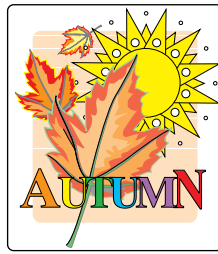




September, 2006

**New Jersey Region
National Ski Patrol**



Snow Flakes



Once again the summer has come and gone and we look forward to colder weather and lots of snow. Of course a successful ski season requires a lot of hard work as we prepare for refresher, gather our equipment, and get geared up for the snow guns to start pumping out the white stuff. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our OEC Staff, Patrol Directors, and each and every one of our members. Please give your thanks when you see these folks at your refresher this year!

Speaking of the upcoming season, Division Director Hamlin has declared the 06/07 season "The Year Of The Senior". We hope to put together programs that will allow all our non-Senior members to participate at the local level without compromising the ability of us to serve our ski areas. Upgrading our skills is something we all strive to achieve and of course wearing the Senior Cross gives those that are successful a great sense of accomplishment. Please be sure to check the website for updates regarding training opportunities this year and GET INVOLVED!

We also look forward to reaping the benefits of all the national election process changes we've made over the past year. Soon you will be asked to vote for new National Board of Directors and it's my sincere hope that all of you will cast your vote as you see fit. The NBOD and the Division Board of Directors have been working this summer toward streamlining the process so our members can make informed decisions regarding the upcoming slate of candidates. This process has been time consuming and come at great personal expense to those involved in facilitating this change. Don't let this opportunity go to waste. We are at a critical juncture for NSP and it's up to us to make our organization great!

You will also be asked to cast your ballot at the fall refresher for the New Jersey Regional Director. It has been a rewarding privilege to serve and I hope you feel I have represented you at the Division and National levels well. It is my sincere hope to continue to serve at your RD, but I also sincerely encourage any and all members who have an interest to run for the office. Spirited debate and dialogue serves in all of our best interest and I look forward to the challenge.

I hope you all had a safe, enjoyable summer!

*Chris Brodersen
NJ Region Director*



Bike Patrol

Steve Kiel

On Saturday, June 3rd, we staffed our 4th event, the EMS Adventure Race #2 event, for Genesis Adventures. The event was held at Wawayanda State Park and ran from about 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The event consisted of 104 water resistant athletes on 52 teams that paddled, biked, and trekked over a wet course. Sue Supino served as Event Leader and was assisted by Allan Clark, Steve Devine, Steve McGee, and me. Future patroller Phil Devine also braved the rain and kept us company.

It rained and poured. The ground, racers, and our patrollers were all soaked and muddy. The only injuries that we tended to were minor, i.e. a laceration and a suspected muscle pull. When I got home, I hosed down my bike and then my kids hosed me down.

On Sunday, June 25th, we staffed our 5th event, the 11th Annual Bulldog Rump event, for Team Bulldog. The event was held at Kittatinny Valley State Park and ran from about 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The event consisted of a series of 3 races held over the same course. I served as Event Leader and was assisted by JoAnne Beliveau, Bill Brown, Nancy Mayberry, and Joni (Hamilton) Porter.

It was yet another rainy event. Some of the racers' bikes had so much mud on them that we could not tell what color they may have one been. The sharp turn in front of our aid station was the scene many slide outs. Luckily, these falls only bruised some egos. The only real injuries that we tended to were minor, i.e. a laceration, some abrasions, a few muscle pulls, and mud in the eyes.

On Saturday, August 5th, we staffed our 6th event, the EMS Adventure Race #4 event, for Genesis Adventures. The event was held at Allamuchy Mountain State Park and ran from about 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. The event consisted of 40 teams of two athletes each that trekked, paddled, and biked throughout the park. I served as Event Leader and was assisted by JoAnne Beliveau, Allan Clark, Steve Devine, Tom Inganamort, and Nancy Mayberry.

The sun shined, the humidity was down, and it was an all around beautiful day! The only injuries that we tended to were minor, i.e. a laceration and a suspected sprained ankle.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, we staffed our 7th event, the 24 Hours of Allamuchy endurance Mt. Bike race. The event was held at Camp Somer in Allamuchy Mountain State Park and ran from about 10AM Saturday to 2PM Sunday. The event consisted of over 350 riders and over 100 supporters and staff. Our Bike Patrol had a staff of 17 on duty and we partnered with IMBA-National Mountain Bike Patrollers from Delaware Valley who had 13 members out riding loops. We were also supported by a Doctor and an EMT who were in the race along with two other Ski Patrollers who were also in the race.

Steve Devine served as Event Leader and was assisted by Jeff Haines, Jim and Debbie Cowell, Steve Patterson, Greg France, Steve Shyne, Ken Marsh, John Rovetto, Roger Kirchner, Percy Caraballo, Wolfgang Boernert, Phil Uhler, Linda Larsen, Tom Inganamort, Andy Ukson, and Melissa (Alpine Mt. Candidate.) Al LoPilato and Jeff Coneys were in the race and "on call" during the entire event.

