



# Far West Division News and Views

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**Lance Vaughan,**  
**FWD Director**

Thoughts on the 2020 ski season—so far.

Resorts opened in early

December with good product across the region; I even had reported our friends in Tucson were open at Mt. Lemmon. Mount Shasta to Mt. Lemmon—Congrats to all.

The news of mid-January avalanches is tough for all of us, Idaho, California, Colorado – a total of six states with fatal avalanches. Conditions are challenging, in Northern CA we could sense the factors were higher with the mid-month snow fall. Some interesting data recently available suggests an age increase in those caught in slides with an underlying suggestion on training recency. Consider getting in a class, refresh your skills perhaps to displace “old comfortable habits” which often lead to cut corners. Recent studies of “who was caught” data suggest those trained recently might pay more attention to all the data in pits and reports. Avy courses are offered this year across the Division, not seeing one, ask for a class as the life you save might be your own or a loved one.

In early January I attended the Winter NSP Board Meetings at a wonderful airport hotel (Embassy Suite) near Denver Airport. The Board is very engaged, and I felt these sessions were one of the most positive and engaged sessions I recall. Outgoing Board Chair Rick Knight

and new Board Chair Brain Rull are building a refreshing culture on the Board of Directors, a collaborative, positive, and respectful conversational atmosphere with the Division Directors and Board of Director teams. While I could barely see the snow 45 miles away on one clear day, it was a refreshing and energizing trip.

The National Ski Area Association (NSAA) western meeting was held at Squaw in Mid Jan. I attended with Meegan Moszynski and the conference offered a great opportunity to check on area issues and places we as patrollers can maintain alignment with our service area teams. Risk reduction and management remain high focus topics for the industry, insurance rates continue to rise as a category as wildfire rates are soaring. Please keep a focus on helping reduce risk, wrecks and deliver a high standard of care where we serve.

Recognition Program (Awards) Please see the article from Division Advisor Bill Gibson. Changes this year emerged from the Winter Board meeting and Face to Face Awards program meetings. I expect to see current and new categories with members eligible for recognition from both Volunteer and Paid Classifications. If I recall correctly, Alumni with a current OEC credential using their skills in the saving of another person can earn recognition for their efforts (Blue or Purple Merit Stars) These changes are large steps and a response to feedback from the membership including FWD members. All items need your

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**Mark your calendars:**

**Jump to p. 12 to mark your NSP calendars for a host of NSP clinics and events!**

**Continually check out the FWD web site, [farwest.org](http://farwest.org), for updated calendar dates.**

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## Addresses up-to-date?

Is your mailing address and e-address current with the National office? Remember, the FWD gets its mailing lists and email lists directly from the National office in Denver. If you change your US mail or email address, to your Member Profile to change, and, notify your own patrol.

Don't miss out on exciting future issues of FWD 'News and Views' and other NSP publications!

## FWD News and Views

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# Far West Division Election results

DATE: December 14, 2019

TO: Far West Division Board

FROM: Janice Waits, Far West Division, Election Chairperson

SUBJECT: 2020-2022 Election Report

Elections for the offices of Assistant Division Director were opened August 10, 2019, with only one nominee being received as of December 2, 2019 — Nominations were DUE for Assistant Division Director Position. Any nomination or announcement must be accompanied by a one-page resume of the candidate's membership in NSP that demonstrates the candidate's eligibility for office and a one-page statement of the candidate's platform. All nominations, other than self-nominations, must be accompanied by written acceptance of the nomination signed by the nominee.

After an additional one-week, results were given to Lance Vaughan, Division Director per Bylaws 5.4.2.1a, *If, after nominations are closed there is only one (1) nomination for an office, the single nominee shall be declared elected to the office, and no balloting or other action shall be required. The Division Director and/or Elections Chair shall notify the eligible voters in writing, as soon thereafter as possible. (8/2/14)*

## ELECTION RESULTS FOR the JUNE 1, 2020 – MAY 31, 2022 TERM ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR

2020-2022 Nancy Stromswold, Assistant Division Director. This will be Ms. Stromswold's third and final full two year term.



# TRANSPORTATION NATION

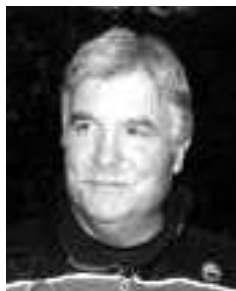
All the Sled news that's fit to print.....

What an interesting year it has been to date! After a big, cold dump to start the season – essentially fluff on dust – then a batch of consistent warm precipitation to firm up the base, the West Coasters are off and running!

Resorts up and down the Far West Division are in full operation after a sunny and packed Holiday run, and patrollers are getting down to business and focusing on training opportunities, so let's take a look at where we are to date.

## OET status report

As I write this article, we are about 45 days into our season, and our OET Instructors in the Division have registered nearly 50 courses to date. We are hoping for a minimum of 120 courses for the season, which means we may be tracking right at our expectations. If you have been considering registering a TES, SES or senior training event – go do it! Let's capture the training that is happening at the local level through NSP course registrations.



January, Rob Maxim has several events scheduled in the Mother Lode Region, Darren Church down in SoCal kick starts his program in early February, and the Squaw Valley Senior Clinic is scheduled for March 25-27 in Olympic Valley. See the schedule printed below and encourage your patrollers to take advantage of these excellent training opportunities! Contact

your Region Administrator for registration information today.

### Preview of Upcoming Attractions

**MOTHER LODE REGION** Rob Maxim, OET Administrator

Women's toboggan clinic, Donner Ski Ranch  
February 1-2

Senior Clinic / Evaluation, China Peak  
February 21-23

Senior combined event (OET/SEM), Dodge Ridge,  
March 7-8

Senior Clinic / Evaluation, Sugar Bowl, April 3-5

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION** Darren Church, OET Administrator

Senior Clinic / Evaluation, Mountain High,  
February 8-9

Senior Clinic / Evaluation, Lee Canyon  
February 29-March 1

Senior Clinic / Evaluation, Snow Valley,  
March 28-29

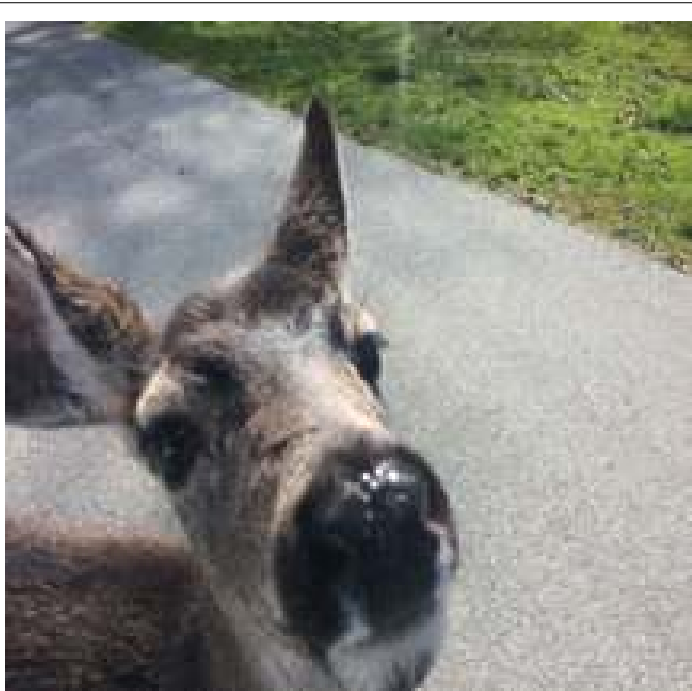
**EASTERN SIERRA REGION** Dave Stromswold, OET Administrator

Squaw Valley Senior Clinic March 25-27

See [squawskipatrol.net](http://squawskipatrol.net) for more information.

