



# The Patroller Peek

*A Publication of the Far West Division of the National Ski Patrol*



## **Division Director's Annual Report--- 2005**

*By Stephen Francisco*

First my thanks to Ray Bryan for his time spent helping to prepare me for this challenging position. Having already participated in a couple of conference calls with all the Division Directors I must say Ray did an Exceptional job of leading our Division and leaving us in great shape. Also, Thanks to the past and current board members for your participation, support, and all the hard work you have completed and have before you. We have many challenges ahead of us and I am confident that with everyone's participation we will in the forefront of the Nation Ski Patrol System.

We have put behind us several difficult issues that past season. Now it is time to tackle our new challenges. The challenges we have now are those of a new registration process, IT training, Program delivery, and as Ray Bryan states "the Achilles heal of this association" communication of and to our leaders and most importantly our members.

*NSSA is working with NSP to develop a new Joint Agreement of Understanding one that is going to go a long way to help our members and area managers understand the role and importance of NSP. I am confident this will help in recruiting those areas and professionals not yet using our exceptional programs.*

### **My goals for this season are:**

- Continue the course Ray has set relating to Program delivery and use of funds.
- Work on information flow by conducting quarterly Division Board meetings two in person and two by phone conference or web host.
- Quarterly meetings with Program Supervisors
- Required IT Training Program for all IT's
- Work with the National Office with any changes to P&P's, and Program delivery.
- Focus on delivery fundamentals.
- Do these fundamental things real well.
  - Get our delivery network in top shape.
  - Make sure our instructor know what are our deliverables, and empower them to deliver.
  - Continue to reinforce the role of the IT.
  - Make sure the role of the NSP patrol representative is understood and taking place at the local level.
- Correcting our membership demographics to include all ski patrollers paid and volunteer.
- Promotion of the benefits and value of NSP education, training and credentialing to our members and ski areas.
- Use NSP funds for the right kinds of things at all levels.

## 2006 Far West Division Election Notification

**ELECTION**—*Nominations are now open for Assistant Division Director.*

*The position is for a two-year term June 1, 2006 – May 31, 2008.*

*The position is presently held by Ron Evenson.*

Please note the following dates.

December 14, 2005—Nominations DUE for the Assistant Division Director Position. A 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 may be accompanied by a one-page statement of the candidate's platform. A nomination also must be accompanied by written acceptance of the nomination signed by the nominee.

**January 2, 2006**—Assistant Division Director candidates list finalized by Elections Committee.

**January 23, 2006**—List of Assistant Div. Director candidates, their resumes, and platforms to be posted to the FWD web site.

**February 6, 2006**—Date of election. Ballots, platforms, and resumes mailed to all eligible voting members. (5.5.2)

**March 8, 2006**—Assistant Division Director ballots to be received/postmarked by.

**April 5, 2006**—Candidates notified of election results, with results posted on the Division Web site. Notification and posting of results will be sooner if all ballots are accounted for. (5.5.4)

*Please note: A nomination for the position Assistant Division Director may be made by any patroller. But only patrol representatives meeting the following Far West Division Bylaws Section will be eligible to vote.*

**5.3.2 An eligible patrol representative is defined as a single patrol representative dealing directly with and approved by the ski area management at the ski area their patrol is affiliated with, (i.e.: one mountain, one vote). (Added 10/26/04)**

PLEASE FORWARD ALL NOMINATIONS AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS TO:

**Janice Waits, Election Chairperson**  
1202 Rembrandt Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

### Region Director Elections:

Also be advised that Arizona, Mother Lode, and Southern California regions are due for Region Director elections, in spring 2006. Nominations are now open and will be accepted no later than February 6, 2006. Consult a region officer or your region's by-laws, officer's handbooks, and ski patrol manual for qualifications. Nominations are to be submitted to the Division Election Chairperson, Janice Waits.

### 2005 Region Director Election Results: Eastern Sierra and Northern Region

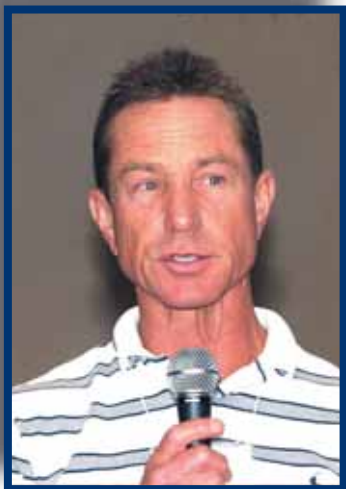
Candidates Ron Luschar (Eastern Sierra) and Bill Gibson (Northern) ran unopposed – with no write in candidates submitted. Therefore the election results are as follows:

Eastern Sierra: Ron Luschar — There was less than a 50% return rate of eligible ballots.

