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Pacific Northwest Division Patrollers Ramp Up for Vancouver Olympics in 2010

By Tanya Friedman
Summit @ Snoqualmie-Central Patrol

In a little more than a year the 2010 Winter Olympics will be held in the Pacific Northwest, Vancouver and Whistler BC.

Two of our PNWD patrollers, Eric Geisler of Payette Lakes and Tanya Friedman of Snoqualmie, got to visit the Whistler Olympic Park as volunteer Ski Patrollers for the 2009 FIS Nordic World Cup Festival this January.

They were part of a team of ten volunteer patrollers from all over Canada and the U.S, four area medical staff, and two volunteer doctors. It was a wonderful experience and they got to cheer American Bill Demong to gold on the first Nordic Combined event.



Eric Geisler of Payette Lakes and Tanya Friedman of Summit at Snoqualmie-Central at the Olympic Ski Jump venue.



pleased with the course and facility. "There's no such thing as an easy course," said Demong. "This course has a lot of transitions which makes it an exciting place to race."

Tammy Ross, also a patroller at Summit at Snoqualmie-Central, will be going up to volunteer for the Biathlon event in March.

**Olympic 2010 Volunteers
Get Together!**

Contact Tanya Friedman at
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to coordinate



FIS- OLYMPIC TUNE UP

2008-09 World Cup season featured Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games medal hopefuls, representing a total of 21 countries. Broadcast live to Europe, an estimated 20 million viewers tuned in daily for the events while thousands of fans made their way to Whistler Olympic/Paralympic Park to cheer on the world's best cross-country and Nordic combined athletes.

American Nordic combined Olympic silver medalist Bill Demong was also

Tidbits from the PNWD

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Reports are coming in that most areas are open and skiing is good. Rather a late start this season with lower than normal skier visits over the Holiday Season in some areas.

We must all send our best to Hyak (Summit at Snoqualmie-East) ski area and patrollers. Who would think a slide would alter their season permanently.

According to Jay Magruder, Patrol Director both lifts were involved in the slide; the main lift severely damaged. The lodge had mud throughout the ground floor as a result of the runoff after the slide. It was reported that the slab mud slide seemed to take a slightly angled downhill path curving into Norm Craven's place taking the three story house off its foundation and carrying it about 50 feet down the fall line. The house above Norm's was also damaged, taking out the hot tub and deck. One bright spot in this story is since Norm was in his house at the time he was uninjured and able to crawl out a window to safety. Norm Craven is a past patrol director of Hyak. Even though he is in his 80's he skies (with his NSP National pin on his jacket) every day the area is open.

Mr. Magruder also reported that the patrol will continue providing full coverage of the Nordic trail system, operate the first aid room and offer support to the other three patrols on the Pass for the remainder of the ski season. "We have taken a big hit on the chin, but the patrol is up and ready for the next round." My heart goes out to all of you, take care.

It looks as if the Region calendars are full in regard to training. If individuals are interested in participating the dates are posted on individual Region web-sites or ask your patrol director. Good luck to all who are participating in the training sessions and of course the Senior Evaluations.

I want to thank all of you who voted in the NSP Board Election. We have three incumbents reelected, Clark Noble, PNW; Dave Ginley; Rocky Mountain; Bela Musits, Eastern and two new members; Scott Marland, Intermountain and Burt Mitchell, Eastern. For a report of the election results visit the NSP web site. PNWD had an 8.6% voter turn out.

The 2009 Convention committee is working hard to get the Convention together. The Convention starts August 8th and is being held at the Holiday Inn in Wilsonville, OR.



The giant slide Wednesday at the ski area in Hyak damaged about eight houses. The homeowner, past Patrol Director Norm Craven, who was inside the house, was rescued unhurt. Left: The avalanche, estimated at several hundred feet wide, swept down the Summit East ski area in Hyak, taking out at least one ski lift. Photo courtesy of Russell Harte

As usual there will be some meetings on Friday the 7th and the Board Meeting is Sunday the 9th. The registration form is published in this Nor'wester.

February 6th, 2009 is the start of the Special Olympics in Boise, Idaho. I am in hopes of visiting there during that time. I plan on attending the opening and/or closing ceremony and some of the on-hill events. NSP is a supporter of the Special Olympics.

I will also attend the NSP Patroller Education Conference in April. Although there will be a full agenda my main reason for going is the NSP Board Meeting. I will report on it in the Spring Nor'wester.

For more information on the Conference visit the PNWD web-site or call Chris Bourne at 303-988-1111 or e-mail cbourne@nsp.org. It is open to all patrollers and you are encouraged to attend.

Last August the PNWD approved a new set of by-laws. If you are interested in a



copy please contact your Region Director. We are now in the process of working on the Policies and Procedures. Hopefully, we can vote on the changes at the Spring Board Meeting.

By the time you read this elections will be underway for the Region Director positions in Inland Empire and Southern Idaho Regions. Both incumbents are running for another term.

Hoping you all have a successful ski season and all goes well.

Dolores

Ski Flight '09 Sets Sights on Dolomites

By Jack Melill, Ski Flight
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Take a Peak— for what's in store for the Ski Flight 2009 Educational Fund Raising event destination: The Dolomites, Italy.

Skiing and exchanging information with our **European** counterparts in The **Italian Dolomites** is **Ski Flights** choice for next year's 45th anniversary symposium to **Europe**.

Basing in one of the many towns in the **Dolomiti**, like **Canezi, Arraba, Selva Di Fasso or Cortina** enables us to ski the entire region including **Buffare** and 12,000 foot **Marmaloda**.

Buffare ski area has a basic bottom lift that's shaped like a Roman chariot. You carry your skis and run to hop on the chariot from a doorway on the rear of the chariot. You then ride up standing and facing forward, at the top you open the door and jump off with your skis and poles. One must be nimble and quick or you go around again. Hilarious and a bit awkward, but invigorating and most unusual.