And finally, don't forget:

**The Nation's finest sled head laboratory**  
**Nuts & Bolts – Mt. Hood, Oregon**  
**Hosted by the Wy'East Region of the Pacific Northwest Division**  
**Palmer Glacier, Timberline, OR June 5, 6, 7, 2020**



Did you register your OET course yet?

Senior Program delivery in the Mother Lode, Eastern Sierra, Southern CA and Arizona Regions is enjoying quite a resurgence after two consecutive abundant snow years. Andy Youngblood has completed a clinic at Sunrise in late

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# Mountain Travel and Rescue in midst of big season!

Looking good for this winter to be a good one for the MTR program!

Snow pack looking good for adventuring into the backcountry, and with this adventure should come the knowledge of everyone how to enjoy it and be prepared for anything that may occur.

How to enjoy the snow and weather that comes with the winter mountain environment is the goal of the MTR courses. Besides the conditions at the Alpine hills conditions are developed in the back country that prove to be challenges and dangers we must be knowledgeable and be prepared to encounter.

The Avalanche program covers the danger avalanches present. See Keith Church for the courses, but how to survive and enjoy the traveling and camping in the winter mountain environment is the MTR program. Shelter, food & nutrition, clothing, route selection (to medicate avalanche danger) and many other topics are presented to be more knowledgeable in how to enjoy the winter mountain back country.

Lost skiers and others out in the back country has become a major concern. We as patrollers are often called upon to conduct or assist with these searches as we are looked upon as ones that enjoy the mountains and know how to safely navigate in this terrain, thus SAR (Search and Rescue) has become a major topic covered to become an effective member of a SAR team.

The public is expecting us to be skilled in the mountain winter environment in all aspects of it both on the slopes of the resort and being able and knowledgeable of the winter survival skills off the resort.

Here are the courses that have been scheduled. If you would like to learn more about the MTR program and join in a course contact myself (numbers below) or the instructor listed for the course of interest.

## Northern California Region:

None scheduled at this time. Make plans to attend one of the other courses.

## Mother Lode Region:

MTR 1 Classroom To be scheduled webex  
Field session March 21-22  
Pinecrest  
For more information contact Jeff Gurrola at [ascenderjeff@gmail.com](mailto:ascenderjeff@gmail.com)  
Course number: F067200002

## Eastern Sierra Region:

MTR 1 Classroom Has already been held.  
For more information contact Chris Haagen at [cmhaagen@gmail.com](mailto:cmhaagen@gmail.com)  
Course number: F005190004

## Southern California Region:

MTR 1 Classroom Has already been held.  
If you have had your classroom but not the field session contact Natalie.  
Field session February 8-9  
location Mt Pinos  
For info contact Natalie Regg at [scblackdiamond@yahoo.com](mailto:scblackdiamond@yahoo.com)  
Course number: F030190001

## Arizona Region:

None scheduled at this time.  
For more info contact Guy Roll at [guy.roll@gmail.com](mailto:guy.roll@gmail.com)

These courses are designed for the patroller and will increase the skills and knowledge of winter mountain survival and travel.

These courses are opened to all patrollers, Alpine, Nordic and Auxiliary. This course is designed to expand your knowledge and experience of the mountain winter to a higher level and gain confidence in how to survive in relative comfort and how to be an effective member of an SAR (Search And Rescue) team if called upon by your Hill management.

These courses and skills are designed for the patroller that has not taken this type of activity and are designed to increase your confidence in the winter environment.

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# Outdoor emergency care is ready for season!

January is coming to a rapid close and reminds us that winter is in full swing. Our mountains are covered with snow and resorts are in full operation. As ski patrol, one of our main objectives is to help keep people safe on the mountain during their outdoor activities. That's done by ensuring proper signs are in place, making certain unsafe areas are closed, and in the event a person is injured to ensure proper care.

We haven't had the winter we had last year. That being said if a fall occurs on a soft surface (powder) the injury may be different then if a fall occurs on a harder surface (hard packed snow). We need to be mindful of the picture we need to paint when calling for assistance. If a person has lost consciousness (even if momentarily) what is their condition now? Are they combative? Are they nauseous/vomiting? Are they sleepy and all they want to do is go to sleep? These are all signs/symptoms of possible TBI. We need to paint that picture when making that radio call. Do we call for EMS? Would we suggest a helicopter?

**AVPU** is a quick method of assessing a patient's mental status right as you arrive on scene.

**A** = Alert: The person is fully awake (although not necessarily oriented), eyes will spontaneously open, will respond to voice and has bodily motor function.

**V** = Verbal: The person makes some sort of response when you talk to them, which could be eyes, voice, or motor (i.e.: eyes open when you ask "are you OK?")

**P** = Painful: The person response to painful stimuli only

**U** = Unresponsive: The person has no response to voice or pain

Any response less than Alert is indicative of some level of TBI. A person with a possible TBI must have oxygen applied. This will not cause harm, but not providing can cause a secondary injury. We must do our part to prevent further harm. Remember our goal is to get any injury to a higher level of care as quickly as possible.

Many of us as OEC technicians are not involved in the medical industry during our "real jobs." I am always a firm believer in **training** and **practice, practice, and more practice**. I want to ensure that if something happens I can act professionally during the situation. Be mindful. When you're first on a scene, take a moment, get your thoughts

together, take a look around, then do what you've trained and practiced to do. How would you want yourself or a family member cared for if they were hurt on the hill?

As Instructors and Instructor Trainers (IT) we play a significant role in the education of NSP members. Not only is the "instruction" important, but ensuring people receive the credit for the courses they attend is critical in maintaining credentials. Part of teaching and/or overseeing a course is the enrollment, review, and closure of the course. It is up to each instructor and IT to ensure the courses registered are closed timely. Only the instructor of record (IOR) and the IT can close/approve courses. I encourage all instructors and ITs to take a moment and on the NSP website, look in **INSTRUCTOR RESOURCES**.

Once that tab is opened, on the left side, download and review **COURSE TOOLS TUTORIAL**. This is a great step by step on how to register, view course enrollment, close a course (make any adjustments to enrollment and record the instructors that assisted), and cancel a course. We all get busy and sometimes "forget" to go back and do the necessary steps to close out a course.

Remember, if the course is not closed (by the IOR) and approved (by the IT), all those enrolled will not receive credit for the course. It's also up to each one of us to ensure our NSP profile is current and correct. Thank you to all the instructors and ITs for stepping up and being passionate about teaching others.

