



## DIVISION DIRECTOR REPORT

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This has been a whirlwind of a summer with much going on. The PNWD has added to our cadre of bike patrollers, and I know that others in our division have patrolled at various summer events including large cross country running races and archery contests. We are fortunate to have so many well-trained patrollers in our division who are able to provide safety and first aid care to the expanding diverse needs of the outdoor sports industry.

The Wy'east Region put on an excellent Division Convention just a few short weeks ago in Portland. Our keynote speaker, Katja Hurt, provided a thought-provoking keynote covering patroller safety – mental, physical, and social – which she deftly wove into the theme of “Is the Scene Safe?” All of the workshops were well attended and well run. The presenters were organized and provided attendees with a lot of relevant information around their disciplines. I was able to pop in on nearly all of them and left feeling a sense of pride and confidence in our division leadership. Many thanks to everyone!

Huge congratulations go out to the awards recipients at the Convention banquet on Saturday evening. A list of winners will be coming out later, providing time for those who couldn't attend to receive their awards sometime this fall.

### From the Convention

- Patrols – Talk to your treasurers and prepare ahead. Your 990's for closing out this coming ski season will be due to Walt Seidel shortly after you close your year out. Watch your emails and the Norwester as summer of 2023 nears for the deadline. We want to make sure that our division does not have to file any extensions, and that we get our required Division 990 to National in a timely manner.
- The PNWD Board of Directors voted on Sunday to once again remain an opt-out division with regard to our Region and Division dues. National dues will continue to be paid by patrollers through their member profile on the NSP website, where division and region dues will be collected similar to the past years – at the patrol level. See Blaine's report later in this issue for more information.

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- There were several changes in our Division By-laws and Policies and Procedures (P and Ps):
  - Division dues will stay at \$8.00 until such a time that they need to be raised in order to meet our budgetary needs. This eliminates the need for the board to annually vote to reduce the dues from the \$15.00 amount currently in the P and Ps.
  - Mileage reimbursement at the division level was increased from .25/mile for a vehicle to .35/mile and from .35/mile to .45/mile for an RV. All effective August 1<sup>st</sup> of 2022.
  - The language in the By-laws and the P and Ps was changed from the use gender pronouns to gender neutral language.
  - An option for RDs and other essential Division staff to attend the spring board meeting virtually was added to the By-laws.

These changes will be made and the revised documents will be uploaded to the Division website this fall.

- There are four NSP board slots to be voted on at the Board Elections this fall, and twelve people running for those positions. Our division typically sees about a 10% turnout, and we'd really like to see that number up! Your RDs decided at the E-board meeting, at the convention, to provide our patrollers a little bit of assistance when voting this fall. They will work with me to develop a list of criteria our division believes to be important in a national board member, review the candidates and attend the fall candidate calls, and develop a list of 6-7 candidates who meet those criteria. Members can choose to vote based on those recommendations or not. We are also encouraging all patrol directors and reps to provide a computer at any refreshers that occur during the voting period, between October 15<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>, so that members can vote at refreshers if they choose.

## Other PNWD News

- Welcome to our new Division Supervisors and many thanks to those who are moving on:
  - Steve Potter: MTR
  - Britt Bachtel-Browning: Legal
  - Marianne Becker: OEC
  - Chase Hausman: Bike

Their contact information should be in this issue with their articles. If not, they are up to date on the PNWD website.

- PNWD Safety Team -
  - The PNWD Safety Team will continue to host monthly safety workshops this coming season. Watch your emails for details, coming out in September. We will NOT be holding a workshop in September.
  - 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 Jeffers, and your Patrol Safety Advisors up with your Region Advisors.
- Needed! Awards – Peter Schwartz has resigned his long-time position as the Division Awards Advisor. We are currently looking for someone to step in and fill his shoes. If you, or someone you know are interested, please contact me at [shelley.urben@nps-pnwd.org](mailto:shelley.urben@nps-pnwd.org) asap.
- Mt Hosts – Our Mountain Host Advisor, Dave Schweitzer out of Willamette Pass, is running with this program in our division. If you are curious about the host program, want to start one, or have one, please reach out to Dave. His contact information is in this Nor'Wester, or you can find it on the PNWD Website
- PNWD Website – Murphy and Jodie Jeffers have done a great job redesigning our website and updating the information on it. Please take a look and reach out to either if you see any items that should be added. We are striving to make it a relevant website that is useful for all of our members. (continued p.3)

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- 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 this season!!
  - All NSP leadership is 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, ... If you need to complete this training, log into the NSP site, go to Youth Protection, and follow the directions.

## National:

- NSP Office Staff –
  - The National office continues to go through several changes as we strive to create a more relevant organization. If you have questions please feel free to call, text or email me. I have confidence in our board chair and our board of directors as we move forward.
  - 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.
- LMS /MMS (Member Management System)–
  - The new LMS is up and running. Many of you have already started our OEC Refresher for this year which is in the new LMS. Feedback has been mixed – some like the various tools being used to engage learners, some are more resistant. Change is difficult, but I know those taking in the feedback are listening and making adjustments as we go. In fact, they are launching V2 of the refresher on September 6<sup>th</sup>, based on member comments and suggestions.
  - The new MMS is scheduled to go live sometime this season, likely later in the season than earlier. Remember, much of the information is keyed into the current system, which is inefficient and prone to human error. I'm hopeful this will greatly improve the accuracy of member records and profiles.
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Please don't hesitate to call, text or email me any time. If I don't get back to you within a couple of days, go ahead and shoot me a second note. I try to respond quickly, but at times messages get lost.

It is thoroughly my pleasure to continue to serve you and patrol with such a professional group of people. I hope to see many of you this ski season.

Sincerely

Shelley Urben, PNW Division Director



# INLAND EMPIRE REGION REPORT

By Dan Becker, Inland Empire Region Director

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2021-22 Season Inland Empire Region (IER) had a successful Advanced/Senior Training Season. Looking to keep the momentum going on the Advanced/Senior Training Program for the 2022-23 season. IER is encouraging patrols that have patrollers needing advanced training, more than just a refresher, to send them to the Advanced/Senior IER Training Clinics.

