



# Far West Division News and Views

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## Lance Vaughan, FWD Director

*A Patroller walks into a tavern and asks for a Corona and two Hurricanes...*

Heading into ski season 20-21 presents us with many familiar yet changed tasks. We all must adapt how we prepare for this ski season, from training, recertifications, teaching classes, our attire, and our personal safety items. Let's take a quick review of key topics for this ski season.

**Safety** -- Each of us are responsible for our safety from playing golf, riding a bike, working on a tan or skiing/patrolling. Please evaluate your personal conditions vs. risks of illness with the current virus and decide based on "real" data and science. Our most valuable resources are our time and health. As patrollers we agree to help others and ensure the safe care of those, we render aid and assist. I also offer, we agree to respect the safe care and health of each other as patrollers. We all have memories of patrollers contaminating another patroller pack or gear while working a wreck, not respecting each other's health, consider not wearing a mask is no different. We must always respect the safety of ourselves and our fellow patrollers.

**Compliance** -- The National organization and your Division worked together to draft guidelines for compliance. NSP members shall follow all state, county, local, laws and mandates and resort/service area policies. Patrollers set examples on the slopes for slope safety, the ski industry

looks to patrollers to lead the public in safety protocols and safe skiing. As patrollers we want to patrol, health organizations will close patrol areas if the public is not compliant, help lead others toward compliance/solutions and maintain recreation access.

**Membership** -- Please communicate with your patrol rep and work with your patrol rep if personal safety is an issue this season. Each of you are valuable members of the service team at your resort please preserve the investment in your NSP membership. Your patrol rep can work with region & division leadership to find a solution.

**OEC 6** -- Your fall refresher is based on OEC 6 you will see some changes/updates in your refresher. On March 8, 2020 anticipating issues with face to face meetings the Division leadership voted to require all Far West Division members to complete the hybrid / on-line OEC refresher. Completing the on-line refresh material will complete the OEC refresh requirements for this current 2020 OEC cycle A without a face to face session. However, your service area may request additional training, please safely comply with resort requirements to maintain your training levels and credentials per your specific area.

**Training** -- Division supervisors area creating on-line modules to fulfill the Instructor Continuing Education (ICE) requirements for all instructors needing renewal. Some disciplines may require field work. Candidate training can proceed, please minimize face to face sessions via remote delivery methods and consult the Division training guidelines mentioned by Sue Dennison in the OEC report. Senior training

## Mark your calendars:

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**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 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!

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# Far West Division Election Notification

## D2021 - 2023 FAR WEST DIVISION — ELECTION NOTIFICATION

### **ELECTION—Nominations are now open for Division Director and Assistant Division Director**

Two-year term June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2023. (May serve no more than 3 consecutive 2-year terms)

Division Director position: presently held by Lance Vaughan. Served (17-19) (19-21) . May serve for a third term

Assistant Division Director position: presently held by Richard Wilson. (15-17) (17-19) (19-21). Terms out May 31, 2021

### **Please note the following dates.**

**December 7, 2020** — Nominations are DUE for Division Director and Assistant Division Director Positions. Nominations or announcements 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.

**January 4, 2021**— Division Director and Assistant Div. Director candidates list finalized by Elections Committee.

**January 18, 2021**—List of candidates for Division Director and Assistant Div. Director, their resumes and platforms to be posted to the FWD web site.

**February 1, 2021**—Date of Election, ballots will be distributed to electorate (via email).

**March 1, 2021**— Date all ballots to be received/postmarked by for Division Director and Assistant Div. Director positions.

**March 22, 2021**—Results announced (sooner if all eligible ballots are returned or no other candidates see FWD Bylaws 5.4.2.1a)

### **PLEASE FORWARD ALL NOMINATIONS, PLATFORMS AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS TO:**

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# Heavenly Area Patrol faces pandemic challenge

Every mountain served by a volunteer ski patrol will face many challenges this season due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The Heavenly Area Patrol of Heavenly Resort is no exception.

For the first time since Heavenly opened in 1955, there will be a season without NSP volunteer patrollers serving on the mountain. Due to Coronavirus-related operational uncertainties and new procedures being implemented, Heavenly Mountain Resort's management has decided to place the volunteer patrol on "hold" for the upcoming season.

The patrol will return for the 2021-22 ski season, assuming the operational restrictions are sufficiently reduced or eliminated at that time. In addition to active Heavenly patrollers, a new class of rookie volunteer patrollers have had to put their training season on hold for a year.

The type of operational constraints faced by the resort cover the entire spectrum of what patrollers do during the course of the day. These constraints start with limited locker room space at patrol headquarters (due to physical distancing), inability to

ride on a snowmobile in tandem with a driver, and maximum occupancy requirements for patrol shacks. Furthermore, Heavenly's volunteer patrol has a number of patrollers who live out-of-state, creating travel and associated quarantine concerns.