To all of us that have made the commitment to help others and to give back to the sport that we love.....**THANK YOU**. We are truly engaged in an awesome sport (unfortunately sometimes it can also be a dangerous sport) and we're part of an incredible family with a unique bond. Take care of yourselves out there. Ski safe. Be aware of your surroundings. Look out for one another. Enjoy the beauty we have been given to enjoy.

**Please also see OEC notes, p. 19, 20.**

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# NSP's Instructor E-Newsletter: Invaluable Resource!

We are bombarded with an unending stream of information that competes for our attention. It is often hard to sort through everything and figure out what is important. Don't you wish you had a cheat sheet that would succinctly summarize the relevant information?

Good news! As NSP Instructors, we *do* have a cheat sheet and it is called the Instructor E-Newsletter. This Newsletter provides short, clear updates on the NSP Education Programs which can be reviewed *in less than 2 minutes!* The topics covered include:

1. new program materials, such as the revised Mountain Travel and Rescue Instructor Manual;
2. status of education programs, such as the progress on OEC 6;
3. and administrative tips on how to manage NSP courses.

How do you get these E-Newsletters? Each month, NSP sends an email to every Instructor letting them know that the Newsletter is available. Instructors can easily click on the embedded link to open the latest Newsletter. You can also find the current and past E-Newsletters on the NSP website on the Instructor Resources tab.

So, if you haven't already done so, take a couple of minutes to review the latest Instructor E-Newsletter.

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## There's a lot going on with the Far West Women's program!

4 out of 5 regions have at least one women's clinic planned.--

The ESR region is hosting a 2 day division wide women's clinic, Mar 7-8 at Northstar Ski Resort, nominal fee covers tickets for the 2 days, 2 lunches, one dinner, a lot of fun and networking. Interested in wanting to be a part of a 22 year old ESR women's program? Contact Amy Sprague by email at [amy.sprague@easternsierraregion.org](mailto:amy.sprague@easternsierraregion.org)

MLR will sponsor a 2 day clinic at Donner Ski ranch, Feb 1-2. This ski area has lots of history to it also.

SoCal will sponsor another clinic at Snow Valley. I attended that last year, it was a wonderful .

Arizona Region is planning a 2 day clinic at Sunrise Resort on Feb 15-16. I have the honor to attend again this season!

Lastly, many of us are attending the PSIA Women's Summit at Snowbird UT, Mar 1-4. Guest speakers, snack food, beautiful accommodations, great coaching by some

of the best instructors in the US, and skiing at Snowbird! What more can you ask for!

Remember to elevate capable women patrollers in NSP. Tap someone on the shoulder and ask "Have you ever thought about moving up the NSP ladder and try doing \_\_\_\_\_"

There you go! Any questions, feel free to email me at [trudyenye@gmail.com](mailto:trudyenye@gmail.com)

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## Assistant Far West Division Newsletter Editor sought!

**FWD 'News and Views' Assistant Editor:** The FWD newsletter is published three times yearly, in September, December and February. Deadline is the end of the month prior to publication. Seeking an assistant for newsletter editing and layout, will happily train and mentor! Contact Tim Viall, [tviall@msn.com](mailto:tviall@msn.com), or phone (209) 969-3875.

# News from the Mother Lode Region

Recruiting, training and assisting all patrollers who want to increase their skill and knowledge base in the big push this year from the Mother Lode Region. With Winter in full swing, the Mother Lode Region OEC/OET Advisors, respective instructors and patrollers and candidates are fully immersed in training at all levels.

In November Our Instructor Development Advisor, Tony Atkins started the training off when he organized an Instructor Development course for 12 potentially new instructor patrollers at Shriners Hospital in Sacramento. Several were there to become ID trainers themselves so they can help train new instructors at their respective home patrols.

In December, Rob Maxim, our OET Advisor along with a cadre of highly talented and supportive Sugar Bowl OET instructors presented an early season ski and toboggan clinic on some very excellent snow. Motivated patrollers practiced taking loaded toboggans down some of Sugar Bowl's famous and steep terrain. Patrollers also got some truly fantastic skiing instruction from Richie Jameson from North American Ski Training Center (NASTC) over the two-day clinic. It was a fun and exhilarating wake-up exercise transforming summer legs into winter legs.

Upcoming training starts on Feb. 1-2 with the Mother Lode Region Women's Clinic organized by our Women's Advisor, Vicki Day. It will be held at Donner Ski Ranch and the women are grateful for the invitation from Evan Todd, the Donner Ski Ranch NSP Patrol Rep to train at this very friendly resort at the top of Donner Summit.

On Feb. 21-23, China Peak patrol leadership and trainers including Jim Simons the ML Region Certified Advisor are hosting a Senior and Certified Ski and Toboggan Clinic and Evaluation. It has been awhile since the Mother Lode Region hosted Certified Clinics, so everyone is very excited, and filled with hope this re-newed program takes off under Jim's leadership.

March 7-8 at Dodge Ridge is hosting the first ever *combined* Ski and Toboggan and SEM training and competition for Senior and Certified Candidates. We'll write more about this new idea for higher level training in the next edition of the Far West Division Newsletter.

On March 21-22 our OEC Advisor, Chris Petersen, has arranged for a Senior Emergency Management Evaluation (SEM) at China Peak. All Senior candidates from all

region patrols are encouraged to participate.

And finally, on April 3-5, it all comes back to where our training started this season when Sugar Bowl, will host the final Senior Ski and Toboggan Evaluation of the year. After all this training, we will surely have more Seniors, more Certified and more highly trained patrollers to represent the Mother Lode Region.

The Mother Lode Region Avalanche Advisor, Olivia Roe, is planning to add another Avalanche Course, including all three modules, in March. It will be held at China Peak. Any patroller who needs this course for their Senior certification, please contact Olivia at [Oliviaeal@gmail.com](mailto:Oliviaeal@gmail.com). This is Olivia's first year as our Region Avalanche Advisor and we are thrilled to have someone of her caliber working with our patrollers. Olivia has worked for the China Peak resort both as a volunteer and paid patroller for over ten years, where she holds a blaster's license.

After the winter season ends, Dodge Ridge take the leadership in organizing first aid volunteers for the highly eventful Sea Otter Classic Bicycle extravaganza on April 16-19, 2020 at Laguna Seca Raceway in the Monterey Peninsula. Any OEC/EMT patrollers and family members are encouraged to volunteer a day, or four, to help once again at this exciting bicycle event. Submit your interest in helping to Dave Rollings at [dave.m.rollings@seagate.com](mailto:dave.m.rollings@seagate.com).

**Amy Lindblom**, MLR Region Director





# Far West Division Recognition Program updates

Be a part of the member recognition team, it all depends on you.

There have been a few very key changes that everyone submitting for awards this year needs to be aware of.

I have just returned for the National Awards Committee face to face meeting held in Denver, Colorado. At the meeting the committee has decided to move awards submissions into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

All awards submissions from here forward need to be submitted electronically. This is actually easier than it may sound. All the awards forms have been reworked so that they are formatted in a simple fill in the blanks format. Simply open the form for the award you wish to submit on the NSP web page and fill it out. It is in a Word format so is very easy to fill out. It works with all the features of Word so it will correct spelling, change fonts and all the normal features of Word and it works on both a PC and Mac.