Northern Region: Bill Gibson — Only 2 of 3 eligible ballots were cast.

Future Region Director elections will be conducted by U.S. mail, with a postcard ballot being sent to each eligible voting patrol representative. Per Far West Division Bylaws Section 5.12: Voting Eligibility for the position of Region Director: All incumbent NSP patrol representatives (of eligible patrols) holding office the same year as the date of election for the position of Region Director in their respective region, shall each have one (1) vote. (added 10/26/04)

## THE PETITION TO AMEND THE NSP ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION



*By Mike Balavage, FWD Legal Counsel*

*Over the past several months, the National Ski Patrol [NSP] has had a Governance Task Force working on changes to the current process of governing the organization. Before the Task Force, composed of the Board's governance committee and Division Directors from the Central Division, Alaska Division, and Southern Division could complete its assignment, the NSP Board of Directors was advised this past summer that a group of NSP members was circulating a petition to have the membership vote on certain amendments of the current Articles of Incorporation. The NSP Board was advised by counsel that such a petition was contrary to Colorado law, and the Board would be in potential violation of the law if it held such a vote.*

*The petitioning group then filed a legal action in Jefferson County, Colorado, seeking immediate suspension of the current NSP election. At a hearing on September 9, 2005, Judge Munsinger issued a temporary restraining order to halt the dissemination of any candidate names and to stop any solicitation of votes. Although he did not issue a final decision concerning a vote on the proposed amendments, he indicated in his ruling that the plaintiffs would likely prevail on their argument that the Board should conduct a vote on the proposed amendments. As a result of the Judge's order, the NSP Board of Directors immediately suspended any further activities concerning the election.*

*The Board has instructed staff members to contact the petitioning group to begin the process of conducting a fair, timely, and equitable vote on amending the Articles of Incorporation. The Board has stressed that the NSP membership should have clear, balanced information in order to make an intelligent and informed decision. Attempts are being made to implement this currently*

*The above item was taken from the NSP website. It comes from your Board of Directors. You can see that it's an unbiased status report.*

*You may have been inundated with e-mail from the self-proclaimed "patroller committee." In the interests of fairness, your new editor has requested an article for publication to the Far West members from patrollers who are passionate about telling us ... "the rest of the story." That article is in the process of being written, and will be sent out as a follow-up to this issue of the Patroller Peek.*

## Division Awards Banquet

Outgoing Division Director, Ray Bryan, awarded were given to his staff:  
Certificates of Appreciation to his staff:

Cathleen Calkins	<b>Peek Editor</b>	<i>(outgoing)</i>
Cirina Catania	<b>Peek Editor</b>	<i>(outgoing)</i>
David Coffin	<b>Webmaster</b>	<i>(outgoing)</i>
Gwynne Pugh	<b>Nordic Supervisor</b>	<i>(outgoing)</i>
Howard Jordan	<b>Instructor Development Supervisor</b>	<i>(outgoing)</i>
Mike Laney	<b>Avalanche Supervisor</b>	<i>(outgoing)</i>
Robert Parkhurst	<b>Mountain Travel &amp; Rescue Supervisor</b>	<i>(outgoing)</i>
Stephen Francisco	<b>Assistant Division Director</b>	<i>(outgoing)</i>
Stephen Simi	<b>Arizona Region Director</b>	<i>(outgoing)</i>
Tim O'Brien	<b>Eastern Sierra Region Director</b>	<i>(outgoing)</i>
Vern Herr	<b>Division Treasurer</b>	<i>(outgoing)</i>
David Rhodes	<b>Division Certified Program</b>	<i>Supervisor</i>
Dr. Eric Lambert	<b>Division Medical</b>	<i>Supervisor</i>
Dr. Keith Tatsukawa	<b>Division OEC</b>	<i>Supervisor</i>
Hugh Foster	<b>Community College</b>	<i>Coordinator</i>
Janice Waits	<b>Division Secretary</b>	
Lance Vaughan	<b>OET (formerly Toboggan) Supervisor</b>	
Mike Balavage	<b>Division Legal Counsel</b>	
Peggy Jamison	<b>Division Registrar</b>	
Ron Evenson	<b>Assistant Division Director</b>	

Additionally, Ray gave the Division Directors Award to Hugh Foster for his tireless efforts on the Community College Program.

