



Patrol Belt



New Jersey Region - National Ski Patrol

September 2009

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

I hope everyone had an enjoyable spring and summer. Fall is just around the corner and that means OEC Refresher season. I am looking forward to my first full ski season as your Region Director. Last season was a learning experience for me. During the 2008-2009 ski season, I had the opportunity to meet and work with Patrollers throughout the New Jersey Region and the Eastern Division. I use the term “work” loosely because being your region representative has been more fun than work. I congratulate all the new Patrollers and all of you that have advanced to Senior, Certified, and Nordic Master.

There are a few issues that I would like to bring to your attention:

- ✚ National Ski Patrol has purchased an updated computer system. I urge all of you to log onto the website and see what’s new. Please check you personal information and confirm that it is correct. If there are any changes to be made, advise your Patrol Director during your Patrol’s renewal process.
- ✚ National is offering a credit card for anyone who is interested in obtaining a new Master Card. There is no annual fee, and when you sign up for the card, National receives a \$40.00 donation and the Eastern Division receives a \$10.00 donation. The offer is open to everyone, not just NSP Members, so spread the word.
- ✚ This past April at our annual awards dinner, I had the pleasure to present awards to some of our outstanding Patrollers. The Ski Patrollers in the New Jersey Region have accomplished many amazing tasks that need to be recognized. Therefore, this coming season, if you see your fellow Patroller do something that goes above and beyond, please write it down and forward the information to the Awards Committee.
- ✚ The New Jersey Region Staff is in need of a Recording Secretary to take the minutes at our staff meetings. I encourage anyone that is interested to give me a call. The region staff only meets 3 or 4 times during the year.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming refreshers and skiing with you this season. Let’s hope that Mother Nature is kind to us this year with plenty of snow.

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Attention Patrollers!

Please print the following page, complete the Member Profile, and submit it to your Patrol Director!!

Refresher Dates

OEC Refresher Study Guide - Cycle B 2009: <http://www.nsp.org/EduPrograms/documents/RefresherStudyGuideCycleB2009.pdf>

NJ Region OEC Instructor Refresher:

September 26, 2009 -- OEC Instructor Refresher -- 8:00 AM Registration; Program begins at 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Location: Mohawk Avenue School, 18 Mohawk Avenue, Sparta, NJ 07871. Please bring your patrol Belt. For further information, contact Warren Ceurvels, NJ Region OEC Administrator:

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Delaware Valley Ski Patrol

October 4, 2009 -- OEC Refresher -- 7:30 AM sign-in at ESC School, 1422 Route 179, Lambertville, NJ 08530. Please bring: NSP ID Card, OEC Card, CPR Card, OEC Cycle B Refresher Guide, first aid pack, lunch, and dress for the weather! For more details and electronic registration click here: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/424255961>

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Hidden Valley Ski Patrol

October 24, 2009 -- OEC Refresher -- 8:00 AM

October 25, 2009 -- Lift Evacuation -- 9:00 AM

Visitors: Please contact Dave Nelson: davidjnelson@optonline.net

Mountain Creek Ski Patrol

November 1, 2009 -- OEC Refresher -- 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Contact Bill Snyder for more information: bsnyder@mountaincreek.com

Campgaw Mountain Ski Patrol

November 22, 2009 -- OEC Refresher. Sign-in at 7:00 AM; OEC Refresher starts at 7:30 AM.

December 6, 2009 -- Lift Evacuation. 9:00 AM.

Visiting Patrollers must register in advance with Erik van den Berg: erik.vandenberg@L-3com.com

High Point Ski Patrol - Nordic Program

December 5, 2009 -- High Point Ski Patrol and NJ Region Nordic Refresher. 9:00 AM; High Point Ski Center lodge on Lake Marcia, High Point State Park. Coffee and donuts will be served. We will have a short meeting and then refresh on some Nordic skills and maybe learn a few new ones. Dress for the weather, and plan to be outdoors for a few hours. All are Welcome! For more information, contact JC Cowell: nordic@nspnj.org Please RSVP to JC Cowell: nordic@nspnj.org.