So how are the forms to be submitted? All submissions need to be sent in Word along with the cover page (signature page) in pdf.

So how does this work? Here is an example:

The Sponsor fills out the form and saves a copy, in the Word format electronically. They print a copy of the cover page, sign it and make a copy in pdf. Both the Word copy and the pdf copy are sent electronically to the next person on the form. After review of the submission, they follow the same procedures. Print a copy of the cover page, sign it and then make a pdf copy. They forward both the original Word copy and the signed pdf copy to the next person on the list. The process continues until all have reviewed and signed the forms. Be sure to forward each time as the signature sheet is added so that the email chain is included to verify that all persons signing have actually done so. I will need the emails in the chain as a verification that each signature is actually from the person listed.

The above procedures have to be followed or they will not be accepted for consideration. If I receive awards submission that do not have both the Word copy and the pdf copy along with the email chain to verify signatures, the award will be returned. Please follow the procedures to avoid delays or missed deadlines.

The Outstanding awards deadline is coming up so please get started on this year's submissions.

There is another big change in the Outstanding Awards this year. Outstanding Instructors, both OEC and non OEC, can be submitted for any NSP, instructor, both volunteer and paid. Yes for the first time all members that are instructors can be recognized for their time and service as an NSP instructor.

Other additions to the Outstanding Awards are that there are now Outstanding Awards for Alumni, Paid Patrol Director, Bike Patrol and Bike Patroller.

Outstanding awards must be written, signed and submitted, be sure to follow the above mentioned procedures for all submissions, then send to your region awards advisor for judging at the region level. Winners



from our five regions are submitted to the division awards review committee and out of these five regional winners; one is picked to be submitted for judging as the National outstanding award for this year. There are fifteen categories of outstanding awards and many of your fellow patrollers are worthy of this recognition.

It all starts with you. Someone has to take the time to write down why you think someone should receive the award. But first a few things you should consider.

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## Recognition, continued from page 8

The award is based on outstanding performance of an individual or patrol and this is considered over the last four years. Yes, not just what they have done or are doing this season. These awards are meant to be for those individuals or patrols that continually exceed what is expected of the average members.

This year we are again having a great season. You know who is always there, putting forth outstanding efforts and being an example to all of us. Wouldn't you like to see them be recognized for their work and dedication as a member of the NSP?

Please start with your patrol representative, they can help you with the proper and up to date forms, can give you a copy of the members NSP profile and put you in touch with others that can help you with the submission. After you finish the write up your PR signs the submission and sends it on to the region advisor, all this electronically of course. Speaking of your region advisor, they are a great source for additional information and even examples of past outstanding awards submissions that can help you see how other have done it.

Please follow the chain of command as you work your way through this process. Sending the award submission to me, the Division Awards Advisor, the National Awards Advisor or to the National Office in Lakewood will only slow down the process since we will have to send it back to your PR.

You may be new to this and I hope many of you are since we all can submit these awards. What are the outstanding awards that are presented each year?

They are Administrative, Alpine patroller, Nordic Patroller, Patroller, Paid Patroller, Instructor, OEC Instructor, Patrol Rep, Large Alpine Patrol, Small Alpine Patrol, Nordic Patrol and new this year, Alumni, Bike Patroller, Bike Patrol, and Paid Patrol Director.

The deadline for submitting this year's outstanding awards vary slightly by each region, so please check with your regional awards advisor so you don't miss the final filing date.

ESR Advisor Leillani Connolly at [leilaniconnolly@hotmail.com](mailto:leilaniconnolly@hotmail.com)

MLR Advisor Debbie Whitcher at [whitcher15@comcast.net](mailto:whitcher15@comcast.net)

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Arizona RD Andrew Youngblood at [a.youngblo@gmail.com](mailto:a.youngblo@gmail.com)

Merit stars and National Appointments can be submitted at any time. Be sure to check Chapter 12 in the NSP P&P for guidelines on the requirements for these awards. These have to be filled out on the current application forms, found on the NSP WEB page under awards, with all the proper signatures and documentation and submitted at least 45 days for processing. Again please check with your PR or Region Awards Advisor for help and guidance submitting these awards.

Hall of fame awards are one of the newest forms of recognition offered by the NSP. The requirements are very specific however we have many members that are deserving of this award. Out of the five requirements listed in the P&P a member must have at least four of them. But as many of us know many of our members that have been around for quite a while definitely meet this requirement.

All that you need to do is fill out the application with the member's history and add a brief letter of recommendation, get a few supporting signature and send it in. This one is actually easier to submit since it does not require signatures of everyone in the chain of command for submission. So far only two members of the Far West Division have been submitted and both have been inducted into the NSP hall of fame. The recognition is open to past and present member even members that are no longer with us. Wouldn't it be nice to see that special member that contributed so much, being inducted into this group of elite members past and present? I hope to see your submission real soon.

The awards program is all about recognizing member for all they do for the skiing public, the NSP, your patrol and your members. Awards all have to start somewhere and that place has to be with you. Take the time to submit fellow patrollers today. We all know that member that deserves this and wouldn't it be something to see them recognized as an outstanding award recipient, handed a merit star award, receive a national appointment or be inducted into the hall of fame? You bet it would be wonderful.

Get started today and be a part of the Member Recognition team.

**Bill Gibson, FWD Awards Advisor**



# Candidates return to June Mountain!

June Mountain Ski Patrol (JMSP) has three NSP Alpine Candidates training this winter which, according to Matt Belshin, June Mountain Ski Patroller and NSP Rep, is noteworthy since it is the first time in over 10 years new patrollers have been on the hill training together as a group. With strong and varied backgrounds they bring a skill set that is already making a meaningful contribution supporting JMSP efforts to maximize the safety and enjoyment of their skiing guest.

## NSP Candidate Backgrounds:

**Stephen “Khoob” Khoobyarian (48)** - Paramedic, Dive Medic, OEC. 15 year FBI Special Agent. Operational Medial Coordinator, Los Angeles Field Office.

**Josh Possell (50)** EMT - Project Manager for LA County Fire with focus on building Fire Stations. He shares experience of completing Fire Academy with his son Kyle who is an LA County Firemen. His daughter is a nurse so DNA for service and providing care clearly runs in the family.

**Taylor Jackson (27)** - EMT and ex LA County Lifeguard. Park Ranger and full time resident at [Bodie State Historic Park](#). He Is responsible for year round staff that manages approx. 200,000 visitors a year. Taylor is an experienced backcountry skier, has solo hiked the APP and recently completed the Avalon 50 miler.

On very first day of training Ski Patrol Director Eric Diem jumped in to personally conduct a ski clinic and kicked off initial toboggan training. When asked what he thinks of the recruits he responded, “I’m excited about the new candidates training here at June Mountain Ski Patrol. They have dedicated to help out in a professional manner and the extra hands on work they contribute is much appreciated.”

Toboggan training was also lead by Patrol Supervisor Shane Wakefield. Candidates experienced the thrilling milestone of pulling their first toboggan run with fellow candidates braving the role of injured guest. In addition, Shane and Asst Patrol Director Clif Ashley put on an impressive display of Toboggan Management Technique in steep terrain.

