



December, 2005

**New Jersey Region  
National Ski Patrol**



## **Snow Flakes**



*Greetings All,*

*It's here, and as always before we knew it! Time to dust off the boots, tune the skis/board, and see if the uniform still fits.*

*The results of the vote to determine if the by-laws of the National Ski Patrol should be amended were announced with the vote in favor of changing the by-laws, which will be made. Roughly 30% of our members participated in the vote, and 94% of the votes cast were in favor of the changes. More details can be found on the National website, [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org). This was no small undertaking given the difficulties experienced during the voting process. I want to thank you all for your patience and participation.*

*The next step will be the election of five new National Board members. I will keep you posted as the National Board election draws closer and it's my sincere hope that you all participate in the process. Under the new by-laws ANY member can apply to run for a Board Seat. If you have an interest in running please let me know as the deadline for applications is Dec 21st. Also, the recent vote will have been for nothing if you don't read the candidate profiles and actually cast your vote. Our organization will now be "one patroller, one vote".*

*We have interesting things happening in the Region this year. The Tele Enhancement seminar last year was a such a success and we've been offered the opportunity to host another in early February. This event is*

*two days of instruction by a level 3 or higher PSIA instructor. In addition, we will be hosting a Women's Seminar at Hidden Valley, a Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, and a number of Patroller tests. Please check the Region & Division websites for more details.*

*I look forward to skiing/riding with each and every one of you this season. Hopefully everyone will have a happy holiday season and safe, enjoyable ski season. As always, I am available any time for any of our members to answer questions, address concerns, or simply chat about the happens around the Division.*

*See You on the Slopes  
Chris Brodersen*



## **Avalanche Courses**

This year we are holding two avalanche courses so students can pick the level of training they desire. For the students who want a basic understanding of avalanche search and rescue principles the Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue Course is perfect for you. For students who are planning on spending time skiing the back country of the Rocky Mountains, Canada, Europe, New England or any Off-Piste activity, then the Avalanche Level 1 course is for you.

Avalanche Level 1 offers more field time and concludes with actual field work on the avalanche prone slopes of Tuckerman's Ravine. Registration forms are available on [www.nspnj.org](http://www.nspnj.org) and must be returned by January 15th 2006.

If you have questions call Phil Galka @ 973-515-0742

The Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue Course (formerly called Basic Avalanche) Cost \$40

February 4th 2006, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Hidden Valley Ski Area

Classroom session and field exercise

February 5th 2006, 8:00am – 5:00pm

High Point Cross Country Ski Area

Optional back country field exercise

This course teaches the basic principles of avalanche rescue, rescue operations and hands-on training with avalanche rescue equipment and transceivers.

Upon completion students are qualified to participate in organized avalanche rescue operations.

Avalanche Level 1 (Similar to the American Avalanche Association Certification) Cost \$60

May 31st and June 1st 2006

Tuckerman's Ravine

Mount Washington N.H.

back country Travel & Field Exercise

This course provides an expanded understanding of avalanche rescue techniques covered in Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue with over two full days of avalanche field work. Completion of this course will include back country travel at Mt. Washington, New Hampshire and field work in Tuckerman's Ravine. Upon completion students are qualified to participate in organized avalanche rescue and support avalanche rescue operations.

## Senior S&T

Senior S&T will once again be held thursday nights at MtCreek. If interested contact Andy Byra, MtCreek ski patrol.

## New Patrollers

Congratulations: Andrew Ukson and Bob Heiden from MtCreek.

## OEC Instructors, Thanks!!!!!!!

Thank you to all the OEC instructors and patrollers who supported the OEC program. It is hard to give up a weekend when you would rather be doing something else. Your dedication and support to the next generation patroller is greatly appreciated. You made our jobs easier and a lot of fun. You are the best!

## Congratulations, OEC candidates

Congratulations on completion of your OEC Patroller Level evaluation. Matt Baratz, Casey Brown, Percy Caraballo, Matt Cavallo, Paul Hsu, Mary O'Sullivan, Andrew Reisinger, James Hall, Barbara McNutt, Andrew Ukson, Eric Sze, Bob Heiden and Pamela Bergstrom.



## Special Olympics 2006

Kathy Kelley



Yes, it is that time of year again. ALSO, be the first on your block to volunteer for the Special Olympics Winter Games 2006. Volunteers are needed for the time trials which will be held at Mountain Creek on January 3rd & 4th. Volunteers are also needed for the Winter Games on January 30th & 31st at both Mountain Creek and Camp Gaw. Contact Kathy Kelley by email at [luvto.ski@verizon.net](mailto:luvto.ski@verizon.net) or 201 998-8596 to sign up.

## Recruiting, DVSP

- 1 DVSP welcomes everyone to check out our website at [WWW.DVSP.Org](http://WWW.DVSP.Org)
- 2 I would again like to thank my core OEC instructors for all the long hours they have put in with the most recent candidate class. Without your dedication this level of training would not come to fruition. Thank you!
- 3 This year there will be a major push to train and evaluate all auxiliary patrollers within the DVSP patrol, so they may finish their S&T training.
- 4 Next year we are looking at the possibility of a train the trainer year. We have twenty-one patrollers interested in attending the Phase I instructor certification course. With the NJ Regions support will be hoisting a Phase I instructors class.
- 5 I have secured permission from the Washington's Crossing State Park to hoist an over night Mountain Travel Rescue Course within the 2006 season. This training will be open to all patrollers and it will be a requirement for our Nordic Patrollers.

## Recruiting

Barrett Kane

Hello to my fellow NJ region patrollers. Summer has flown by and we are once again gearing up for another winter season. As we work through our various refreshers this fall I would ask that you think about any family members, friends or acquaintances who would be interested in patrolling. We have alpine, nordic and bike patrols. Word of mouth is one of our most effective recruiting tools. Our region website provides the contact information for anyone interested. Thanks for your help.