Hidden Valley Ski Patrol

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November 20 - 22, 2009 -- Ski Swap at Hidden Valley

December 5, 2009 -- Beef Steak Dinner at Hidden Valley

Alumni Corner

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The annual Alumni Gathering was held on Thursday, August 20, 2009, from 3 - 9ish. The day was one of the few really hot, humid, and sticky days of our entire summer, but we lucked out with no thunderstorms on our particular day. Therefore, after the BBQ was finished, ably cooked by my patient and loving husband Sam, he then took people out on the lake in our 1913 historic Matthews launch – a treat enjoyed by many. Some used the golf green, but no one wanted to get into the hot tub due to the humidity of the day. Some went swimming to cool off.

One of the highlights of the day was when one of our friends, a collector of boats and cars, brought the authentic Bat Mobile for all to see. Our grandchildren, Catie and Paul Brodersen, were given the extreme honor of sitting in the vehicle! Also, some State Police, who were quite interested in the Bat Mobile, stopped by!

This year's attendance was actually quite similar as last year (32+ people, so we were up 2) – but some of the regulars could not attend for various reasons, and some of our Alumni came for the first time. Everyone had a terrific time renewing friendships. As has been our custom over the several years that Sam and I have hosted this, we also include "Friends of Alumni" who knew us when we were all actively patrolling. We were delighted with the response of our "Friends of Alumni" who actually did come. Quite a few had conflicts.

Our Alumni Patrollers attending were Jeanne and John Otto, PA; Peter Nauta, NC; Rocque D. Dameo, NJ; Polly Fowler Thropp, NJ; Claud Ballester and significant other, Joan Fletcher, NJ; Cathy Wilson with Catie and Paul, NJ; Art Clark, NJ, Sonny Slater, NJ; Doris Fillmore, NJ; Jeff and Stacey Allen and their 3 youngsters, NJ; Judy (Bahr) Kopka, NJ; Elfreda and Fred Schneider, NJ; Gloria and Dick Pedati, NJ; and yours truly and Sam.

Friends of Alumni included Chip Ehrhardt, MC; John Phelps with wife Pauline, MC; Dave Nelson, Jr., HV; Dave and wife, Joyce Nelson, HV; and furthest traveled, Joe and Anne Pillmeier from Saranac, NY, still patrolling White Face Mt.

Missed greatly were Ray Greenfield and his wife Kathy, who due to health reasons, were unable to attend. Without Ray's able and willing assistance, I would not have been able to gather all of you together. Ray is always a wonderful help to me, and we all missed his being with us. His spirit was, though!

I also want to thank Don Cavallo and the Region for their support of our event financially and in spirit. (Yes, Don, I know – I still have to get my bills to you!)

Our organization continues to grow, and God willing, we will again sponsor the gathering next year. For those of you who might be retiring from active patrolling, please let me know that you would like to join the Alumni Organization, and I will send you the application. It is a very friendly group of people with a common thread of camaraderie renewed by these gatherings.

For those of you who are still Friends of the Alumni, please contact me and let me know if you would enjoy renewing friendships with some of the “retired” patrollers. You would be most welcome! My email address is in the heading.

If anyone wishes to have a winter ski event, please notify me, and I am quite certain it could be arranged. Please put forth your ideas for future activities. I look forward to hearing from you!