To top it all off Candidates Josh Possell and Taylor Jackson allowed themselves to be buried for Avi Dog Rescue scenario with Jennie Roux. Ski Patrol Director, Eric Diem who trains Jennie is taking her to test for final certification in just a few weeks. Another highlight of weekend was Steve Khoobyarian leading the morning medical meeting with his extensive knowledge on hemorrhage control and

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candidate on only his 3<sup>rd</sup> day at June Mountain.

**Pictured at right and below: Josh Possell shows off clean form during 1<sup>st</sup> day Ski Clinic for NSP candidates; NSP Candidate Steve Khoobyarian (Paramedic/OEC) jumps in 1st day on mountain to assist applying knee splint to injured guest first day on the hill; Patrol Room attendant Sophie Smith (EMT) pitches in playing role of injured guest on Pro Bowl.**



**Check the new FWD web site: [www.farwest.org](http://www.farwest.org)**

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## June Mtn. Ski Patrol, cont'd from p. 10

The June Mountain NSP welcomes our new candidates and thanks varied volunteers and trainers for their expert training!

Submitted by Matt Belsin, JMNSP Patroller.

**Pictures, below: Team Work – June Mountain Ski Patrol in Sync; Supervisor Shane Wakefield and Asst. Ski Patrol Director Clif Ashly work their magic in the steep; NSP Candidate Josh Possell is code 4 getting buried for Avy scenario; NSP Candidate Taylor Jackson (EMT) is Rescued; way to go, Jennie Roux! (photo courtesy Eric Diem)!**



## Division Director, from page 1

contribution documenting the efforts of fellow members as we recognize actions and results to model across the organization.

### PROGRAMS:

**Transportation** --- Get engaged, grab a sled and make runs with a local Toboggan Instructor. Sled driving is like riding a bike, practice often with a technique reminder is sometimes all it takes to bolster waning confidence. I co-taught a Toboggan clinic yesterday and had a great time working with Toboggan instructors sharing ideas to address common stance & style items from current ski technology. I bet we can all get more from our skis in the handles & out.

**Medical** – OEC training for patroller or Senior classification is available throughout the Division. Please utilize the offerings and think about adding Senior skills to your patrol resume.

**Mountain Travel (MTR)** – Check the MTR article and consider a one of the many classes offered across the Division in the next 2 months.

**Certified** -- The Certified Committee submitted, and the Board accepted the NSP Certified Skills resource guide. The NSP Certified training criteria is now both consistent across the US and more closely aligned with the industry training and best practices utilized west of Denver. Look and you will notice many similar topics and skills as we train and test with our fellow patrollers in the APP.

**Young Adult Patrollers (YAPs)** – The NSP is building Youth safety training protocols. If your Ski area opts to include Young Adult Patrollers, please obtain a copy of the soon released guidelines and do your part to help ensure the safety of: Minor members, Adult members, and the NSP organization. Online training and safety awareness are available via Mountain Guard and Scouts BSA Youth Protection Training. If your patrol has Young Adults, please contact your RD or me for safety training information.

**Instructing** – Please take the step and become an instructor in one or several of our educational skills programs. The path to instructor starts with the Instructor Development course and working with a subject mentor. ID courses are offered in each Region

Division resource updates:

Division Legal --- Josh Masur

Nordic Supervisor -- Wayne Wong Mammoth Nordic,

Division Certified Supervisor -- Dave Rhodes

Marketing, Recruitment & Retention (So. Cal) -- Scott Goodman

Safety Team Division Advisor -- open

Keep up the great contributions, get out on the mountain and find that great mix of skiing and service. Thank you for your efforts.

See you on the slopes. **Lance Vaughan**, FWD Director.



# FWD Events Calendar:

Alumni celebration events in Tahoe and SoCal, see p.

Mountain Travel and Rescue sessions, see p. 3

Outdoor Emergency Transport training session, see p. 3

Women's events in the FWD, see p. 6

FWD Winter Board Meeting, March 7, location TBD

Sea Otter Bike Classic volunteer opportunity, April 16-19, 2020 (see p. 15, 16)

FWD Summer Recognition Dinner, August, 2020, location TBD

Alumni Celebration Week in Whitefish, MT, Feb. 7-13, 2021, see p. \_\_\_

Post your key events in FWD 'News and Views', send to editor Tim Viall, [tviall@msn.com](mailto:tviall@msn.com); also post on the FWD website, send to webmaster Rye Livingston.

[webworker@farwest.org](mailto:webworker@farwest.org). Consult the website: [farwest.org](http://farwest.org) throught the year.

## Communications enhanced in FWD, regions!

Did you know that both the FWD web site and the FWD Facebook page have been enhanced and expanded to share information with patrollers and alumni?

As an example, is you need insight on Awards, go to the web page and click Awards in the Member Programs area.

The FWD web site offers a new look, new organization and offers new options like Community Service Opportunities.

To see the start of this new resource for you, the patroller, go to: [farwest.org/MemberPrograms/CSO/CSO.html](http://farwest.org/MemberPrograms/CSO/CSO.html).

The FWD Facebook page continues to grow in interest (almost 800 FWD members) and utilization as more patrollers and patrols use it as a place to communicate their

successes, fun activities and to recruit patrollers and alumni into off-hill and on-hill activities. Go to:

[facebook.com/groups/448272738574183/](https://facebook.com/groups/448272738574183/) and Join the page! It's there for you and your patrol!

On the Facebook site, you can post up news to reach our FWD members, upcoming events and special projects, or just good skiing insight worthy of sharing. So, check it out, go and use it!

If you are sharing news of your patrol or region, also remember to send it along for inclusion in the FWD 'News and Views' newsletter. Send to newsletter editor Tim Viall, [tviall@msn.com](mailto:tviall@msn.com)!

## Website is place to list, find community service options!

Have you an outdoors event that could use NSP help? Seeking an off-season way to utilize your OEC skills?

**List your events and opportunities!** If you are working to organize NSP first-aiders for Tough Mudder events, annual Cerebral Palsy bike-a-thons, community fund-raising events, big outdoor events like the Sea Otter Classic and more, list them! And, don't forget to work to enlist your alumni to assist!

And, make a habit of scanning the FWD website for

continuing info on such events and programs - as well as new developments in your Far West Division!

Send your event and activity postings, with the "who, what, where, when and how" to **FWD Webmaster Rye Livingston**, [webworker@farwest.org](mailto:webworker@farwest.org). Also send your events to **Tim Viall, FWD Newsletter Editor**, [tviall@msn.com](mailto:tviall@msn.com) and we will profile them in FWD 'News and Views', the newsletter of the Far West Division!



Join the Team!

# New NSP Bike Safety Patrol for the American River Parkway, Sacramento



New NSP-member Bike Safety Patrol forming for the American River Parkway in Sacramento. Bike Patrollers will work as trail ambassadors, providing trail directional advice, equipment assistance, safety insights and bike safety programs, assistance with events, first-aid services and serve as eyes and ears of the Parkway Rangers and other stakeholders on one of the country's busiest and most scenic bikeways.

NSP members, whether patrollers, hosts or alumni, are invited to join. We are seeking those interested in both patrol leadership slots (assistant patrol reps, treasurer, secretary, recruitment advisor, member reps), as well as bike patrollers.