*There is far too much to say about each of these recipients, so I will simply list the award winners and add a small editorial afterward.*

Current Division Director, Stephen Francisco, awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Meeting Coordinators Lin Werkheiser and Theresa Werkheiser.

Ray Bryan received the Outgoing Director's Gift from Steve for his years of service as Division Director. Next, National Chairman Bill Sachs and Far West Division Director Steve Francisco

### **Presented the Following Awards:**

<i>Distinguished Service Award</i>	<b>Ray Bryan</b>
<i>Outstanding Alpine Patroller</i>	<b>Ron Luschar</b> , <i>National Nominee, Yellow Merit Star</i>
<i>Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller</i>	<b>Andrew Morse</b> , <i>National Nominee, Yellow Merit Star</i>
<i>Outstanding Paid Patroller</i>	<b>Frank Marshall</b> , <i>National Nominee, Yellow Merit Star</i>
<i>Outstanding Administrative Patroller</i>	<b>Steve Newman</b> , <i>National Nominee, Yellow Merit Star</i>
<i>Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol</i>	<b>Sugar Bowl</b> , <i>National Nominee, Unit Citation</i>
<i>Outstanding Nordic Patroller</i>	<b>Irene Patton</b> , <i>National Runner-Up, Silver Merit Star</i>
<i>Outstanding Patrol Representative</i>	<b>Richard Roth</b> , <i>National Runner-Up, Silver Merit Star</i>
<i>Outstanding Instructor</i>	<b>Terry Jesse</b> , <i>National Winner, National Plaque, Gold Merit Star</i>
<i>Outstanding Nordic Patrol</i>	<i>Tahoe Backcountry Patrol, National Winner, National Plaque, Unit Citation, Yellow Merit Star to</i> <b>Graham Calciano</b> , <i>Patrol Rep.</i>
<i>Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol</i>	<i>Homewood Patrol National Winner, National Plaque, Unit Citation, Yellow Merit Star to</i> <b>Jim Margolis</b> , <i>Patrol Rep.</i>
<i>National Appointment # 10278</i>	<b>Ron Migdal</b>

Editorial Comment: I don't wish to draw attention to myself. I must, however, say that I was probably the only one in the room who had no idea whatsoever that I had even been considered for National appointment. Afterward, Division Awards Supervisor, Dave Ritchie, told me that it is an award given when totally unexpected and long overdue. In my case, I cannot say that was long overdue. I can say that it was truly the most humbling experience of my patrolling career.



## **Dave Ritchie** **FWD Awards Coordinator**

*The position of awards coordinator allows me to participate in the division in a way that lets me get to know many patrollers and to make people feel good about themselves and others. I have held the job for eight years. Prior to serving the division, I was Mother Lode Region awards coordinator for a few years and sat on the Mother Lode Region awards board since 1985.*

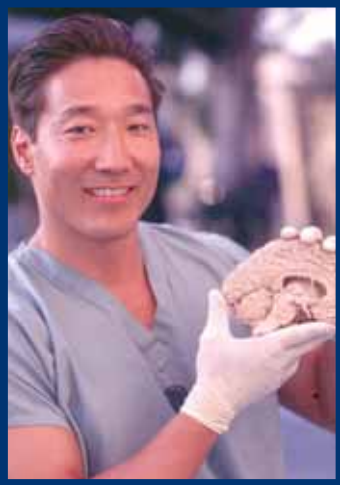
*I began patrolling at Heavenly Valley forty years ago. When Bear Valley opened in 1967 I began patrolling there. That is where I soon met and married my wife Liz, who then patrolled with me for ten years before she retired. Our daughter Robyn is now patrolling and will marry a patroller in the near future. Our son Ryan chose a different path and is now one of the top five overall ski racers on the Far West Masters circuit.*

*We usually take dive trips in the spring and fall to warm places with beaches. My wife thinks she deserves that after letting me patrol for 40 to 50 days a season. When the snow is gone we do road biking and a very little bit of mountain biking. We do several centuries over the summer. We have done a few weeklong bike trips.*

*There are a lot of good people in the NSP who deserve to be recognized. You know some of them. Take the time to nominate them for an award. Someone has done or will do the same for you some time.*

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## Keith Tatsukawa FWD OEC Supervisor