Also we can attempt to ski the **Sella Arounda** (105 miles around the Sisters Mountain in a single day) a magnificent circuit and accomplishment. We do this by skiing up various lifts and skiing down, through towns and villages, to the next. It takes stamina and good skiing ability.

For the European ski symposium we may visit a helicopter rescue station, a first aid facility or witness a rescue/avalanche demonstration. We often meet with the patrols in a more relaxing atmosphere to exchange ideas and techniques.

Tentative plans are to fly Air France via Paris to Milan or Lufthansa via Frankfurt. Extensions will also be possible to Venice, Paris or other parts of Europe. For more information contact : Ski Flight Advisor jack.melill@juno.com or 425 313 4632. You may also write Jack at: 25406 SE 138th Issaquah, WA 98027.

Annual Report for Torino, Courmayeur & Dolomites

Ski Flight 2008 to **Torino**, Italy was a huge success. It was not only sunny everyday with good skiing but we had a full day and evening exchanging and learning with the Italian Ski Patrol and Mountain Rescue Group. It was very worthwhile and lots of fun. Over 50 Italians hosted us for the entire time.

Ski Flight 2009 faces the opposite situation, business is slow, oil prices are high, an uncertain election year and record low dollar values in Europe.

In spite of all this **Ski Flight** will continue with a smaller group to ski Courmayeur, Italy at the base of 15,502 foot Mount Blanc and exchange with the Italian Ski Patrols and Mountain Rescue Groups. Good ideas always come as a result of these meetings, also nice socializing.

Plans are to ski **The Dolomites** in Italy next year basing in **Arraba, Selva di Fasso, Canezi or Cortina**. Depending on where we can obtain the best prices and exchange with the local ski patrols and mountain rescue groups. This will enable us to ski the all day **Sella Arounda** (skiing 105 mile around the Sister Mountains) a real feat and accomplishment plus fun.

Jack



Ski Flighters take a break and enjoy the sunshine at one of the really good mountain restaurants take their big meal at lunch so food is tasty and ample at all mountain cafes. picture by Jack Melill

PNWD Budget P&L Overview

By Rick DeBenedetto, Comptroller
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PNWD National Ski Patrol	12:40 PM
Profit & Loss	39825
June 1, 2008 through January 12, 2009	Cash Basis
	<u>Jun 1, '08 - Jan 12, 09</u>
Income	
Dues	
National	0.00
Division	22,898.00
Total Dues	<u>22,898.00</u>
Contributions/Gifts/Donations	
Indirect	284.42
Total Contributions/Gifts/Donations	<u>284.42</u>
Fundraisers-Income	
Ski Flight	600.00
Alumni Programs	1,660.00
OEC Training	
Registration/Course	1,410.00
Total OEC Training	<u>1,410.00</u>
Total Fundraisers-Income	3,670.00
Interest Earned	1,054.32
Total Income	<u>27,906.74</u>
Expense	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-100.10
Accounting Fee's	25.00
Administrative Supplies-Expense	
Copies	25.42
Office Supplys	34.62
Total Administrative Supplies-Expense	<u>60.04</u>
Awards	850.57
Bank Fee's	106.69
Conference/Convention/Meetings	
OEC Seminar	1,423.84
Total Conference/Convention/Meetings	<u>1,423.84</u>
Dues-Affiliate	200.00
Postage and Shipping	902.75
Printing/Publications/Web	
Administrative Rosters	387.50
NorWestor	3,683.24
Total Printing/Publications/Web	<u>4,070.74</u>

Telephone	19.99
Travel-Administrative	
National Meetings	1,226.17
General/Other	446.12
Fall Board Meeting	5,902.28
Total Travel-Administrative	<u>7,574.57</u>
Travel-Training	
Division S&T Training	
Nuts and Bol	20.00
Total Division S&T Training	<u>20.00</u>
OEC Instructors Travel	1,372.88
Total Travel-Training	<u>1,392.88</u>
Total Expense	<u>#REF!</u>
Net Income	<u>#REF!</u>

PNWD National Ski Patrol	12:42 PM
Balance Sheet	39825
As of January 12, 2009	Cash Basis
	<u>Jan 12, 09</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
PNWD Checking US Bank	24,786.07
OEC Checking US Bank	11,476.24
Money Market US Bank	108,369.01
Total Checking/Savings	<u>144,651.32</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>144,651.32</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>144,651.32</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	117,254.61
Retained Earnings	16,016.94
Net Income	11,379.77
Total Equity	<u>144,651.32</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>144,651.32</u>

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www.nsp-pnwd.org

Northwest Region

By Liz Dodge, Region Director
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The snow started coming a bit later this year but when it came it came quickly. Unfortunately that was followed by a very warm wet weather front which dumped large amounts of water in a very short amount of time leaving many areas of Western Washington flooded, or sliding away. The ski area most negatively impacted was the Summit at Snoqualmie, and more specifically Summit East (Hyak); which lost it's three towers of it's main chair, as much of the slope below those towers. The landslide and its destructive nature were and remain quite impressive. Several local houses had damage or were destroyed. Former patroller and past Patrol Director Norm Craven lost his house which was torn off of its foundation and moved down the hill, with Norm going along for the ride. Luckily Norm came through the ride relatively unscathed, but the house had to be demolished. Photos of the slide are available for viewing on several websites; such as flickr.com - search on 'Hyak Landslide' or 'Hyak slide', or just google search 'Hyak slide'. At this point Summit East with only one chair remaining will not be open for Alpine skiing for the rest of the season, but they will be open for Nordic skiing adventures. The Summit East patrollers have all been invited to patrol at their sister areas at the Summit at Snoqualmie (Alpental, Central, and West), for the rest of the season.

More positive news includes a new high speed quad at the Summit at Snoqualmie – Central, replacing the old Silver Fir triple chair is in and working well. Reducing the 10 minute ride to about 4 minutes enables more skiers to access some great terrain. The Summit at Snoqualmie received approval on their master plan for renovation and expansion which include all areas of the Summit. This includes eventually open-

ing up the backside of Summit East, which has been closed to Alpine skiing for many years. White Pass also recently received word that their expansion plans have been approved. Their plans include adding 2 chairs, a lodge, 13 named runs and opening up 767 acres of fun. So it appears that the Ski areas in the NW Region are doing well.