## Medical Advisor

Dennis Fielding, MD

### Hepatitis Update

All Patrollers should be vaccinated for Hepatitis B. CDC recommends testing for hepatitis B surface antibody to document immunity 1-2 months after the 3rd dose, if the titer is at least 10mIU/ml (positive) then you are considered to be immune and no further serologic testing or vaccination is recommended. If the titer is less than 10mIU/ml (negative), you are considered unprotected and should be revaccinated with 3 doses, then retested. For most of us who were previously vaccinated, testing is not routinely recommended, except for an exposure to blood or body fluids. If found to have no immunity at that time you should get prophylaxis as recommended by CDC Guidelines

### Medical Reserve Corps

The State of NJ is looking for volunteers for County Medical Reserve Corps, to be activated in the face of natural or intention disasters. Sussex County and I'm sure all the other counties would be interested in Ski Patroller's getting involved. For more info go to <http://www.njmrc.nj.gov> and click Online Application and choose by county or in Sussex County call (973) 579-9488 ext 1243.

## Ski & Toboggan

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### Ski & Toboggan Clinic

- #1 Saturday, 1/14/06 6pm, Location - Mt Creek
- #2 Saturday, 1/21/06 6pm, Location - Hidden Valley

### Ski & Toboggan Test:

- #1 Wednesday, 2/01/06 6pm, Location TBD
- #2 Wednesday, 2/08/06 6pm, Location TBD
- #3 Wednesday, 2/15/06 6pm, Location TBD
- #4 Wednesday, 2/22/06 6pm, Location TBD
- #5 Sunday, 3/05/06 6pm, Location TBD



They must be the new Candidates, we see them all the time!

## Alumni

Ray Greenfield

As Alumni, some of you may be receiving this Patrol Belt (PB) for the first time. A fault was discovered and corrected so this will not be happening again. You should have received it from the very first year you joined our distinguished group, along with Ski Patrol Magazine, NSP Catalog, ED, Trail Sweep and Regional Alumni Advisors Letters (via Patrol Belt). Let me know if you are not.

WE have a lot of reorganizing to do but first we have to solve a communications problem. I have all your names, addresses, most phone numbers (up-to-date???) but absolutely NO email addresses. The "Patrol Belt" is the only economical path thru which to contact you but that comes out just 4 times a year. This is not acceptable. I need instant contact capability for now like email, at least from about 10 to 30 of you so we can start reorganizing our entire group. Also, I need a quick response from everyone of you on your email capabilities and correctness of your phone numbers.. I made a similar request before but only got a 10% response and nothing about email capability. If you don't have this capability, we will still communicate with you. You don't have to go out and buy a new computer.

This year Alumni Day will be held at Mountain Creek South (GG) for ALL New Jersey Alumni and Lifetimers on Friday, February 17th, 2006. After talking with each of our Regional Ski Patrol Leaders, it was decided to start off this year at Mt. Creek and rotate Alumni day each year to the different ski areas. Mt. Creek will be ready to greet you at the Ski-Patrol building at 9 am. We will have lift tickets for all those who request them. Lunch will be served around 1 pm and the menu will depend on how much influence Walter Drivet (our astute patrol leader) has on Charles Blier (the real boss). Anything from caviar to sandwiches is possible but it will all be goood and well appreciated.

After talking to most of our Regional Alumni Advisors (Eastern), I found that although NJ has the second largest number of Alumni, we have one of the smallest attendants at our Alumni Day events. I'd like to have your suggestions on improving this Day as well as other suggestions aimed at increasing our memberships involvement in not only Alumni Day but other events. We need to reactivate our aims towards activities with a constructive yet enjoyable nature. After all, this is our club. I'd also like to get together more than once a year. It doesn't have to be winter.

What do you say? Let me hear from you and especially whether you are planning to attend. Nobody can be positive that far in advance but if it's possible, let me know asap but not later than the end of Jan., 2006.

## Milestones / Personals

Welcome back from Iraq, Joe Bates!

## Hot Line & Web Page

Want current information about what's going on in the New Jersey Region....

Call: 973-383-4445 • Option 1 • Our code # 4401

NJ Website: [www.nspnj.org](http://www.nspnj.org)

Eastern Div.: [www.nspeast.org](http://www.nspeast.org)

Want to leave some information on the Regional Website?

Send your info to be posted to: [webmaster@nspnj.org](mailto:webmaster@nspnj.org)

Stephen Kiel is the webmaster for the regional website.

## Senior EMM Clinic Schedule

Wednesday 12/28/05 6:30pm

Saturday 1/07/06 1pm

Sunday 1/22/06 1pm

All clinics will be held at Hidden Valley

Evaluation Wednesday 1/25/06

For more information contact Bobbi Reisinger  
phone 973-697-6915 • e-mail <[cazinc@verizon.net](mailto:cazinc@verizon.net)>

## Winter Patrol Belt Articles

Our next Patrol Belt is scheduled to be mailed the week of **March 1st**. Anyone wishing to place an article should have all information

**NO LATER THAN February 15th.**

to:

Roger Williams

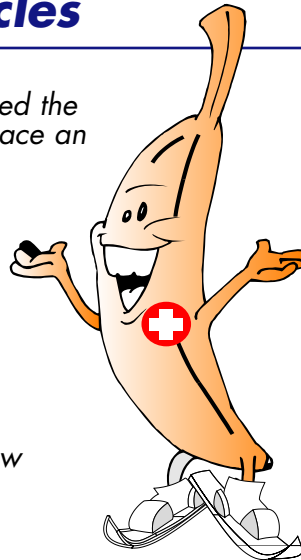
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