



Patrol Belt



New Jersey Region - National Ski Patrol

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From the desk of Don Cavallo, New Jersey Region Director . . .

As I look back on a wonderful season, I must give thanks to all who helped to make it so successful. The first and most important had to be Mother Nature. The cold weather and frequent snowfalls kept everyone in the mood to ski, snowboard, and enjoy the outdoors. The OEC staff and S & T staff outdid themselves this year. The training programs have produced some outstanding new Patrollers and Seniors. I congratulate the new Patrollers and welcome them to the New Jersey Ski Patrol family.

The Eastern Division has authorized a new award this season called the Patriot Award. The development of this award was initiated in the New Jersey Region to honor the men and women of the National Ski Patrol who have served our country in a combat zone while in the military. This award is for all combat veterans, past and present; so if you know of anyone on your patrol that has earned this award, please contact your Patrol Director or the Region Awards Advisor.

The Mountain Bike Patrol has a busy schedule this season. If there is anyone who would like to participate, please contact [Steve Kiel](#).

The New Jersey Region is looking forward to making history with the opening of the first indoor ski area in the United States. The date has not been set, but I have toured the Snowdome at Xanadu, and it is ready for operation. When more details become available, I will be sending out information through your Patrol Directors. So don't bury the skis too far in the attic; you could be using them sooner than you think!



This past December the New Jersey Senate passed a Helmet Bill (S836) that is not in the best interest of the skiing public. There is a similar bill presently being considered in the Assembly (A3612). The bill is being closely watched by the entire ski industry. The Ski Patrol has consulted their legal staffs on all levels from the Region to National. At the National level, they are working with the National Ski Areas Association to lobby for better wording of the existing bill. The National Ski Patrol supports helmet use--that is not the issue. The issues are how the bill is worded and how the law will be enforced. This bill may come before the Assembly for a vote soon. We may need to get involved with letters to your local Assemblyman or Assemblywoman. Watch your email!

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An early issue of the Patrol Belt submitted by David Nelson:

PATROL BELT NEWSLETTER

In 1969 the first issue of the New Jersey Region Newsletter named the Patrol Belt was issued. This publication is mailed about six times a year to everyone registered with the National Ski Patrol System in the New Jersey Region.

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NO, YOU HAVEN'T MISSED ANY NEWSLETTERS ... This is to be the first one published since March.

ELECTION RESULTS: Regional Director - AL PELS

Section Chiefs - Northern - BUD BROOKS
Southern - BOB CUBITT
Central - JERRY MOORE
Western - GEORGE SZODORAY

Congratulations & Good Luck in your forthcoming terms, as well as Thank You for your past terms.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR HAS ENDED for the NJ Region of NSPS and our growth continues at a fantastic rate. Up 30% from a year ago with 540 registered, which includes about 100 candidates. The increase in Jr Ptlnm from 8 to 21 was most encouraging. Help maintain "high quality" of candidates by encouraging only those that you feel are not only qualified, but who also have a sincere desire to become part of NSPS.

Starting on another 2-year term as RD, I want to thank each of you for the time and dedication, which have contributed to strengthening our organization and fulfilling our obligation to the skiing public.

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!

Al Pels

Bike Patrol

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Pump up your tires, lube your chain, and check your brakes. Bike Patrol has started!

For our sixth year, the NJ Region Bike Patrol will be providing volunteer emergency medical services at adventure and mountain bike races. Here is this season's calendar:

- 5/3/2009 - Wawayanda Spring Cleaning (Black Bear Cycling) / Wawayanda State Park
- 5/9/2009 - Kids Race - NJ State HS/MS Championships (Team Bulldog) / Kittatinny Valley State Park
- 5/30/2009 - Sprint Adventure Race #2 (Genesis Adventures) / Wawayanda State Park
- 7/12/2009 - Bulldog Rump (Team Bulldog) / Kittatinny Valley State Park
- 8/22/2009 - 24 Hours of Allamuchy / Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation
- 9/27/2009 - Rumble in the Jungle (Town Cycle) / Jungle Habitat Section of Ringwood State Park
- 10/3/2009 - Sprint Adventure Race #4 (Genesis Adventures) / Ringwood State Park
- 10/4/2009 - Leaf Blower (Black Bear Cycling) / Ringwood State Park