For the third straight year that we have been involved with this event it rained, testing the skill of the riders and the mettle of the patrollers. We set up a first aid station in a Cabin at the Start Finish area. We also set up a field first aid station at the 1/2 way point about 120 yards in from the Cranberry Ledge road trailhead. We treated approximately 2 dozen people with injuries ranging from severe muscle cramps, abrasions, sprains, contusions to severe lacerations. Due to the good coverage, many of us got to ride and a lucky few got to bivouac overnight at the remote aid station. The race course was shortened to about 11 miles for safety just before the race start and was generally fast and not overly technically demanding except in a few places. But it was very slippery and very muddy.

All NJ Region NSP Patrollers and Candidates are invited to join us at any of our remaining events:

- 9/24 (Sunday) - Helen Back Hidden Valley at Hidden Valley
- 10/8 (Sunday) - H2H Finals-Ringwood Fall Classic at Ringwood
- 10/14 (Saturday) - EMS Adventure Racing Series #7 at Ringwood
- 10/15 (Sunday) - All-A-Muchy at Allamuchy
- 10/21 (Saturday) - Jeep Adventure Race #3 at Wawayanda

In addition, contact Roger Copt if you want to patrol at Washington Crossing, Bull's Island, or Delaware and Raritan Canal State Parks.

Regional Elections

Just a reminder. The election for regional Director will once again be held at your areas fall refreshers.

We have received no other nominations to be placed on the ballot for the position of RD other than Chris Brodersen.

Photos and Memorabilia Needed

At the last meeting of the NJ Ski Council, May 8, 2006, Elizabeth Holste asked if anyone on the ski patrol had movies or pictures of VV/GG and the Playboy Club even the old Snow Bowl area going back even before VV and GG merged. She really wants to do a TV documentary and she's looking for home movies, jackets, photos, equipment even correspondents but especially home movies.

She's also looking for funny or anecdotal stories about the ski areas, any famous actors, actresses, pro-skiers at any area. She remembers Suzy Chaffee but can't find anything in old newspapers.

If you have anything, Elizabeth lives in Kinnelon, NJ and can be contacted at 973-838-8367 or holsteliz@hotmail.com
Please call me if you're not sure of something.

Alumni Dues

September is the month when the active patrollers pay their annual dues. We Alumni should do the same. Last year about a dozen Alumni who forgot dues (\$27) were left off the January Roster and didn't get back on till August. Three Alumni events were held during that time, one in Feb. one in April and the big Lake Hopatcong barbeque in Aug. It's a good thing I advertised in the June Patrol Belt or you might have missed the August event.. So lets get the dues in this month to either Al Pels or National.

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HVSP Annual Beefstaek

HVSP BEEFSTEAK DINNER & SNOWDANCE - with a twist!
The Hidden Valley Ski Patrol invites you all to a REAL All-You-Can-Eat Beefsteak Dinner!!! Hidden Valley has graciously agreed to allow Nightingale's, a third-generation beefsteak company, to cater our Annual Beefsteak Dinner and Snow-Dance at the Hidden Valley Ski Resort on Breakneck Road in Vernon, NJ. So get out your Daytimer, or your blackberry, or your good old calendar, and save this info:

when: Saturday, November 18, 2006
what time: doors open 6:00 p.m.
where: Hidden Valley Ski Resort,
Breakneck Road,
Vernon, NJ
who: everyone's invited!

To reserve your seats, contact Joni Hamilton Porter at
snowjo221@yahoo.com, or
(973) 670-1350.

Reserve your seats early!
(heck...reserve a whole table!!!)
This one is sure to sell out. And wear your dancing shoes; you're not going to be able to sit still with The Kootz on the band-stand!



Hidden Valley

OEC refresher; Oct. 14th Sat at 8:00 AM
Lift Evac; Oct 15th at 9:00 AM
Ski Swap Nov. 4th & 5th
Annual Beefsteak Dinner & Snowdance; Nov. 18th

Woman's Program

Woman's Program: Debbie Cowell, Woman's Program Development. Nothing is on the calendar yet. Tentative plans include a one day S&T clinic in region and a bumps clinic at Belleayre. If you are interested or have other programs you would like to see please contact Debbie Cowell at drc@warwick.net or 973-764-1594.

Avalanche 2006-2007

Avalanche search and rescue systems continue to change as more and more technology is introduced to the industry. Our NSP avalanche instructors are well versed in the new digital transceiver technology and new avalanche search & rescue procedures. In our courses you get the opportunity learn the theory, then move on to hands-on training for practical field experience. Last season's courses were very successful due to the dedication of the participants and professionalism of our instructors. Congratulations to all who participated in these programs!

This ski season we are offering Avalanche Courses that will bring an additional level of snow science and technology into our program. Don't miss the opportunity to take the Avalanche Level 2 course. This course is only offered in the Eastern Division every two years.

So if you want to know how snow works... or you're a backcountry powder hound... or someone who likes to ski where no one else skis... or your planning a trip out west...