All Far West Division members should know that the Heavenly Area Patrol is strong and consists of highly dedicated, long-time patrollers eager to return to our beloved mountain. Our members will have their OEC and CPR certifications up to date this season, should there be an adjusted need at Heavenly. The Heavenly Area Patrol thanks those other NSP patrols in the Tahoe basin who are seeking permission for HAP members to patrol at their mountains. The current hold on patrolling is uniquely related to the pandemic. As we sit out this season, we take pride in being an integral part of Heavenly patrolling for the past 65 years and look forward to the future decades of following our patrol passion.

Submitted by **Keith Neergard**, Heavenly Patrol.

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should continue this season, the division training guidelines for OEC will adapt to SR OEC and Toboggans. Please continue your training.

**Testing** – Candidate and Senior testing can proceed, please use the Division testing protocols, minimizing group size and face to face sessions via remote delivery tools methods. I look forward to reading of successful candidate and senior testing this season. These protocols are applicable to all NSP disciplines.

**Bike Patrols** – The Division welcomed a new patrol this June, American River Bike Patrol, this energetic group of nearly 48 patrollers patrols along the American River in Sacramento and has already had a CPR save. I am hearing of additional Bike Patrol activity around the Division in both urban and ski area settings. Exciting activity representing additional service opportunities for members. Bike Patrol offers a great way to get out riding, help shed the covid 15(lbs.) and socialize.

**Duty day changes** – Expect changes in your duty day. From

the moment you arrive in the parking area, that might be your changing / boot up area, bring a small pack with extra gloves, bump shacks might not be available, get used to having your temperature taken, picnic's on the hill might be our lunch break and end of the day libations at home. We all can adapt, I don't need to say, "we are all in this together", but keep the big goals in focus, patrol, ski, help others, and laugh with friends.

**Division Recognition event** – Aligning with all NSP Divisions the Far West will host an on-line Recognition event in September. Details will follow by Sept 3, the program presented via Zoom/Webex or Googlemeets. Free attendance and parking, plus you can drink your favorite beverage.

I am looking forward to getting the chairs moving and all of us skiing, things are always better when the lifts are turning, we have earned runs and fun chasing gravity down the hills. Stay smiling, stay healthy, stay kind.

*After serving ordered items the Tavern tender replies, "That'll be \$20.20 please....". Thanks Daryl Whitcher!*

# Mountain Travel and Rescue preps for big season!

This is now the second year of adopting the Freedom Of The Hills as the student manual. The IOR of a MTR course has the option of using the current MTR 2<sup>nd</sup> edition manual for this and next year or transition to Freedom Of The Hills immediately for this season's courses.

As Freedom Of The Hills does not cover the topic of organized Search And Rescue (SAR) the current MTR manual may be used for the next two years, or at any time a course may elect to use the Introduction to Search and Rescue (2008, National Association for Search and Rescue). By 2022 fall all courses are to use Freedom Of The Hills and Introduction to Search and Rescue.

Freedom Of The Hills is updated about every 5 to 7 years, much more often than the MTR program could up-date a manual, and it has been recognized as the go-to book for mountaineering.

The National MTR program has a COVID 19 policy for as safely as possible conducting the MTR courses while yet maintaining the course content.

Conditions do change quickly and dramatically with any mountain conditions, time to prepare and gain the knowledge is prior to needing the skills. To get prepared, the MTR course presents how to confront the winter environment and be prepared. Clothing, nutrition, weather, shelter are just a few of the topics presented to prepare for the winter environment in the event of an emergency, SAR, or just for the enjoyment of the winter backcountry. The public is expecting us to be skilled in the mountain winter environment in all aspects of it, on the slopes of the resort and being able and knowledgeable of the winter survival skills.

Courses will be scheduled very shortly so you can plan your winter patrol schedule around the dates. Contact the IOR's below to put your name on the list!

Courses offered are:

- MTR Fundamentals one day of classroom with one day of field activities; no overnight to this course
- MTR 1 one day of classroom with one day and overnight of field activities
- MTR 2 two days of classroom with two days and two overnights of field activities.
- This course is available to those who have already taken MTR1 and Avalanche course.

These courses are opened to all patrollers, Alpine or Nordic. 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 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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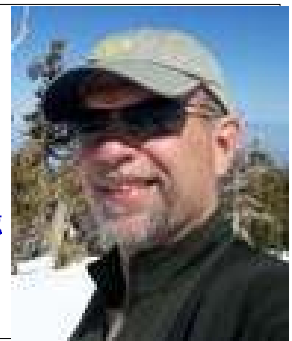
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# Outdoor Emergency Care in these challenging times

We all know, since March 2020 our lives have dramatically changed. We thought introducing OEC6 would be challenging (and it is), but I don't think any of us thought that challenge would include a world-wide pandemic known as COVID-19. Then came August and our "golden state" decided to catch fire. Saying these are challenging times is putting it lightly. Everyone is being asked to be flexible and think outside the box, while putting safety at the top of the list.