Educational Programs - We got off to a good start and are staying busy. Approximately 55 individuals took or are taking an OEC full or challenge course, OEC, CPR/AED, and On hill refreshers have been completed for returning patrollers, one ID course was completed (9 students) and another in the planning stages, Candidate training is well underway for around 45+ new members, several Avy and MTR courses in progress, Senior training moving as scheduled with 14 patrollers enrolled in one or more of the core modules and a few others finishing up their electives. Plans are in the works to conduct the following programs: SES, TES, WTES, and a Ski Trainers Workshop, before the end of the season. Members are reminded that within the NW Region patrollers must be 'toboggan certified/authorized' prior to participating in any TES program. We have several new instructors and quite a few patrollers currently being mentored to become certified

instructors, with all educational disciplines benefiting from this influx of new instructor blood. Watch the region website for notices on program offerings.

There will be some openings in the region advisor/staff positions for next year; any patroller interested in working at the region level should contact me with their area of interest. Working at the region level is a great way to get involved and help the region continue to provide high quality programs for our members.

Our regions annual spring awards banquet will be on Saturday April 18th, so mark your calendars to save the date, and plan on attending. A flyer will be sent out and posted on the region website as soon as it's available.

August 2010 – It's really not that far off. The PNW Division annual convention will be hosted by the NW Region over the weekend of August 13-15, 2010. The location will be in easy to find Seattle.

Our region website continues to improve at www.nwr-nsp.org go take a look. If you have content, ideas for content, or photos, please send them to webmasters Perry Turner and Chris Castle at webmaster@nwr-nsp.org.

As always if any Patroller in the Region has a question, concern, or idea that they would like to discuss, they can contact me via phone or email at 206-542-9160 or dodger@ix.netcom.com. My ears are always open.

The NW Region is alive, well, and looking forward to an educational, fun, and productive spring. Please send white fluffy snow and sunshine our way.

Liz

Key dates for 2008-09 from our calendar include:

February

Jan 31st-Feb 1st - Avalanche Level II course Field Trip

4th, 11th, 18th & 25th – MTR Level 1 and 2 combined class – Classroom sessions – Dick Willy IOR

7th – Senior EMM Candidate Training Clinic and Written Scenarios, and newly created scenario due Loc: White Pass (Sat)

7th – Senior EMM Evaluator Calibration Clinic, Loc: White Pass (Sat)

8th – Senior Alpine S&T Student Training Clinic, Loc: White Pass (Sun)

8th – Senior Nordic S&T Student Training Clinic, Loc: Summit Central

10th – Region Awards Meeting

21st - Avalanche Level II course Field Trip

21st – Senior Alpine S&T Student Training Clinic, Loc: Summit Central

21st – Senior Nordic S&T Student Training Clinic, Loc: Summit Central

March

7th – Senior Program - Nordic S&T Finals, Loc: Summit Central

7-8th – Senior Program Finals, NW Region, Loc: Central (EMM = Sat, Alpine S&T = Sun)

13th, 14th, 15th – MTR Level 1 and 2 combined class – Field Trip – Dick Willy IOR

10th – Region Meeting

10th – Region Awards Meeting

14th – WTES in NW Region, Loc: TBA

29th – MTR I – White Pass, End Date: April 5. IOR: Kit Metlin mmetlen@mindspring.com

April

TBA – Region Awards Meeting (if needed)

18th - Region Awards Banquet, Host Alpental, Location: Mercer Island

TBA 4-5th ?? – SES – Mt Baker Two clinics - one each day

TBA 4-5th ?? – TES – Mt Baker Two clinics - one each day

TBA 5th ?? – Ski Trainers Workshop – Mt Baker

These dates are subject to change so keep an eye on the Region Website www.nwr-nsp.com for updates. Also NSP educational program offerings are listed on the NSP website, www.nsp.org

Southern Idaho Region

By David Ulrich, Region Director
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The start of the ski season here in Southern Idaho Region was slow but took off with a lot of snow once it started. I have skied at a couple of our area's and look forward to skiing at the rest.

I attended the first Senior Clinic at Bogus Basin and will attend the second one at Brundage on February 14th. Great participation by Senior Candidates to understand the Senior process and what they can expect. We have a large group of people going for one or more of the Senior Module's and the Senior Trainer's from each Patrol have been working with them, Thank you. I attended a TES at Soldier Mountain, great attendance by almost all of their Patrol including candidates with PNWD Seminar Permission sheets.

I will attend the Women's TES (Thank you to Heather Van Houten from Bogus Basin for being the Lead on the Women's) and Snowboard TES at Bogus Basin January 24th.

I will attend the Nordic Snowshoe Special Olympics' February 8th in McCall, Idaho and hope to attend Downhill Special Olympics' at Bogus Basin during the week of February 8th to 12th.



A Special Thank you to all of you Patrollers in the Region that are involved and have Volunteered to help in the Special Olympics' Events.

Our Eddie Orbea Senior Evaluation will be March 7th and 8th Hosted by Anthony Lakes Ski Patrol at Anthony Lakes.

We will have a hospitality event Friday night off the mountain with all other activities at the mountain including the Saturday Night Banquet. Anthony Lakes Patrol does a excellent job when it comes to Hosting Senior so come join us.

If any Patroller in the Region has a issue or question on anything please feel free to contact me via email at (dulrich@imftech.com) or call me at (801-369-2731). Thank you for letting me be your RD.

DAVE

Mt Hood Region

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After a slow start in December, the Mt. Hood Region is having an excellent ski year with all areas in full operation. As the snow conditions have improved and the volume of skiers increased so has work load and the number of incidents on Mt Hood. For example, members of the Mt. Hood Nordic Ski Patrol participated in the rescue of a lost skier at Ski Bowl on December 27. The extraordinary effort put forth by Joel Stevens, John Gastineau and Donna Disch was instrumental to the success of the mission. Additional details are on page 5 of the January 2009 "SnoJob" publication available from the Mount Hood Ski Patrol web site.