Nordic Program

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This year the weather is looking promising for a snowy winter, and that means great skiing at our Nordic Ski Areas in the NJ Region. We are looking for new Nordic Patroller Candidates, and we have a large staff of instructors who can get you up to speed in one season! We have access to ski equipment for you to use! This year I would like our existing Nordic Patrollers to focus on involvement and improvement. We can practice our navigation skills, SAR skills, and MTR skills all year long. Secondary Nordic Patrollers usually are asked to contribute only 4 sign-in's per season. So, if you are a Nordic Patroller, please stay involved and continue to improve. If you are not, come check it out. The health benefits of Nordic skiing are fantastic, and it's really fun! Anyone interested in becoming a Nordic Patroller Candidate, Sr. Nordic Patroller, Nordic S&T TE, or getting involved on any level should contact me. Please remember in addition to JC at High Point: jc@warwick.net, you can contact Greg France – Stokes Nordic Patrol Director: gfnsp@ptd.net; Stu Gillard – Delaware Valley Patrol Director: gillard@aol.com; or Ken Marsh – Wawayanda Nordic Patrol Director: tkdski@yahoo.com, if you want to join a Nordic Patrol!

Mountain Travel and Rescue

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There will be a Mountain Travel and Rescue Level I course held at Hidden Valley this fall. The dates are December 12 – 13, 2009. The course will begin Saturday morning, December 12th, and will include some classroom, field exercises, and an overnight camp-out. The class will finish in the morning on December 13th. These topics will be covered: personal survival, clothing, warmth, equipment, sleeping gear, shelter, roped travel, navigation, map and compass, GPS, weather, search and rescue. Those interested should contact Ken Marsh at tkdski@yahoo.com or Stephen Kiel at webmaster@nspnj.org.

This MTR course is recommended for anyone who wishes to hike, Nordic ski or mountain bike outside of resort areas and all Nordic Patrollers, Mountain Bike Patrollers, and SAR personnel. We also recommend this course to anyone interested in becoming an instructor in either Mountain Travel and Rescue or Avalanche Safety since this is a great opportunity to meet the instructors, watch them work, and find a mentor. Look forward to seeing you there!

High Point Ski Patrol - Nordic

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Diversity. At High Point we have a very diverse group of Ski Patrollers and Instructors who all want to share their expertise and enthusiasm for the outdoors. The High Point Ski Patrol has members from all eight NJ Region patrols and members from Eastern PA and Southern NY as well. Why don't you come up to High Point, meet this diverse group, and give cross-country skiing a try? Cross-country skiing can be as much of an aerobic work-out or walk in the woods as you want to make it.

Did you know that . . .

- *The first black woman to the North Pole learned how to ski and trained exclusively at the High Point Cross Country Ski Center?
- *High Point Ski Patrol is the home patrol of a 1980 Olympics Nordic competitor?
- *High Point has a ski instructor on staff that used to compete in the Biathlon?
- *Two of only six Nordic Master candidates in the country are on the High Point Ski Patrol?
- *The Nordic Master is a NSP program that parallels the Alpine Certified program?
- *Several PSIA Alpine telemark instructors are Patrollers at High Point?
- *Many NSP and PSIA Nordic instructors are Patrollers and staff at High Point?
- *Many of the Eastern Division's Mountain Travel and Rescue instructors are Patrollers at High Point?
- *Many of the Eastern Division's Avalanche instructors are Patrollers at High Point?

If any of this sounds interesting to you, why don't you send me an email or give me a call and come to the High Point Nordic refresher this fall? I can guarantee that you will have fun, meet some great people, and learn something, maybe a few things. If you love the outdoors, and I'm sure you do or why would you be reading this, then I'm sure we can find something that will interest you. Maybe you'll add your diversity to our group!

Ski & Toboggan

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It's that time of year! Dig out the old equipment and decide if you can get one more season out of it. Skis and boards need to be sharpened and waxed, and don't forget to have your bindings checked. Have your boots been comfortable and dry, and have they given you the performance you want? If new equipment is needed, there is a Pro night at Heino's Ski shop in Wayne in early October. There is also a ski swap at Hidden Valley--keep your eyes and ears open!

