

The NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM in Central New York State



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In late 1938, the Red Cross published "Ski Safety and First Aid" to provide supplemental information for ski patrollers beyond the basic Red Cross first aid texts. This winter first aid manual was the text for early NSPS winter first aid supplement courses.

By 1941, the main divisions of the NSPS were in operation (paralleling the divisions of the NSA), including the Eastern Division, in which the Central New York Region would become a part in 1944. Sections were the first components of the new division.

The "Rainier Red" (sort of a "rust" color) parka was introduced as the uniform of the NSPS in those early years. The "registered" patroller wore a triangular patch denoting "Ski Patrol," while the "National" patroller, appointed a numerical position in the NSPS because of leadership and skill, wore a double triangle (six-pointed star) denoting "National Ski Patrol." The "rust" parka was officially adopted as the NSPS uniform in 1947.

By the early 1980s, the official uniform parka was changed in an effort led by Eastern Division Director Huck Finn to a rust body and blue yoke.

In the mid-1990s, many patrols wanted to choose their own uniform identity. That, coupled with the National office not wanting to stock parkas any longer, led to patrols adopting all red, or red and black, parkas. The NSP made a deal with supplier Patagonia to offer a red and black parka through the NSP catalog.

With adoption of red parkas, the NSP added availability of a white back cross to the familiar yellow/gold cross in the patrol catalog.

In the 1941 National Ski Patrol System manual, there

were a number of NSPS-registered patrols listed for the immediate Central New York area, including the Herkimer County Ski Patrol, the Sherrill Ski Patrol, the Oswego County Ski Patrol, the Rome Ski Patrol, and the Utica Ski Patrol. While some of these patrols remained in existence, others quickly disappeared. These early patrols were outgrowths of local NSA-member ski clubs and many of them formed about the time the NSPS manual went to press.

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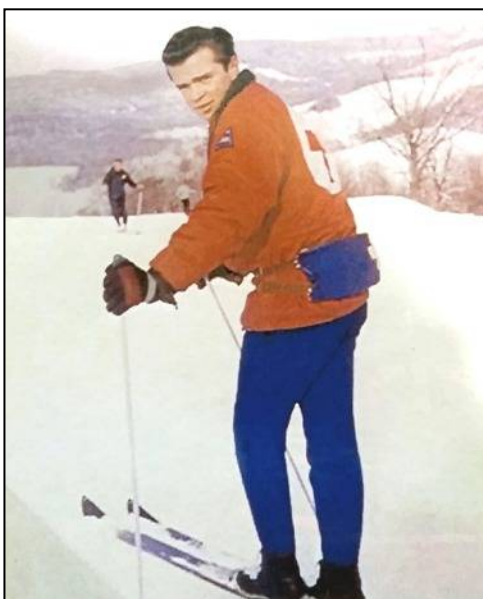
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Greek Peak patroller John Garrow in 1963 wearing early NSP uniform rust parka. Note the triangular Ski Patrol patch on his left shoulder.



Rust and blue NSP uniform parka with yellow back cross.

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presented in 2010.

(Southern New York) Region to Central New York.

Both the Central New York Region and its Syracuse Section celebrated 40th anniversaries as components of the National Ski Patrol System during 1984. Formal recognition of the milestone was observed during the Eastern Division Fall Forum held at Greek Peak Sept. 14-16, 1984.

The Fall Forum traditionally had been an annual meeting and exchange of information within the Division, regions, sections, and patrols. There were discussion groups, seminars, and clinics on subjects of interest and importance to the membership. The program offered by the CNY Region in 1984 was unique in that it offered a full fall refresher as its main attraction that year.

The Fall Forums were generally replaced by the Eastern Division Spring Officers Meetings as interests and priorities changed in the Ski Patrol over the years.

One innovation created in the CNY Region is the Critical Care Award. Developed during the administration of RD Noel Rios around 2009, Region leaders felt there was inadequate means of recognizing patrollers doing extraordinary emergency care on the slopes, but not at the "life-saving" level of a Purple Merit Star. The first of these awards was

During 2020 and into 2021, the COVID 19 virus pandemic struck the world. The US was particularly hard hit even when vaccinations became available. For its part in preventing the virus from spreading, the National Ski Patrol, the NSP Eastern Division, and the CNY Region established protocols so that patrollers could be kept safe.