*Hi Far West Division Patrollers:*

*With Fall in the air and Refreshers and OEC courses beginning, I'd like to personally welcome and thank all of you fellow patrollers for your continued support of OEC in the upcoming '05-'06 season.*

*My name is Keith Tatsukawa and I am beginning my second season as the Far West Division (FWD) Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) Supervisor. I began patrolling 10 years ago at a small yet challenging hill in Southern California, Mt Waterman. It was here where I first experienced being a First Responder in the winter wilderness environment. To tell you the truth, I loved it! Every educational program needs to evolve as the needs of the outdoor enthusiasts grow. OEC is no exception. This position has given me the opportunity to actively play a role in the direction of OEC for not only the Far West Division but for National Ski Patrol as an organization. The OEC program as we now know it is going through some much needed growing pains. To keep up with the demands of the ever-growing outdoor community, NSP has challenged the OEC program to improve our quality and accountability beyond what it has ever been in the past. In order to accomplish this, task forces at the National, Division and Region levels have been coordinated to focus on the ROLE OF THE INSTRUCTOR TRAINER. The FWD has implemented a mandatory directive that ALL IT's attend an Instructor Trainers Workshop by November 6th '05. This is not only for OEC Instructor Trainers. ALL IT's in all disciplines must comply. Contact your Region Directors for more information on dates and locations for workshop delivery.*

*Other OEC news on the horizon is the new and improved OEC 5th edition scheduled for release in July 2007. One of the main differences with this 5th edition is that NSP will control 90% of its content as opposed to only 10% in the previous edition. Experts, inside NSP and out, are currently reviewing chapters for content and accuracy. From what I have seen so far of it, it will be greatly improved in content and organization from previous editions.*

*Lastly, please join me in welcoming a few new appointments for OEC in the FWD.*

*The newly appointed Northern region OEC advisor is Ron Winkelman. Ron has been a patroller for Mt Shasta since 1997. Ron is an OEC as well as an Alpine Toboggan Instructor. As an operating room R.N., Ron's knowledge of the importance to detail and Quality Assurance will certainly keep our OEC program on its toes.*

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*The newly appointed Eastern Sierra Region (ESR) OEC advisor is Tim O'Brien an Alpine Senior and National Appointment recipient. Tim is a multi-discipline Instructor of OEC, Alpine toboggan and Instructor Development and also an I.T. of OEC and Alpine Toboggan. Tim has been a volunteer Ski Patroller at Squaw Valley since 1977.*