As patrollers, one of the first things we are taught is when we approach a scene, "Is the scene safe?" If it's not, don't go in. We have to be mindful of the environment we're creating, whether it be going to work, the store, participating in training, or attending a course:

- If you're sick (not feeling well) STAY HOME
- Wash your hands...A LOT. If you can't use hand sanitizer
- Maintain a 6 feet distance from others
- Wear a mask (face covering)

With fall rapidly approaching, classes are slowly starting to be put on the schedule. It is highly recommended the didactic portion of courses be completed online. The skills portion would need to be scheduled in small gatherings. Some ideas to consider:

- Make your gatherings smaller than normal. If feasible, use internet-mediated facilities such as Zoom, Webex, or other media in place of indoor meetings.
- Have people work in teams and have these teams remain the same throughout the training.
- When it's time to work on and demonstrate skills, have students bring someone from their own household. Have them work only on that person.
- Rotate scenarios, not people.
- Keep instructors at a safe distance away, while still observing and offering constructive feedback to the student.
- Clean equipment after each use.

## OEC6 ROLLOUT

All OEC instructors are required to do two (2) things:

1. Register for the OEC6 Rollout for our Division (F0579200016)
2. Complete the Online Course (on [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org)) and send your certificate of completion to your region's OEC Advisor.

As an OEC Instructor, you may not teach OEC until you have completed the OEC6 Rollout course.

## CYCLE A REFRESHER (2020)

Due to COVID-19, the national OEC committee has approved the refresher this year is to be completed online and the skills portion of the refresher will be carried over to 2021. This is the minimum requirement to maintain OEC credentials. Some patrols may choose to have a face to face refresher (with the appropriate precautions). However, all patrollers must still complete the online refresher. Patrols will register the online course. Again, these is a two (2) step process:

1. Register for the Cycle A Refresher for your patrol
2. Complete the Online Refresher Cycle A (on [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org)) and follow any additional instructions from your patrol.

Congratulations goes out to our new American River Bike Patrol. These OFC classes were the guinea pigs of conducting a course during COVID-19. It proved with proper social distancing, wearing protective face coverings, and being aware of the surroundings, courses can be successfully completed during challenging times.

As the 2020-2021 season is being planned by ski resorts throughout the country, one thing is certain...change. Approach the upcoming season with an open mind. Know that resorts will have restrictions and those restrictions will most likely touch each and every one of us. Be flexible and open to the changes we'll be faced with. In the meantime, get outside and enjoy the fresh air.....don't forget your face covering.

Until next time, **Sue Dennison** - FWD OEC Supervisor

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# New instructor development on-line courses

The Instructor Development (ID) Committee has been working hard to expand and improve its online resources. A result of these efforts is two new online courses that better meet the remote learning needs of NSP Instructors.

The first is "Instructor Development eCourse (2020)", an update of the online portion of the Hybrid ID Course. This streamlined version has improved graphics, audio, and interactive exercises. When combined with the in-person portion, the web-based series of lessons meets the requirements for an ID Course for new Instructors. This course is available now for any NSP member.

The second is a new course geared towards certified NSP Instructors. "Called Instructor Skills Review for Continuing Education," this course meets the Instructor Continuing Education course requirement for a review of ID. This web-based course gives NSP Instructors a self-paced web-based option for the every three years requirement. This course will be available in Fall 2020.

You can access both of these courses on NSP's Online Learning Management System can be found under the "Member Resources" tab.

If you have any questions about these new courses, or any other ID question, please feel free to contact me or your Region ID Advisors.

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## Far West Women's program update, 2020!

There's a lot going on with the Far West Women's program! Be sure to double check the last item regarding registration also! Even with a very short season and only average snowfall (mainly in March) plus Covid19 shutting everything down, we got a lot accomplished this past season!

Three out of five regions had at least one women's clinic planned (that's pretty good considering the weird season!)

The ESR region hosted a two day division-wide women's clinic, Mar 7-8 at Northstar Ski Resort, with approximately 20 or so patrollers, both paid and volunteer along with a snowboard group. This clinic started as the famous Heavenly clinic over 22 years ago! The group was wined and dined by Northstar and we even had a bit of new snow. **G r e a t j o b b y e v e r y o n e !** AZ region had one clinic at Sunrise Resort, both ski and sled. **G o o d j o b , t h a n k s , D a g m a r a !** MLR ran a 2-day clinic at Donner Ski Ranch, ski and toboggan and multi day clinic at Sugar Bowl. Thanks to **V i c k i D a y a n d o t h e r s !** As for SoCal, lack of snow was the culprit for having to cancel. Linda Roth, you'll have next season! Many of us attended the PSIA Women's Summit at

Snowbird UT, Mar 1-4. Guest speakers, food, beautiful accommodations, great coaching by some of the best instructors in the US, and skiing at Snowbird! What more could you ever want!