NSP members current with either OEC or OFC will be able to join as secondary members and commit to 30 or more hours per year. Alumni, if their first-aid has lapsed, who would like to rejoin in an active bike patrol role will need to take Outdoor First Care, as will new community candidate members. The new patrol will also offer "visiting patroller" options during weekends, by prior arrangement.

The new patrol anticipates training offered in April and May, and "going live" on the bike trail by early summer.

To join, or for more info, contact Tim Viall: NSP bike patrol advocate, [tviall@msn.com](mailto:tviall@msn.com), (209) 969-3875. Please email name, address, email, phone, current or past NSP experience, and if you are interested in patrol leadership positions.



Join the Team!



# Join Far West ski patrollers, family April 16-19, 2020 for first-aid, marshal service at US's largest cycling event!

Huge Sea Otter Bike Classic centered on Laguna Seca Raceway, CA, April 16-19, 2020

For the 15th year, 50 Far West Division ski patrollers, family and friends will provide first-aid service, non-emergency transport and course marshaling at the Sea Otter Classic at Laguna Seca Raceway near Monterey, CA, the USA's largest outdoor biking event.

This four-day bicycling extravaganza attracts 10,000 participants ranging from world-class pro riders to serious amateurs and recreational cyclists. Over the four days, riders take part in circuit racing, cross-country events, wild downhill and dual slalom racing and citizens road and cross-country rides. Each year, NSP members provide first-aid care to over 120 riders, from incidents of road rash and exhaustion to more serious trauma-induced injuries.

Over 70,000 spectators crowd the huge venue, which spreads out from Laguna Seca Raceway into the scenic back country of the Ft. Ord National Monument and, for the road races, along roads through Monterey County. 600 trade show vendors make for the largest market in the country for cycling equipment and accessories.

The Dodge Ridge Patrol led in volunteer numbers in 2019, with 27 members and friends/family (providing

marshaling services), joined by patrollers from Bear Valley, Mt. Shasta, Sugar Bowl, Heavenly, Sierra at Tahoe. Each year our NSP contingent pairs with members of the Friends of Fort Ord and members of a back-country first-aid unit, as well as Monterey County Fire and Emergency Services.

NSP members and friends camp at "Ski Patrol Central" within the event, enjoyed Friday and Saturday barbecues, found time to ride their bikes, attended the huge trade show and made new NSP friends! For their volunteer service, the Sea Otter Foundation donated almost \$6,000 to patrols of the NSP volunteers.

Patrollers, family and friends are offered free camping right in the Laguna Seca paddock at Ski Patrol Central as well as and free admission. Motorhomes, camping trailers and tents make for cozy accommodations and Friday and Saturday barbecues add camaraderie and fun to the experience!

**Join us:** the Far West Division invites members of additional patrols to join us for the next huge event! **Mark your calendars, April 16-19, 2020; to volunteer or for more info, call or email Tim Viall, Coordinator for NSP Volunteers for the Sea Otter Classic, at [tviall@msn.com](mailto:tviall@msn.com), or 209.969.3875.** For more insight into the event itself, go to [seaotterclassic.com](http://seaotterclassic.com).



Clockwise from top left, the FWD first aid crew for the backcountry courses prepare to depart for assignments, hundreds of vendors display bikes and everything for the cycling sport at huge trade fair; NSP and BETA team members (Bicycle Equestrian Trail Assistance volunteers, in orange vests/shirts) and tents, motorhomes made for cozy evenings at "Ski Patrol Central". Join the NSP team in April for NSP service and fun!





## Thinking of going inactive, retiring?

Is family life, work requirements or advancing aches and pains getting in the way of your active patrolling? Consider "going alumni" to keep your connection to the NSP a real one. See the next page for all the benefits you retain as an NSP Alumni, then merely clip the page and return it with your check. In successive years, you can renew, on-line (or, consider returning to active patrolling). To switch registration to Alumni, see next page...

## Renew alumni dues on-line!

A number of alums have asked if they can renew their dues, on-line with a credit card. Yes, you can; go to the NSP.org web site, sign in by entering your user name and password. Then, in upper right corner, you will see "Hi, your name". Click on this button, which will take to your personal page; at lower left, click on Renew Now, and you can pay on-line. Easy, peasy! Thanks for your membership!



**NATIONAL SKI PATROL**

# BECOME AN ALUMNI MEMBER TODAY!

Have you taken a break or retired from patrolling? If you want to stay connected with NSP and were a patroller for at least one year (excluding candidate), you can become an alumni member.

Alumni membership is a way for former patrollers to remain affiliated with NSP. You can choose how involved you want to be, whether as an instructor or with your local patrol. You always have the option to go back to patrolling with current OEC and your patrol representative/director's approval.

For only \$35 a year, you'll receive benefits including:

- *Ski Patrol Magazine*
- Discounts through the *Ski Patrol Catalogs* and NSP Pro Deals Page
- *Sweep and Sweep Deals* monthly e-newsletters
- Ability to participate in NSP Training or Education programs
- Online access to the NSP website
- Voting rights in board elections

Become an alumni member today, and join over 4,500 other alumni who help support our great organization. Send in the form below with a check or money order for \$35 made payable to National Ski Patrol to:

National Ski Patrol  
 133 S. Van Gordon St., Suite 100  
 Lakewood, CO 80228  
 303.988.1111  
[alumni@nsp.org](mailto:alumni@nsp.org)

Photo credit: Jan Nelson

### New Alumni Registration

Dues for **2020** - Membership paid through **12/31/2020** - **\$35.00**  
07/2019

Name	NSP Member #	
Address	Phone	
City	State	Zip
Email	Birth Date	Former Patrol

## Alumni Celebration Day(s) shaping up; new bike patrol

The Eastern Sierra Region Alumni Ski day at Diamond Peak is set for March 4; contact Bob Hoffman, [hoffskipc@aol.com](mailto:hoffskipc@aol.com); open to all alumni in Tahoe area. The Southern Cal Alumni Ski Day is set for March 6; contact Mark and Patti Gieble for detail, [markrun@aol.com](mailto:markrun@aol.com).

Alumni are needed to join the new American River Bike Patrol in Sacramento. We hope to begin recruiting in March, training in April and May and to “go live” in June.

Both patrollers and alumni and previously non-patroller riders are eligible. OEC or OFC will be first-aid requirement; see p. 13 for more insight.

Submitted by **Dr. Jim Margols, FWD Alumni advisor.**



**At right, Eastern Sierra and MLR alumni who gathered to ski, share old patrol tales, catch up and remain involved in the NSP at Heavenly Valley Resort in March, 2016. Thanks to Heavenly, Sierra at Tahoe Resort, Northstar for hosting!**

NSP Alumni, friends, family are in Whitefish, Montana, as you read this; mark your calendars for Feb. 7-13, 2021!

As you read this issue, fellow NSP Alumni, families and friends are in Whitefish, MT, for an “**NSP Alumni Celebration Week**” at Whitefish Mountain, during the week of February 2-9, 2020.