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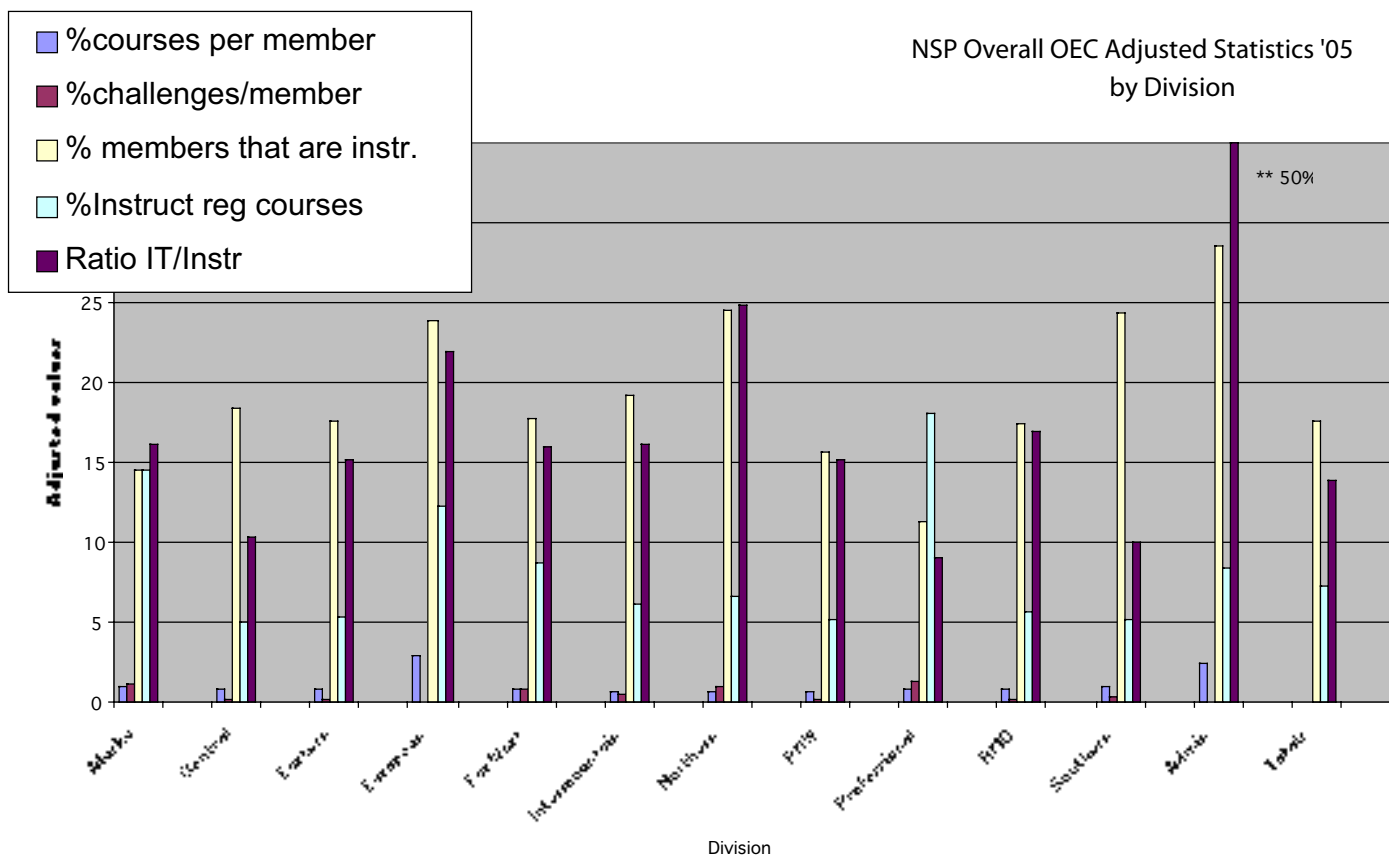
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Barbara Hickman who you all already know as (among other things) the Motherlode Region OEC Administrator has now accepted the position as the FWD OEC Assistant Supervisor. Barbara will be assisting me in managing the Division OEC Supervisor duties throughout the Far west division. Please help me welcome Barbara to her new Division responsibility.

Again to all of you Far West Division Patrollers, have a great upcoming season of patrolling. Have FUN, save lives and most of all, BE SAFE, so that we can all be around another season to do this all over again!

My very best wishes,

Keith Tatsukawa  
FWD OEC Supervisor  
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The above graph represents data collected from the '04-'05 season. In order to add relevance to the data, the graph has been adjusted to the very large variation in the number of registered patrollers for each Division. With this normalization, the patrols with smaller patroller numbers can be equally compared and represented to larger patrols.

I'd like to call your attention in particular to the number of OEC courses taught in the FWD, expressed as a percent of total number of OEC Instructors in the Division. The FWD had only two divisions doing better than us out of a total of 13 Divisions in the NSP. I would like to do better in the year to come. Those of us who have chosen to be instructors, this season, let's get out there and register and teach courses.



## **Karl Chulski** **FWD Mountain Travel** **& Rescue Supervisor**

As we remember the excellent season of last year, with white mountain peaks still visible in many parts of the Far West Division, it's time to prepare for the fast approaching next winter season. Increasing our skills through training, requires planning for that training now. Remember the reports of people who became lost and stranded in the mountains last season? Going out-of-bounds is becoming increasingly popular. Backcountry access is more available. How well prepared are you, if called upon, to venture into the winter wilderness? OEC gives us the first aid skills to handle the injuries we may find. But to be truly prepared, we must also know how to cope with the weather and shelter when away from the safety of the resort lodge. This is the goal of the MTR program, to prepare you to be a more valuable, and confident, patroller in the winter environment.

There are three classes, First, the MTR Fundamentals, which is only one day of classroom and one day (only until dusk!) of field work. This is a great class for an Auxiliary and anyone who is not personally ready to be part of a search team, but wants to become familiar with what takes place during a search and rescue. By becoming familiar with what is taking place in the field, one can become a valuable member of the SAR in the command center. There is a much preparation and work that needs to be done there too! The course is designed to familiarize patrollers with search protocol and includes an introduction to map & compass, hasty shelter, weather, and thermal properties of clothing.

Want a little more training? The MTR Basic class includes all of the above, plus an overnight stay in a shelter you build! You test your skills and knowledge of the winter environment and learn what works and what doesn't, first hand. MTR instructors are present to be sure no one gets into trouble.