For this coming season, we have Powderfall at Breckenridge, CO! Yahoo! Be sure to watch for sign ups opening.

\*\*\* Important!!! Ladies, Also, when you register this coming fall, be sure to fill out the gender category! In order to get out emails to all the women in Far West, we use the NSP database using a Gender filter but if you leave the Gender category blank, you will not receive any of those communications. Let me know if you have any questions.

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

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# Buh-bye Five

## *Outdoor Emergency Care-5th edition has left the building and made a bit noise on its way out...*

To reduce turnover and focus educational resources, Big Bear Ski Patrol modified their usual Ski-with-a-patroller event. With over 80 interested candidates vying for less than 20 positions, BBSP scoured the list. Candidates that seemed 'sticky' were invited to complete a questionnaire that brutally disclosed the true cost of time and money that patrollers invest; from OEC class, candidate training, equipment and patrolling. Candidates fielded difficult questions that included the life-balance of school, career and family commitments. Of the 16 that were invited to attend SWAP, we eliminated two based on ski performance. Fourteen remained, several with medical backgrounds.

COVID changed the world in March and April as these students started their training. These students demonstrated exceptional flexibility and tenacity; with rules changing week-to-week.

From the beginning, this course was intended to be hybrid. To keep the message fresh, a cadre of OEC instructors and mentees participated by delivering individual modules. Several video platforms were utilized, as new work-from-home bandwidth overwhelmed the internet and broke early-COVID video conferencing.

Hands-on sessions were a special challenge as California hunkered down. Meetings were delayed more than 2 months until California relaxed the rules for small gatherings. The class was split into smaller groups conforming with CDC guidelines. IOR Jim Murphy embraced the challenge, and enlisted his wife Rose. Using smartphone video, they captured all of the critical skills and uploaded this collateral to a shared Google drive for students to view, and review, honing their skills for their upcoming practical final test. Special thanks to Rose Murphy for tolerating various splints, collars, boards, O2 masks and Jim.

With final tests approaching, new challenges emerged. Organizational concerns with COVID exposure, social

distancing, screening and protection for all involved, almost ended the opportunity for these committed students to test based on OEC5 protocols. This would have delayed their progress as 6th edition education protocols were being established.

Jim Murphy defined a structure that included several innovations. All participants (Instructors, students, injured guests) were screened and temperature-checked while signing waivers that included COVID language. Masks were required. Sue Dennison, Division OEC Advisor recommended that each student bring a family-member to be their personal injured guest. Responding patrollers maintained strict PPE requirements. The entire final, was outdoors- from check-in to congratulatory celebration,. Scenario stations were more than 50 feet apart. All resources and tools utilized during the event were kept in a common secure area, released on radio call, and sanitized after each use. Instructors kept minimum distances from scenario participants while scoring the students.

Murphy took the extra step of documenting his policies, procedures and protocols in a letter to Tom Lynch, EMS Coordinator of San Bernardino County. Lynch quickly responded with supporting documentation that Murphy's guidelines exceeded the county's requirements under COVID.

The students performed with exceptional ability. Re-testing was minimal. Participants were tracked after the event, with no COVID cases reported.

These techniques can be a model for OEC6 classes and testing as instructors adjust to the COVID era.

Very special thanks to Tom Lynch, 23 brave instructors, test examiners, ITs, advisors, Rose Murphy and the fierce, Jim Murphy that supported this effort to grow our region and say buh-bye to OEC5.

Submitted by **Scott Goodman**, Far-West Division Recruitment Advisor, Southern California





# American River Parkway gets new NSP bike patrol

Volunteer bike patrollers are now providing service along the 32-mile American River Parkway multi-use trail from Old Sacramento to Beals Point at Folsom Lake in California.

The 50-plus patrollers are all volunteer members of the National Ski Patrol. To qualify to wear the American River Bike Patrol's (ARBP) distinctive red jersey with white cross, they received training in Outdoor First Care, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency bike repair, bike patrolling, parkway courtesies and the American River Parkway. More than half the patrollers came from the surrounding community, while the balance are current active National Ski Patrol members.

"We're not law enforcement," said ARBP patrol representative James Cheng of Loomis. "We're recreational cyclists who are there solely to help the eight million cyclists, walkers, joggers and rollerbladers who use the parkway each year, should they be injured, have a flat tire or just need directions."

The parkway's new bike patrollers will also help Sacramento County Parks and California State Parks by reporting problems they find along the trail, whether it be a fallen branch or backed-up toilet. Patrollers like Nadia Johnson of Fair Oaks are eager to give back to their community, "I volunteer because I like helping people; as a retired person, volunteering provides purpose in my life. Being on the Bike Patrol, I hope to make the trail safer and more enjoyable to all users of the trail".