Joint Senior EMM and S&T final evaluations with the Oregon Region are scheduled for February 28 and March 1 at Mount Hood. Special thanks to Kathy Lee for organizing the EMM and to Jeffrey Weitz for the S&T program together

with the many volunteers instrumental to the success of our senior clinics.

Other activities include ongoing administration by the patrols within the region. An election committee is assembling a slate of candidates for Mount Hood Ski Patrol elections in April. The MHSP year end banquet is scheduled for May 30 at Timberline.



The annual "Nuts and Bolts" toboggan/

skiing enhancement & instructor development clinic is being planned for early June at Timberline and a fund raising committee is making plans for the second annual Mount Hood Ski Patrol a ski swap in the fall of 2009.

Further details about events within the Mt. Hood Region are in the "Sno Job" monthly newsletter which can be accessed from the MHSP web site in the "Newsletters" category at the following URL:

<http://www.mthoodskipatrol.org>

In addition, a public calendar is available in the "Members" section of the Mount Hood Ski patrol web site if additional information is needed about the key dates within the region.

Rodd

Probe Line Guidon Cord

ABSTRACT: Use of a Guidon Cord is required to maintain the proper spacing across the probe line so that one can achieve the statistical probability of detection for organized probing. Presented is a design for a Guidon Cord that is easy to deploy any needed length, and easy to store without the problem of becoming tangled.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Guidon Cord is made with small loops for the prober's position spacing. The loops permit the cord to be carried on a carabiner. This prevents tangling and allows only the amount needed to be deployed. The cord is constructed with intermediate knots for the left and right probe markings.

2. MATERIAL

1/8" diameter braided nylon or polyester cord. Length: 6-ft plus 6-ft for each prober.

Carabiner, "keylock" style to prevent the cord from catching in the notch on other style carabineers. The Mammut Element Key Lock is one of the cheaper models.

Webbing Runner, 19 mm wide x 25 cm long.

Concentrated acrylic black artist paint, thinned slightly with water. NOTE: Felt markers will bleed.

3. KNOTS

Butterfly Knot (Middleman's) for the loops. Keep the loops small, about 1.5-inch long.



Fig. 1 Butterfly Knot

Triple Overhand Knot is used for the additional left and right positions.



Fig. 2 Triple Overhand Knot

4. GUIDON CORD CONSTRUCTION

Length: 42-ft for a 6-prober cord, 100-ft for a 16-prober cord.

Start at:

If you are tying a cord for an odd number of probers, tie a Butterfly Knot in the middle. For an even number of prober positions, tie a Triple Overhand Knot 10-inches on both sides of the center of the cord.

Work from the center to one end, so that you only have to pull half the length of the cord through the Triple Overhand Knots.

The pattern should be:

x loop x x loop x x loop x x loop x (x=triple overhand knot).

A knot is tied every 50 cm (19.7-in).

Women's Task Force Gears Up

By Suzette Krebs
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The Women's Task Force is gearing up for the 2009 Patroller Education Conference scheduled for April 15-17 in Snowbird.

A questionnaire is in the works and will be sent by the National Office to all women patrollers. Your thoughts and opinions are needed to tailor programs to fit our members' needs.

If you would like your thoughts and opinions heard, take a few minutes and respond to the survey. Watch for it in your inbox as it is expected to be out by email in the near future!



Make Your Voice Heard!
Take the Survey

By Frank Rossi, MTR Advisor
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When you reach the end, repeat from the center and work to the other end.

Frequently check that the knot sequence is correct.

End with one Triple Overhand Knot beyond the last Butterfly Knot loop.

Tie one end of the cord to the carabineer and runner.

Paint every other loop black, and the Triple Overhand Knot on each side of it.
x loop x x loop x x loop x x loop x



Fig. 3 Probeline Guidon Cord

Supply Sources Cord, Polyester / Dacron Braid

Ebay: search on “polyester braid cord” and also “dacron braid cord. Ebay seller “theropeguy1” has 1/8” red cord 200-ft \$14.94

www.CookCustomSewing.com/doityourself.htm Lino Lakes, MN
1/8” red polyester cord 450-lb \$.10/ft

www.HorseAroundTack.com/performanceIntroduction.html
Ogden, UT
Repute-AC AEL NPS#208 polyester
3mm 1/8” 610-lb 300-ft reel, red. \$ call

Cord, Nylon Braid

www.seamar.com Seattle, WA
UPC 820949052614 EVR48MFPR
Twine MFP Marker #48 Red 1-lb spool
\$7.79. Approx. 2.8 mm-dia, no core,
approx. 400-ft/spool.

www.gr8gear.com Seattle, WA
#330- Stansport Nylon Cord 3/16”, or-
ange, 100-ft \$3.50

#330a- Stansport Nylon Cord 3/16”, or-
ange, 50-ft \$1.75

#550NO- Nylon Type III Commercial
Parachute Cord 1/8”, red, neon orange,
orange \$.10/ft also \$57.99/1200-ft spool

www.parachute-cord.com Gastonia, NC
colors, \$44.95/1000-ft

Carabineer, Keylock

Mammut Element Keylock carabineer, red
body, silver gate.

REI #760240 straight gate \$6.95

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OEC-The Beat Goes On!

By Carol Fountain, OEC Advisor
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Refreshers are winding down (some make-up refreshers still going on) and OEC classes are continuing.

Welcome Jane San Romani

I would like to welcome my assistant OEC Supervisor, Jane SanRomani. Jane will be in charge of collecting the division OEC fee.

I will be focusing my attention on continuing education for OEC instructors. According to the criteria for recertification as an OEC instructor, the instructor must attend a continuing education program within the three year certification period.

I will be traveling to several small patrols in the Oregon Region this season to update

instructors in those patrols. If your patrol would like a visit to update OEC instructors, please let me know so that I can fit it into my schedule. Or if your patrol would like information emailed please let me know.

