven yet to be due to the vaccine itself or anything more than coincidence. Surveillance of complications from these vaccines will continue and we will be able to see if there are any long-term consequences as time passes.

Addendum

All Patrols and Patrol Directors in Oregon and Washington should be aware that both Washington and Oregon have implemented measures regarding Covid-9 vaccinations that may apply to Patrol operations. The Oregon Health Authority has issued OAR 333-019-1010, which requires all healthcare workers, including volunteers, to be vaccinated against Covid-19. Employers who do not enforce this mandate may be subject to financial penalties. Washington State Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 21-14 requiring all health care workers working in Washington, including volunteers, to be vaccinated. Employers not enforcing this requirement may be subject to prosecution. **Division counsel encourages all Patrols in the Division to consult with your Area/Resort management (i.e., your "Principal") and/or its legal counsel to determine whether these measures require individuals acting as agents of the Area/Resort by providing volunteer patrol and first responder services to be vaccinated.**

If you have any questions please contact me, jhamilton0231@comcast.net, and I will do my best to answer your concerns.

MTR REPORT

By Dick Willy, MTR Advisor

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Please join me in welcoming Bill Cotton as NSP's new National Program Director for Mountain Travel & Rescue. Bill patrols with Diamond Peaks Ski Patrol, which covers the backcountry around Cameron Pass in northern Colorado. He has extensive training and experience in mountain rescue, not only with NSP, but also with Larimer County (Colorado) Search and Rescue, the Mountain Rescue Association, and the National Association for Search and Rescue, among other organizations. See his LinkedIn profile at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/cottonbill/>. "We are fortunate to have a person with Bill's expertise and organizational talents at the helm. - Myron Allen retiring MTR National Director"

Dick Willy

Why we need MTR. Courtesy of Mark Langley, NWR MTR Advisor.



WOMEN'S PROGRAM

By Sally Seelye, Womens Program Advisor

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Huge shout-out and thank you to the women and men who attended the Women's Program breakout conversation at the PNWD Convention in Boise. And to those who extended their offers to help make this program progress and succeed.

The feedback was great, and we identified some things to consider and/or work on:

Creating a division mission statement that dives deeper into – and supports – the national mission statement: The NSP Women's Program mission is to empower patrollers by advancing skills and developing leadership in a women-focused program

Increasing visibility of female patrollers through advertising to other outdoor groups (Mountaineers, ski clubs etc), being approachable on the hill and mingling with guests, posters featuring women patrollers

Encouraging more female instructors

Identify the female patrollers interested in leadership opportunities and working with them to pursue those opportunities

Increased social media presence

Area "meet & greets" or other informational opportunities where women can ask questions of other women already on patrol and/or in leadership roles

Extract and supply to leadership the data/percentages of women on patrol, in leadership, instructors etc.

Continuing 2021/2022 Program Goals

Ongoing—continue making contacts. Visit areas with the intention of meeting and making connections and building relationships face-to-face (covid permitting)

Host a scavenger hunt on International Women's Day (IWD). Possibly tying in patrol activities with the IWD theme for 2022, once it's announced

Create a video—or some other sort of media—highlighting a progression or path of educational opportunities for patrollers. There is so much available to us that the public doesn't necessarily see or know about

Work towards one women's event per region each season, so there is always something to look forward to, improve skills and confidence, and build our network of resources.

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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Happy Summer Everyone:

As your Patrol begins their planning for the 2021-2022 ski season, please consider increasing your Instructor pool. Find “The Road Map to Becoming an NSP Instructor” on the Instructor Development program page of the NSP Member Resources and encourage Patrollers to start by taking this course:

NEW: Instructor Development eCourse (2020)

This updated course is available in NSP’s OnLine Learning: this is Part 1 for Patrollers who are interested in becoming an Instructor; no enrollment needed; self-directed learning; complete course then save the Course Completion Certificate. Contact your Region ID Advisor in order to complete Part 2.

And for Instructors of all disciplines, please check your Member Profile and see if your Instructor Certification expires on 12/31/21. For Recertification, please read the following:

RECERTIFICATION

For Instructors in all disciplines, the NEW “NSP Instructor Skills Review for Continuing Education” is now available in NSP’s OnLine Learning; complete the course once in a 3-year cycle; save the Course Completion Certificate and send a copy to your Region Advisor in your discipline. AND then enroll in a registered “NSP Instructor Skills Review for Continuing Education” course in order to receive credit for completing the requirement for recertification: NSP will track completion date and update your Member Profile. NOTE: check with your Region ID Advisor or myself for a registered course which replaces the need for an in-person Session.

USE NEW FORMS

Updated: “Instructor Application 2020” (Course Tools: Instructor Development page).

Updated: “Event Training Release Form” sent in the Nov. 3rd Instructor eNews from NSP.

COURSE TOOLS information for all Instructors and ITs

Written Tutorials with Visuals (Adobe PDF files) and YouTube videos are available for:

Register a Course

Edit a Course

Mark a Course Complete

Cancel a Course.

And a special THANK YOU to PNWD’s ID-Instructors and ID-ITs who help make this NSP program so responsive and adaptable to all Patrollers. Stay well...stay safe.....please contact me if you have questions or need help...Kathy at 541-325-3827.



OEC REPORT

By Karen Jensen, OEC Supervisor

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It was wonderful to see so many folks at the Division conference in mid-August. It was great to get feedback from instructors from all over the division during the OEC sessions. The remaining sessions, including the safety panel discussion, were very informative and gave great insight into the challenges of the current issues of the time.

Refresher season is beginning and we are going to have to work on creative solutions to maintain safe environments for our patrollers as we refresher our skills. Hands on skills will have to be refreshed this year, there will not be an online only component. Patrolling involves the hands-on care of our patients, and I am sure no one wants to harm a patient by performing poor OEC. Instructors will need to be inventive and ensure that there is an appropriate amount of space available to maintain some level of distancing, as well as maintaining good hand hygiene. Smaller group sizes that work together throughout the refresher day will decrease potential exposures. There are NSP COVID Guidelines to refer to from both the division and national, and make sure that the refreshers are following local requirements.

There are quite a few OEC courses up and running across the division which is exciting to see as the last year and a half have created many staffing challenges on patrols. Please make sure that the sixth edition materials are being utilized in the courses. Remember to submit the \$10 per student fee to the division for instructor continuing education. Plans are in the works for an all-division instructor continuing education clinic in the spring of 2022. Stay tuned this winter for further details.

Work will begin on the 2021 instructor renewals soon. If you are expiring this year, make sure that you have an updated teaching log and know when your last instructor continuing education clinic was. I will be working with your region advisors to assure that there are ample opportunities in the upcoming months.