**Whitefish Mountain** (formerly Big Mountain) is consistently rated in the top 30 US ski resorts, offering 3,000 skiable acres, almost 2,400 vertical, 11 chairlifts and presents an incredible skiing/snowboarding experience (see: [skiwhitefish.com](http://skiwhitefish.com)). The mountain offers low cost skiing to “super seniors” (age 70+) and about a 20% discount to seniors age 64 and up (hence, many alumni and spouses ski for LOW prices).

The highly-rated **Grouse Mountain Lodge** ([glacierparkcollection.com](http://glacierparkcollection.com)), just minutes from the mountain, with free shuttle to the mountain, offers a “book four nights, get the fourth night free” package (for 2020, \$115 per night, X3 = \$345 for four nights, double occupancy, with additional nights just \$99/night).

The Lodge is adjacent to a cross-country ski center and just a mile from downtown Whitefish; majestic Glacier National Park and dog sled tours are nearby.

Special activities: The Northern Division Alumni Advisor will offer several no-cost “Old Knees Clinics” during the week and XC clinics will also be offered.

Special nights out at local restaurants are part of the fun; optional tours into Glacier National Park (no charge), or Dog Sled Adventures (fee involved) in nearby Montana State Forests will be offered. A great adventure; meet NSP

friends from around the country and share those “alumni tall tales”.

Don't miss this fun event; **Mark your calendars beginning Super Bowl Sunday, February 7-13, 2021.**

**For more info, let National alumni advisor Tim Viall know your interest, at [tviall@msn.com](mailto:tviall@msn.com), or (209) 969-3875; we will send you more insight and keep you posted.**

For Alumni events in the **ESR and SoCal regions, see recap on March dates, see top of page!**



# Outdoor Emergency Care Course Tools documentation

Find [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org) using your browser. Sign in by selecting the red “Member Sign In” button which will take you to the member sign in page.

## Register a course

1. Select “Instructor Resources” then “CourseTools”  
2. The IOR is automatically the person who is signed in and registering the course. Only IORs can register a course in their own name. This is for the protection of IORs. The IOR can't be edited. If an IOR needs to be changed, the original course must be cancelled and a new course registered by the new IOR.

3. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Individuals enrolled in a course as Instructors or Instructor Trainers will not be allowed by the system to enroll themselves as students through the online course schedule. Course completion credit is only posted on records when individuals are enrolled as students. Patrols need to manage this by registering separate courses so all individuals who need course completion credit can enroll themselves as students.

4. Follow the instructions on the “Register a Course” tab.  
a. Register your course by clicking the + sign near the top right of the list of courses. This will open the Add screen. Enter the information requested.

b. It may be advisable to indicate an end date that is after the actual course date to accommodate late enrollments since individuals enroll themselves in courses through the online course schedule. It may also be advisable to put the actual course date in the notes field. Courses will automatically be removed from the course schedule as of midnight on the end date, but this does not close the course.

c. The course end date may be edited to a future date in this same tab which will allow it to appear again on the schedule if it is still active/open.

d. Include assisting instructors (members only), including those being mentored if you so choose, by ID number, separated by a comma. You will need to obtain this number from the instructor or search the Member Directory which is available under the Member Resources tab. Please do not put a space between these ID numbers or the system will not enroll them as instructors. These individuals will automatically be enrolled in the course as Instructors so the course will show on the My Instructor Participation section of their profile when the course is closed. The system will not allow individuals to enroll as students if they are already assigned as instructors. An error message will appear in these cases.

e. The IT field is required. ITs within your division appear in the dropdown menu. There is not a filter for program so all ITs for all programs will appear on this list. The IT will also automatically be enrolled in the course as an IT so the course will show on the My Instructor Trainer Participation section of the profile when the course is closed.

f. After registering the course, if you need to modify the IT to someone outside of your

with the course number and replacement IT name and ID number. Please do not edit this field once you select the IT, DIVISION NAME.

division, please select the IT, DIVISION NAME from the IT dropdown list and Save, then email [education@nsp.org](mailto:education@nsp.org) with the course number and replacement IT name and ID number. Please do not edit this field once you select the IT, DIVISION NAME.

5. A script runs approximately every 15 minutes to assign a course number and update the course list. You must refresh the web page to see the course number.

6. Once a number is assigned, you can view the new course in the IOR Course List (the first tab within “CourseTools”). Course numbers are assigned using the following numbering convention: First letter indicates the division, next three numbers indicate the patrol, next two numbers indicate the year, last four numbers indicate the sequential numbering of courses that year within that patrol. For example: R053160022 is the 22nd course registered in the Rocky Mountain Training Patrol in 2016.

7. The course will now show on the Course Schedule so members can enroll themselves.

8. You may edit the course fields after registering it by selecting the pencil icon on the far right of the row. Remember to use the scroll bar at the bottom of the course list to get to the right of this section.

9. Please email [education@nsp.org](mailto:education@nsp.org) with the course title and course number for any course(s) you would like to be available for non-members. The non-member course schedule appears on the Get Involved tab of the website.

## View course enrollment

1. Select “Instructor Resources” then “CourseTools”

2. Click on the “Enrollment” tab and type in the course number to view individuals enrolled in the course.

3. Monitor the enrollment list for participant names and enrollment numbers.

4. There is not an upper limit for the number of course participants.

5. The enrollment list will not show any edits made by the IOR or staff members.

6. Download the enrollment list by selecting the desired format (Word, Excel, PDF, CSV, XML). Icons appear near the top right of the list. Excel is recommended.

7. Certificates of Achievement may be ordered through the NSP Online Store.

## Close a course

1. Select “Instructor Resources” then “CourseTools”

2. Select the “Close a Course” tab, then follow the instructions on the screen.

3. Instructions on screen for course closure.

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- a. Locate the course you are closing in the list below.
- b. Select the pencil icon located at the far right end of the course record row.
- c. Enter the names of Students, Instructors, and/or the Instructor Trainer who did not start or did not complete the course. The system does not distinguish between not started and not completed. There is no incomplete.
- d. After the IOR checks the Course Complete box, the IT will receive an email requesting approval of the course prior to the course showing on participant records.
4. Notice "course complete" field in overview screen says "Yes" after the box is checked.
5. Notification will be sent to the IT who will be asked to approve the course as complete by sending an email to [education@nsp.org](mailto:education@nsp.org). The email received by the IT does not include any edits made by the IOR during the course closure process. The IOR and IT need to communicate about these edits so the IT may approve the course as edited. The IT may include additional edits, as applicable, on the course approval email to [education@nsp.org](mailto:education@nsp.org).
6. Once the course is approved by the IT, staff will complete the closure process at the course level, including the edits made by the IOR on the Close a Course tab.
7. Once the course close process

is completed, the participants' member profile will be automatically updated. The course end date is used as the date completed on the record for student enrollments.

8. Closed courses are still listed on the IOR "Register a Course" tab.
9. IORs can check the "Closed Course Report" under "Member Resources" to obtain a roster for courses that have been closed.

### Cancel a course

1. Select "Instructor Resources" then "Course Tools"
2. Select the "Cancel a Course" tab
3. Follow instructions on screen to cancel a course.
  - a. Select the pencil icon to open the form.
  - b. Check the Cancel Course checkbox and enter information about why the course was cancelled in the Course Cancelled Reason box.
4. The course will be removed from the Course Schedule after the staff completes the cancellation process.