Both the Advanced/Senior OEC & OET Advisors have expressed the need for new Instructors this coming 2022-23 Season. IER is looking to gain the needed Instructors for 2022-23 Season.

2021-22 Season was challenging to cover all the OEC Refreshers with Instructor Trainers in the fall of 2021. This coming 2022 fall Refresher dates have been posted & emailed out to the IER patrollers to juggle the dates to remedy this issue.

Hiawatha Bike Patrol has brought on 7 new Bike Hosts this 2022 Season. IER's Lookout Pass Ski Patrol will be having close to 5 of them go through their OEC program to become Ski Patrollers.

Along with the 5 new Mt Host/Patrol Candidates from the Hiawatha Bike Patrol, Lookout has recruited 19 Patrol Candidates in the 2021-22 season and is looking forward to developing them into patrollers for the 2022-23 season for Lookout Pass Ski Patrol.

Mt Spokane had 19 new Ski Patrol Candidates pass the written test this summer. IER is looking forward to having Mt Spokane gain these new patrollers.

IER has issued some good Awards for accomplishments last season and is looking to continue the trend in to the 2022-23 season.

I know this report was for the PNWD 2022 Convention. That being stated IER is going to host the PNWD 2023 Convention. We have a small committee established, have been looking at accommodations to hold the event and are looking forward to planning an eventful 2023 convention.

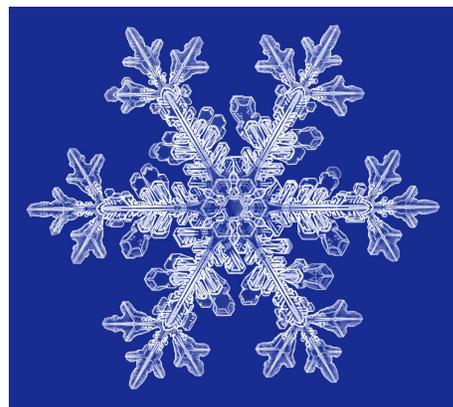
## Updates:

New OEC Co Advisors: Brenda Stinbaugh & Derick Van Marter

New PNWD OEC Advisor: Marianne Becker

May we all make good turns in the 2022-23 season,

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# SOUTHERN IDAHO REGION REPORT

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

Just returned from the PNWD convention in Portland. It's always fun to see familiar faces of patrollers from around the division. I always learn something new. One of the big events is the Saturday night awards dinner. Congratulations to all the winners. The Southern Idaho Region took home two awards both from Bogus Basin: PNWD Outstanding Alpine Patroller of The Year, Pam Carson and PNWD Outstanding Young Patroller, Bennet Loayza. Good job to all keep up the fantastic work.

Change is always happening; one of the big changes is the new **Center For Learning**. It is replacing the Course Schedule tab on the NSP website. You will need to go to the Center for Learning to do the online portion on the fall refresher. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time, it's more involved than previous years. If you are an instructor there is an update that you must do before you can register courses. Get it done before refreshers are upon us.

Another change is the passing of patrollers, a partial list of fallen patrollers for Southern Idaho.  
From Bogus Basin: Beverly Fricke, Mark Barnes, Roark Nagler, Andrew Kaddas and Arlee Kawakami  
From Payette Lakes: Dale Luther  
From Anthony Lakes: Wayne Williams, Denny Lewis and Ruth Metlen

A list like this always makes me think about the rich history of the ski patrol. It also makes me want to work harder as we all should to bring new and younger people in to the great family of patrollers.

## Important Upcoming Dates:

### Refreshers

ALSP September 24<sup>th</sup>  
Bogus Basin October 15, November 6

### Regional Meeting

October 15<sup>th</sup> Zoom 5pm Pacific time

### Senior Clinics: 2023

Jan 7-8 Anthony Lakes  
Feb 4-5 Bogus Basin

### Eddie Orbea Senior Test 2023

Feb 24-26 @ Soldier Mountain

Enjoy what is left of the summer, have a fantastic fall, hope to see everyone on the snow.

Dave Campbell

SIR Director

# OREGON REGION REPORT

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Greetings from the Oregon Region –

Before you know it we'll be sliding on snow! Refreshers are being planned, IT's are being appointed, registrations are being discussed and hopefully you are all glancing at those skis every time you pass them in the garage!

I've been thinking a lot about what goals I have to the upcoming season. While this has been an ongoing goal, I still feel that it is important to the program and to the profession. I'd really love to continue to promote the Senior program. There are some great Senior candidates roaming around the Region and I'd love to get them in the pipeline and get training started soon! If you have any questions about the program, start with your Patrol Director and if they can't answer the questions, I will or I'll find someone who can.

As you may be aware, the Oregon Region has been without a few vital staff positions for several years. I am in desperate need for interested members to help the Region and Division in the following positions:

- Secretary
- Legal
- Alumni
- SPY
- Medical

If you, or anyone you know, are at all interested in filling one of these very important positions, please get in touch right away!!

I'd also like to continue to encourage you all to attend the Safety Culture 4 All series webinar/meetings. Information can be found in this edition of the Nor'Wester.

Andy Bechdolt  
Oregon Region Director

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# NW REGION REPORT

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As is typical, the off season here in the NW Region has been fairly quiet. The season extended well into the spring with Crystal being the last area to shut down after Memorial Day. Most of the resorts in the region either have had or are in progress of running OEC courses for new candidates. Summit Central has completed theirs, Alpentel, West/Hyak and Crystal are all under way and White Pass and Mt. Baker have courses scheduled for the September/October time.

Yes, it has been quiet, but we are into September and another year will be upon us before you know it so it's time to start spooling up. Get the boards tuned up, including adjusting AND TESTING those bindings that have been sitting idle all summer. Start bringing back the ski legs, yeah that one takes me a while...and sooner, rather than later, we will start seeing snow covered peaks and checking in for our Duty Days. But before all that happens, we all have our refreshers coming up. There are a number scheduled in the region, scattered throughout the fall with Crystal Mountain's being the last opportunity, Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>.

