



# Bogus Basin Ski Patrol

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## Patrol Leader – Earl Esson

Mother Nature has been good to us at Bogus Basin and allowed us to put smiles on our customer's faces with being open for the holidays.

The 2nd half patrol schedule preference request forms were due January 8th. Recent changes with some of the volunteer Auxiliary patrollers transferring to Pro patrol will require staffing of the patrol room with Alpine and possibly some Nordic regular patrollers to insure that we can continue to maintain excellent care for patients until transportation can arrive for them. Many of your elected Board Members have volun-

teered to step in and help in staffing the patrol room on weekends for the AM or PM shift coverage. It is my wish to have other patrollers volunteer to help out and to understand when called on to help.

Most of you have seen the media coverage on the upcoming Special Olympics Winter Invitational Games. Recent venue changes have moved the Snow Shoe and Nordic activities from Bogus Basin to Sun Valley during the February 25-28 time period. This change will reduce the number of people that will show up at Bogus Basin. For other Patrol Leaders, Regional and Divisional officers reading this news letter I like to pass these changes in sched-



### **Getting a patient ready for Lifeflight on Nugget**

*by Roark Nagler*

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**This is the board recently installed in the Simplot lodge that recognizes our significant donors from last season. It will be updated each year.**

*photo via Adam Alexander*

uled events onto the Patrollers that have already expressed interest in attending/assisting in the schedule Special Olympics Winter Invitational Games. The participation from patrollers outside of our area in the Special Olympics Winter Invitational Games in February 2008 will help communicate to our neighboring patrols what the needs/logistics will be in the larger February 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games. Charles Butrick listed in the Newsletter Contacts page is the primary contact finding out how to participate in the Special Olympics Winter Games.

Update on Joe Peagler, his accident from early January has kept him at St Al's off Curtis in room 329. Tom Muncy may have had a hand in getting him a room that allows Joe to see Bogus Basin from his bed. We all wish Joe a

speedy recovery.

Accident report form pep talk time. I was given a summary on accident reports recently filled out and the top two dings were missing "patient time out" of the patrol room and not getting primary/secondary patroller names who worked/transported the patient. The report you fill out is important and is reviewed/read by many other persons after you place in the hanging folder on the wall.

Thanks to all for excellent work at start up and through the holidays. . . . . EEE

# Documentation

By Karen Jensen

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Documentation is a critical part of patrol operations. The incident report should be reviewed by a second patroller to check for completeness. Key points are:

Reports must be signed by the primary patroller, and their patrol number listed. Please print your name as well. Youth patrollers and candidates must have reports countersigned by a patroller. No signature becomes a huge risk management issue. Fill in all of the blanks. If the answer is unknown, state that it is unknown.

The first aid rendered box should be filled out with the care given. Unless the patient does not go to the patrol building, non applicable is not an appropriate answer for aid given in

the patrol room. At very least a reassessment of condition should be performed in the aid room.

Fill in the last name, first initial of assisting patrollers and the snow mobile driver.

A note should always be written about how you found the patient, what you did for the patient, and the patient's status after the interventions. There are supplemental forms that can be filled out if the three lines on the report form are not long enough.

Print or write legibly. These documents are reviewed and may be needed in the future.



**Lifeflight during a recent media event**

*photo by Charles Butrick*

# Joining the Patrol? SWAP

By Joe LaGue

Don Countryman and Omar Fricke were proud members of the NSP long before John F. Kennedy took office. Several others on our team were patrolling before Armstrong set foot on the moon. Such longevity is honorable – to say the least – but also rare. In any large organization people will come and go.



## Toboggan training

*photo by Adam Alexander*

Our patrol's membership is highly dynamic. Accordingly, we are always recruiting new members to participate in Ski Patrolling and keep our staffing levels in balance.

Our Ski With A Patroller program is the first step in introducing prospective candidates to the BBSP and our job on the hill. It is formal, requires a full day on the hill, and is designed to give interested prospects a true "day-in-the-life" taste of what we do. It is an observer role -- not hands-on. S.W.A.P. participants are partnered with a veteran patroller from meeting to close and Q & A can go on all day long (partial

day participation is not an available option). Then they can review what they have learned with Joe LaGue and decide if they are prepared to make the commitment each of us have made and go forward with the training.

So where do they start to get hooked up? [www.bbbsp.org](http://www.bbbsp.org) – The "Join Us" page. This is the only way to go. Prospects can complete an on-line application and Joe will handle the rest. Please

do not bring candidates to the mountain on a "just show up" basis as we need to pre-schedule participants. They must also sign a waiver.