Then these are the courses are for you.

Here are the dates for this season's upcoming events:

January-March 2007 – New Jersey Region
Avalanche Awareness and Transceiver Workshop for Certified Patrollers
February 3rd, 2007 – New Jersey Region, Hidden Valley Ski Area
Avalanche Rescue and Fundamentals

March 15-18, 2007 – Eastern Division, Whiteface Mountain Ski Area
Level 2 Avalanche Course

The Avalanche Awareness and Transceiver Workshop for Certified Patrollers is a short avalanche workshop for any Certified Candidates who needs a review of avalanche search and rescue techniques. This is a flexible program that pairs an instructor with a certified candidate for one-on-one training. This will be scheduled at the request of any Certified Candidate.

Prerequisite – Certified Candidate

The Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue course is schedule for February 3rd 2007. This course will be held at Hidden Valley and will focus on the basic skills as identified in the NSP Avalanche Instructors Manual. This course will introduce the students to the backcountry and provide them the opportunity to participate in backcountry travel, route selection, self rescue and rescue operations.

Prerequisite – None

The Level 2 Avalanche Course will be held in the Eastern Division at Whiteface Mountain Ski Area on March 15th -18th , 2007. This is the advanced avalanche course that focuses on leadership and larger scale avalanche events. Students will then manage the search and rescue of a simulated, large scale avalanche.

Prerequisite – Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue or Level 1 Avalanche course.

Thanks again and we look forward to another great season!!!

Phillip J. Galka
National Ski Patrol, New Jersey Region, Avalanche Program Director
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Alumni Day

Alumni Day event which was held at our house on Lake Hopatcong, Tuesday, August 22nd, but he didn't know the deadline for the publication date. I hope I haven't missed it! We had a good turnout with 30 people (including Sam and I) and included some still active patrollers that know a lot of us Alumni. The weather cooperated with a fabulous day and there were lots of activities – swimming and hot tub, boating, talking, eating and more eating, etc. among them.

First, a rundown on the people who were able to make it: Mary Ann and Norm Danielson, Jim and Joan Stewart, Ron and Bernice Sturtz with their granddaughter, Fred Schneider, Helmut and Hilda Schneider, John and Pauline Phelps, Dr. Dan Van Dam, Peter Messina and his daughter along with his boat, Jeanne and John Otto, Gloria and Dick Pedati, Loretta and Peter Nauta, Polly Thropp, Gary and Tracey Hayes with children, Jeff and Stacey Allen with children, and, Sabina and Samantha. Unfortunately, due to last minute illnesses or other reasons, we lost about 15 whom we had hoped to see.

We had a wonderful selection of yummys provided by all, but some of the stand outs were a special birthday cake for Helmut Schneider (homemade by Hilda plum cake!) who celebrated his 81st birthday that very day! He looks GREAT!!! Polly Thropp brought a carved watermelon (which had required some of her first aid skills to put it back together after it split apart!) filled with different delectable fruits. Everyone contributed side dishes and we did eat well! The Sturtz clan out-did themselves and brought not just a "pie", but two enormous cheesecakes! Sam and I provided bratwurst, hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans and the fixings. No one went home hungry.

With a span of three generations, we had a ball. The youngest group was totally entertained by Pete Messina providing boating, water skiing and tubing. He deserves kudos for all his efforts and for making it such a fun day for them! The hot tub got a work out after swimming in the lake. Dick Pedati gave tours of the lake in his boat and Sam gave an additional tour in our 1929 Chris Craft, after he finished grilling.

A good time was had by all and catching up with everyone was the top priority. We hope more people will be encouraged to participate in Alumni events as time goes forward! We missed all those who couldn't be here.

Regards, Jerrie Hoagland



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Tim

Candidate Class Starts September 5th, 7:00pm,
ESC School, Rt. 179, Lambertville NJ

OEC Refresher
October 1st, 8:00am , Same location as above

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 • Eastern Div.: www.nspeast.org

Want to leave some information on the Regional Website? Send your info to be posted to:
webmaster@nspnj.org Stephen Kiel is the webmaster for the regional website.

High Point Nordic

The 2006 High Point Ski Patrol's
Nordic refresher will be held on
Saturday November 18,
9:00 am - 2:00 pm at the lodge on
Lake Marcia in High Point State
Park. Anyone interested in the
Nordic Program should attend. All
are welcome. More information will
be posted on the NJ Region web
site (NSPNJR.org) shortly. Feel free
to contact JC Cowell at jc@warwick.net or 973-764-1594



Student Patrollers

Student Patrollers: Debbie Cowell, Student Patroller Coordinator.
The 2007 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar will be held at
Bretton Wood NH. Watch the NJ Region
and Eastern Division web sites for
more information. Or contact Debbie
Cowell at drc@warwick.net or 973-
764-1594. And, for a review of the
2006 Student Training Seminar at Jiminy
Peak, see Scott Reisinger's article in the
Summer '06 Trail Sweep.