See you all on the hill

# WY' EAST REGION REPORT

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The Wy' east calendar is starting to fill up with OEC Refreshers, Chairlift Evac Practice, OEC classes and CPR classes and updates. Avalanche and MTR classes have added to the NSP Schedule.

Mountain Biking was dropped at Skibowl this season due to a large lawsuit related to the mountain biking operation. Hopefully, Mountain Biking will return to Skibowl in the Summer of 2023. Timberline Mountain Bike trails opened for their second year with several new trails this summer, and a dedicated group of MHSP Mountain Bike Patrollers. The formation of a separate Mt Hood Bike Patrol is currently in process.

The Wy' east region is going to continue having most Council and General Patrol meetings via Zoom,,one of the few positives to come out of the Pandemic. The driving time our council members save was a significant factor.

Since ski patrollers are considered "health care workers", all working patrollers will still 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 22-23 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 Summer skiing, biking and adventure parks, the rules haven't changed much. Training will probably be mostly virtual, or outdoors.

The Wy' east region just completed the 2022 PNWD Convention. Many thanks to Matt Wood, who stepped in late in the game to take over as Convention Chair. The PNWD Convention Awards Banquet brought a Wy' east Region patroller, Steve Potter, a National award as Outstanding Nordic Patroller.

Think Snow!!

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## **2023 PNWD Convention Report**

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I am proud to announce that the 2023 Pacific NW Division Ski Patrol Convention will be in Spokane, Washington!

The dates have been set and will be the 11th, 12th, and 13th of August.

The convention will be located near downtown Spokane, at Rubys, which is located along the north bank of the Spokane River and just east of Division St. Access to the hotel is easy and there is plenty of parking.

There will be a Friday night BBQ located outside and a formal dinner Saturday evening. We are currently working on breakout sessions and activities.

The registration process is currently being developed and is expected to be ready within a couple of months. The theme for the convention has been selected and is currently a secret.

This is going to be an exciting and informative event! To all ski patrollers and mountain hosts, we welcome you to Spokane, Washington for the 2023 Pacific NW Division Ski Patrol Convention!

## NSP PACIFIC NW DIVISION 2022 CONVENTION

Matt Wood, 2022 Annual Convention Chair

Wy'east region held a very successful 2022 NSP Pacific NW Division Convention. While attendance was down to just under 100 compared to most years of 125-150, it was a lively group that got to enjoy a very full presentation and education program and got to speak with vendors such as Edge Rescue, SAM Splint, Lifeflight and MHSP's own Dave Miller, offering his Troopiter software.

Summit at Snoqualmie Patroller Katja Hurt gave a thoughtful and moving keynote on "Is the Scene Safe?", which focused not only on what we consider to be conventional scene safety but wove in elements of DEI in ways that probably would not occur to most of us. She was a very compelling speaker, and we look forward to seeing her again!

If we missed you and you are interested in reading or downloading the presentations from the education track speakers, you can download presentations from the PNWD MS Teams Site.

No list of thanks is ever complete, but as the 2022 Convention Chair, I offer my heart-felt thanks to an amazing team from Mt Hood Ski Patrol and from Division, without whom this whole thing would not have happened (I mean it!):

**Reba Sharp** – Convention Coordinator and Treasurer, swag-bag stuffer and registrar extraordinaire

**Kathy Lee** – Convention Coordinator, Major Domo, Institutional Memory and Printing House. If we needed a historical document, she had it!

**Scott Chandler** – our assistant webmaster got "voluntold" late in the game and did a magnificent job learning the website software and making everything look great, often with last-minute changes

**Joel Stevens** – Wy'east Region Director and program coordinator, he got the unenviable job of cracking the whip on our presenters to get us their stuff!

PNWD Division Director **Shelley Urben** met with us regularly and kept us on track and arranged our amazing keynote address.

PNWD Webmaster **Richard Murphy** also did a huge amount of the website development and arranged our Square payment system.

PNWD Safety Advisor (and former MHSPer) **Jodie Jeffers** assisted with the website and kept the safety messaging flowing.

For great and informative presentations, thanks to all session presenters!

Thanks to MHSP patrollers **Mike Anderson, Mark Gill, Pamela Louie** and host **Michael Chacon** for day-of volunteering and cat-herding.

Special thanks to MHSP Mountain Host Director **Jan Silagi** and husband **John Silagi** for doing an incredible job running the hospitality suite for three days, keeping food and beverages topped up and every surface spotlessly clean! To **Erin Ellis** (Scott Chandler's wife), a debt of gratitude for working so hard to get us donations for the small-but-mighty silent auction and hospitality suite. To **Chuck Corcoran** and his company Pacific Seafoods, we feasted mightily on your most excellent donation of shrimp!

And extra-special thanks to our own **Toby Willey** and **Edge Rescue** for his donation and creation of the "Edge Rescue Hospitality Suite" and for bringing sleds and gear and swag for his exhibit (and letting us visit with his sales manager AKA daughter **Josie** too!). Toby has been sponsoring the PNWD hospitality suites for over a decade and deserves a HUGE show of thanks!

# PNWD 2022 Convention Photos



**Doug Stanton's Ropes Rescue Basics Session**



**Patrollers reuniting**



**Saturday Awards Banquet**



**National Appointments—New & Old**

# PNWD MEDICAL ADVISOR REPORT

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Preparing for a Changing School Year and Ski Season

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PNWD Medical Advisor

Fall is upon us and it is time to get ready for a new school year and ski season. It is a busy time gathering school supplies and taking last-minute family trips while still keeping track of rapidly changing health concerns.

So, where do we start? Well some things have not changed. We need to start getting back in condition for skiing. Start your exercise program and check your equipment! These precautions will provide you the best chance of avoiding an injury this season.

The CDC is issuing new guidelines on COVID and Monkeypox. Unfortunately, I anticipate a COVID resurgence this fall. It is also likely that more new variants will appear making an annual COVID booster as routine as our annual flu shot.

As first-aiders, our guidelines have not changed. Wear a mask when providing first aid. Get any booster you are eligible for now. Get the new COVID strains vaccine when it is available. Continue to wear gloves and wash your hands frequently. Sanitize equipment after use.