If you have not viewed the "Join Us" page, please do. There's a Mountain of information there

for the prospective candidate. Thanks for your help!!!

P.S.: We're trying to change terminology from "Duty Day SWAPS" to "Shift Trades" in order to avoid confusion with the acronym S.W.A.P.



**This group photo with Joe and Paula from ISU was taken after demonstrating the manauqin for the media**

*photo by Charles Butrick*

## **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome**

**By Karen Jensen**

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This month the continuing education topic is fetal alcohol syndrome. Fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) is a group of problems related to the fetus being exposed to alcohol during pregnancy. One of the prevalent problems is mental retardation. The degree of retardation varies widely from person to person. These individuals may be some of the adaptive athletes that we see over the next two years.

There are physical signs of fetal alcohol syndrome as well. The facial features may include small eyes, thin upper lip, a short upturned nose and a smooth skin surface between the nose and upper lip. The head size may be smaller than normal with microcephaly (small brain size). These individuals may have vision difficulties and hearing problems. There may

be deformities of joints, limbs, and fingers.

Behaviorally, individuals with FAS may have a short attention span, hyperactivity, poor impulse control, nervousness and anxiety. They are at high risk for mental health disorders, alcohol and drug abuse, and trouble in both school and with the law.

These patients will take extra time and care to treat. A calm approach and simple explanations may be necessary as well as reinforcing cooperative behavior with praise.

Sources: Mayo Clinic.com and the CDC website.

## **General Meeting – 1/8/08**

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The scheduled meeting was held at Sockeye restaurant in Boise and started at 7:34pm with approximately 31 people present.

## **Patrol Leader – Earl Esson**

Omar is out of the hospital and recovering from his most recent knee surgery. Joe Peager is also in the hospital related to an injury this past Sunday.

All refunds and extra passes must be done through the Patrol. Please do not go to the ticket office. Contact Earl for more information.

A sign up from is available to allow extension of your Lifeflight benefits to your family. Ski and Snowboard lessons are available as another benefit on the Patrol. Four walk-in or session lesson vouchers are available if you show your volunteer pass. This is a privilege, so please remember to be polite and courteous.

Please clean your own dishes in the Patrol room. Please do not leave them for the candidates to do. Also remember that you are not supposed to leave for home at the end of the day until the backside hill captain has safely reached the building.

## **Alex Homaechearria**

Alex presented a check to the Patrol for \$1,000. He also answered questions on the knee study that is ongoing at Bogus. He mentioned the Bogus is the primary location, but they are also collecting data at Brundage and Tamarak. He is also talking to other orthopedic groups in town.

Thank you Alex. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by all.

## **APL – Mark Stephensen**

Mark has five new pro-patrol-

lers that his will be registering shortly. Pam will be helping him with the Senior program this year. Bogus is hosting Senior testing this March. These events are well attended by many Regional and Division people.

## **APL - Greg Malcom**

Greg mentioned he may need help with some of the Youth Patrol supervision due to Joe's recent injury.

## **Treasurer – John Orlovich**

John reviewed the balance sheet and noted that are about even from last year (not including the recent donation from Alex). There is a pending distribution to the Southern Idaho Nordic Patrol for their portion of recent fund-raising efforts.

The Tech Soup Software deadline is looming. If you need very inexpensive software for patrol related business, contact John immediately.

## **Secretary – Dave Kennedy**

The current plan is to work on the Newsletters



**Avlalanche dog practice - Night Patrol**

*photo by Quinn*

next week. A couple of people are working on submissions.

### **Member at Large –Karen Jensen**

If you have any patrol related pictures, please send them to Karen. She is putting them in the scrapbooks that are kept in the Patrol room.

The Sager splints are in and labeled. Karen is also working on another article for the next Newsletter as part of our ongoing continuing education. This will be on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. This ties with our need to be better informed on some of the medical issues you may encounter at the upcoming Special Olympics.

### **Member at Large – Joe LaGue**

Joe echoed Earl's comments about cleaning your own dishes and staying until the hill captain is in the building.

A motion to purchase shelving for \$58 was passed by the patrol. (The old shelving apparently had an issue with Joe, or vice versa)

Joe noted that out of 38 people that started OEC training, that we currently have 1 Nordic, 1 Auxiliary, and 19 Alpine candidates. He is planning on having a stronger Ski With A Patroller (SWAP) program this season. So far, 14 people have contacted him for more information. These people will be encouraged to come out for a full day of Patrolling. That includes attending the morning meeting all the way through sweep. That way they fully understand what it is we do prior to committing training resources. Joe has improved the waiver of liability form both this program and the ski evaluation/testing for prospective candidates. If anyone is interested please see the Patrol web page.