Congratulations to the division's newest OEC instructors: Brie Carter, Vladimir Oster, Mary Beinler, Joshua Gow, Lisa Eytel, Mark Judway, Greg Prothman, Randy Forster, and Mark Jones!!!!

Karen

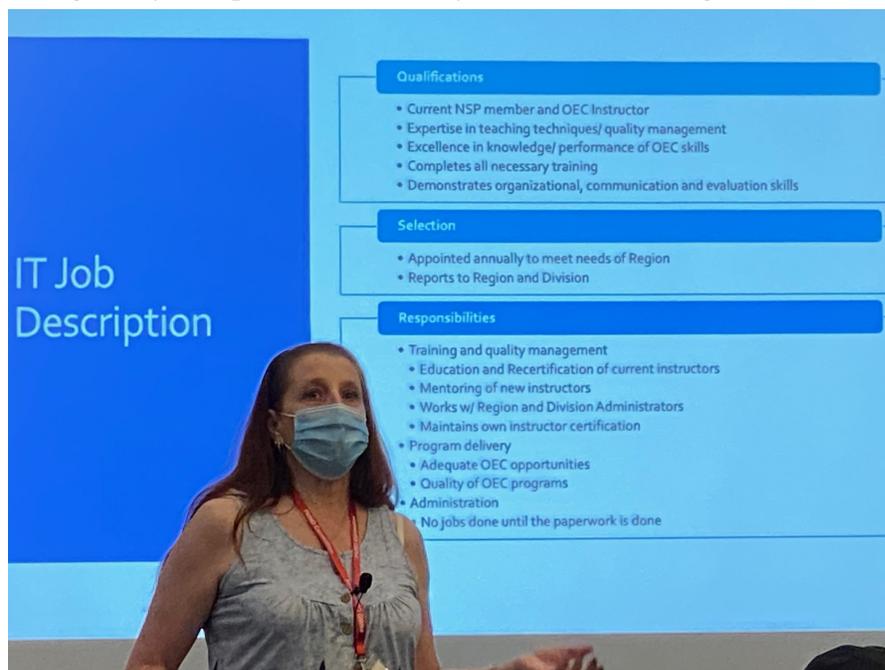


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PNWD REGISTRAR REPORT

By Blaine Price, Registrar

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1. Per the PNWD E-Bd and Board, PNWD continues as an Opt-Out Division for 2021-22

As an Opt-Out division, PNWD PD/PRs will:

- Do their Patrol Formation with known 'Adds and Removals' followed by a 'SAVE', and WILL NOT Notify Nat, Div, Reg' until Region and Division dues have been collected at the patrol level.

Only when Region and Division dues have been collected, hopefully by Nov.15th, will the PD/PR or Registration Rep do a 'Notify'.

Once 'Notified', the Office will generate an invoice to all members on the patrol to pay their \$60.00 National dues. PNWD Late Fees of \$5.00 will be due effective Jan 1st, and a National Late Fee of \$10.00 will be applicable Feb 1st. If beyond June 30th, the late fee will increase to \$20.00, and if not paid by Dec 31st, the member will start over at zero for years of service once paid.

This is the same as last year.

PD/PRs and Registration Reps will notice that the Office sent a revised 'Patrol Rep/Host Unit Director Tutorial eff. July 2021'. The document summarizes changes recently instituted for the Patrol Formation & Registration process for NSP. Take the time to read carefully.

There was a Zoom virtual Registration seminar for all new PD/PRs and Registration Reps to learn about the Patrol Formation & Registration process. If you missed it, please contact me to get the pdf of the session.

2. **New Members Joining a Patrol Can't be Associates:**

When patrols 'Add' new members as Candidates they are Member Type 'C', with an Initial Classification of 'CAN' for Candidate. When new members do a 'Create Account' and obtain an ID#, they should join as a Patrol Candidate. If they show on your roster as 'WEB' after doing an 'Add' to your patrol, it means they have not paid NSP dues and are not yet a member of NSP or your patrol. As such they can't sign up for classes, and should not be allowed to train in any manner.

Once 'Create Account' is used, it is never used again. Once an ID # is obtained, it NEVER changes.

Warn any new person up front doing a 'Create Account' to not use the 'Associate' or 'Host' options. If you see "ASSOC" under Member Type on your roster when you 'Add' a new member to your patrol, you need to immediately notify memberrecords@nsp.org to go in and correct the persons record manually to (C) and (CAN) on your patrol.

Copy your request to me at bcprice58@msn.com.

Per NSP By-Laws, an '**Associate**', (ASSOC), **can't be a member of a regular geographic division ski patrol**, i.e., Associates including Mtn Host Unit (HM) and Bike Host Unit (HB) members that are not on Ski Patrols or Bike Patrols. We currently have 6 Host Units in the PNWD. New Host Unit members have their own separate join process similar to what patrol candidates use, and click on the '**Host Candidate**' option. Candidates for geographic division Ski or Bike patrols are 'Traditional Members' and use '**Patrol Candidates**'.

(The only exception to this rule would be a person wanting to take OEC prior to identifying a patrol to join. In such rare cases, they would have to be an Associate (ASSOC) to enroll in OEC, but then be changed to Candidate (C) and (CAN) when they do make contact and are 'Added' to a geographic division ski or bike patrol. Most of these cases are potential Paid patrollers where a Pro Patrol won't let them join without first completing OEC.

3. **PD/PR Responsibility for Current, Up-to-Date Data in Rosters and Member Profiles**

When personal information isn't correct or is incomplete, members, new or otherwise, (continued p.16)

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request members to go into their Profile on line and update or make corrections.

And, also see that patroller roster information is current and correct including *Member Type, Initial Classification, Service Type, Credentialed Classification and Billing Category*.

- 4. Candidates Must Be NSP Dues Paying Members to participate in ANY on-hill activity, training or classes.** (Other than that initial compatibility on hill ski time with a prospective candidate that walks into the patrol room.)

I.e., in the NSP P&Ps under 9.5.5.2 "***Candidates in geographic divisions must complete the registration process before participating in any NSP on-the-hill or class activity.***" Translated, that requires dues payment, and being on the patrol's roster as a Candidate (C) and (CAN), since they are **not** a member of the NSP until dues are paid, regardless if they have obtained an NSP ID #. Training activity would include things like learning on-hill procedures, shadowing, OET, chair evac., etc., as well as OEC and completing ICS 100. If National dues are not paid, they will show as WEB under Member Type.

Plus, NSP insures certified Instructors when in the process of teaching a class registered with NSP. Thus, having a person who is not yet a member participate in on-hill training without dues being paid exposes the instructor and the patrol if there is an incident.