Last year we had a great season with 17 Candidate Patrollers reaching their goal, and 2 Senior Candidates passing the skiing portion of the Senior evaluation. This also promises to be a great season; it has been rumored that Mountain Creek will finally deliver the bumps we have been waiting for at South! Having bumps will provide us with the opportunity to effectively train Senior level Patrollers, and hold a Senior S&T evaluation in early March. The S&T staff is committed to make our Region the best it can be. Let us know what we can do to help!

The New Jersey Region is also in need of some good S&T instructors. Anyone interested in becoming an instructor, please contact me or any T/E in the Region. Let's have another great season, and I hope to see you on the slopes. We want to hear from you!!!

Women's Development Program

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Road Trip!?!? Anyone interested in running sleds in bumps? We have an open invitation with several of our neighboring regions, that regularly have nice bumps, to join their Women's Clinics. EPA is the only region so far with anything on the calendar - Women's Toboggan Clinic 2/27/10. Let me know if you are interested in this or others that come up as we get closer to the season.

Young Adult Patroller Program

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The Eastern Division Young Adults Patroller Seminar is returning to Jiminy Peak, MA, on March 19-22, 2010. The Reisinger boys did very well the last time this event was held at Jiminy. Any Patrollers or registered Candidates who are less than 21 years old and still in high school are welcome to attend. Any Patrollers over 21 years old interested in helping with the event should let me know. This is a fun-filled educational event for all ages. Please contact me if you have any questions about the event.

Bike Patrol

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The end of Bike Patrol's sixth season is in sight, and we are sprinting to the finish line! Check your calendars and see if you can join us for any of our last three events:

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

Ski season is rapidly approaching, and Bike Patrol can help you get ready. Come on out and join us!

Elections

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Candidates interested in being considered for a Region Representative position may contact me at the above email address and/or their patrol director, as the new officers will be voted on at the January Region meeting by PDs, and take office as of April 1, 2010. It is a two-year term to which one can be elected to for three terms.

Obituary

Ronald A. Verblauw 1933 - 2009



Sunapee, New Hampshire. Ronald A. Verblauw, 75, died August 21, 2009 at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH, suddenly. He was born in Rochester, NY, on December 23, 1933, the son of Joseph P. and Margaret (Bonte) Verblauw. He graduated from Cornell University and lived in North Caldwell, NJ, for many years before moving to Sunapee, NH, five years ago. He owned and operated Da-Ron Service Co. Inc. in NJ for over 40 years retiring in 1998. Ron served in the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He had been on various boards while living in NJ. He was a past District Governor of Rotary International District 7490 and past Division Director of National Ski Patrol (Eastern Division). Ron enjoyed skiing, boating, and horseback riding. He was predeceased by a daughter, Joanna

M. Verblauw in NJ, in 1998. Members of his family surviving include his wife, Carol (Armstrong) Verblauw of Sunapee, NH; three daughters and sons-in-law, Monica L. and Michael Wroten of FL, Donna M. and Don Clayton of CO, and Rhonda A. and Tony Simons of TX; five grandchildren, Jennifer L. Hackbarth-Parks of TN, Julie A. Hackbarth of TN, Sgt. Mark A. Berkley of NM, Jacob Bergen of NC, and Spencer Berkley of CA; and two great grandchildren, Haley G. Parks of TN and Hendrix Law Berkley of NM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice, or in Ron's memory, please do a kindness to another family in need.

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: <http://www.nsp.org/public/AsiCommon/Controls/Shared/FormsAuthentication/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fpublic%2fdefault.aspx> Enter your NSP ID number and password. If you don't remember your password, click on "Trouble Loggin In?" below the Member Login box. Enter the required information, 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 or if you continue to experience difficulties in accessing your current member account, please contact Cheri Overton, Member Services Manager/Registrations at: coverton@nsp.org or by calling her at 303-988-1111, Ext 2646.

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!

National Ski Patrol Eastern Division currently has items for sale. Check out the Eastern Division website for a complete list of merchandise and suppliers: <http://www.nspeast.org/html/merchandise.htm>

***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>***