Senior EMM training clinics and enhancement seminars are starting. Remember to register each of these with the NSP.

If you have questions about how to register the clinics, contact Carol Hudson at the national office.

Instructors of Record need to remember to send in the course completion records of all OEC classes and challenges within

two weeks of the completion of the course.

There are some OEC courses that are almost a year old, and the course completion record has not been submitted. Let’s get our housekeeping in order!

Best regards,

Carol



What is it?

“The purpose of the Alumni association is to provide a communication link for individuals previously registered with the National Ski Patrol. Members of the Alumni Association continue to receive some member benefits such [as the] *Ski Patrol Magazine* and may purchase products from the *NSP Winter Catalog*. Alumni Association members also have the opportunity to lend their experience and knowledge to their local patrol and to education programs.” 1997, The Ski Patroller’s Manual, Fourteenth Edition

Who can join?

“Membership in the Alumni Association is available to any individual who has been registered with the NSP as a patroller for at least one year. The national office handles annual registration in the Alumni Association.” The Ski Patroller’s Manual, Fourteenth Edition

In 2008 the PNWD registered 236 Alumni members



How do I connect with my patrol if I register through the national office?

An NSP Membership Registration Form (which can be found on line at the NSP website or contact me.) must be completed to be a *secondary* patroller. Complete the bottom and have it signed by the PD of your patrol. Seems some of you have had quite the time trying to get this accomplished this year. My hat is off to you for persevering and getting the job done.

Remember that it is important to complete the form and send it directly to the national office. No money is due with this registration form because the \$27 dues money is sent with the Alumni Form that national will send directly to you.

After you submit the registration form your name will then be on a secondary roster that is sent to your patrol. Your patrol registrar will mark the yes/no box on the “Secondary Roster” form that says across the top, “send no dues” and return it with the patrol registration.

If the patrol registration has already been sent have the patrol director initial approval on the form and send it directly to NSP. You only have to complete the NSP Membership Registration Form with your patrol as a secondary patrol once.

After that the patrol director will receive an annually a secondary registration roster (includes Alumni) and then will only have to mark you with a “yes” as returning. The \$27 Alumni dues are paid each year directly to NSP.

Also, mark your calendars for the 2009 PNWD Convention in Wilsonville, Oregon on August 8th, to learn more about the Alumni Program.

Enjoy the snow,

Josie

No longer a Patroller?

Become an Alum!

Go to www.nsp-pnwd.org

Click on Forms Page

ATTENTION PATROL DIRECTORS & UNIT REPS!

CARD BOARD SPLINTS AVAILABLE

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Focus on Nordic Clinics

By Joseph Calbreath
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Great happenings this season in the Nordic program! The biggest was the Oregon Region's Nordic Clinic scheduled a Hoo-Doo Ski Area on Jan. 24-25th, 2009.

The clinic filled up and we had to have a waiting list. We also had patrollers and trainers from two other regions (Northwest & Southern Idaho) attend. The clinic had multiple programs. A Nordic Ski Enhancement Seminar for patrollers and senior candidates and a Train the Trainer program to instruct other instructors how to put on a clinic. The goal is to have an annual clinic in all regions each season. I also have launched new procedures for checking off the S & T requirements for

**Oregon Region's
Nordic Clinic
Great Success!**

Nordic Senior Candidates. The new procedures give the candidate more opportunities to complete the requirements and shorten the final testing time.

If there are any Nordic Senior Candidates or instructors who have not see the new procedures and forms please email me and I send them to you; calfam3@comcast.net.

Senior candidates can get their ski skills checked off at the clinics. The extended ski tour, navigation, and toboggan work can be checked off in their MTR 2 class, which is required for Nordic Seniors. When they come to the final testing they run a scenario that will demonstrate all these skills and can be done in an hour instead of trying to do all the check-offs at the final.

This should make it much easier for Nordic Senior Candidates to get their S & T requirements completed and hopefully increase our number of candidates becoming seniors.

Joe

Expanded Metal Snow Traction Treads

By Frank Rossi, MTR Advisor
rossifp@nwlink.com

The expanded metal snow traction treads shown below are most efficient for moving vehicles stuck in snow.

Thirty years ago I found a 6.25" x 32" pair in an second-hand store in Pennsylvania. I have used them to progressively walk a 40-ft motor home out of the ski patrol parking lot at Summit West on Snoqualmie Pass. I have used them four times this winter to get stuck vehicles moving.

My original pair is too narrow and a little too short. My new pairs are 8" wide by 40.5" long. The length is a compromise to fit in all our vehicles. If I had room they would be 48" long.

The material is:

Expanded metal, steel, Raised pattern (regular/standard),

Style dimension: 1.5" #9 (1.5" is narrow dimension, #9 is thickness)

Recommend getting "bonded shear on all sides" to eliminate sharp "X" edges.

You can probably find someone locally to make you a set.

I found the following prices at www.DiscountStee.com for the above specifications:

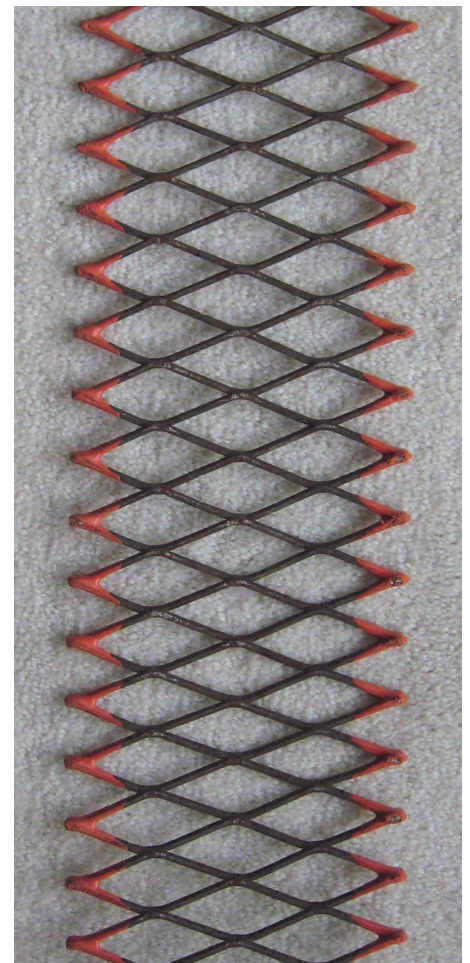
8" x 40.5" \$31.56 for a pair

8" x 48" \$33.74 for a pair

Shipping is additional.