5. Suspended (SN) Members

If a member is Suspended (SN) in the system, it means they didn't pay their dues to NSP as of Feb 1st, and can't use the on-line system for other than paying dues, meaning they can't sign up for classes, and are unable to use Pro Deals or the NSP Store. To avoid starting over in years of service a Suspended person can still pay by Dec 31st, but the opportunity ends then, and they will then have to start over in years of service. Since we are in a new patrol year, the person will have to directly contact memberrecords@nsp.org and request instructions on how to pay last season's dues. This is not the same as 'Back Dues' which no longer exists.

PD/PRs should take affirmative action to see those dues are paid, and take strong action if a member doesn't do so on a timely basis.

6. Inactive (I), (i.e., Former Members not paying dues) or Hosts Unit and Other Associate/Affiliate Members Wanting to Become a Patroller:

Returning former members (I), Transfers or Host/Associate/Affiliate members joining a patrol never do a 'Create Account'. Once an NSP member ID # is issued, including for Associates/Hosts or Affiliates, IT NEVER CHANGES. If they do 'Create Account' again, they very likely will be locked out of the system with a duplicate new ID #, and the new ID # will have to be deleted manually by the Office to proceed. Contact me at bcprice58@msn.com or contact memberrecords@nsp.org, if a duplicate ID # is created. If former members aren't found in the system in PD/PR access to Master Roster, contact memberservices@nsp.org to reinstate in the system.

(Always provide a Name and ID # when contacting me or the Office.)

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

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SKI PATROL YOUTH (SPY) (YAP) REPORT

By Tanja Carter, Division Ski Patroller Youth Advisor

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“Is Your Lack of a New Patroller Pipeline Keeping You Awake at Night?”

Nationally speaking... you're not alone- so buckle up and read on!

The past six months has been a whirlwind for me after being appointed both Divisional YAP Advisor and Crystal Mountain YAP Program Director. Sadly, I stepped into the divisional position not having the pleasure of meeting Dave Brown, our past advisor before he passed. I understand from many patrollers that he was both loved and an exceptionally passionate divisional advisor...who consequently has left me big ski boots to fill! For those of you who don't yet know me - a short bio is included at the end of my update below.

So, in March, after being left to my own devices (which is not always the safest thing), I figured it best to speak with folks more deeply steeped in the YAP program than I, and a flurry of phone calls to a multitude of divisional/regional advisors and resorts across the country ensued. My intention in interviewing myriad talented patrol leaders was twofold. First, to understand how this program works across the country and second to identify concerns, challenges and “hidden desires” for how the program could fulfill identified needs.

What this collective of seasoned patrollers helped me to form - was an alternative YAP structure that we “hope” will help reach our PNW goal of 75% of resorts creating/enhancing YAP programs next year.

I'm sure you are all now chomping at the bit and wanting to know “could this program resolve my sleepless nights AND be easy to implement?” Well... I think so.

Does this mean you can't launch a traditional yearlong YAP program as normal - absolutely not. This is simply a different “plug and play” program that “may” be easier for you to launch. What follows is a high level overview to get a sense of the program.

What is the program?

This is a 5 consecutive weekend, 10 day commitment for parents with 16-21 years youth, which provides 5 hours of daily structured training/ progressions which deliver an “adult patroller” in 1/2/3 seasons depending on resorts.

What's different about this program?

- Structured medical, on hill, ski, terrain progressions
- On hill learning games
- Classroom study/quizzes
- Operations training
- Career preparation with medical/avalanche/ski industry
- Certificates of completion
- Easier patrol transfers.

Why did you create a different program?

Patrollers across the country expressed large time and resource commitments and high attrition rates due to young patrollers having other commitments, desire for more ski related career education for young patrollers, desire for training structure and easier program set up.

Regardless of which program fits your resort, I'd like to ask for patrollers from each resort to support us in reaching our 75% YAP program engagement across our division by:

1. RD's and patrollers helping find/appoint regional YAP advisors ASAP
2. New regional advisors or resorts wanting to launch a program should contact me, TC, at tc@tmlbe.com
3. View the Crystal Mountain “plug and play” program documents on the PNW website

Attend the teams call at 6pm PST Tuesday 9/21 to learn more about this alternative program. A divisional email with details will be sent the week before.

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SKI PATROL YOUTH (SPY) (YAP) REPORT—contin.

Lastly - a divisional decision was made at the convention to RENAME our divisional junior patrol program to "SPY" (Ski Patrol Youth). This is in response to the overwhelming feedback from resorts/patrols/leaders I spoke with. What does this mean for you if you have a program? Keep doin' what you're doin'! Update the name if you want. If you're starting a new program or want to rename/rebrand it - get started! We will provide a new logo soon. Feel free to check out Mt Hood and Spokane as two great "SPY" examples.

Before you go! What's in store for future newsletters? Well, what do you want to read about? Drop me a note with your burning questions/comments/ideas and mostly - let me know how we can ensure we have a program to develop our patrollers of the future! (After all who will help us down the hill when we retire?)

Tanja's (TC's) Bio:

Tanja began her ski career as a teen stocking boots at summer sales for Ski Chalet in Chantilly, VA. She immediately fell in love with the industry. After a failed attempt at earning her masters and becoming a "real" business woman, Tanja took off to Seattle and somehow ended up managing a ski shop for a famous ski movie maker (yup, that guy). She subsequently was recruited by K2 skis, more for her trilingual skills than her ski skills, and spent her 20's traveling around Europe managing accounts for 3 brands (K2, Olin and Pre). This subsequently led to many years living in the Alps and managing international accounts for Tecnica/Lowa and other positions with Gore-Tex, Skins Compression Gear etc.

After retiring from almost 30 years in the industry, Tanja had the "brilliant" idea of investing a few weeks annually as a ski patroller...after all "how hard could it be?" Almost 4 years later, at Crystal Mountain, WA, she was awarded Rookie of the Year, is helping instruct OEC, is developing the Crystal Mountain YAP program and was recently appointed the Divisional YAP advisor. Her extensive coaching background (National's feeder programs as well as youth and adults) has been instrumental in developing a fresh new perspective on the YAP program which promises to change the way we "YAP!"

Patroller Safety—Keynote Panel Discussion with audience participation PNWD 2021 Convention, Boise ID



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NORDIC PROGRAM REPORT

By *Eric Geisler, Nordic Program Advisor*
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The PNWD convention in Boise was well attended with 11 persons on site and 6 online through the Zoom Connection. Here are the highlights of the meeting and the requests for additional input.