How do we take care of our children? With the teacher shortages, I anticipate class size may be larger. Additionally, if the mask requirement for schools is lifted, this will result in increased COVID exposure for our children. Make sure your children are fully vaccinated! Encourage them to wear their masks even if their classmates are not wearing theirs. Have them vaccinated with the new vaccine when it is available.

We are also seeing a new infection spreading throughout the country – Monkeypox. In early June there were approximately 100 cases being reported to the CDC in the US per day. On 8/9/22 we knew of 9492 cases in the US. As of 8/18/22 the reported cases numbered 14,115 or an average of 514 cases per day during that period.

Infection predominately involves skin-to-skin contact generally involving males who have close contact with other males. However, there are now cases being reported among women and children involving contaminated bedding and clothing.

Vaccination is hard to obtain and the infection is very painful for several weeks with VERY limited treatment options. For the patroller, that again means taking the precaution of glove wearing and noticing any skin rashes or small blisters which should alert the patroller to the possibility of monkeypox and the need to ensure decontamination of equipment and clothing. Make sure your children understand not to share towels or gym clothes.

Bottom line – continued vigilance in maintaining safety protocols to avoid infecting ourselves and/or family are needed. Hopefully, this will allow you an infection free and enjoyable ski season and new year.

# OEC REPORT

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Greetings,

My name is Marianne Becker and I am the new Division OEC Supervisor. I am excited to be of help and service in this new role.

A little bit about myself. I am a Team Leader in a very busy and progressive Radiology Imaging Company in Spokane WA. I have about 30 employees, which keeps me engaged, motivated and challenged. I have been a Radiologic Technologist for over 40 years and love my career. I have been involved in many procedures in Interventional Radiology and Cardiology as well as all different types of exams and procedures in the x-ray department. Technology has evolved in so many ways and advanced throughout my career. I look back to when I started, when I had to develop x-rays in a processor (took 90 sec) and now everything is digital and view an image in 2 sec.

I am a Senior Patroller and currently patrol at Lookout Mountain, which is located on the border between Montana and Idaho. I am also a member of the Hiawatha Bike Patrol during the summer months.

I have been a Patroller since 2009 in the Inland Region. I have also been engaged in training for OEC and have been the Region OEC Advisor for the past several years.

I am eager to keep you up to date with the new Senior program, as information becomes available and work with each Region to develop their advanced Senior training programs.

I know there will be new challenges with the Learning Management System, which all of the patrols in the Division are experiencing now as you are starting to plan and schedule your Refreshers and OEC courses. I look forward to going through the struggles with you.

As demonstrated by a brief description of my career, I look forward to adapting to the new National Ski Patrol Systems with you.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

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# OUTDOOR RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

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In the PNWD, I want to focus on Safety For All and Personal Risk Management. The idea is to know what inherent risks are to our ski and bike areas, and what are not inherent risks. Also, what is a hazard, and what actions we should take to reduce or eliminate that hazard from becoming an incident or accident. We need to examine our current status and procedures to see if we can improve on them by looking towards other areas for beneficial examples and experiences. Not all areas operate risk management activities the same, but we all should benefit from the expertise and experience of all the NSP areas, and not go it alone. As we all know, if we don't continue to learn from the past (HISTORY), we will repeat our mistakes and misstep in the future. A HUGE part of personal risk management is fitness and knowledge of your limitation. This is not an excuse to get out of expected tasks, as much as it is knowing yourself physically and mentally on a short-term basis.

Please, let's do it right the first time by taking the risk management courses and educational opportunities offered to us.

Finally, along with the PNWD Convention and PNSAA Convention, I plan to visit additional PNWD areas this summer and winter to observe, learn, and give risk management education.

Sincerely,

Joseph S Ferraro  
PNWD Outdoor Risk Management Advisor  
National Ski/Bike Patrol  
49 Degrees North and Mt Spokane Ski and Snowboard Areas

## Senior Program Revised!

The NSP Senior Program is currently under revision, starting with the OEC component this year. The mission of OEC Module of the Senior Program (OEC-MSP) component is a national education program that encourages members to participate in field relevant exercises to help them develop skills in decision making, problem management, and leadership as it relates to the treatment of patients. In addition, the practical exercises that are conducted enhance the ability of the patrollers to handle serious patients in an austere environment.

The Division Director team has been working with our Division OEC Supervisors and the National OEC Supervisor to make a program that:

- Is more intimate
- Is less intimidating
- Allows for a successful completion providing candidates put in the work
- Requires less resources/people to put on a final evaluation

And more

Please watch for more information to come your way this fall.

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# PNWD REGISTRAR REPORT

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## 1. Per the PNWD E-Bd and Board, PNWD continues as an Opt-Out Division for 2022-23

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Members have been made aware that NSP dues for all membership types other than Alumni have been increased to \$80.00 for 2022-23. Alumni is now \$55.00.

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 \$80.00 National dues. PNWD Late Fees of \$5.00 will be due effective Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, and a National Late Fee of \$10.00 will be applicable Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. If beyond June 30<sup>th</sup>, the late fee will increase to \$20.00, and if not paid by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, the member will start over at zero for years of service once paid.

This is the same as last year for other than the dues increase for National dues. PNWD Division dues remain at \$8.00.

PD/PRs should note that the 'Patrol Rep/Host Unit Director Tutorial eff. July 2021' is still applicable. The document summarizes changes recently instituted in 2021 for the Patrol Formation & Registration process for NSP. Take the time to read this carefully. Recognize, however, that this document assumes a division is Opt-In, and isn't totally applicable to the PNWD which is Opt-Out.

A Zoom virtual Patrol Formation & Registration seminar was held for all new PD/PRs and Registration Reps on Monday August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:30 PM Pacific to learn about the Patrol Formation & Registration process. Existing PD/PRs and Registration Reps wishing a refresher were invited as well. Notices and Zoom sign-in information was provided prior to the event.

Further updated information in ppt was provided to those individuals after the seminar was concluded.