## Community College Program sees number of changes

The Community College Program has had a number of changes recently. At one point we were going to have everyone fill out an Admission form that could be signed electronically. Then it was decided the forms had to be signed then scanned and turned in.

The class hours were changed by the program to a point where we would earn only a dollar or two for each patroller enrolled. After awhile we were wondering how the process was going to be changed again and if this was the end of the program. All this happened before we even told the program IOR's how to enroll their classes.

Finally, we have what is without doubt the best enrollment process we have ever had. If a person has enrolled in the program in past years they are currently enrolled and do not have to fill out any form at all. Only new patrollers need to fill out a short one page form to enroll from now on and they only need to do it once. Hopefully, this season will see more patrollers enrolled and higher funding for the participating patrols. Finally, the funding was restored to previous levels.

A new class available this season, Patrolling 101, is

off to a good start with many patrols enrolling their candidates. Another new class is in the works for next season pending approval, Hill Safety. Hill Safety, if approved, will allow a patrol to obtain funding for morning meetings, Hill setup and Sweep. That amounts to three hours per day per patroller of paid instructional time. At this time it looks like the College we use may approve the class.

The purpose of the Community College Program is to provide funding to enhance the current training offered to all patrollers. Any funds from the program must be used for educational purposes. The funding is from a grant for training first responders.

If your patrol is interested in participating in the program contact Steven Thorsted at [stevethorsted@gmail.com](mailto:stevethorsted@gmail.com).



# Ski Patrols of the Far West Division:

Here are the stellar patrols of the FWD:

Arizona Snowbowl  
Alpine Meadows  
Alta Sierra  
Badger Pass  
Big Bear  
Bear Valley Ski Patrol  
Boreal Ridge  
Buckhorn Ski Club  
China Peak  
Coppervale  
Diamond Peak  
Dodge Ridge  
Donner Ski Ranch  
Heavenly  
Homewood  
June Mountain  
Kirkwood  
Lake Alpine Nordic  
Lee Canyon  
Lassen Volcanic  
Mammoth Basin Nordic  
Mount Lemmon  
Mountain High  
Mt. Baldy  
Mt. Pinos Nordic

Mt. Shasta  
Mt. Waterman  
Northstar  
Pinecrest Nordic  
Reno Ski Patrol  
Sierra Ski Patrol  
Snow Valley



Soda Springs  
Squaw Valley  
Sugar Bowl  
Sunrise  
Tahoe Backcountry  
Tahoe Donner  
Tahoe Donner Nordic Center  
US Ski Patrol Asia - Korea



# Dodge Ridge NSP Patrol is off to great start; early

December delivered a good amount of snow to our mountain providing us with an early opening date of December 6th. Currently, and as we move into the early days of January, the Dodge Ridge National Ski Patrol (DRNSP) calendar is filled with Alpine Candidate training days, Senior SEM training days, Toboggan Refreshers and Enhancements. The season has indeed gotten off to an awesome start.

Prior to December DRNSP OET instructors met in November to “calibrate” by studying and analyzing videos of trainings of various candidates from the prior year. We discussed skiing drills to address, certain skier tendencies and issues, and in general mapped out a training plan of attack for both the growing number of Candidates and Senior Candidates. This is a good problem to have!

Under the leadership of Amy Lindblom, past Patrol Rep., current Region Director and DRNSP OET Advisor, and Daryl Witcher the current Far West OET Advisor, and former DRNSP Patrol Rep., our patrol has been flourishing and is blessed to have such rich resources available to pass on what they know to our younger and not so young aspiring OET instructors, and Senior and Alpine Candidates.

For the past three years DRNSP leadership has been pushing forward with a “collaborative” approach to teaching Skiing and Toboggan skills and that sustained effort appears to finally be furnishing DRNSP with some tangible results measured by the success of two Senior Candidates

last year. These successes are the first in several years at DRNSP. The patrol now has seven more Senior Candidates at various stages of their Senior Program with all but one of those going for Alpine Senior and close to ready in acquiring the Senior patch.

Additionally, the “collaborative” teaching pedagogy facilitates the Mentoring program as well insuring that DRNSP will have more instructors to pass on their skills to new patrollers as they come in. A positive and inclusive program that nurtures and encourages members to participate. A program that attracts and recruits triggered by the success of others who in turn, look back and give back.

It should be noted, and we are excited to have, a YAP candidate this season, and he is doing quite well thus far with his Ski and Toboggan training. We are hoping, and have seen already, that his presence on the mountain attracts other young people's interest. I continue to receive emails of interest and have several folks “online” to be ski tested as potential patrollers in the coming weeks.

On the OEC side, Sonja Borelli, DRNSP's current OEC Advisor, has combined her efforts with Chris Petersen, current 1st assistant to DRNSP and Motherlode Region OEC Advisor. Collaboratively they have created a calendar filled with SEM Sunday training dates at the resort and midweek training dates at Chris's home to help ensure the success of the Senior Candidates

SEM components this coming





# opening, new programs add fun, excitement!



season. These Senior Candidates, for the larger part, are the same ones working towards their OET component, as well.

Other notable news for DRNSP is that during the Summer Board meeting, the board drafted language in the P & P to facilitate the first steps in the organization of a NSP Mountain Host Program. While this program is still in the works between DRNSP and Mountain Management I am confident that going forward, we will see some Mountain Hosts at Dodge Ridge in the near future.

I am very pleased and happy to report such high levels of enthusiasm and involvement from so many of our patrollers, and interest by potential patrollers. It signals that we are doing some things right at many levels. Those things include but are not limited to, advertising and social media, inclusive Senior and Mentoring programs for existing members, and leadership by example from our Board members and others.

While our membership has followed the national trend of less in total numbers, I am excited to see the

results of hard work by several to “press” training targets into the weekly agenda of what a DRNSP patroller does as a matter of course rather than an occasional occurrence in the last three to four seasons. Training weekly is now the norm. Nearly 35 plus percent of our patrol is currently enrolled in a “program of advancement” such as a Candidate, Senior Candidate, OEC and OET instructorship as a Mentor or Mentee!

Thus, while we are smaller, we have a much higher percentage level of involvement of patrollers within our Patrol contributing to the development of others and all the while developing their own skill sets above and beyond the minimum. I am witnessing a lot of smiles on a lot of patrollers faces on any given day. This is exciting! All of this makes us more viable and valuable to the Dodge Ridge Resort.

I am extremely grateful and humbled to be able to work with so many passionate people. They are the key to this patrols success.

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Center-spread pictures, clockwise from top left to right, patrollers and candidates ride Chair 1 to begin a fun day of patrolling!; patrollers gather near top of Chair 7; candidate training vest; patrollers and candidates celebrate a day of sunshine; veteran Geoff Hutcheson poses with a candidate for a photo, and a patroller salutes the setting sun at end of a fun and rewarding patrol day. Above, veteran member Carl Richter took the top OEC Instructor in both Division and the Nation at the summer awards banquet. Thomas Brickley took top paid patroller in the Diviison and was national runnerup; Bill Borelli took top alpine patroller in



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