All patrols with Nordic/Backcountry (NBC) activities should be registering a secondary patrol as a Nordic patrol with the same patrol name (there is no additional cost to the patrol or the patrollers for this). All patrollers engaged in Nordic/Backcountry operations/coverage should be dual registered with this secondary patrol. This is very important for the product vendors to see the number of people NSP has engaged in the program and will enhance the availability of suitable equipment offerings. A few of the patrols in the category might include – Mt. Spokane, Bogus Basin, Anthony Lakes, White Pass, 49 Degrees North and there are likely several more.

As a reminder, all Nordic/Backcountry patrollers are required to complete an On-Trail Refresher annually just like OEC. This year it should be Cycle B of the 50 skills to match OEC sequence. It should be registered as a Nordic Refresher Cycle B on the NSP Member website under Instructor Resources- Course Tools.

The Nordic program for PNWD will aim to deliver at least two Nordic/Backcountry clinics - one at Magic Mountain and the other at Mt Rainier with dates TBD. OTHER AREAS WHO WISH TO HOST A CLINIC SHOULD DO SO BY MID-OCTOBER. Please contact Eric Geisler or Matt Strauser with requests.

A Senior Evaluation will be scheduled for early April and be located in a centralized location based on the candidates who wish to participate. The Senior Program will follow the “Nordic Senior Beta” manual that is posted on the NSP Member website in the programs tab. The Nordic Senior program aims to increase proficiency in a variety of skills and broaden the scope of knowledge about the program. Our goal is to support candidates in the program to have positive outcomes. Senior status also allows patrollers to be recognized at higher levels for the efforts and accomplishments they provide in the program.

While OEC is standard across all disciplines, the Nordic Program advisors and the OEC Program advisors will be entering into discussions this fall on having Senior scenarios which are more Nordic centric and examiners who are more familiar with backcountry equipment and protocols.

The Nordic program will be re-writing the Nordic Manual (Guide to Becoming a Nordic/Backcountry Patroller) to include skills for Nordic and Backcountry operation as separate sections. All Nordic patrollers are encouraged to provide input to the manual efforts to ensure the PNWD program needs are fully supported. The existing Guide to Nordic Patrolling is available on the NSP website and can be used as a starting point. The skills listed in the current guide should be split into those which are applicable to a Nordic Center operation and those more in tune with Backcountry coverage. Some skills will apply to both sections and will be listed twice. Some patrols will utilize the entire manual.

Following the completion of the Nordic/Backcountry Program Guide, the efforts will shift to a new NBC Instructors Manual where input will also be solicited.

The program aims to increase recruitment and retention through participation in program activities and associated NSP contacts. Members are encouraged to participate in clinics, senior evaluations and instructor certifications.



WANTED *****ALUMNI MEMBER PROFILE *****

Alumni members serve in a variety of ways such as instructors, recruiters, advisors and many others. The alumni members can be found in advisory capacities at local, region, division, and national levels of the NSP. We would like to profile one of our alumni in each *Nor'Wester*. We would like to profile **you** or if you would like to see an alumni member in the next issue of the *Nor'Wester*, please let me know. We need you!

Thank you to all our alumni contributors!!

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HOW TO RENEW YOUR ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

1.To pay online:

Log in to www.nsp.org.

Click on **"Hi (Your Name)"** in upper right-hand corner, then click the highlighted "Renew Now" box on the left side of the screen on your Member Profile page.

Follow the instructions to enter your credit card information and click "Submit".

You will receive an email confirmation of your payment right away, and a new 2021 membership card via email within 2 business days.

If the "Renew Now" button is not highlighted, you may have already added the dues to your cart. If so, you will see a number 1 next to your cart in the upper right corner. Please double click on your cart to complete the payment.

2.To pay by check:

Put your NSP ID on the memo line of your check and send \$35.00 to:

National Ski Patrol
133 South Van Gordon Street, Suite 100
Lakewood, CO 80228

If you need help or have any questions please let me know.

?????MISSING YOU MISSING ME????? Be sure to let your patroller friends know they can **ALWAYS** rejoin the National Ski Patrol as an Alumni and enjoy the benefits even if they have not been a member for several years! Contact me for more information.

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To Become An Alumni Member Today - Log on to nsp.org as a member. You can find additional information at Programs/Alumni click on Become An Alumni. There is no time limit to make the decision to go from active patroller to an alumni member. This decision can be made at any time during the season or if you have been away from NSP for a number of years, you can still become an Alumni.

As you consider your Ski Patrol options... remember changing your status to alumni membership does not remove any of your NSP accomplishments. Please see the current *National Ski Patrol Policies and Procedures* (available online). It specifically states, "Awards and honorary appointments, e.g., merit stars, National Appointments, will continue to be recognized..." Yes, you may continue to wear your National Appointment pin, and any other pins and patches to show your accomplishments.

CONGRATULATIONS

Joseph Calbreath, Alumni from the Willamette Backcountry Ski Patrol, awarded the National Outstanding Alumni 2021

Alumni Membership:

What it is: A continued NSP membership to provide individuals previously registered with the National Ski Patrol the ability to remain connected to the NSP organization, their division, region and local patrol. To enjoy continued patrol comradery with old friends and to enjoy new experiences and establish new ski patrol friends.

Eligibility: Alumni membership is \$35, with \$10 returned to the division. Membership is available to any traditional member who has been registered with NSP as a patroller (above candidate) for a minimum of one year. Applications are available on the NSP website. The national office handles the initial registration of new alumni. Active members who are Lifetime Members keep that status upon becoming alumni. In addition, NSP members with more than 30 years of continuous service who wish to become a Lifetime Member, the Lifetime fee is reduced.

Requirements: Alumni are not required by NSP to fulfill any refresher requirements except those needed to maintain instructor certifications. Alumni may choose to continue to maintain OEC certification through the refresher process. Any registered Alumni who satisfy the continuing requirements for being an instructor may serve in that capacity.

Benefits:

Prodeals: NSP store, most prodeals, access to NSP website

Stay Connected: Alumni e-Newsletter, Ski Patrol Magazine, Division Nor'Wester

Comradery: retain connections to patrol family and create new ties.

Opportunities: participation in NSP sponsored events.

Ability to change back and forth from alumni to active patrolling by following patrol requirements.

We need to make sure that patrollers view the alumni program as a program that is a continuation of their membership in the National Ski Patrol, an opportunity to stay involved to share their expertise, to be with friends and to make new ones.

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Alumni Opportunities The solution is to have active encouragement by Patrol Directors/ Representatives to recruit patrollers. Know the benefits and opportunities of the Alumni Membership and to create new ones in our division and regions. Please let me know if you have some ideas. Here is what is currently planned...Come join us!



NSP Alumni Celebration Week at Whitefish Mountain, Whitefish, Montana, February 27-March 5, **2022**

Whitefish Mountain (formerly Big Mountain) is consistently rated in the top 30 US ski resorts, offering 3,000 skiable acres, almost 2,400 vertical, 11 chairlifts and presents an incredible skiing/snowboarding experience (see: skiwhitefish.com).