### **Past Patrol Leader - Charles Butrick**

Charles attended a Candidate Fundraising meeting last night. The annual Candidate party was scheduled for Friday March 14th. The location is yet to be determined, but it may be in Surprise Valley like last year. He notes they have a significant amount of donation so far.

The Special Olympic events that were originally slated to occur at the Bogus Nordic area were moved to Sun Valley. This was related to logistics at the trail head. The scale of the event continues to get scaled back from the original plans. This year is the trial event; the full size event will be next season.

Charles has already purchased two cascade toboggans from dedicated funds from Tom Abel. He also noted that the funds raised through Spirit Distributing were earmarked for either AED or Toboggan purchases. There was a motion that passed to purchase two more cascade 100 toboggans with 30" fins. The amount is not to exceed \$2,100.

The future General meetings will be back at Sockeye. Rendezvous is now closed.

### **Roark Nagler**

Roark was filling in for Omar who is on the mend. The red vests that some small children are wearing during their lessons indicate they have a food allergy. The point is not to feed them.

He also mentioned a need to replace the SAM splints as many have gone down the hill without returning. Karen Jensen noted that we have been replacing as needed. Ed Holm made a motion that the Patrol purchase 100 more splints.



**Practice with the new chairlift evacuation equipment. This allows a trained Patroller to ride the cable from the tower to the chair**

*photo by Dave Kennedy*

There was some discussion about the motion. Alex offered to see if his purchasing agent can get a cheaper price than we currently do. The motion including a \$750 budget passed.

**Scott Putnam – First Aid**

Scott briefly reviewed that we have 20 candidates still training. Five have gone to the pro side and one has move on to Tamarak.

Joe with the ISU paramedic program will be

working with the Simulation mannequin on the hill January 18th.

**Nordic Patrol – Larry**

The Nordic lodge is very busy this year. Training is ongoing and going well. If anyone can thing of a Scout project let Larry know.

Earl asked if might be possible to add a second phone line for the Nordic Patrol use. Larry mentioned they primarily use the radio on the



### **More practice with the simulation manauquin**

*photo by Dave Kennedy*

Squaw frequency, but they also monitor Patrol as well.

Greg Mentioned that in his discussions with Randy they are currently training with very experienced patrollers. They also have a special program tomorrow night with the night patrol.

#### **Old Business**

It was noted that some have not returned the mountain owned patrol jackets for a couple seasons now. Please do not expect your deposit back if you do not return them at the end of the season.

Web page planning is ongoing still. There is a need for a graphic artist, please contact Earl if you can help.

#### **New Business**

The next board meeting will be at Earl's home.

Scott volunteered to work on obtaining components needed to make more packs. This includes pads, tarps, splints, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

### **Board Meeting 1/22/08**

The board meeting was at Earl's home with Earl, Charles, Karen J., Dave, Scott, John, Greg, Joe, Mark, and Dana present from our current Board. Also present were Ken Kocher and Ken Miracle representing the mountain hosts as well as Bob Lee and Andrew. The meeting started at 7:15pm.

#### **Patrol Leader – Earl Esson**

Joe is at St Al's in room 329 recovering form an injury to his leg. Mike Crocket is leaving his job at Bogus Basin.

Earl mentioned a thank you letter from Mike Shirley. We had a record breaking 8661 skier visits this last Saturday.

NSP is putting together a safety team referred to as the “magnificent seven”. Delores has informed Earl that the Division Spring Fling education conference is February 29th.

A photo of the donation board needs to make its way into the newsletter.

### **APL – Mark Stephensen**

Mark still has some registrations he needs to complete.

Donations are needed for the Senior raffle tickets. Sandra has made arrangements to use the officers club at the base for the dinner. Pam is doing the event planning.

### **APL – Greg Malcom**

Greg needed some contact information so he can help Joe while he is out of commission.

### **APL – Dana Jester**

There is an ice dam on the roof of the patrol building. It was suggested that the photo albums be removed until that is resolved. Karen Jensen agreed to care of them.

### **Treasurer – John Orlovich**

John wrote some checks immediately prior to the meeting so the reports that he had available were already out of date. The balance was \$30,929. John offered to send copies of the current financials to any one who requests them via email. All major expenses are completed for the season.

### **Secretary – Dave Kennedy**

Dave was asked if the Patrol Leaders, Region and Division Director are on the current mailing list for the newsletter. He reminded the board that Charles currently maintains the database. Charles confirmed they are currently on the mailing list.

Charles submitted some photos for the next newsletter via CD. The newsletter was delayed per a request from Earl. Also some of the articles that were scheduled to be included were not yet finished. It should be soon, and definitely prior to the next general meeting.