1-1/2" #9 Raised Expanded Metal





REGISTRATION FORM

Note: A separate application must be prepared for each participant. Make copies of this form as needed. Applicants will be accepted in the order received.

Full payment, or a \$250 deposit, must accompany this application. Please do not send cash. Make checks or money orders payable to the National Avalanche Foundation.

Registrant's Name

Company

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip, Country

Physical/Fedex Address (Where your student materials should be sent if applicable, no PO Boxes)

City, State, Zip, Country

Is this physical address a _____ home or _____ business?

Work Phone

Alternate Phone (home/cell)

Email

Fax

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Answers to the following questions will be used to group students in workshops. Please complete all information.

Select the area you currently do or plan to employ your avalanche skills (chose the best one):

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developed ski areas (alpine and nordic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Backcountry Traveler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Ranger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backcountry of Highway Forecaster | |

Select the category below that best describes your avalanche background:

- Relatively new to avalanche studies – *"Metamorphism and snow mechanics seem like greek to me."*
- Good working knowledge and some formal training – *"I have attended at least a level I avalanche course before and do avalanche work in my job. I am a little rusty on the science."*
- Advanced training and experience – *"I have a good understanding of avalanche principals and the science. I am really looking to discuss advance topics with the top experts in those fields."*

It is highly recommended that beginning avalanche students or those who have never attended National Avalanche School Phase I, attend the New Student Orientation held Sunday, October 25.

- Yes, I plan on attending the New Student Orientation.

Avalanche Instructor Alert

Avalanche Instructors, Northwest Region

The National Avalanche School 2009 Phase I (classroom) is Oct 25-30, 2009, at Snowbird, UT

Early registration deadline for Phase I Lecture is June 19 with \$250 deposit. Balance of \$245 due by August 31, 2009.

Additional:

\$20 for Snow, Weather, and Avalanches: Observational Guidelines for Avalanche Programs in the United States

\$13 for postage and handling to receive school binder and workbook materials before arriving at the school. Phase II (field) is at Crystal Mountain, February 2010.

There additional registration fee for Phase II.

Registration form is on the page 12/13 for your convenience.

**For more information
go to the website:
www.avalancheschool.org**

I HAVE ENCLOSED PAYMENT FOR:

- Phase I Fees
- \$495 (if postmarked by June 19, 2009)
 - \$545 (if postmarked after June 19, 2009)
 - \$250 Deposit (balance due by August 31, 2009.)

Student Materials

Required:

\$20 for required publication, *Snow, Weather, and Avalanches: Observational Guidelines for Avalanche Programs in the United States*. This publication will be mailed with your binder and workbook materials if you choose the option below. Otherwise, you may pick it up with your other materials at the school.

Optional:

\$13 for postage and handling (to receive your school binder and workbook materials before arriving at the school.) This is strongly recommended so you will have adequate time to study the materials before the Phase I session. *In order to take advantage of this option you MUST register by October 1, 2009.*

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PAYMENT (CIRCLE ONE): Check, Visa, MC, AMEX

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Mail or Fax Registration and Payment to:

National Avalanche Foundation
c/o National Ski Areas Association
133 S. Van Gordon Street
Suite 300
Lakewood, CO 80228
(303) 987-1111
FAX (303) 986-2345

Refund Information:

Phase I – Registration fees and deposits will be refunded if the application is not accepted due to full enrollment (230 students this session). Full refund will be made if requested at least 90 days before the session starts. A \$75 fee will be charged if cancellation is requested between 90 and 61 days of the start of the session; \$100 if between 60 and 31 days; and \$200 if within 30 days. Government purchase orders are accepted.

Convention 2009 in the Works!

Happy New Year!

Speaking of the New Year, it's not too early to make your plans to attend the 2009 Division Convention on August 7th, 8th, and 9th.

This year's conference, entitled "The I-5 Summit, elevation - No Limits," will take place at the newly remodeled Holiday Inn in Wilsonville, Oregon, 20 minutes south of Portland.

We are working on securing exciting and innovative programming that will benefit each patroller attending. We also plan to offer some unique ways to "let your hair down" and have fun with your fellow patrollers from across the Division. Besides the usual Friday morning PNWD

Golf Tournament, we're planning to offer an all-comers PNWD Miniature Golf Tournament (prizes awarded for all kinds of silly things!) as well as a surprise activity Friday night that will help anyone who wants to really "get into the rhythm" of the convention.

So why not jump on the opportunity to register early and avoid being an "April Fool"? That's right: if you register before April 1, you will be entered into a drawing to win a free night's lodging!

Make plans now to spend an interesting and fun weekend with your fellow patrollers from Pacific Northwest Division.

Contact

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(541) 342-1105

dselting@gmail.com

Avalanche Tracks

By Eric Geisler, Avalanche Advisor
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The 2008-2009 season started out slowly but when the snow came we sure made up for lost time. By late December we had CONSIDERABLE to HIGH avalanche danger across the entire Division.

Avalanche accidents have been happening at an alarming rate, proving again that December is the most deadly month for avalanche fatalities.

The season has settled down in most areas of the Division now that we have had a warming and settling cycle. I would not expect to see such a widespread instability again this season unless there is another incredible storm cycle like last year.