After completing Basic, there are still more skills available. There is the MTR Advanced class with two nights in the shelter of your choice. This increases your knowledge of the winter environment. with classroom sessions cover where the topics in depth. The extended stay outdoors furthers the wilderness experience.

As the new Far West Division Supervisor I look forward to this new season and meeting and working with everyone in the Division. If you know that your skills need a boost in this area and are curious as to what the class and field work is all about, give your Patrol Rep a call. He can direct you to a local MTR person. A big "thank you" to Robert Parkhurst, as he steps down as MTR Division Supervisor and passes the files to me. I will carry on the goals for the MTR program you have initiated!



## **Lance Vaughan, FWD OET Supervisor**

### **(OET = Outdoor Emergency Transportation formerly known as Toboggan)**

I have had the honor of serving the National Ski Patrol since 1985. My father was a patroller and I grew up skiing my home hill, Dodge Ridge, first in the racing program, next as a PSIA instructor and finally, as a patroller. I earned my Senior status in 1995 and became an NSP/APP Certified Patroller in 1999. I served several years as the Mother Lode Region Toboggan Advisor working on region wide delivery of NSP programs. In 2002, I was awarded National Appointment 9652. In 2004, I was presented a Gold Merit Star for my contributions as the Outstanding patrol Representative in the NSP. Patrolling is a family affair; my three siblings are patrollers along with my father, his new wife and her daughter. I hope someday my own sons, Cameron 5, and Duncan 3 will wear a cross with the same pride as the rest of the family.

In my Division role, I'd like to continue finding best practices and spreading those ideas across our regions. I'd also like to increase awareness of the roles of each OET position: Region OET Administrator, IT, Instructor, Mentor, Instructor Candidate, and Patroller.

As staffing levels allow, I am trying to ensure:

- Qualified OET IT's on each patrol, identified and trained by season's end. (We are nearly there, I'm happy to report.)
- Clearly defined roles and identified OET Instruction staff from patrol level up.
- Formalized Region Training Calendars offering needed/desired courses for members to increase skills
- Regional IT staff attending a Skills Seminar to share best practices, techniques and skills.
- Increased Mentor Program awareness & more opportunities for members to become instructors.
- Each Region hosts a Women's OET Seminar (already slated for Eastern and Mother Lode Regions).

The best chance of realizing these goals will come from the combined efforts of the excellent FWD OET staff and you, the members, asking for classes and attending them. Together we can raise the skills and knowledge of all our members at the patrol and region level. Traveling to another hill to attend, teach, or mentor a class, allows everyone to share ideas. Thus begins the creation of a shared vision for improved skills and techniques. Ideas, both new and old, will go back to your home patrol thereby benefiting your entire hill.

I believe we all gain when we offer a better product to the organizations we serve – Ski resorts and National Forests. Investing in your skills and education provides us with the best return on our efforts and improves our assets. I support and encourage opportunities to make us all better and more skilled patrollers, instructors, and skiers. Tell us how we can help you become a stronger patroller. It is our job to help you. You alone generate our public and industry reputation. I feel that our most valuable asset is the well-trained, competent patroller.



## **Dave Rhodes**

### **FWD Certified Supervisor**

With Labor Day most of us begin to think about the OEC refreshers right around the corner and the fast approaching winter. My name is Dave Rhodes and I am beginning my second season as the Far West Division Certified Program supervisor. Most weekends you will find me patrolling the mountain at Dodge Ridge in the Mother Lode Region.

The FWD Certified Program had a very successful season in 2004/2005 thanks to the time and energy put forth by the Regional Certified Program Administrators, Mike Nolen, Richard Roth and Leon Wachtel. Four Regional training clinics were held in February and March at June Mountain, Snow Summit, Mountain High and Sierra Summit to prepare patrollers for certified tests. About 20 candidates participated in these clinics, with training provided by 8 to 10 fully certified patrollers.

This commitment to training led to a highly successful APP (Association of Professional Patrollers) Spring Clinic at Mammoth Mountain for the NSP patrollers who tested there the first week of May. Seventeen candidates from the Mother Lode, Southern California and Arizona regions achieved certified status in a total of 39 modules. One candidate from Southern California completed his 9th and final module- congratulations to our newest fully Certified Patroller, Stanley Aari!

In the coming season I look forward to building on the successes of this past season. There currently are about 35 FWD patrollers who are active in the program, having certified in one or more modules in the past several years, and I expect a number of them to be able to complete the testing this year. The program will continue to require strong leadership and commitment at the Regional level as we had this past season. Training clinics are being planned at several mountains throughout the Division. Look for dates and locations on your Regional calendar or check with your Regional Certified Program Administrator.