Instead of having a formal refresher again this year, Patrollers will be asked to complete a checkout sheet at the first event that they attend. Included with this checkout will be the usual showing of first aid and CPR cards, as well as the signing of this year's NJ State Park VIP form: http://www.nspnj.org/docs/BP/NJ_VIP_Form.pdf

If you do not know what to bring, this list is a good starting point: http://www.nspnj.org/docs/BP/2006_Equipment_Lists.pdf This is a suggested list of equipment that you will acquire and adjust over time. Also, if you want to work on any specific skills during any event, e.g. first aid, biking, navigation, etc., just ask.

So bring your comfy chair, patrol pack, helmet, and bike. As always, you do not need to own or even be able to ride a bike to join us and have a good time. While we do send teams of mounted Patrollers out on the trails, we also need unmounted Patrollers who can either hike to strategic locations or cover the base and transition areas.

Bike Patrol is a great way to keep your body and skills in shape, while helping both the outdoor community and our State Park system. Come out and play with us!

Senior EMM

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There were a total of five Senior EMM clinics held this year and a Senior EMM Evaluation. Congratulations to John Crandall, Hidden Valley Ski Patrol, and Dwayne Rossi, Mountain Creek Ski Patrol, for their successful completion of this required senior module. Thanks to all of the Senior T/E's who helped with either a clinic or the final evaluation. Thanks also to all of the people who volunteered to be patients in all kinds of weather conditions. Without all of your help and support, this program would not be a success. Congratulations John and Dwayne, and thanks to all my helpers!

Special Olympics

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Thank you to all who volunteered at the Winter Special Olympics at Mountain Creek and Camp Gaw. A special thanks to Rick Liebenstein, Walt Viet, Rick Boguslaw, Peter Wald, Bob Carlson, Dwayne Rossi, Jim Stewart, John Gibbons, Steven Goldberger, Ron Zavada, John Gibbons, John Phelps, Mike Kelley, Maryanne Bemis, and the pros at Vernon summit for helping make the two days run successfully.

Anyone interested in helping Special Olympics New Jersey with the summer games should contact the state office. Their website is www.sonj.org. The Summer games are June 12 - 14th and are held at The College of NJ (formerly known as Trenton State College) in Ewing.

Ski & Toboggan

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First of all, I would like to thank each and every S&T instructor for the excellent job they all did for our Region. The New Jersey Region had eight candidate level S&T exams this season, and all of our instructor/examiners stepped up and exceeded the Region's expectations.

This year, we saw 17 people pass the Candidate level S&T evaluations which were held at Hidden Valley and Mountain Creek. There were two Patrollers who passed the Skiing portion of the Senior S&T evaluation at Belleyre. We also had three new S&T instructors join the program.

Our three new instructor/examiners had worked hard during their mentoring phase, teaching new candidates, and acting as provisional judges for three exams. Great job and congratulations to Matt Rosette, Pat Zinno, and Dwayne Rossi! I am sure they will continue to work hard in their new roles.

As you can see we had a very busy season with the S&T program, and we are expecting even more activity for next year. If you are interested in becoming a senior or a toboggan instructor, give me a call--I would be happy to get you involved.

Have a great summer!

Women's Development Program

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Unfortunately, scheduling difficulties prevented finalizing a Women's Alpine event this season. We did hold a Nordic Downhill (Tele) Skier Enhancement Seminar on February 21, 2009 at Hidden Valley, which was well received. Three Patrollers from Mt. Creek, one from Hunter, NY, one from Hidden Valley, and a Hidden Valley Ski Instructor dipped their knees with PSIA Examiner Don Sensenig. A big THANK YOU to Eli Tepperberg from MCSP, who provided some great video services and a CD to each participant of our great skiing skills.