Ben Horner, patroller from Carmichael, adds, "I've spent over 30 years working in public safety. As a recent retiree, I enjoy connecting with fellow cyclists, walkers, runners and hikers. And if I can be of assistance with anything from directions, to a bike adjustment, to rendering first aid, then I am happy to be able to provide that service. But most of all it's about fresh air, good health,



and interacting with people". Tim Viall, member from Rancho Cordova, notes, "I initially cycled on the trail in the late 1980s, and upon moving back to the area two years ago and seeing the increased trail use, I realized a volunteer bike patrol would add safety and moved to form the new unit".

Over 50 bike patrollers are completing training, with many now actively patrolling the trail. As volunteers, they set their own schedules and will be patrolling the entire length of the parkway regularly.

The patrol has pioneered on-line training delivery and physically-distanced training in the face of the COVID19 pandemic, led by Dr. Jim Margolis, OFC advisor and Dr. Jeff DuBois, medical advisor. Since the ARBP formed this year its members have been credited with saving a life by administering CPR on the trail, provided first aid to injured park users, repaired flat tires, collected and rehung life vests at park beaches, guided parkway users back to their cars, removed safety obstructions and reported bee hives and trash along the parkway.

Cheng said, "The American River Parkway has never had a bike patrol. Seeing our red jerseys is surprising to many park users. Their

responses have been very positive, with lots of thumbs-up and 'thank yous.' People tell us they're glad to see a safety presence on the parkway, similar to what they've come to appreciate at ski areas."

For more info, see patrol website, [AmericanRiverBikePatrol.org](http://AmericanRiverBikePatrol.org), or contact patrol rep Jim Cheng, [jimarbp@yahoo.com](mailto:jimarbp@yahoo.com).



# Innovative thinking keeps American River Bike Patrol rolling

The newly formed American River Bike Patrol (ARBP) was started by Tim Viall, alumni patroller from Dodge Ridge, Doc Jim Margolis, alumni patroller from Homewood and Rich Fowler, veteran biker and new to NSP. In their first month of operation the Patrol has grown to over 50 Patrollers, 23 of whom needed hands-on emergency care training. How did they do that during the restrictive COVID crisis?

“We've had to take a new approach to everything” says Dr. Margolis, ARBP Patroller and Medical Advisor. “The COVID Pandemic has been a real challenge to say the least, but there are ways to work through it safely.” Dr Margolis went on to provide the following:

1. The hands-on training was carried on outdoors
2. Registration was limited in accordance with County Mandates
3. All attendees were pre-screened during registration
  - 3.1. Everyone answered and signed and a COVID pre-screening form
  - 3.2. Everyone had their temperatures taken at registration
4. All COVID protocols were strictly enforced
  - 4.1. Face covering
  - 4.2. Social distancing
  - 4.3. Gloves
  - 4.4. All candidates received their own CPR masks for CPR training
  - 4.5. All equipment and surfaces were wiped down repeatedly
5. Candidates brought a housemate to be their “Patient”. Only the matched candidate would perform “hands-on“ activities on their housemate.
6. Single candidates would perform “hands-on” activities on themselves or a manikin
7. Instructors practiced appropriate social distancing and keep their groups in “Pods”
8. Pods were not allowed to intermingle
9. No more than five people were allowed per Pod
  - 9.1. Two Paired Patient-Rescuers
  - 9.2. One Instructor



**Pictured, top, Doc Jim Margolis shares insights during an outdoor OFC class held in July; below, Asst. Division Director Nancy Stromswold watches over OFC instructor and candidate patrollers.**

“Everyone Passed” Dr. Margolis exclaimed. “It was a real success”.

As testament to his claims, in their first two months of operation the ARBP's 50 initial Bike Patrollers have Patrolled over 400 hours, saved the life of a cyclist in full cardiac arrest, provided medical care for 22 trail users and provided over 350 trail assists. Bike Patrollers even help rescue a stranded kayaker. All of this while practicing proper use of PPE and social

distancing.

*Submitted by Jim Cheng, ARBP Patrol Rep*



**At far left, the new bike patrol received plenty of news coverage in its initial months, here Tim Viall (who forgot his helmet) and Doc Jim Margolis appear in a Ch. 13 news spot, at right, bike patroller Ben Horner shares insights with members of the Sacramento Bike Club**

# COVID19 impacts both patrollers and alumni

COVID has and will continue to have a huge impact on ski patrollers. Our wonderful, good snow year, was abruptly terminated. Training has been and will continue to be modified.

Personally, professionally, emotionally and economically it has altered all our lives. It has had a profound impact on the ski resorts with loss of revenue last season and uncertainty about how they will operate or even open this coming season. We are hearing about ski resorts who have always supported NSP patrollers is limiting or having no volunteer patrollers this coming season. It is clear that COVID will still be a major health issue until at least Spring 2021.