## 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 then join as a Patrol Candidate using the Patrol Candidate Join process provided to them by their PD/PR. 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 the 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' Join 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](mailto:memberrecords@nsp.org) to go in and correct the person's record manually to ( C ) and (CAN) on your patrol. Copy your request to me at [bcprice58@msn.com](mailto:bcprice58@msn.com).

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# REGISTRAR REPORT—continued

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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 regular Ski Patrols or Bike Patrols. We currently have 8 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 for new or returning members, request members to go into their Profile on line and update or make corrections.

And 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 and are not members if they show as WEB. (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 participating 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>, but the opportunity ends then, and they will then have to start over in years of service after that date. Since we are in a new patrol year, the person will have to directly contact [memberrecords@nsp.org](mailto: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.

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## REGISTRAR REPORT—continued

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### 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 Affiliate, 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 newer ID # will have to be deleted manually by the Office to proceed. Contact me at [bcprice58@msn.com](mailto:bcprice58@msn.com) or [memberrecords@nsp.org](mailto: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](mailto:memberservices@nsp.org) to reinstate in the system.

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

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

Blaine Price, PNWD Registrar

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## INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT

By *Kathy Alexander, ID Advisor*

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Thank you to all the ID Instructors and IT's who attended the ID session at the PNWD Convention in August.

We spent some time checking into NSP's **Center for Learning**: please pay attention to emails from the Education Department for updates and information on changes as I have been receiving at least one notice a week. i.e. read the June 16 NSP Sweep; NSP Sweep July 2022.

**REMEMBER**: in order to register a course in the Center for Learning, Instructors and IT's need to first complete the 3 workshops which explain course Registration Process, Modification Process, and Closure Process. It takes some time to navigate the Center for Learning, so hopefully you can do this before you start a new ID course: this way, you may be familiar enough to help new ID students. Online Learning sessions are also being held by NSP on the how-to's of the Center for Learning.

And **ID Instructor Recert**: if your cert expires this Dec. 31, 2022, please check your NSP Member profile: note if you have taken an **ID-ICE course** and an **ID-Instructor Skills Review course** in the past 3 years and that you have been actively teaching. Try to get these requirements done early so you can be recertified for the next 3 years. If you have any questions or need help in finding courses for this process, please let me know ASAP. And thank you to all of you ID Instructors for all you do for this NSP program.

PNW Division Convention was, in my humble opinion a rousing success this year. I want to thank everyone involved with putting that together for a tough job done well. I was able to attend a couple breakout sessions and both were excellent. If anyone is struggling with recruiting new volunteers, do yourself a favor, and get in touch with Tanya Carter. She is the new Division Supervisor for the Young Adult Patroller or Ski Patrol Youth depending if you like Yap or Spy as an acronym. Her presentation was full of helpful information on how to set up a program at your area. She has put together a kit to make it as easy and successful as possible. I was also able to attend the session sponsored by SAM Splints and presented by Bob Waddell. He showed off a couple new products and some of the tried and true items. His info on pelvic slings and appropriate application was well worth the price of admission. If you get a chance to attend a PNWD Convention, I do highly recommend the experience.

My breakout Session was the same as last year. In fact I enjoyed it so much that I did two sessions this year. I only focused on Senior level skiing and how to score it so we are creating learning experiences for the candidates whether they pass or fail. Thank you those who attended as well as the feedback. One subject of contention that came up was, is the Senior standard too high? Are we losing people who become disillusioned after working hard during the season only to fail on the one day the final occurs? To that, my response is, my definition of Senior level skiing and tobogganing. A Senior OET Operator in the Pacific Northwest Division should be able to run any toboggan (in common use in the PNWD) down any slope, in any snow conditions, with any other Senior Level Operator and do it with style and grace. I have been espousing this definition for many years now and believe it best exemplifies what we look for from our candidates. If you feel differently, I am open to discussion for a different definition, otherwise I will continue with my crusade.

The Northwest Region will be presenting the Advanced Terrain Clinic on March 25-26, 2023. We will have several courses from the alphabet that is the NSP course options. Course offerings planned are TES, SES, TTW, STW, and of course the Toboggan Enhancement Seminar on advanced terrain. This will be a great opportunity to challenge yourself to whatever degree you prefer. Details will be forthcoming so stay tuned.

I am looking forward to visiting more areas in the coming season to further calibrate the Senior Coaches and Evaluators. I will also be adding some drills to help our candidates meet the definition of Senior OET.

If you are an OET Instructor you should be looking at your profile to see when your next re-certification is due. If you are due, please contact your region advisor on when and where they plan to offer those courses.

I'm looking forward to seen you when the snow flies.

Jack Ramsey  
PNW Division OET Supervisor



# AVALANCHE REPORT

By Brad Acker, Avalanche Advisor

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Hello All, and happy 'almost fall'! While it's still pretty hot in the PNW, its time to start thinking about the upcoming ski season. We just finished with the PNW Division Convention, this year in Portland, and thanks to all the patrollers and hosts from Mt. Hood. My convention presentation should be on-line at the convention website. The following is a summary of what we discussed.

At the national level, we have started a new process of tracking patrollers seeking to become avalanche instructors of record (IOR). The process of becoming an IOR in the NSP takes a great amount of commitment. The instructor must have avalanche knowledge, experience, and teaching skills. As with all NSP disciplines, instructor development classes and a mentor to work under is required. As a result, the time it takes to become an IOR can be several years depending on the experience level the patroller starts with. In the past, we never had a formal process of tracking these individuals. Well, I'm happy to say, now we do thanks to our National Avalanche Director, Patrick Stanton. If you have aspiring instructors please direct them to the "Become an Instructor" link which can be found on the Avalanche Program page of the national NSP website. After filling out the form, the region advisor will be alerted and can start to track and assist in the start of this process.

The Snow and Avalanche Workshops have started to be scheduled. Please see the AAA webpage, <https://www.americanavalancheassociation.org/>, go to Outreach, and Events. While you are on the page, if you are not a AAA member, please consider becoming one. While it has always been a great idea to be member, the NSP has started conversations on how the NSP and AAA can work more closely together. While I don't have anything to talk about at this point, I see this as a very positive directions for both organizations.