Accommodations: Most attendees are staying at nearby highly-rated Grouse Mountain Lodge (glacierparkcollection.com), just minutes from the mountain, with free shuttle to the mountain, or to/from airport, lovely rooms, double occupancy; just \$79/night. To book, call the Lodge, 406-892-2525 or email to: glacierpark@pursuitcollection.com. Start on Sunday, Feb. 27, and stay for four days or the entire week. ID yourself as “National Ski Patrol Alumni”; also notify Tim, at tviall@msn.com of your arrival date.

Join fellow NSP Alumni, NSP members, family and friends for weekly activities and fun:

Breakfasts most mornings: At Grouse Mountain Lodge, join your old and new NSP friends at 7 AM (so you can catch the 8:30 AM bus to the ski area)!

Hospitality Room at the Lodge: Tim Viall will host a hospitality room at Grouse Mountain Lodge, from 5-6:15 PM each evening – tviall@msn.com for the suite number (bring a snack to share and your own drinks).

Cross country skiing: The Lodge is adjacent to a nice cross-country ski course, with night lighting! We’ll also arrange an XC outing in nearby Glacier National Park during the week.

“Old Knees Clinic(s)”: The Northern Division Alumni Advisor will offer a no-cost “Old Knees Clinics” during the week, so you can sharpen your ski skills on those well-worn knees and legs!

Special nights out at local restaurants: 6:30 PM, for Latitude 48 on Monday; Tuesday, Whitefish Lake Restaurant (our standard Tuesday choice); Wednesday, Abruzzo Italian Kitchen. Thursday TBD.

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Optional tour into Glacier National Park (no charge), Horse-drawn sleigh rides (additional fee) or Dog Sled Adventures (additional fee) in nearby Montana State Forests. If interested, let Tim know for more detail. Shopping in downtown Whitefish: Plenty of time to shop each day; we'll organize car pools or use the hotel shuttle for those interested.

Air service: Kalispell Regional Airport has major carriers, and a shuttle from/to the hotel is available.

Advise National Alumni Advisor Tim Viall, tviall@msn.com, (209) 969-3875 of your planned arrival date, your old patrol/division, phone number and email; Tim will send you additional detail about optional tours and other planned week-long activities. Questions, contact Tim!

Join NSP bike & ski patrollers, October 7-10, 2021, 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 17th year, 60 Far West Division ski/bike patrollers, family and friends are invited to help provide 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 approximately \$5,400 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 citizen's 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.

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

Josie Elting, PNWD Advisor

AVALANCHE REPORT

By Brad Acker, Avalanche Advisor

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Situational Awareness

As we just wrapped up the PNW Divisional meeting and low temps in Boise, ID have dipped into the 40's, my mind has moved to thinking about the ski season and all the work patrollers do before the snow even starts to fly. Our current situation...it's almost fall! So, for patrollers that means OEC refreshers, on the hill refreshers and much more. Additional items with regard to Avalanche and Nordic folks include our rescue gear, our avalanche educational progression, recertification, finally planning that joint training with local search and rescue teams, and reviewing your avalanche rescue plan.

Some suggestions would include inspections of your beacons battery compartment and functionality of your beacon. If you don't have a three antenna beacon, it's also time to upgrade. For your avalanche probe, make sure your probe is structurally sound (no dents or dings) and it goes together and locks smoothly. For your shovel make sure it operates smoothly and file down any burs on the blade that may have developed last year. I also spray my shovel lightly several times a season with a kitchen spray like olive oil to keep heavy snow from sticking and building up. This trick can also work well on bindings that can have issues with snow build up.

Another item I would like us to all be aware of is women in the NSP avalanche programs. One of my major takeaways from this year's Divisional meeting is the awareness of women instructors and leadership in the avalanche program. At the Divisional level, 11% of our instructors identify as female. This ratio needs to be improved and from further looking at data from our division, a key factor to improve this ratio is getting women into leadership roles and the awareness of all leadership of potential barriers to getting more women involved. This 11% number in no way breaks down evenly by region. The Inland Empire, NW, Southern Idaho, and Wy'east regions all have less than 1% female instructors. The Oregon Region however is at 26%. The obvious question is why? From what I can see, this difference is because of female leadership. I believe the presence in the Oregon Region of female avalanche instructors, avalanche ITs, patrol directors, and Divisional leadership has helped this percentage to naturally rise. The presence of women at all levels in this leadership chain is what I feel all NSP leadership should strive for. I am specifically asking all Regional Avalanche Advisors to look at your current and potential instructors and ask the questions about how more women can get involved and what barriers might be in place from them getting involved.

Brad Acker
PNW Division Avalanche Advisor



OUTDOOR RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

By Joe Ferraro, ORM Advisor

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ORM Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

This information was provided by the NSP ORM Development Committee. Mark Petrozzi is the director.

WHAT is the ORM program? The Outdoor Risk Management program is a new NSP program, comprised of a number of courses/chapters, that provides patrollers educational content that addresses general risk management concepts, basic legal concepts and topics, an overview of ski area operations, standards, practices and principles, risk identification and mitigation activities and personal risk management. It is anticipated that there will be a testing/evaluation component to each course/chapter. There may be some hands-on practical skill-oriented components in some of the courses/chapters, as well.

WHY is the ORM program being developed? The new ORM program complements the OEC and OET training that both patrollers and ski area management have expressed an interest in, as many patrollers are being asked to perform risk management activities/functions as part of their daily responsibilities and as of now, there are no (risk management) educational resources available for the majority of (in particular) line patrollers.

HOW is the ORM program being developed? The National ORM Committee will initially act as the program's development committee to assist the National Program Director, Mark Petrozzi, along with several curriculum development experts in creating the program. The National ORM Committee consists of Division ORM Supervisors appointed by each Division, as well as some highly experienced ski industry Subject Matter Experts, who also happen to be NSP members.

WHO may take the ORM course? Anyone interested in risk management, or being asked to perform risk management activities, including patrol leadership and line patrollers, may enroll in the course. It is not recommended for Candidates.

WHEN will the ORM course be available? As stated earlier, the ORM course is currently being developed by the NPD and the National ORM Committee. It is anticipated that the curriculum will go to the Education and Curriculum Committees for review during the Fall/Winter of 2021/22, with further editing and review occurring during the late Winter and Spring of 2022, with rollout at some point in late Summer or Fall of 2022.

WHERE and **HOW** will the ORM program be delivered? This program is anticipated to be delivered through virtual/online learning modules, similar to the format used for the online portion of the annual OEC refreshers, however there may also be evaluative / practical components that have to be demonstrated at on-site/on-hill evaluations.

