

Southern Idaho Region 2008-2009 Annual Report

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It was a good season for all ski area's in Southern Idaho, most area's opened late with good snow, got more snow and then got late snow just in time for Senior at the end of the season. I have enjoyed the second term and look forward to my third and last term as Region Director . This year I attended 4 refreshers, skied at all area's except 2 and our regular Fall Region Meeting held by Ferguson Ridge Ski Patrol at Wallowa Lake, Oregon. One Senior Clinic at Bogus Basin in January, the Woman's Toboggan Clinic at Bogus Basin along with a regular Toboggan Clinic at Soldier Mountain in the middle of January. Soldier Mountain would like to host the Women's Toboggan Clinic next year with it being a 2 day Southern Idaho Region Toboggan Clinic with Drills in the morning and breakout Woman, Alpine, Nordic and Snowboard in the afternoon. Second day for more advanced Toboggan skills. The Eddie Orbea Senior Evaluation was hosted by Anthony Lakes Ski Patrol and they did a outstanding job with great food, hospitality and late night Fireworks by the mountain to cap it all off.. We had 11 candidates for EMM with 11 passing, 7 for Skiing with all passing and 8 for Toboggan with all passing with a total of 12 people in our region receiving their Senior Certificates. Also 3 of those 12 receiving their Senior Nordic Certificates. This is the first time in many years that Southern Idaho Region has evaluated Senior Nordic's and a great job done by the evaluators and Senior Candidates in all disciplines. The Senior Trainers from each Patrol are doing a great job in getting the Candidates prepared, we had fair numbers and participation at both clinic's, the candidates knew what they needed to improve and work on. Southern Idaho is highly recommending that all Candidates attend one if not both Senior Clinic's. We felt that our Advisors and Instructors for these clinic's are doing a great job and that the Candidates are getting value added out of them but a change is in the wind. The Clinic's are going to be a two day event with a full day of EMM the first day and the second day will be Skiing and Toboggan. The second Clinic of the year will be Skiing and Toboggan first day with EMM on the second day.

A Special Thank you to all of you Patrollers in the Region that where involved and Volunteered to help in the World Special Olympics' Events. The Nordic Snowshoe Special Olympics' in McCall, Idaho and the Downhill Special Olympics' at Bogus Basin during the week of February 8th to 12th. What a great experience and privilege.

My Goal's for the year was to visit every Patrol in the Region and I accomplished that by attending either a Refresher or Skiing at the Area's except for two. Also a goal was to continue with Region sponsored Skiing and Toboggan Seminars offered at all Area's for the Patrol's in our Region every two to four years, to be funded by the Region so that we are giving back to the every day Patroller something from their Region Due's. Another goal would be to continue to expand the cross Division Training and Instructor Information exchange with Southern Idaho Region and Intermountain Division. One goal would be to continue to have my S&T and OEC Advisor attend the other Region Evaluations, possibly with some funds from Division along with our Region funding. Another goal was to get our Regional Web Page up, running and on-line. It is a slow process but we are getting there, we are still working on more details and enhancements.

My goals for the coming year would be to Enhance the Senior EMM Program in our Region with some changes and to get our Region Bylaws updated and in place or any other goals that Region Patrols or Patrollers present to me.

We were successful in securing the MK Nature Center in Boise July 11,2009 (Saturday) for a all Region OEC Conference. With a 8 o'clock start and would like to see all OEC Instructors from the Region at this meeting for new Region changes in the Senior EMM Program and Regional Instructor Recertification's and updates. Remember that you have to be Recertified every three years and this is a good opportunity to do this. The cost is being cover by the Region with lunch included. I will have a informal summer Region Meeting during lunch. The fall Region Meeting hosted by Bogus Basin Ski Patrol, October 17,2009 (location Boise) and Soldier Mountain Patrol to host the Eddie Orbea Senior Evaluation at Soldier Mountain Ski Area (March 6-7, 2010).

Refresher dates as follows:

Bogus Basin Alpine / Nordic

September 12, 2009 ISP Training Post Offices, Meridian

September 13, 2009 Bogus Basin - On Hill

October 3, 2009 Bogus Basin - On Hill

October 4, 2009 ISP Training Post Offices, Meridian

Spout Springs

September 12, 2009 Spout Springs Ski Area - Refresher and On Hill

Anthony Lakes

TBD

Anthony Lakes Ski Area - Refresher and On Hill

Southern Idaho Nordic

October 3, 2009 Refresher Location - TBD

October 4, 2009 Idaho City - On Hill

705 Backcountry

October 24, 2009 TBD - Refresher and On Hill

Payette Lakes

November 7, 2009 Brundage Ski Area

November 8, 2009 Brundage Ski Area - On Hill

Soldier Mountain

November 14, 2009 CSI Round Building, Gooding

November 15, 2009 Soldier Mountain Ski Area - On Hill

Ferguson Ridge

TBD - December 09 Ferguson Ridge Ski Area - Refresher and On Hill

Pomerelle / Duel Soldier Patrol – Intermountain Division

November 8, 2009 Dorshack Grade School, Burley

TBD Pomerelle Ski Area - On Hill

I look forward to my first year of my third term as RD and the continued great support from all the great Patroller's and Patrol's in my Region. Please make sure that your Patrol Director or designee attends the August Division Convention to make your vote and voice as a Patrol be heard.

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