At the convention, from an education standpoint, we discussed the use and growing popularity of the Avalanche Terrain Evaluation Scale (ATES), and the use of the Conceptual Model of Avalanche Hazard (CMAH). Both are great tools in trip planning and hazard mitigation. Please see my presentation link from the convention website (<https://www.pnwdcon.org/>).

Keep safe, keep healthy and keep vaccinated! Hope to see you on a ski hill or refresher in the near future.

Brad Acker, PNW Division Avalanche Advisor

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# SPLINT GUY REPORT

By Glen Dodge

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## What is your Patrols supply of cardboard splints?

The new season is fast approaching and maybe your patrol is getting ready to take inventory of your equipment supplies.

As the Splint Guy I do have inventory, in Seattle, of the cardboard splints most of us commonly use to ship patients off the hill. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend this year's convention and so the normal stack of bundles didn't make it either.

Please call or send me a note with your splint supply requests and we can discuss the options for getting them to you in the next few months.

Glen Dodge

# MTR REPORT

By Steve Potter, MT Advisor

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MTR due for recertification this December, please watch for an email from the new MTR Advisor concerning the recertification process. I am looking forward to a new season of patrolling and MTR instruction to develop new Nordic Patrollers and sharing MTR with others.

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## WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

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### Website, Social Media Updates & Contest

PNWD is going to initiate and showcase the great patrols, patrollers and areas in both the website and social media. Looking for a great tag line to do this....Contest Entry Deadline: 9/30.  
Winner receives their choice of a \$50 gift card to either REI or the NSP Store.  
Want to help with this or submit your entry, email: [webmaster@nsp-pnwd.org](mailto:webmaster@nsp-pnwd.org)

### WEBSITE: NEED HELP TO MAKE THIS WORK!

Please visit the [PNWD Website](http://www.nsp-pnwd.org) and explore the Calendar, Nor'Wester, History Project, Who's Who, Updates, etc. There are still many things in the works including behind the scenes, but we are wanting feedback from you. Go to [www.nsp-pnwd.org](http://www.nsp-pnwd.org) to look around.

- What else do you want the website to do, have, showcase?
- Do you want to help with the division website?
- Share your patrol or region website with us.
- Final Sweep/Memorial Page being planned and worked on....

### SOCIAL MEDIA: ALSO LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT AND HELP.

Have events happening and want to alert the PNWD about?  
Took some awesome pictures of your patrol, patroller? Let's showcase it!  
Follow and send to Facebook & Instagram by tagging us.  
Facebook @SkiPatrolPNWD  
Instagram: @nspnwdssafetyteam  
Let us know and Thank You,  
[webmaster@nsp-pnwd.org](mailto:webmaster@nsp-pnwd.org)

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# NORDIC PROGRAM REPORT

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PNWD Nordic/BC

Let's begin with a few questions: Are you thinking about refreshers and training? Do you use the 50 (70) skill list for your N/BC refreshers? Is your N/BC refresher in sync with the OEC refresher cycle?

If so, then this fall is cycle C and you are preparing to refresh skills 1-12, 16-25, 29-32, 40, 41-50, and more. It is a lot of content. How can you cover all of this in a way that results in successful patroller competence? We want patroller success in all learning environments - whether online or on the hill. Think about three things we can do before class begins.

Consider how to help your patrollers come to class prepared:

1. Have a plan and share it with the group before you meet. Use your patrol website or a shared document.
2. Let each patroller prepare and present. Have a column in the 50 (70) skill list that shows who is the presenter. Another shared document.

Do a call with each presenter a few days before class to discuss and encourage.

I hope that these steps will lead to patroller learning success. I look forward to seeing you this winter.

If you would like a copy of the 50 (70) list feel free to contact Matt.

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Nordic patrollers training  
Don Elting & Joseph Calbreath of the Willamette Backcountry Ski Patrol



## PACIFIC NORTHWEST DIVISION OUTSTANDING ALUMNI CONGRATULATIONS DONNA SHORT



**DONNA SHORT,** "Patrolling has been such a big and positive part of my life that just stopping did not appeal to me. Being Alumni keeps me connected to my ski patrol friends, new and old, and allows me to still share my skills and serve our visitors. Throw in continuing access to NSP training, education, magazines/newsletters and pro deals and it is quite the deal!" Congratulations Donna! Consider the Alumni Membership to continue being an active NSP member. We have a job for you!



## DUES UPDATE

**A message from Richard H. Boyce about Alumni dues.** To all our valued Alumni: The dues increase for 2022-2023 was a difficult decision - but not one made quickly or without tremendous analysis. In early July 2022, the NSP Board of Directors voted on increasing annual membership dues from \$60 to \$80 per year, with adjustments for **alumni from \$35 to \$50 per year.** Alumni membership will continue to provide you with the member benefits you've come to enjoy and rely upon. This increase was the result of in-depth analysis and was passed unanimously.

Your Alumni member benefits include:

- *Ski Patrol Magazine* subscription
- Discounts through the Online Store and NSP Pro Deals Page
- Regular e-newsletters tied to alumni-specific topics
- Opportunities for alumni involvement in ski, bike, and mountain host programs
- Voting rights in National board elections
- Opportunity to participate in NSP Training or Education programs
- Online access to the NSP website
- A host of growing regional, divisional, and National alumni events across the US

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# ALUMNI ADVISOR REPORT—continued

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Does this come with a cost? – absolutely. But, we believe deeply that this will make our organization stronger in both the near term and long. In addition to sustaining the educational programs and initiatives in place, keeping staff, protecting our assets, our plan also factors in an improved IT infrastructure (Learning Management System and Member Management System), which has been problematic for some time (PLEASE SEE COMPLETE MESSAGE ON NSP.ORG).