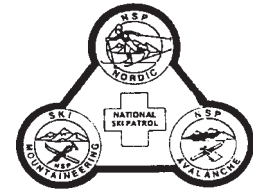
In the Far West Division the NSP Certified Program is closely aligned with the APP Certified Program. This relationship benefits both organizations by coordinating training and testing standards and producing some of the most highly skilled patrollers in the nation. This in turn provides resort managers in the Far West with a pool of outstanding volunteer and paid patrollers in leadership positions on their mountains.

The Certified Program is appropriate for Senior patrollers who want to enhance their patroller skills in all aspects of patrolling, including mountain operations and risk management, avalanche management, and rope rescue/ lift evacuation. For additional information on becoming a NSP Certified Patroller contact your Regional Certified Program Administrator or email me at [drhodes528@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drhodes528@sbcglobal.net).



## **Eric Diem** **FWD Avalanche Supervisor**

*Tri-Advisory Far West Division*



### **2005 - Fall Educational Conference**

Starting out some 20-plus years ago, a handful of like-minded patrollers wanting to tap into each other's collective knowledge. Since then, the Tri-Advisory has grown to become a "not-to-miss", key educational conference within the Far West Division of National Ski Patrol.

At the Tri-Advisory, Division Supervisors, Region Administrators, Instructor Trainers, Instructors and Patrollers in the disciplines of Avalanche, Mountain Travel & Rescue and Nordic Patrols, all gather to develop contacts, swap ideas and expand their knowledge and skills.

Yeah-but ... if you're a patroller interested in the backcountry, wanting to gain new skills but you're unsure where to begin, the Tri-Advisory is a great place to start! First, you'll get to know the key instructors from your region who will mentor you locally. Next, you'll hear from people who have "been-there, done-that" who will share their experiences and opinions. You will learn about training, skills and trip details. Oh-yeah ... You need to be here!

From the early days to today, the Tri-Advisory's list of presenters has included in-house, highly skilled and experienced patrol members, top professionals and high-profile "outsiders", all sharing their experiences from around the world or as close to home as our Sierras. What brings them together is their enthusiasm for the outdoors and for working with people, all in the spirit of alpinism. This year is no different ... were developing an outstanding agenda!

This year's Tri-Advisory will again be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 5th & 6th, at The Yosemite Bug Lodge located just outside Yosemite Valley, in Midpines, California. The Bug provides an excellent venue for this event, giving us the convenience of lodging, dining and meeting all at one comfortable and relaxing mountain setting. Lodging options include cabins with baths, private rooms, dorm style rooms, "Yosemite Style" tent cabins and campsites. This classic, rustic resort offers a warm and inviting "Bistro" style café serving fabulous American & Mediterranean cuisine. Enjoy a beer on tap, a glass of wine or a roasted "Bug Blend" coffee outside on the deck looking out towards Yosemite Valley and the Sierras. It's all good!

Bring your family and friends. In addition to the Tri-Advisory agenda--not to mention Saturday evening's dinner and entertainment ... we've put together a list of "To-Do's" for your family in and around the area. What a great getaway ... your family will have a hoot!

Make your plans now! Go to [www.farwest.org](http://www.farwest.org) for more details and up-dated information! There you can download the Pre-registration Form ... complete the form and mail. Be sure to contact The Bug and secure your lodging and food needs ... [www.yosemitebug.com](http://www.yosemitebug.com). When you make your reservations, let The Bug know that you are part of the Far West Tri-Advisory and indicate any special needs /diet requests ... The Bug staff are happy to help. Accommodations are on a first come, first serve basis and will go fast!

***I'm looking forward to a great weekend ... we'll see you there!***

## The Yosemite Bug – Fall 2005 Lodging and Meal Information

Here is the information you need to get things started.

Lodging and meals, lodging or meals only ... whatever suites your needs, we will accommodate you!

Guests attending the conference will make their lodging and meals, lodging or meals only reservations by calling (209) 966-6666 or email at [www.bughost@yosemitebug.com](mailto:www.bughost@yosemitebug.com). We will require your name, mailing address, phone number, email, credit card number and the 3 digit security code on the back of the credit card to hold the reservation. We will charge your credit card 2 weeks prior to your arrival. If you do need to cancel within that 2 week window, we will issue you a refund less \$40.00 for our administrative expense.