The new Avalanche Instructor's Manual (AIM) has been published and we are in the beta phase of trying to teach courses from it. The Region Avalanche Advisers have copies for ALL instructors (\$20 each) and Eric Geisler (ericsgeisler@yahoo.com) has a few remaining as well. If you are going to continue to teach you MUST have the

NEW AIM. Course lengths and content have been changed (lengthened) considerably. All avalanche instructors should plan to be at the instructor conference in Kennewick, WA in the FALL. We will share teaching materials as well as discuss approaches to the new material.

The Avalanche Rescue Fundamentals and Avalanche rescue Quick Guide are both nearing completion of the revisions and should be available for next season from NSP. The SWAG (snow, water, and avalanche observation guidelines) is being published by the American Avalanche Association and should be available in the fall as well.

There are several courses now registered in three of the four categories at many locations around the Division. Please remember to incorporate the new time guidelines into your course planning. Level I is now 28 hours and takes 3 VERY LONG DAYS or four days. The Level II course is now 32 hours and takes 3 or 4 days in the Field and 1 LONG day of lecture (4 or five

days total) at a minimum.

There are also new guidelines for Avalanche Refreshers on a three year cycle similar to OEC. We will try to implement these in the new year.

The new curricula has been well received and I appreciate the efforts both new and seasoned instructors are putting in to deliver the courses. There is a Level I course offered in the Spokane area on March 14-15 (lecture @ WSU Spokane) and March 21-22 (Field @ Silver Mtn). Registration is due by February 28 to ericsgeisler@yahoo.com cost is \$40 for patrollers and includes all books. I know the Oregon region is planning a LEVEL II course SOON contact Kathy Alexander for information (kalexander@mtbachelor.com). Instructors

PLEASE REGISTER courses early so that you get maximum enrollment.

Have a safe season. Don't become a flake!

Eric





I-5 Summit
 "Elevation – No Limits"
 2009 PNWD Convention
 August 6th to 9th, 2009

Convention Registration
 Make Check Out To: **PNWD 2009 Convention**
 Send To: PNWD 2009
 PO Box 1578
 Eugene Oregon 97440

Hotel Reservations
 Holiday Inn – Wilsonville
 25425 SW 95th Ave
 800-465-4329 ask for *ski patrol* price
 503-682-2211
www.holidayinnwilsonville.com

Name _____ Address _____
 Partner _____
 Patrol _____ Patrol/Region/Division Position _____
 Phone _____ e-mail _____

	Number	Cost	Amount
Registration	_____ X	\$40.00 (patroller)	= _____
Late Registration after 7/25/09	_____ X	\$55.00 (patroller)	= _____
T-shirt (one free per patroller w/ registration by 7/25/09)		Extra shirts \$15.00 by 7/25	_____
Size Needed:	S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____		
Friday Social Dinner	_____ X	\$15.00	= _____
Friday – Children under 10	_____ X	\$10.00	= _____
Saturday Breakfast	_____ X	\$12.00	= _____
Saturday Lunch (<i>Ski Flight</i>)	_____ X	\$15.00	= _____
Saturday Banquet	_____ X	\$28.00	= _____
		<i>Pork _____ / Fish _____ / Vegetarian _____</i>	Choose entrée for each person
Sunday Breakfast	_____ X	\$12.00	= _____
		Total	_____
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Credit card transactions by email or postal mail.  

Activities - pending participation

How many will arrive before 6pm Thursday? _____
 How many want to participate in Friday a.m. 18 hole Golf? _____
 How many want to participate in Friday a.m. Miniature Golf? _____

Registration questions Don Elting - dselting@gmail.com
 Program questions Steve Cromer - cromer@wvi.com

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Division Roster Changes

Please update your records accordingly:

Email for Richard DeBenedetto, Controller, is: rick_debededetto@comcast.net

Email for Al Richardson, legal advisor, Richardson@blacklaw.com

Email for Kent Nelson, Patrol Director Mt Baker is: kent@acebeverage.net

Patrol Director for Alpentel, Northwest Region is: Clark Hurlbut, PO Box 1520, Mercer Island, WA 98040-1520, Phone: 206-275-4513, email: churlbuts@msn.com

Division Alpine Ski/Toboggan advisor: Walt Langkait, 919 Field Ave. N.E., Renton, WA 98059, email: langkait@comcast.net

Division Young Adult Advisor: Phil Dawson, 6923 N. Argonaut, Spokane, WA 99208 email: pdawson10@whiteworth.edu

Division Women's Program Advisor: Suzette Krebs, P. O. Box 18868, Spokane, WA 99228. email: suzettekrebs@comcast.net

Oregon Region Changes:

Santiam Pass Patrol Director: Steve Cromer, 883 E. Kathy St. Stayton, OR 97383, phone: 503-769-3207 (h), 503-949-1935 (c), email: cromer@wvi.com

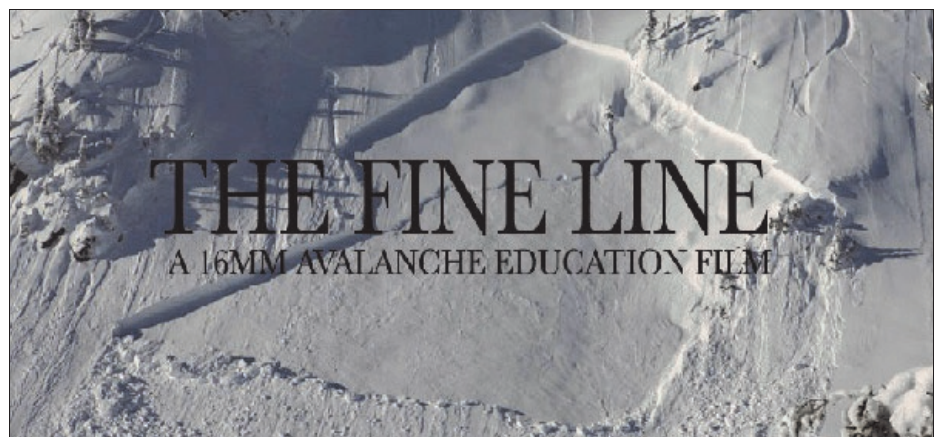
Asst. Santiam Pass Patrol Director: Shelley Urben, P.O. Box 126, Beavercreek, OR 97004-0126. phone: 503-632-6833 (h), 503-658-7350 (w). email: surben@yahoo.com

I have a copy of it if anyone would like to preview it before purchasing. There is some spectacular imagery and it provides a really good quick overview of what to think about in the mountains. In addition to the age range Frank mentions in caption, it is also aimed at those that have very little or no avalanche training and encourages them to take a formal class.