For all of the above reasons, this is a time patrollers should take stock of where they are in their patrol career. As a former recruiting advisor, I have always advocated patrollers signing on for a full patrol career of 20 years



**Doc Jim Margolis, center, flanked by Tim Viall on left and Rich Fowler on right, was instrumental in pioneering Outdoor First Care training using COVID19 precautions. The three pose in front of the famous American River, site of the 1848 gold strike that led to the 1949 Gold Rush.**

and then "retiring" as an active alumni. If you are not ready to retire, but COVID has impacted you financially, emotionally or put added stress on your family or your patrol is not going to be as active or not active at all this year, think about becoming an alumni for one or a few years.

As an alumni, you will continue to receive almost all the benefits from and be an active part of NSP. It is recommended that you maintain your OEC certification (which is easy this year as it is all on line). This will qualify you to return to active patrolling when COVID is under control and you are ready to resume your life time ski patrol career. You can register to join the alumni association at [nsg.org](http://nsg.org). Alumni dues are \$35; [nsp.org](http://nsp.org), programs, alumni, open "How to become an alumni member", or see Alumni application, p. 15.

- **Doc Jim Margolis**, Outdoor First Care Advisor for the American River Bike Patrol and FWD Alumni Advisor.

## Acknowledgement and Recognition in Pandemic Times

The heart of NSP beats with millions of hours donated by passionate volunteers. Leadership responds with acknowledgement, recognition and praise. Our tradition is to throw a banquet; exchanging trophies and plaques for handshakes and hugs.

The COVID pandemic has wreaked havoc with our social order by limiting gatherings. Our social-club-on-skis thrives on human interaction and cross-pollination that takes place at annual banquets across the US.

This year, the SoCal Region adapted with the times, producing a 25 minute video presentation acknowledging the best-of-the-best, featuring program sponsors presenting their award category to patrollers that exhibited NSP excellence.

The program script was simple and consistent; Presenter introduction, award explanation, winning characteristics of award, and award winner announcement. Opening and closing comments from Region Director Richard Roth anchored the ceremony. Awards advisor Barbara Baxter acknowledged exceptional performance of winners, and



expressed gratitude to the sponsors and committee members. Assistant Division Director Richard Wilson introduced service awards, with one title card acknowledging 60 years of service (Thank you for your service, Don Fererra).

Program sponsors recruited family and friends to be their videographers. Video was captured with various smartphones and webcams. Segments were collected by email, edited and enhanced. While there are many sophisticated video editing platforms, the So Cal Awards 2020 video was assembled using Adobe Rush - a drag-and-drop app that runs on iOS phones and tablets. Titles, logos graphics and soundtracks of Creative-Commons licensed music was added

The awards presentation premiered at the end of the August So Cal board meeting and was simultaneously promoted via email to the entire SoCal roster.

Looking for ways to acknowledge your crew during COVID? Check our results here:

[SoCalNSP.org/awards-3](http://SoCalNSP.org/awards-3).

Submitted by **Scott Goodman**, Recruitment - FWD Marketing/Communications - SoCal NSP.



# Celebrating 42 years, Tri-Advisory returns to Yellow Pines Campground!

**Dates:** October 30<sup>th</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020;  
**Place:** Yellow Pines Camp Ground site, Yosemite Park  
**Yosemite Park Volunteer Department has confirmed and invited us back to Yellow Pines Camp Ground for our weekend!**

As always, we have agreed to assist with a clean-up detail in the Valley on Sunday morning.

**Entrance fee:** Free with the Gate Pass

**Registration:** To Be Advised

**Tent camping:** Included

Continuing the Tri-Advisory tradition of Tri-Advisory for its 42<sup>st</sup> year since 1978!

Due to the COVID-19 conditions however, the Yosemite Park has limited the number of attendees allowed with all due cautions followed. For details contact Karl Chulski at contact details below.

With the restrictions and the monitoring of conditions by the Park this year it will not be an NSP ICE course as in the past. Nordic and MTR programs will be on-line for this requirement. See article for the program for details.

## **Celebrating 42 Years 1978 – 2020**

What started out 42 years ago by a handful of like-minded patrollers wanting to tap into each other's collective knowledge, the Tri-Advisory has grown to



become a "not-to-miss", key educational conference within the Far West Division of National Ski Patrol. The attempt will be to hold Tri-Advisory to keep the tradition unbroken!

Contact Karl Chulski for Reservation for Tri-Advisory.

R V c a m p i n g reservations can be made with the Park Service:

[www.nps.gov/yos/e/planyourvisit/camping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yos/e/planyourvisit/camping.htm) or call (877)

444-6777

Hotel lodging reservations can be made with the new authorized concessionaire,

Aramark:

[www.yosemitepark.com](http://www.yosemitepark.com) or call 888.413.8869

We are looking forward to a great weekend ... we'll see you there!