Are there any **PREREQUISITES** to taking the ORM courses? There are no prerequisites anticipated for patrollers to enroll in the ORM program.

Are there **COSTS** associated with taking the courses? TBD, however, it is anticipated that if the program is delivered exclusively through a virtual/online platform, there will be little to no costs associated with taking the courses.

Joseph Ferraro
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BIKE REPORT

By Denny Burt,, Bike Advisor

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Greetings! Bike Patrols are now in full swing for the summer season with many positive reports coming in. Our division currently has both NSP Registered and sanctioned Bike Patrols and also Bike Patrols that are simply tagged onto their winter ski patrols and operating on their mountains. We are trying to encourage registration of all bike patrols with NSP to allow us, in leadership, to be able to clearly respond to the needs of our bike patrols by having them visible at NSP as a Bike and Bike Host unit. Regardless of that decision, we would like all bike patrol leaders to email me with their contact information so we can clearly identify all biking units, NSP Sanctioned or otherwise using NSP OEC or OFC folks on their patrols. This will allow me to pass on all that is happening in the bike patrol realm of things to everyone in leadership and then on to the patrol's active Bike members. The recent PNWD Division Convention, in Boise, hosted a Bike Patrol break-out session that was well-attended and allowed the bike patrollers and leaders in attendance to meet face to face and to share information and creative practices on their patrol.

Mt. Spokane is ramping up a bike patrol unit currently and we are hopeful to have them fully on board at NSP soon. The Hiawatha Bike Patrol is running smoothly with seventy-two members out on that trail. Mt. Hood, Brundage, Bogus Basin and many others are in full biking operations and now that we have asked for bike unit leadership contact, we will hopefully be acquiring reports from all our bike patrol units in the next issue.

As the PNWD Bike Advisor, I was recently invited to join the national bike patrol task force. I am now active in that loop with Zoom meetings and emails flying back and forth between the 13 Bike leadership folks from across our NSP organization. We are currently amending the Patroller Handbook to include bike patrol language. We are also tasked with producing a new Primal Brand Uniform bike Jersey design that will be sold in the NSP Store along with other Bike Patrol and Bike Host apparel and bike-oriented offerings. There is a sub-committee of four, that I am part of, for that Bike Jersey design. I will have much more to report after the convention, but just needed to let you all know that we want to be responsive to your bike issues needs and again would ask all bike units (no matter how they are set up) to forward your bike leadership contact info to Denny Burt at: Denny.Burt@nsp-pnwd.org at your earliest convenience. Thank you and stay tuned for new and exciting bike member offerings soon.

Also Just Announced and Awarded at the Convention:

Our own PNW Division's NSP "**Hiawatha Trail Bike Patrol**", that had previously received the Inland Empire Region and PNW Division's "Outstanding Bike Patrol" Award, – just received the highest award possible - the "**Outstanding Bike Patrol**" of all divisions at the National Level. Five of their Hiawatha bike patrol members also received individual PNW Division awards this year and two of them - National level awards. Bike Patrols in our division are known to have many of the very best patrollers joining them as secondary from their winter ski patrol counterparts. Our division bike patrols are gaining in membership and appreciate these quality individuals greatly. Contact your local NSP Bike Patrol leader and ask to join their TEAM!

Respectfully, Denny



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BIKE REPORT—CONTINUED



Photo by Matt Sawyer, Dir. of Marketing - Hiawatha Trail

Hiawatha Trail Bike Patrol & their Outstanding Awards from Region, Division and National



OET/TRANSPORTATION REPORT

By Jack Ramsey, Transportation Advisor

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I want to thank all those who attended my break out session at the PNW Division Convention. I'm not a fan of standing in front of a group and doing all the talking. I can do that, but I'm not a fan. I prefer to have a discussion and that is exactly what this session felt like to me. I attempted to do this same thing a few years ago, but didn't allow for enough time to really get much discussion going. The subject was of course Outdoor Emergency Transportation, but more specifically analysis of Senior Level skiing and tobogganing.

The title of the session was Senior Evaluation By The Numbers. Using the PNW Division Senior Evaluation Forms, we evaluated several skiers on video. This was much easier than a real life Senior evaluation as the video replayed the skier several times including a slow motion run. My idea was to identify the Critical Point Indices to determine a plus, minus, equals score for each skill. Time was given to make notes. The longest time to complete the scoring was 1:48, which I expected to be longer. I then opened up the discussion as to how people arrived at their score. I shared a few of the scoring sheets to stimulate the discussion and added my views and opinions. I was looking for notes that could be deciphered at a debriefing to let the candidate know what went well, what needs work, and why they passed or failed, using the CPIs as the focal points. By doing this, my hope is to provide effective and informative feedback to the candidates and coaches and make the process more objective.

Judging by the feedback and Course Evaluation forms I received, it was a worthy and informative session. I will be doing it again next year, but I will also be focusing on the subject as a get around to the different Senior events next season.

For those who weren't able to make the convention, you missed a good one. It may have been the fact that everyone was so grateful just to see so many friends and fellows. It may have been the outstanding organization, or the location or the food. It was probably a combination of this and much more. Thank you and well done to everyone who made the PNW Division Convention 2021 a great event.

Jack Ramsey
PNW Division OET Supervisor

Zoom Meetings Available

PNWD now has 7 Zoom licenses that are available for patrol business in our division.

- **2 for Division and 1 for each region. Region directors need to send Shelley an email and password. Some Regions have set up a region password. Kay Seidel (Division Secretary) will be the keeper of emails and passwords**
- **Patrols, instructors, advisors, regions, etc may use these as needed.**

**Contact Shelley Urben for information on use:
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Safety Report

By Jodie Jeffers, Safety & Patroller Advisor

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Patroller Safety

The major focus for the convention was “Patroller Safety” not only from the Keynote Panel, but some time spent at each breakout session as well. This is not a new concept, but one that seems to be either assumed or ‘*goes with the territory*’ of being in Ski Patrol, so why address it? This couldn’t be farther from the case and from the convention a lot of people were able to see different ways to help emphasize Patroller Safety for their patrol. Some of the great examples included am/pm safety moments, beacon check/challenges, ways to debrief from incidents as well as long term. Fun contests to learning about psychological first aid for patrollers. “Red Token” concepts, time outs, mentor/buddies follow up, developing ways to track trends and “near misses”. So many more ideas and I am looking forward to sharing and learning more with everyone.

If you were not able to be present or see the zoom session, the Keynote had a great panel discussion with some of our PNWD Division leadership: John Nelson, Legal; Joseph Ferraro, Outdoor Risk Mgmt; Jack Ramsey, OET & Crystal Mt.; Kacy Carlson, Certified & Mt Ashland.