That said, I think all of us who have already had some avalanche training can never get enough of the information we already know but delivered in a new and "cutting edge" way.

Contact: castle@alum.colby.edu

Chris



This DVD contains the Feature Film plus four education segments: Understanding Avalanche Bulletins, Choosing Terrain, Predicting Avalanches, Emergency Self Rescue. The target audience is early teens through 26-years olds.

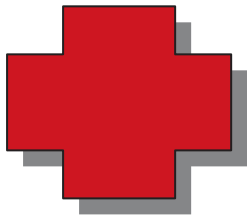
In Memoriam

DONALD RAE GALLOWAY

Donald Galloway was unexpectedly taken from us December 1, 2008 by cancer.

Don was the Division Director of the Pacific Northwest Division from 1962 to 1969 and then stayed active with the Crystal Mountain Ski Patrol for 20 years before retiring to the world of golf as a hobby. At the time of his death he was at his winter home at the Cocopah Golf and RV Resort in Yuma, AZ.

Don was an avid golfer with the Cowboys and Christmas decorator extraordinaire, winning park honors as the best decorated house every year. Don and Betty have been residents of Cocopah for the past 9 years and my golf partner for those 9 years. Don was born on May 16, 1935 and was 73 years old.



I have had the privilege of being friends with Don since first meeting him about 1961 on Mt. Spokane. The accolades I have been receiving from friends that he served with in the ski patrol and the administration of the patrol are inspiring. He has been called "One of the good Guys" numerous times and had the common sense to lead the Division the best way for all concerned.

Don also served as Patrol Director of Ski Acres Ski Patrol during the years 1959 thru 1962 and served as the Region Director in that same period of time before being elected as Division Director. Don received his National Appointment # 2125 during the 1958-59 season and the NW Region Miller Memorial Award in 1961 for Meritorious Service to the National Ski Patrol. (Robert Charles Miller Memorial Award)

Don was born in Cle Elum, Washington where his father was Sheriff of Kittitas County. His father took a job with Boeing, the Galloway's relocated to West Seattle where Don graduated from West Seattle High School in 1954.

Don served in the United States Marine Corps stationed in Pickle Meadow, CA; training troops in cold weather survival. After the Corps, he attended Washington State University.

Don was a member of Local 32 Plumbers & Pipefitters in Seattle, WA for 49 years and retired as their business agent. Don was a tough negotiator and always kept the interest of the members in sight.

Don had many passions in his life, his work, and play and his family. Don is survived by his loving wife Betty Lou, his son Cory and his wife Shirley, his daughter Jana, his stepchildren Dean and Jessica, 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

In memory of Don, a donation in Don's name to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, WA or on line at the Fred Hutchinson web site.

Marlen Guell
Past PNW Division Director, 1973-77
Past National Chairman 1986-92

Joseph H. Peagler

Joe Peagler was a Marine Lieutenant Colonel retired who joined the National Ski Patrol 1999-2000 ski season. Joe achieved his Alpine Senior level in 2004 while being active with supervising the Young Adult Patrollers on the Bogus Basin Ski Patrol and with assisting in OEC and Toboggan instruction.

On November 29th 2008, Joe died suddenly in a motorcycle accident while on a trip back to Idaho from the East Coast. He had been riding through Arizona when a car had crossed over the center line and struck him head on. Joe will be remembered for his help with the ski patrol year round and with the Idaho Special Olympics. Many

knew when Joe showed up to help teach spring and fall OEC classes on his big twin Harley as its rumble announcing his arrival. At Summer Mountain Bike Races held around Bogus Basin he would camp out and help with the medical support work during the day of racing and in the evening after it got dark would lead some of younger patrollers/kids on a snipe hunt. One morning before the ski lifts had opened up, Joe showed up late for the patrol briefing. Joe being a bit out of breath and his patrol jacket a bit muddy explained that he had been delayed when our local Sheriff had been knocked down in the parking lot while trying to arrest a man. Joe saw the man who was running away, he dropped all his ski gear, ran toward the man with

his 230+ pounds of weight, he body tackled him to the ground like you might see in a NFL game and held the fleeing suspect there until the Sheriff could handcuff him.

Joe was a kind hearted man who was not bashful and could always be counted on for sharing his true feelings on any topic. Joe will be missed by many, including his ski patrol family.

Earl E. Esson
Bogus Basin Ski Patrol, Idaho





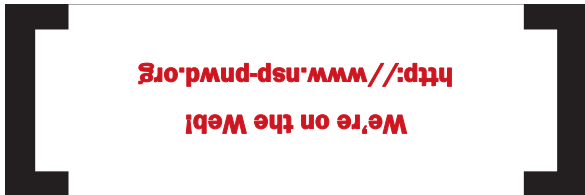
The National Ski Patrol (NSP) is a Federally Chartered nonprofit membership association dedicated to serving the public and the mountain recreation industry by providing education services about emergency care and safety.

NSP also reaches members through nationally funded education materials and programs, division newsletters, and local clinics. Through its divisions, NSP conducts training events to supplement training provided by the ski areas. This cooperative effort ensures that members are serving the needs of area management while staying in tune with a nationally standardized system.

www.nsp.org
www.nsp-pnwd.org

Vision Statement: The Pacific Northwest Division is the foremost ski patroller association comprised of volunteer and paid patrollers in the host ski areas, dedicated to maintaining performance standards in the ski patrol environment. The main purpose of the ski patroller is to deliver up-dated first aid and rescue services to the skiing and outdoor-recreation public. The Pacific Northwest Division is an integral part of the National Ski Patrol Systems, Inc.

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