



Blue and Gold Banner Western Michigan Region Newsletter April 2010

Region Director's Message

Hi All,

Another season is wrapping up, the final event on May 1, 2010 is the Region Awards Banquet, presented by Section II (Cannonsburg, Pando and Western Michigan Nordic) @ Cannonsburg at 5:00 PM. Come and join us as we honor a special patroller at this event.

(Your registration form is contained within, it needs to be in by April 15, so when you do your taxes, do you banquet registration too.)

We had a great season with openings in December and closings in March. I looked at my calendar to see where I had been this year:

Fall Division Meeting - Mackinac Island, MI (I was stuck in meetings)
Section II refresher - OEC and CPR instructor at event (Cannonsburg Ski Area)
Division Ski Trainer Workshop at Boyne Highlands
Senior Emergency Management Clinic-Evaluator (Cannonsburg Ski Area)
Senior Emergency Management Evaluation – Evaluator (Cannonsburg t Ski Area)
Outdoor Emergency Care Basic test at Cannonsburg
Visit to Caberfae
Senior Alpine Evaluation (Crystal Mountain Resort)
TES at Pando Winter Sports Park (OK, I only watched, for once I obeyed doctors orders)
SES at Nubs Nob

Several of the region patrollers attended the Northern Michigan Region SES at Nubs Nub and the SES at Boyne Highlands.

We conducted Three (3) Region Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (Timber Ridge, Caberfae and Pando and One (1) Ski Enhancement Seminar at Timber Ridge, these are always a lot of fun and a great way to tune up your skills.

Senior Emergency Management Evaluation had 6 successful candidates Senior Alpine Evaluations had 6 successful candidates. We gained 3 new seniors from these evaluations. Congratulations to Laura Cameron, Martha Nowak and David Bolliet!

Seven patrollers from the Region worked at the Olympics at Whistler and Cypress Mountains.

Western Michigan Region and Northern Michigan Region are sending teams to the Patroller Completion at 2010 PEC, we should get to hear the results at the Banquet.

I think this is the year the “gray hairs” from the Central Division outdo the rest of the Divisions.

I would love to see you all at the banquet !

Tony Wolfer – Region Director



Avalanche, Michael Walenta Region Advisor

The first region avalanche course of the year was held at Timber Ridge on Saturday December 5. 12 patrollers successfully completed Introduction to Avalanche Safety & Rescue:

Craig Nelson - Bittersweet
Kyle Nelson - Bittersweet
John Donnelly - Cannonsburg
Christopher Hill - Cannonsburg
Tony Hammock - Timber Ridge
Kelly Hicks - Timber Ridge

Doug Mesara - Timber Ridge
Nick Richards - Timber Ridge
David Shires - Timber Ridge
Jen Squires - Timber Ridge
Chris Wise - Timber Ridge
John Yunger - Timber Ridge

Thanks to Kelly Godfrey for helping to teach the course and taking the photos.

Thanks to Sue Brann for making the drive down to Timber Ridge to deliver dinner.

Thanks to Doug Mesara & Timber Ridge for opening up their impressive facilities for the course.



WHERE'S WALDO?

How many Nordic patrollers can you find in this picture? These patrollers were practicing their 'bushwacking' skills as they looked for a 'downed Nordic skier' off trail.

The skill practice was held during a clinic at Crystal Mountain on the Nordic trails and surrounding woods. The next clinic that will be held to practice Nordic skills will be December 18, 2010 at Crystal Mountain. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in the Nordic ski patrol, email Kelly Godfrey at iphotowolves@yahoo.com for more information.



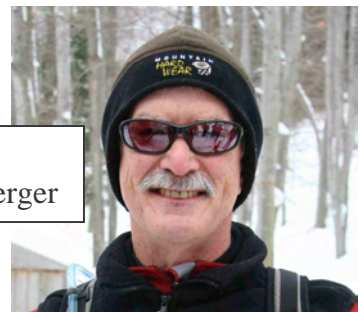


New Seniors David Bolliet (facing-above left) at the SEM, Martha Nowak (white helmet – immediate left) at the Senior Hill and Laura Cameron (above) at the Senior Hill.

Chris Hill



Dan Goldberger



Kevin Barrons



West Michigan Nordic Welcomes Three New Patrollers

West Michigan Nordic Ski Patrol welcomes three new patrollers this season. Chris Hill, Kevin Barrons and Dan Goldberger all showed their Nordic skills were admirable

The three were part of a clinic in December that taught the skills needed to get out on the trails and patrol the many Nordic races in West Michigan, including the White Pine Stampede and North American VASA in Traverse City, as well as the Birkiebinder in Hayward, Wisconsin.

Congratulations to our newest West Michigan Nordic patrollers!

*Western
Region*



*Michigan
Banquet*

Saturday May

1, 2010

**Cannonsburg Ski Area
Main Lodge Bear Creek Room
Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Schedule:

- Region Meeting (Cedar Lounge) 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Open to all patrollers
- Complimentary Beer, Wine and Cheese tasting hour honoring Bob Flink's 50 yrs of Ski Patrol Service (*open to all patrollers*) begins at 4:30 p.m. A Cash Bar will also be available.
- Dinner Serving Begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Awards, Prizes and Announcements begins at 7:00 p.m.
 - Entertainment: A DJ will provide entertainment.

Patrol Reps: Please post this in your patrol rooms

Patrollers: If you are reading this as a hard copy, go to <http://www.nspc203.com/> for more information, forms and links.

Dinner Choices:

- Branns Sizzler Steak, Salad, Wendy's "Smashed Potatoes", Vegetable...
- Or
- Baked Fish, Salad, Wendy's "Smashed Potatoes" and Vegetable

Each Dinner Cost is \$20.00 each

Host and Contact:

- Western Michigan Section II
- Jack Katerberg – jack_katerberg@urscorp.com

Lodging:

- There are also a number of chain motels in Grand Rapids near Cannonsburg Ski Area that are economically priced.

Banquet Registration and Deadlines:

- Cannonsburg Ski Area requires payment and confirmation

of meal selections 15 days prior to the event! **Please fill out the form below and mail it back to me with a check covering the cost of the meals no later than April 15, 2010 if you plan to attend.**

- **You are welcome to come if you don't book by April 15, but meals may not be available.**

Print Name(s): _____

Patrol Area Name: _____

Check Number: _____ **Check Amount:** _____

Meal Selection _____
Price per Meal \$20.00 **How Many?** () **STEAK** ()
FISH

For Who? (Name)s* _____

TOTAL \$ _____

(Sizzler Steak \$20.00)

(Baked Fish \$20.00)

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*Include name of person receiving each meal type to facilitate serving.
Use the space below for additional names (with selections) if necessary.

Make check payable to "NSP, WM Section 2", and registration form and check to:

Jack Katerberg, Section Chief
NSP, WM Section 2
9608 Peninsula Dr.
Grant, MI 49327