The above work came about from the PNWD Safety Committee that not only had the panel participants, but also included: Shirley Cummings, Carl Heine, Jim Hamilton, Mike Walsh, Micha Willits and Peter Schwartz. THANK-YOU to everyone for all your hard work!

Exchanging ideas via our website is forth coming and we have been working with Shelley and Murphy on this. We are always looking for help, ideas, etc. Look for more information as it becomes available, but know that Shelley is seeking additional help with the website and if interested please contact her directly.

Social Media is another great medium to talk about, whether your own closed internet communications or with the public you serve and area. Do you have good examples to share or want to contribute more or not sure where to turn, please contact me.

Do you want to become more involved? Do you have questions? We are looking for representation from all regions and patrols. Contact me to learn more. It is going to be an exciting year!

Safety for All

Do you have any events possibly lined up? I would love to hear about them and any ideas you have planned. Stuck and looking for ideas? Give me a call. Even during COVID, there are still many ways to get multiple safety messages and examples out safely.

Need more resources?

PNWD Safety is a member of NSAA and can forward patrollers information.

The NSP Store is having discounts on Safety Kits.

Your upcoming training this fall is a great time to share and have a dialogue on Patroller Safety, besides general overall safety topics at your area. If you need ideas or have suggestions to share, please send to: safetycommittee@nsp-pnwd.org.

Let us all pull together and get Safety back in the forefront and on everyone’s minds. Thank YOU for stepping up! NSP Creed “Service and Safety” since 1938.

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HISTORIAN/SPECIAL PROJECTS

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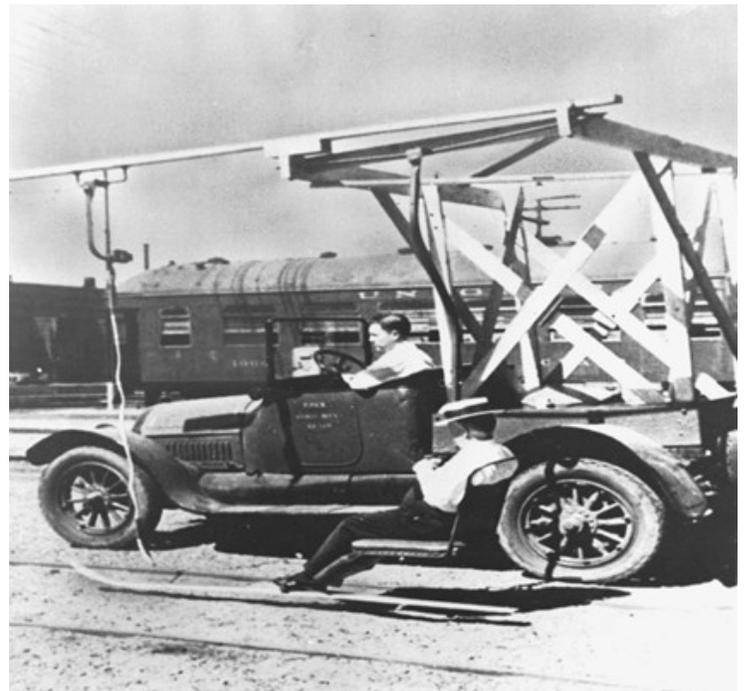
History of Ski Lifts Part III

Several years ago one of the chairlifts at our ski area went down. Patrollers needed to hike uphill to start lift evacuation. Have you ever had to walk up really high on the ski hill—without skins on? A few of our patrollers got towed uphill by the snowmobile that day (which is also not as fun as it looks), but most of us had to start hiking up. There is nothing like a climb up the hill in regular ski boots without skins on to get oneself enamored with the invention of the chair lift.

Surprisingly, both the chairlift and the rope tow first appeared in the United States in the mid-1930's--the rope tow in Woodstock, VT in 1933 and the single chairlift in Sun Valley, Idaho in 1936. The 30's were a popular time in the US for a growing interest in outdoor sports. Small ski resorts were starting up all over the country. Those same skiers who had spent most of their day climbing up the hill were looking for inventions that would allow them to spend less time hiking uphill and more time skiing down. At some resorts, rope tows were installed and skiers loved them. But the big, big deal was the chairlift where one could take a rest and ride up the hill at the same time.

While innovations in the mining industry helped to bring about the first ski rope tows, the railroad industry is credited not only with bringing large groups of people to ski resorts but also with the invention of the chairlift. Union Pacific Railroad is recognized for finding the ideal spot for a winter resort in central Idaho which would be named Sun Valley. By taking advantage of the geography, hauling skiers up to the mountain and providing a world class resort, Union Pacific made a great financial investment...and there at their Sun Valley Resort, they introduced the first chairlift.

The original chairlift designs did not haul skiers but bananas. Jim Curran is credited with the original chairlift design which was a cargo conveyor system used to load bananas onto ships in Panama. Curran's design was for the banana hooks to be replaced by chairs which people could sit on to ride up the mountain. To test Curran's design, a "lift chair" was attached to the side of a truck. Eventually, the skier would sit in the chair with skis on. However, at first, to test the speed the chair should go, the person in the chair put on roller skates. Engineers determined that the chair lift would need to operate at a speed of 4-5 miles per hour in order to pick up and drop off a skier.



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Single chairlifts did not last long. I remember riding one in British Columbia at Red Mountain Resort, home of Canadian Olympic champion, Nancy Greene. The Red Mountain chair was wooden, not painted as I recall and had more than one departure ramp. Riblet tramways installed the first double chairlift on Mt. Spokane in the summer of 1946, although sources also list Berthoud Pass, Colorado as having the first double. Riblet again went on to install the first triple at Boyne Highlands, Michigan. In 1964, Boyne also debuted the first fixed-grip quad, a Heron chair. Over the years the technology grew from the single chairlift to the “multiples”—two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight in one chair!



Single chair lift



Waiting to Load (? lift op)



When did your ski area install their first chairlift(s)? How many chairlifts does your ski area have now? Types? Do riders load as the chair comes around from behind or do skiers walk onto a magic carpet as the chair picks them up? Do you have a single or a double chair(s)? Are they with or without safety bar? A triple chair? With or without foot rest? A fixed grip triple? A quad? High speed? Fixed grip quad? A sextuple? An eight seater? With bubble or without?