**Alumni 2022-2023 dues of \$50 can be paid online. If you wish to mail in your dues, send a \$50 check to the National Ski Patrol, 133 South Van Gordon Street, Suite 100, Lakewood, CO with your NSP Member ID on the memo line.**

## **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:**

Lifetime Membership: Patrollers who wish to become Lifetime Alumni members can do so for a one-time fee which helps support the Education Endowment Fund. For those with **more than 30** years of continuous membership, the Lifetime fee is reduced [check with NSP for cost]. **For members with 50 years of continuous membership the LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IS FREE** [currently the cost is \$800]. The years of membership must be verified by the National office. Lifetime members receive a Lifetime membership lapel pin, framed certificate and Lifetime membership card.

## **Lifetime Member Requirements taken from May 2021 NSP Policies and Procedures**

5.5.2.1 Any traditional member of the NSP who has been registered in any category except candidate for at least one year is eligible to purchase a National lifetime membership. Purchased Lifetime membership only applies to national-level registration. Members who wish to become lifetime members should contact the national office for information about the current fee. There is a reduced rate for members with 30 years of continuous service/membership. For members who have 50 years of service/membership, lifetime membership will be free, and processed annually by the NSP.

5.5.2.2 Lifetime members receive a gold lifetime membership pin, a walnut- framed lifetime membership certificate, and a lifetime membership registration card.

5.5.2.3 When an active lifetime member is no longer going to continue as an active patroller, they should notify the national office; their lifetime membership automatically becomes a lifetime Alumni membership.

**RENEW \*\*\* RENEW \*\*\* RENEW \*\*\*RENEW \*\*\* RENEW \*\*\* RENEW**

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - We still have some alumni members that have not renewed their 2021-2022 membership.**

**Alumni 2021-2022 dues of \$35 can still be paid online. Please update any information if needed. If you wish to mail in your dues, send a \$35 check to the National Ski Patrol, 133 South Van Gordon Street, Suite 100, Lakewood, CO with your NSP Member ID and 2021-2022 on the memo line. DON'T MISS OUT ON A FREE LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP.**

**ALUMNI RECOGNITION:** Alumni are active throughout our division. Please share with me the wonderful things you and they are doing. There are region events, patrol recognitions and many more activities that alumni may participate in. Thank you for your continued membership and your commitment to be involved.

**INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS:** Alumni Information can be found on the NSP and PNWD Alumni sites. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any information on the NSP Alumni Program or Membership.

**ALUMNI OPPORTUNITY:** Plan now to join us in Montana .Bring family and friends to a wonderful winter experience!

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## **NSP Alumni Celebration Week at Whitefish Mountain, Whitefish, Montana, **February 26-March 4, 2023****

**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: [ski-whitefish.com](http://ski-whitefish.com)). In 2022, \$29 lift tickets for “super seniors” (age 70 & up) and discounts to those 65 & up (book on-line, for multi days and save more); hence, alumni/spouses/younger skiers save money).

**Accommodations:** Most attendees stay at nearby highly-rated **Grouse Mountain Lodge** ([glacierparkcollection.com](http://glacierparkcollection.com)), just minutes from the mountain, with free shuttle downtown, then to mountain, or to/from airport, lovely rooms, double occupancy; just \$89/night. **To book,** call the lodge, (406) 892-2525 or email to: [glacierpark@pursuitcollection.com](mailto:glacierpark@pursuitcollection.com). Start on Sunday, Feb. 26, and stay for multiple days or the entire week. **ID yourself as “National Ski Patrol Alumni”;** also notify **Tim**, at [tviall@msn.com](mailto:tviall@msn.com) of your arrival date.

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

**Breakfast/espresso bar/pastries mornings:** At Grouse Mountain Lodge, join your old and new NSP friends at 7 AM (so you can catch the lodge shuttle into downtown to connect to the Snow Bus)!

**Dinners at the lodge or in downtown Whitefish each night.** Meet with friends or as a group each night.

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

**Special nights out at local restaurants:** 6:30 PM, Sunday night, at Grouse Mtn. Lodge; Monday night, at Latitude 48; Tuesday, Whitefish Lake Restaurant; Wednesday, Abruzzo Italian Kitchen; Thursday TBD. Clinics: We hope to arrange a no-cost “Old Knees Clinics” during the week, and cross-country outing, so you can sharpen your ski skills on those well-worn knees and legs!

**Shopping in downtown Whitefish:** Plenty of time to shop each day; we’ll organize car pools or use the hotel shuttle into downtown for those interested.

**Optional tour into Glacier National Park** (Tuesday, no charge), **Horse-drawn sleigh rides** (additional fee) or **Dog Sled Adventures** (additional fee) in nearby Montana State Forests. If interested, advise Tim for detail.

**Air service:** Kalispell Regional Airport has major carriers; our hotel offers shuttle from/to the hotel, \$5 each way, arrange when you make your reservation, or by calling the lodge, 406-892-2525.

**Advise National Alumni Advisor Tim Viall, [tviall@msn.com](mailto:tviall@msn.com), (209) 969-3875 of your planned arrival date, your old patrol/division, cell phone number and email;** Tim will send you additional detail about optional

tours and other planned week-long activities. Questions, contact **Tim**, [tviall@msn.com](mailto:tviall@msn.com)!

# SAFETY REPORT

By Jodie Jeffers, Safety & Patroller Advisor

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**The past two years,** a group of patrollers from the PNWD got together and shared their insight and vision on bringing “Safety” back to the PNWD. The wheel(s) were set in motion slowly but surely, and **Safety4All** became a major focus. Information about the great work of PFA- Psychological First Aid- for patrollers was also included. PFA is not new to organizations and has been a focus to many first responders for several years. *Safety4All* - This focus has been seen with the last two conventions and we will keep that going.

**What's next?** We have progressed to bring the name **PFA** and general understanding to patrollers this past year and moving forward, this season, will start with active workshops to get this into play prior to the start of the season. How to do this? We know OEC and on hill refreshers are beginning and this is an excellent time to bring forth this topic. Where do I start?

**First:** Go check out the fall recording sessions on PFA, as well as some of the documents submitted by Kacey and Mt Ashland. [SafetyCulture4All Workshop Series](#) Multiple resources under: *Psychological First Aid Care (PFA) - PNWD Documents & Links for Patrol and Patroller use*

**Second:** Grab your leadership and those who want to help assist getting this going and attend an upcoming workshop specifically on how to do this. Dates are being worked on now, check out the website for updates.