Please let me know if there is interest in any particular type of Women's seminar for next season.

Young Adult Patroller Program

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The annual Eastern Division Student Training Seminar (now known as the Young Adult Patroller or “YAP” Training Seminar) was held at Bolton Valley, VT, on March 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2009. The New Jersey Region was well represented this year with four YAPs from Hidden Valley competing in S&T, Skiing, and OEC events. Drew Reisinger was again the high scorer for NJ placing 4th in S&T, 4th in Skiing, 10th in OEC (a big improvement over last year’s OEC finish– Nice job Drew!) and 4th overall. This impressive finish earned Drew this year’s NJ YAP scholarship for the event.

The organizers are looking at Okemo, VT, for next year’s YAP Seminar – keep an eye on the Eastern Division & NJ web sites, Trail Sweep, and here in the late summer to fall for final details. Some of the best trainers in the Division are on hand to assist with the event, and any Patrollers who are still in high school are strongly encouraged to attend this great learning and training opportunity. Check with any of the YAPs who attended to find out how much fun it is.

The crew of adult chaperones and advisors were kept busy with evening meetings, assisting as OEC “victims” and some great skiing (in addition to their chaperone duties). Any adults interested in helping the YAPs train for this event or attending the event should contact me, Debbie Cowell, NJ Region YAP Coordinator.

Also, at the NJ Region Annual Awards Dinner/Dance on April 18th, 2009, YAP Patroller Josh Ball was awarded the NJ Region’s “Student (or YAP) Patroller of the Year” Award in recognition of his “can do / ready to help” attitude.

OEC “Victims” at the YAP Seminar



YAP Seminar

Front row L to R: Josh Ball, Charlie Reisinger, Don Cavallo and Megan Cavallo.

Back row L to R: Jeff Haines, Tim Haines, Drew Reisinger, Bobbi Reisinger and Debbie Cowell



Nordic Program

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We had a great Nordic season this winter with a number of days of good snow coverage in all of the Northern State Parks. Jeff Friedrichs completed MTR II, and by doing so, met all requirements necessary to become a Senior Nordic Patroller. Roger Kirchner also completed MTR II this winter.

A new program called “Nordic Master” has been developed by the Eastern Division Nordic, MTR and Avalanche program directors. Nordic Master provides a level of achievement within the Nordic Program above the Senior Nordic Patroller level. The ability of a Patroller to function at an advanced level in all areas of the Nordic discipline while demonstrating competency in skills of the Avalanche and Mountain Travel and Rescue programs is verified as part of the candidate requirements. Candidates also demonstrate the ability to independently provide emergency care when needed and sustain themselves (and others) in a winter environment over a multi-day period. If you are a Senior Nordic Patroller and wish to bring your level of certification one step higher, please contact Greg France or myself for more information. You can also visit the Eastern Division website for more information on Nordic Master.

www.nspeast.org click on “Programs” and select “Nordic.”

Search and Rescue Affiliate Program (A program of the NSP NJ Region)

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Ski Patrollers possess unique competency in providing first aid with minimal resources while dealing with all kinds of adverse outdoor weather and terrain. These are exactly the kind of skills that are useful and needed when a task team is engaged in Search and Rescue (SAR) activities. Recognizing the training and skills that Ski Patrollers can provide, we are currently in the process of forming a SAR Affiliate Team. This team will be a group of Patrollers who will be assigned to a task during SAR events as the need arises. Once fully trained and mission ready, the SAR Affiliate Team members will be also competent in back country navigation, Incident Command System (ICS), SAR methods, and will maintain a 24 hour pack "ready to go." The program is currently under development. Our mentor and sponsor is New Jersey Search and Rescue (NJSAR), and the team will become a member of the NJ Search and Rescue Council (NJSARC). If you are interested in learning more about the requirements of this program, please contact me at devines@camfilfarr.com. I also plan to attend Patrol Meetings around the region to introduce this program.