When writing your patrol history, a record of when various ski lifts at your area were added can make for an interesting feature to include. I'm available to help you start the process. shirleycu@msn.com



REMINDER

Complete Your Youth Protection Training, if you haven't yet

Per NSP you are required to take the training if you are any of the following:

- Patrol representatives, directors or unit representatives in any patrol or unit where protected parties are members
- Assistant Region Directors/Section Chiefs
- Region Directors
- Region Program Administrators or Advisors in any discipline in which protected parties participate in courses or other events
- Region Legal Advisors
- Division Directors
- Division Program Supervisors in any discipline in which protected parties participate in courses or other events
- Division Legal Advisors
- National Program Directors and Advisors
- National Board Members
- National Legal Advisors
- National Safety Team
- Any instructors that will or could be working with youth
- YAP program advisors at the patrol, region, or division level, as well as any patrollers who will be training or working with youth need to take this training.

There are several training programs that will fulfill the requirement. These include:

- Armatus online training through Praesidium; required modules are: Duty to report; Preventing sexual activity among adolescents; Meet Sam (free – contact memberrecords@nsp.org with your name, member number and email address)
- [Safesport.org training](https://www.safesport.org/training) (available for a small fee)
- [BSA youth protection training \(free\)](https://www.bsa.org/youth-protection-training)

Other online trainings may complete the requirement; your Division Director or designee must approve any alternative online training. In-person trainings that are provided by other youth-serving organizations, like school districts and child care centers, will also fulfill the requirement if they are at least 2 hours in length and provide documentation of completion.

The link for submitting your training certificate is located at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1r_IsXC5h4x1143Rua3bGMJx0_pzhcnN5QZV1MHkSx4Y/edit?usp=sharing

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Seidel at PNWDSecretary@gmail.com or Shelley Urben at shelley.urben@nsp-pnwd.org

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Fergie's Forest

By Andrew Kollar

Dr. Geoffrey Ferguson, MD has spent the last 35 years dedicated to helping people in the Alpentel valley. This three-sided canyon is tucked away on the North Side of Snoqualmie Pass, Washington — an area as beautiful as it can be brutal.

Dr. Ferguson, known to many as simply “Ferg,” or “Fergie,” but no matter what you call him, he’ll answer with a friendly smile and a “hey, bro!”

If there’s a serious accident on the ski hill, Fergie is probably on the scene. He is often the one with the most experience and the one that others look to for guidance but stands behind the spotlight to shine it on others.

Fergie graduated from the University Of Washington School Of Medicine 1974 and has spent his professional career as a vascular and interventional radiology specialist. He completed the prerequisite medical training, now known as Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC), to become a ski patroller in 1988 and passed the class before the lead instructor of the course even realized he was a doctor.

You might ask how Fergie, an MD, could go through an emergency first aid class without his instructors knowing he was a doctor, humility and a mindset of continuous growth.

When Ferg joined the Alpentel Ski Patrol in the late 1980s, all four base areas at Snoqualmie were separate ski areas with four separate patrols, Central was still known as Ski Acres, and East was still called its proper name, “Hyak.” When the resorts merged to become the Summit at Snoqualmie, the four different patrols also merged. One of Fergie’s first signature stamps on the area was developing a consistent system across the pass by coordinating the OEC refreshers, eliminating the overlap, and getting all of the patrols growing together as one.

Leading up to the 2020-21 ski season Fergie would face his most difficult pre-season challenge yet — developing a plan to keep guests, patrollers, and operational employees from getting sick during the COVID-19 pandemic and created a response plan in case they did.

By the time the Summit announced ski season was on, Fergie already had a kit of personal protective equipment ready for every patroller with KN95 masks, P100 masks and the people to fit them, protective gowns, and everything else a patroller would need when dealing with a sick patient. After growing frustrated with the amount of time it took for employees to receive COVID test results, Fergie brought on-site COVID testing to the mountain, so that every employee would have access to a rapid test to prevent the spread of COVID and helped keep the mountain operating.

Keeping everyone safe during COVID is just one example of the dedication Fergy has put in for the more than 35 years that he’s volunteered at the Summit, but the list of accomplishments extends far beyond the COVID era alone. In the span of those 35 years, Fergie has received an award from his peers 17 times, including “Outstanding First-Aid Room Patroller” and “Most Inspirational Patroller” for the 2020-21 season.

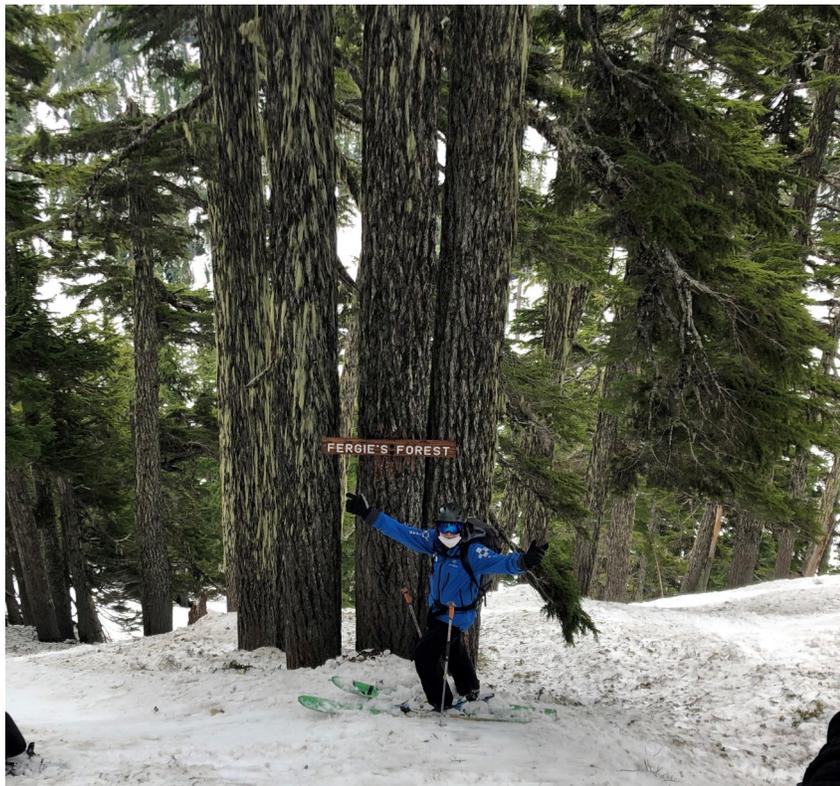
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Fergie's Forest—continued

By Andrew Kollar

Much like “Polaris” is the North Star that will always help you find your way, Fergie is Snoqualmie’s beacon of direction, who’s guided patrollers for more than three decades.

To recognize all that he has done and for what he’ll continue to do, Fergie’s Legacy will forever be etched into Alpentel’s history with **a run named in his honor**. The run, tucked under the entrance to Shot Six and next to the second “Danger Cliff” sign at the far end of Breakover, will forever be known as **Fergie's Forest**.





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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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