Upon arrival, guests will register at the front office. They will be assigned their room and issued meal tickets for the meals they have paid for. We will allow for extra people arriving on the day to order meals and pick-up additional meal tickets. Dinner is available but not included Friday night. Those that arrive Friday evening will be able to order dinner off the main menu.

A \$4.00 fee will be applied to your reservation for the extra administration work and credit card charges we incur for running individual credit cards.

Note: We will require that 75% of your group staying in private rooms stay for 2 nights.

### Room Options:

Private Room with Bath for 1 to 2 people	\$ 65.00 + 10% tax
Private Room with Bath for 3 to 4 people <i>(linens, towels &amp; toiletries included)</i>	\$ 85.00 + 10% tax
Private Room with Share Bath for 1 to 2 people	\$ 40.00 + 10% tax
Private Room with Share Bath for 3 to 4 people <i>(linens, towels &amp; toiletries included)</i>	\$ 60.00 + 10% tax
Dorm Beds <i>(linens, towels &amp; toiletries included)</i>	\$ 18.00 + 10% tax

**Tent Cabins & Camp Sites are available - call for details.**

Meal Options:	(tax on food is - 7.75%)
Breakfast	\$ 4.50 + .35 tax = \$ 4.85
Lunch	\$ 6.00 + .45 tax = \$ 6.45
Dinner	\$ 7.50 + .60 tax = \$ 8.10

Meal Package	– per person includes 1 breakfast, 2 lunch, 1 dinner	\$ 19.40
	– per person includes 2 breakfast, 2 lunch & 1 dinner	\$ 30.70

### Room and Meal Package (tax included)

Private Room with Bath for 2 nights for 1 to 2 people	\$143.00
Private Room with Bath for 2 nights for 3 to 4 people	\$189.00
Meal Package per person includes 2 breakfast, 2 lunch & 1 dinner	\$ 30.70
Total	
1 person	\$173.70
2 people	\$204.40
3 people	\$279.10
4 people	\$309.80
Private Room with Bath for 1 night for 1 to 2 people	\$ 71.50
Private Room with Bath for 1 night for 3 to 4 people	\$ 93.50
Meal Package per person includes 1 breakfast, 2 lunch, 1 dinner	\$ 19.40
Total	
1 person	\$ 90.90
2 people	\$110.30
3 people	\$151.70
4 people	\$171.10
Private Room with Share Bath for 2 nights for 1 to 2 people	\$ 88.00
Private Room with Share Bath for 2 nights for 3 to 4 people	\$132.00
Meal Package per person includes 2 breakfast, 2 lunch & 1 dinner	\$ 30.70
Total	
1 person	\$118.70
2 people	\$149.40
3 people	\$224.10
4 people	\$254.80
Private Room with Shared Bath for 1 night for 1 to 2 people	\$ 44.00
Private Room with Shared Bath for 1 night for 3 to 4 people	\$ 66.00
Meal Package per person includes 1 breakfast, 2 lunch, 1 dinner	\$ 19.40
Total	
1 person	\$ 63.40
2 people	\$ 82.80
3 people	\$124.20
4 people	\$144.00
Dorm Bed for 2 nights	\$ 39.60
Meal Package includes 2 breakfast, 2 lunch & 1 dinner	\$ 30.70
Total	
1 person	\$ 70.30
Dorm Bed for 1 night	\$ 19.80
Meal Package includes 1 breakfast, 2 lunch, 1 dinner	\$ 19.40
Total	
1 person	\$ 39.20

Any questions please contact us!

*The Yosemite Bug*

# Tri-Advisory Registration

2005 Tri-Advisory Education Conference  
at the Yosemite Bug Lodge

NOVEMBER 5-6, 2005

## REGISTRATION

*PLEASE PRINT*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline Interest \_\_\_\_\_

(circle) Avalanche _____	Instructor ... Yes / No
Mountain Travel & Rescue _____	Instructor ... Yes / No
OEC _____	Instructor ... Yes / No
Other _____	Instructor ... Yes / No

Are you attending with guests ? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you attending with children ? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging & meal reservations made with The Yosemite Bug @ [www.yosemitebug.com](http://www.yosemitebug.com) or (209) 966-6666

Patroller Registration Fee (\$20.00 per patroller) \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt (sure to be a collectable - \$12.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
( - sm)( - med)( - lg)( - xlg)( - xxlg)

Payable To: Far West Division – NSP \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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