### **Member at Large - Karen Jensen**

Karen has sent 233 “sorry you crashed” letters out so far this season. They are not sent until after Christmas. She noted that about 83% of the persons on our accident reports get the letter. She does not send them to Employee, Patrollers or their family. She also cannot send them out if the address information is incomplete or illegible.

It is very important that accident reports be completed legibly and signed on the bottom. Please have them double checked by another patroller.

### **Member at Large – Joe LaGue**

One on the new cascade toboggans are in use right now.

The SWAP program is going along as planned. This includes an updated release of liability form that is completed first. He has plenty of regular patroller to place these people with for the day. He reminded everyone that these potential future patrollers spend the entire day on the hill as part of this program. He asked Earl

for more day passes. Joe plans on more changes to the web page including a copy of the new waiver. If you know anyone who is interested in the Patrol please forward them to the web page. Please DO NOT just have them show up on the hill.

The point of the SWAP program is to increase retention of those people who go through our OEC classes. We want them to better understand what it takes to be a ski patroller. There was some talk about using Gold vests with different working than is on our candidate vests. "Patrol Observer" was suggested. The motion to purchase 12 Gold vests passed.

### **Past Patrol Leader – Charles Butrick**

Charles asked who was in charge of candidate training with the departure of Kris. Some suggestions were made for a replacement. The candidates have been actively selling raffle tickets in the Simplot Lodge.

Charles reiterated that the Nordic and show showing events for the upcoming Special Olympics have been moved to Sun Valley. Bogus is still holding the alpine events on Sourdough and Coach. Between 80 and 100 athletes are expected. The event has been scaled back in terms of numbers of athletes, but it was noted that the support personnel would be still be very large. This is because this year's event is a trial for the full sized event next season at Bogus.

### **Scott Putnam – First Aid**

Scott is working on prices for the components to new Toboggan packs.

Scott noted that there is a higher candidate drop out rate than he would like or than he has

seen in the past. He currently has 19 candidates with one of them not showing up on the hill for the last two weeks. He has encouraged some to take advantage of the ski lessons currently being offered.

The on the hill training with the simulation mannequin was great and well attended by the local media.

### **Ken Miracle – Mountain Host**

Plans are underway to have all mountain hosts attend a basic first aid course. This is a very brief first aid course offered by NSP. They will also be registering with NSP as part of the new Mountain Host Program. Bogus is one of the first in country to participate.

Earl mentioned that Steve Shake want our patrol and the mountain host program to work very closely together.

The ski area is purchasing new more visible red coats for the mountain hosts. This will of course have a different insignia without a big white cross on it. There are 23 in this program currently.

### **Old Business**

Omar forwarded a comment that we need to more careful about our use of the oxygen cylinders. Once in the building, please switch to the large cylinder in the aid room.

The patrol still needs a graphic artist to work on a project. Contact Earl.

A meeting is planned to work on the web page. Charles, Bill, and Andrew have some changes they are working on.



**Bob is descending the cable on Showcase lift directly above Cascade**

*photo by Dave Kennedy*

**New Business**

The next board meeting will be at Charles's home. It was decided that Special Olympics should not conflict with this date.

We have lost some of our volunteer auxiliary staff to the paid part of our patrol. Because of the unusually low numbers at this point we may need to look at regular alpine patrollers working in the building.

Pam and Mark both need help for the Senior testing that is taking place here at Bogus this March.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

## Submissions

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Any member who would like to submit a story or a photo to be included in the newsletter, is encouraged to send them via E-mail. Please contact the Editor at:

**davekennedy@qwest.net**

*Editor: I can easily take the photos in any format that you have, including digital, slides, negatives and of course prints. All originals will be returned.*

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Jan 29	Avalanche Level 1	DTO	6:00pm
Jan 31	Avalanche Level 1	DTO	6:00pm
Feb 2	Avalanche Level 1 field session	Bogus	All day
Feb 9	Senior Clinic	Brundage	All Day
Feb 12	General Meeting	Sockeye	7:30pm
Feb 16	Womens Toboggan Enhancement	Summit East	All Day
Feb 16	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Snowqualmie Pass	All Day
Feb 19	Board Meeting	TBD	7:00pm
Feb 23	Toboggan Instruction Certification	Anthony Lakes	All Day
Feb 23-28	Special Olympics	Bogus	All Day
Mar 7-9	Senior testing	Bogus	All Day
Mar 11	General Meeting	Sockeye	7:30pm
Mar 25	Board Meeting	TBD	7:00pm
April 8	General Meeting	Sockeye	7:30pm

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