Alumni Corner

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Hello everyone! I am the new Alumni Coordinator for the New Jersey Region NSP. If anyone is planning on becoming an Alumnus(a) over the summer, please get your paperwork into National along with your dues of \$27.00. Also, if any Alumni missed paying their dues this past November, please do so as soon as possible in order to be on the Alumni List. You can also contact me to tell me that you have sent in your dues in case the list isn't updated in time for us. The Region will again be sponsoring a summer barbecue at the Hoagland residence on Lake Hopatcong--date to be determined!! If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me either through email: sh.jh@verizon.net or by phone: 973-219-3797.

A note from Ray Greenfield:

Jerrie Hoagland will soon announce the date set for our annual Alumni Barbeque to be held, as usual, at Hoaglands Warf, Lake Hopatcong. Please give her all the support you can, especially like responding to e-mails and letters.

Another event I'd like to see re-established is the Alumni Ski Day in Jan/Feb. Historically, we don't get many, about ten to fifteen, and usually, it ends up as a family get-together with food and soft drinks. BUT IT'S SURE WORTH IT. How many of you Alumni are interested?? Skiing is free.

All Alumni: I need your e-mail address or your snail mail address. Please respond to this request.

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High Point Ski Patrol

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Many thanks to the teams of Patrollers who came out with chainsaws to help clear and re-clear the trails at High Point following the early season ice and snow storms. Many of these patrollers fulfilled their HPSP shift commitments during these work parties and may have filled their wood racks for next season. Once the trails were cleared and the snow started flying, High Point had a great season with about 10 weeks of skiing.

Welcome new candidates Lainie McDonnell and Alan Clark. Training was held every weekend and some weekdays by appointment. We will begin again next season as soon as conditions permit. Patroller level, Senior, and the New Master Nordic Candidates are encouraged to participate in these training sessions. Any Alpine Patrollers interested in trying Nordic Patrolling are welcome to visit High Point and check it out. Contact JC in the fall for next year's schedule.

2009 Awards

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The following is a list of Awards given at the NJ Region Awards Dinner Dance held on April 18, 2009 at the Lake Mohawk Country Club in Sparta, New Jersey:

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS:

60 YEARS:	47 YEARS:
Walter A. Veit (MC)	John Phelps (MC)
40 YEARS:	35 YEARS:
Robert "Chip" Ehrhardt (MC)	David Mann (HV)
Thomas Holovacs (HV)	Glenn Morris (CG)
Catherine Kness (DV)	
30 YEARS:	25 YEARS:
Walter Drivet (MC)	Pete Akersten (HV)
Shelia Gorey (MC)	Brian Gross (MC)
David J. Nelson, Sr. (HV)	Victor Kamhi (MC)
Sabine Schubert (MC)	Michael Ostroff (HV)
Gary Sipila (MC)	
Erik Takach (MC)	
Jackie Veit (MC)	
20 YEARS:	15 YEARS:
Donald Brady (MC)	Timothy Holovacs (HV)
"Skip" H. Diller (HV)	Veronica Mattiello (HV)