The Convention this past August brought last season to a close, but gets us excited to start the next! We are actively looking to expand for the next year, so please help us with making the wheels continue to gather traction by giving us feedback and suggestions on how to help you and/or your patrol best. As we continue forward, we are always looking for more to join and help, so please contact us @ [safetycommittee@nsp-pnwd.org](mailto:safetycommittee@nsp-pnwd.org)

## **Safety, what does it mean to you, your patrol, & area?**

*Out of sight = Out of mind. Not talking = Not doing.*

It's important for us to talk about and do safety as patrollers.

Some examples include:

Do you know who debriefs difficult calls, or when do you follow up with patrollers being on a difficult case?

- Have you talked, as well as actually practiced, someone in a tree well, deep snow immersion removal?
- Are you having cautions and reminders for the things we do every patrol shift?
- What is your area doing besides COVID for the season in regards to safety?

Do you have am/pm meetings that have some stretching and other practice situations to keep you safe and awareness up?

The above is just a small example of bringing safety awareness to all. It is easy to say we live safety every day, it is another to practice, talk, learn about it. We created the [Safety Culture 4 All - Workshop Series](#) via zoom for all of YOU! This means ALL PATROLLERS. Look to the website for the upcoming calendar for the 2022-23 Season!

## **EVENTS Known, Have some to share, Looking for Help?**

### ***Oregon Region:***

[SNOWVANA](#) - Nov 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, Oregon Convention Center, Portland. (NEED HELP to staff the booth)

[SUBARU Winterfest](#) - Check out last April, Mt Bachelor, Bend.

### ***Inland Empire:***

[Lookout Pass](#) - Check out last January, Major Safety Day events

Are you interested in helping out more? Looking for more information, have suggestions?

Contact me at [jodie.jeffers@nsp-pnwd.org](mailto:jodie.jeffers@nsp-pnwd.org) or the [safetycommittee@nsp-pnwd.org](mailto:safetycommittee@nsp-pnwd.org).



# HISTORIAN/SPECIAL PROJECTS

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## NSP History Quiz

September 2022

1. What is the official name of our division? \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Name the regions in our division: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Early patrollers used bags of rocks tied in triangular bandages to the back of toboggans to slow down their descent. True \_\_\_\_\_ or False \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Name of the earliest surface lift that transports skiers uphill while their skis remain on the snow. \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What is the name of the award a patroller receives for saving a human life? \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The name of an early sled that has two handles in front and a tow rope in back is a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. In 1936, the first chairlift appeared at what resort?
  - A. Sun Valley
  - B. Vail
  - C. Mt. Hood
8. Name the three early forms of artificial respiration: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Name two National Ski Patrol National Directors who hailed from the Pacific Northwest: (Hint: both were from the Inland Empire Region.) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
10. As part of its charter received in 1980, the NSP directly reports annually to what group?
  - A. Congress of the United States
  - B. Department of the Interior
  - C. Homeland Security

See page 25 for History Quiz Answers

## History Quiz Answers September 2022

1. Pacific Northwest
2. Inland Empire, Northwest, Oregon, Southern Idaho, Wy'East.
3. False
4. Rope Tow
5. Purple Merit Star
6. Cascade
7. Sun Valley
8. Silvester, Holgier Nielson, Schaefer
9. Marlen Guell (served 1986-1992) and Terry LaLiberte (served 2007-2010)
10. Congress of the United States



*You're  
Invited!*

## Val d'Isere and Nice, France

*The French Alps to the French Riviera*

January 27 - February 7, 2023

\$3700

Val d'Isère and neighboring Tignes make up one of the world's largest ski areas with 25,000 acres of skiable terrain! For a sense of scope, imagine combining Whistler Blackcomb, Park City, Big Sky, and Vail. **WOW!** Over 6,000 feet of vertical drop, 76 lifts, 163 marked runs, plus nearly endless off-piste opportunities. In fact, this area is world renowned for its off-piste offerings. Situated at 6,000 feet, there is exceptional snow coverage.

Looking for something in addition to alpine skiing? There are miles and miles of Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, and walking trails, dog sledding, ice floating (with a dry suit), moonbiking, snowmobiling, ice skating, and more.

Our hotel in Val d'Isere will be the La Savoyarde, well-located in the village a mere 100 yards from the nearest lifts. Here, if you're feeling a bit sore from shredding the slopes, you can enjoy a deep-tissue massage, jump in the sauna and/or hang out in the hot tub. Experience Ayurvedic massage, Hatha yoga, and even hit the fitness machines if you need more of a workout. And, of course, no self-respecting European hotel would be complete without a great bar.

After a week in the Alps, we travel by private motor coach to the south of France to enjoy three nights in Nice. Our hotel here, the Aston La Scala is in the center of town just five minutes from the beach.

Since we'll be so close, consider a day trip (or lunch) to Monaco, a mere half-hour away. Or you can go the other direction to visit Cannes, 40 minutes away. Or even St. Tropez, one and a half hours away.

### Pricing Includes:

- Round-trip airfare on Lufthansa from Seattle to Geneva, and from Nice to Seattle
- Private motor coach transfers throughout tour
  - \* Geneva Airport to Val d'Isere hotel, 28JAN
  - \* Val d'Isere hotel to Nice hotel, 04FEB
  - \* Nice hotel to Nice Airport, 07FEB
  - \* 7 nights lodging in Val d'Isere at 3-star Hotel La Savoyarde, IN28JAN OUT04FEB
  - \* 3 nights lodging in Nice at 4-star Hotel Aston La Scala, IN04FEB OUT07FEB
- Buffet breakfast and four-course dinner daily in Val d'Isere
- Buffet breakfast daily in Nice (sack breakfast on departure morning)
- All local taxes in Val d'Isere and Nice
- Airfare fuel surcharge (\$400, guaranteed by airline)
- Air taxes (\$168, subject to change by airline)

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\*\*Please note all payments and registration are to be made out to and go to Snow Tours.

Ski Flight is for Patrollers, and is open to family and friends, so please invite them.

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