**Karl Chulski**, MTR Supervisor, FWD, [fwd-mtr@farwest.org](mailto:fwd-mtr@farwest.org)

**Keith Church**, Avalanche Supervisor, FWD, [fwd-avalanche@farwest.org](mailto:fwd-avalanche@farwest.org)

**Wayne Wong**, Nordic Supervisor, FEW, [fwd-nordic@farwest.org](mailto:fwd-nordic@farwest.org).

## 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.

# FWD Events Calendar:

Alumni celebration events in Tahoe and SoCal, TBA  
Mountain Travel and Rescue sessions, see p. 3  
Outdoor Emergency Transport training session, TBA  
Women's events in the FWD, coming to a mountain near you!  
FWD Winter Board Meeting, March, location TBA  
Sea Otter Bike Classic volunteer opportunity, April 15-18, 2021 (see p. ---)  
Tri-Advisory event coming to Yosemite,  
Alumni Celebration Week in Whitefish, MT, Feb. 28-March 6, 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? 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!

As an example, is you need insight on Awards, go to the web page and click Awards in the Member Programs area. On the Facebook site, you can post up news to reach our FWD members, upcoming events and special projects, or offers new options like Community Service Opportunities. just good skiing insight worthy of sharing. So, check it out, To see the start of this new resource for you, the patroller, go and use it!

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

**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! 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!

And, make a habit of scanning the FWD website for





# Join Far West ski patrollers, family April 15-18, 2021 for first-aid, marshal service at US's largest cycling event!

*Huge Sea Otter Bike Classic centered on Laguna Seca Raceway, CA, April 15-18, 2021*

For the 16th 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 15-18, 2021; 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!





# Seeking Alumni involvement opportunities...check these opportunities!

With the COVID19 pandemic, both patrols and alumni may be contemplating new roads to advance their missions. Sometimes, it's best to be the "squeaky wheel"; if your patrol, or region has reason to use your talents – volunteer! Your old patrol or region likely has a need for veterans with special talents (they might be training, administrative, marketing skills, organizational and the like). Since alumni talents are sometimes overlooked, seek opportunities out if

you have that interest. Also, check out growing NSP bike patrols and mountain host programs for renewed involvement opportunities for alumni. For future alumni options to get more involved, consider:

Special events involving your old patrol or region/division: Check with your patrol and regional calendar, and...volunteer. **Continued, next page>>>**



**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 options, continued from preceding page

And, consider a few larger events:

**Volunteer at the huge Sea Otter Bike Classic, Ft. Ord National Monument between Monterey and Salinas, CA, rescheduled for April 15-18, 2021:**

Be part of a 60 person bike and trail first-aid safety patrol to watch over 10,000 competitors over four days of intense downhill, cross-country, road bike, dual slalom and Gran Fondo races, handling 150+ first aid codes, making new friends, then disbanding after four days.

Alumni and family can join as course marshals for the National Ski Patrol first aid and safety patrol that serves the huge Sea Otter bicycle classic, each year for the past 16 years. As an additional plus, each participant gets free camping, full event admission, lunch, t-shirt and their patrol receives a donation for their service. For more insight, see info flyer, p. 13.

**Join us in Whitefish, Montana, for our annual Alumni Celebration Week, February 28 to March 6,**

**2011:** Join fellow alumni, family and friends for 4 days or a week of exciting skiing, tours into Glacier National Park and revisiting old NSP times. We have a special rate for one of the nicest hotels in the area, just \$79 a night, and Whitefish Mountain, annually rated in the top 30 ski and board destinations in the US, offers special low rates for seniors over 62, and really low rates for seniors over 70. Fun for alumni, family and friends; it's even open to active NSP patrollers and family! For more info, see information below.

**Promoting the NSP Alumni Program**

If you know of a patroller who needs a temporary break or is considering retiring from active patrolling, please suggest they speak with either their Patrol Representative or local Patrol Alumni Representative about the opportunities and benefits of the Alumni Program, see info flyer, p. 14.

Submitted by **Doc Jim Margolis**, FWD alumni advisor, and **Tim Viall**, National alumni advisor.

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## Join NSP alumni, active patrollers, friends and family in Whitefish, Montana, Feb. 28-March 6, 2021!

You are invited to join NSP alumni, active patrollers and family in Whitefish, MT, for an **“NSP Alumni Celebration Week”** at Whitefish Mountain, during the week of February 28-March 6, 2021.

**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 28-March 6, 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.**



# A summer of bike patrolling on the American River Parkway; it began with creative training with precautions!



The American River Bike Patrol trained and introduced volunteer bike patrollers in June, providing service along the 32-mile American River Parkway multi-use trail from Old Sacramento to Beals Point at Folsom Lake in California. The 50-plus patrollers are all volunteer members of the National Ski Patrol; to learn more about the NSP's newest patrol unit, see: [americanriverbikepatrol.org](http://americanriverbikepatrol.org)



# Community College program has contracted Covid19

By now many of us know someone who has contracted Covid-19, we should all know it is a real threat to all of us. The number one rule we are trained to use is to evaluate the safety of an accident scene and to respond in a way to ensure our personal safety. The national office has taken that axiom and cut back on our programs this season is the name of safety for our family of patrollers. Inadvertently, this has hit the Community College Program a knock out punch for this season. As you may know, your annual refresher has been limited to the online portion for this year. The protection that offers all of us reduced the instructional hours enough to make it financially impossible to run the Community College Program.