20 YEARS (Continued):	15 YEARS (Continued):
Willy Dohm (MC)	Jim Paradee (DV)
Henry Mah (MC)	
David Mooney (DV)	
Scott Parisi (MC)	
Scott Swenson (CG)	
10 YEARS:	5 YEARS:
Joseph Bates (MC)	Janice Alt (DV)
Janice Brady (HV)	Frank Dolce (MC)
Rich Bruning (HV)	Kevin Duffy (HV)
Andrew Casper (HV)	Jeffrey Jablonski (HV)
Ralph Cooke (HV)	Robert Krenitsky (CG)
Deborah Cowell (HV)	Ed Noonan (MC)
James Cowell (HV)	Scott Reisinger (HV)
Harriet Frawley (HV)	Steve Shyne (HV)
Jeffrey Friedman (MC)	Philip Uhler (HV)
Philip Hyun (MC)	Stuart Weiss (MC)
David Paige (MC)	Susan Wiley (MC)
David Ralston (CG)	Pat Zinno (MC)
David Rosenstreich (CG)	Vince Zinno (MC)
Valerie Smith (DV)	
NEW PATROLLERS:	NEW SENIORS:
Megan Cavallo (HV)	Dwayne Rossi
Timothy Haines (HV)	
Frank Waung (HV)	NEW NORDIC SENIORS:
Pete McGrath (HV)	Jeff Friedrichs
PATRIOT STAR AWARDS:	STUDENT PATROLLER OF THE YEAR:
Roger Copt (DV)	Joshua Ball (HV)
Eugene W. Jack (DV)	
Joe Manna (DV)	RICK BROWSE AWARD:
David J. Nelson, Sr. (HV)	Chris Brodersen (MC)
NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS:	
10860 Erik Vandenberg	
10862 Deborah Cowell	

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:

Warren Ceurvels (MC) for his dedicated service as Treasurer for the NJRSP.

Debra and James Cowell (HV) for hosting the first annual Search and Rescue Winter Technical Training Exercise on February 21 & 22, 2009.

Steven Kiel (HV) for his continued dedication in maintaining the NJRSP's webpage.

Nancy Mayberry for her continued dedication in publishing the NJRSP's Patrol Belt newsletter.

Steve Devine (HV) for coordinating Ski Patrollers and their knowledge of "winter search and rescue techniques" with those of the New Jersey Search and Rescue Team.

Delaware Valley Ski Patrol

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News from our fellow Patroller, Tim Lelie, who is a Senior Army Aviator/Chief Warrant Officer in the New Jersey Army National Guard. Tim came out of retirement and volunteered to re-enlist with his former unit as they needed experienced pilots for deployment to Iraq. Tim flies the UH 60 Blackhawk. (Submitted in early April. Tim was recently in Kuwait waiting to be deployed to Iraq.)

Right now I am in Fort Rucker, Alabama, the home of Army Aviation. My son, Justin, is stationed here also, and he is going through Helicopter Flight School. I am stationed out of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in a pre-mobilization train-up phase. I will deploy to Iraq in mid-April with A Company 1/150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, and we will be there for approximately one year.

I love my family, and I miss them very much. I also miss my NSP family. Because of the extensive first aid training that I have received through the NSP ("Thanks Roger!"), I have been designated to assist the combat medics in the event of a soldier becoming injured. Hopefully, if the weather holds on just a little next year, I will be able to Patrol before the ski season ends. ~Tim Lelie; Call Sign: Vandal 50





DVSP Members at NJ Region Awards Dinner Dance. L to R: Al Tatyrek, Joe Manna, Val Smith, Roger Copt, Judy Copt, Catherine Kness, and Stu Gillard.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Please keep your contact information current on the National Ski Patrol database, as it is the only way to communicate important information to you. Log into the NSP website and check to see if your personal information is correct. Correct anything that might be wrong, and update your personal information.

You can access the NSP Member website by visiting: https://www.nsp.org/nsp2002/member_services_template.asp Enter your NSP ID number and password. If you don't remember your password, click on "Login Help" below the Member Login box. Enter your NSP ID number and email address, and you will be emailed your account information.

Once you have logged in, please click on "Edit Your Member Record" and update any incorrect information.

If you have never activated your online member account with NSP, please visit: <https://www.nsp.org/nsp2002/oms/activate.asp> You can then complete the "Quick Activation Form."

It is imperative that all of the NSP member records are accurate since this is the only way for the Region Director and the Region to send important and timely information to the members!

*For complete listings of scheduled events throughout the year,
check the below calendars:*

*New Jersey Region NSP Calendar: <http://www.nspnj.org/calendar.html>
Eastern Division NSP Calendar: <http://www.nspeast.org/html/calendar.htm>*