In a normal year the Refresher classes have 27 hours of instruction approved by the colleges we work through. Just to cover the cost of enrolling for 0.5 semester hours, the credit assigned to the Refresher, we require 17 hours of instruction. The last 10 hours of instruction for the course is how we create our funding. By reducing the refresher to the online portion and dropping CPR this year we will have only 14 hours of instruction. If we were to offer the classes we would end up needing to pay the colleges the 3 hours of missing instruction to cover enrolling, about \$6.00 per patroller. Multiply the \$6/patroller by the 500+ patrollers in California that participate annually and you will create a bill of over \$3,000 that we would have to pay the colleges if we were to run the program. Without the 27

total hours of instruction for your Annual Refresher we do not make money on the classes.

Patrolling 101 is an unlikely class as well. Tom Taylor reported that Heavenly Valley won't be using their NSP patrol this season anticipating that they might be cutting back if opening at all. With resorts facing the possibility of closures this season and the probable lack of OEC classes, most candidates will be just have to embrace the Warren Miller Quote "If you don't do it this year, you will be one year older when you do."

On a brighter note, I will be retiring from the position of Community College Coordinator. This means there may be an opening for this position within the Division.

Interested people with or without experience in the program should direct their inquires to Lance Vaughan or Nancy Stromswold.

Submitted by 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





# Member recognition in pandemic times

Covid 19, civil unrest, wild fires, social distancing and who know what will be next however we members of the NSP can still give recognition to our members. Normally you would be reading this article to see who was receiving recognition in the Outstanding categories of Alpine Patroller, Nordic Patroller, OEC Instructor, Large Alpine Patrol and all the others but, with everything happening, the Far West Division has had to delay these presentations. Rest assured plans are being made to make the presentations and we will announce all the recipients in the next newsletter.

In the mean time, don't let this time go by without taking the time to recognize members for all they do for your patrol, your community and the skiing public. But you say, we are not patrolling, we had to stop before the snow was gone last year and we may not be patrolling this next season like we have done In the past. YES...However, member recognition is not based on just a single event or even a single season. Members are recognized for their serve over many years.

Let's look at a few examples...

## **Outstanding Awards....**

Outstanding awards are given annually in as many as 15 different categories and this recognition is always based on the service, accomplishments and leadership over the last four years. That is right, these are always based on the last four years so please start deciding who you will be submitting for these outstanding awards. It's not to soon, while we are social distancing and getting ready for this next ski season to write up a member of your patrol that really deserves this recognition.

## **National Appointments / Leadership Commendation Awards.....**

National Appointments / LCA's can be submitted any time and isn't there a member that deserves this recognition on your patrol? There are a few rule that have to be followed when submitting someone for this but they can all be found in Chapter 12 of the NSP Policies and Procedures. It would sure be nice to make someone's day recognizing them after many years of service with this recognition.

## **Distinguished Service Award.....**

DSA is given to a member only once and only after at least twenty years of service. I know there are members everywhere that have been in the NSP for way more than twenty years and have done some really outstanding things at you area and on your patrol. Wouldn't it be nice to

recognize them with a DSA this fall showing them and everyone on your patrol just how much they are appreciated and how much they deserve to be recognized? Take the time and write them up.

## **Merit Stars.....**

Merit Stars are given to members that have preformed an outstanding act, be it saving a life, a difficult rescue or even for a member that has gone out of their way to promote the NSP. There are many way a member can be recognized with a Merit Star and so long as it has been within the last two years, you can still submit them for this recognition. Don't let the time run out without submitting them.

## **Hall Of Fame...**

Hall Of Fame is a newer recognition that was introduced just seven years ago. It is meant as recognition for members that have spent their lives supporting and promoting the NSP not only locally but with a lasting impact on the NSP as a whole. The Far West Division has only had two members inducted into the HOF but I can think of many others in the division that truly deserve this recognition. Please consider some of the members that helped you become a patroller, helped you advance as an instructor or in becoming a senior. These members that we have always looked up to and have always hoped that some day we could be just like them, well now you can help get them the recognition them so deserve.

Member Recognition is at times challenging and takes time to fill out the submissions but you are the first step in this process.

If you need help getting started, contact your Patrol Representative, your Regional Awards Advisor or drop me an email, we are here to help.

Please use the time as we are all social distancing to submit your fellow members for some recognition today.



**Submitted by Bill Gibson,  
FWD Awards advisor.**





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