Early on, the Ski Patrol was included in many state offered vaccination programs, including New York. This allowed on duty patrollers to receive vaccinations as "first responders" before much of the general public. Patrols also implemented precautions for dealing with injured ski area guests that included masking, personal protective equipment (PPE), and social distancing. There were strict rules of who and how many could enter a patrol room clinic.

Ski areas also implemented rules prohibiting or restricting guests from utilizing lodges for meals or changing clothes and boots, which was relegated to personal vehicles in parking lots. Guests also had to wear masks and stay at least six feet from other guests in lift lines. Those who did not arrive with each other could not ride on a chairlift together.

The restrictions and precautions worked well and generally prevented spread of the virus at ski facilities.



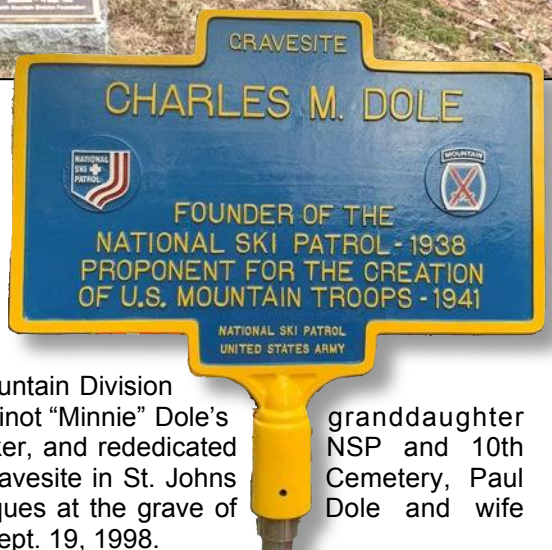
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10th Mountain Division color guard at the Historic Marker Unveiling and Charles Minot Dole Gravesite Rededication Ceremony on May 2, 2022.

From left: Watertown patrollers James McClusky and MSgt. Daniel Fields, CNY Region Nordic Advisor Rob Winter, Watertown PL Mark Maitag, Dole grandchildren Erika Dole Hemphill and Rich Armstrong, past CNY RD Doug Adams, past NSP Awards Advisor and Watertown patroller Bill Boulter, CNY Region MTR advisor Jeff Sargent, Watertown patrollers Dave Martel and Region Secretary Barb Knaul, and CNY RD Tom Hughes.

CNY Region and Eastern Division NSP leaders, along with Watertown ski patrollers, US Army 10th Mountain Division members, and NSP founder Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole's and grandson, unveiled a historic marker, and rededicated Mountain Division plaques at Dole's gravesite in St. Johns Smiths, NY, on May 2, 2022. The plaques at the grave of Jane Ely were originally dedicated on Sept. 19, 1998.



granddaughter NSP and 10th Cemetery, Paul Dole and wife

Central New York Region Turns



by Jeff Paston, CNY Historian

This fall, the Eastern Division's Central New York Region reaches a significant milestone in the annals of National Ski patrol history. Formed as the New York State Region in the waning years of WWII, the region now observes its 75th birthday, having been born just six years after the NSP itself.

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In 1984, I tracked down early patrol leaders for a history of the region. Richard Folts, patrol leader of the Herkimer patrol, which patrolled the Mohawk Valley Ski Club about five miles south of Herkimer, recalled that his patrol was organized in 1941 and it became necessary to quickly come up with a name for the new patrol to include it in the NSPS manual. The Utica Section was formed in 1941, and according to the NSPS manual, Donald S. Rowles, patrol leader of the Utica Ski Patrol, became the first section chief, but left to join the military in 1942. He was followed in that position by Henry Allen, patrol leader of the Sherrill Ski Patrol.

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In the Syracuse area, a patrol had been registered with the NSPS in Oswego County in 1941, but the war apparently prevented it from continuing since it was not in existence when the section was formed in 1944. Drumlins, a tiny "learn-to-ski" hill in Syracuse became the first ski area to register with the NSPS under the auspices of the new section in 1944, even though it had a first aid patrol reportedly as early as 1938. Cazenovia Ski Club, founded in 1937, was said to have had a first aid patrol early in its existence, although it did not register with the NSPS until sometime around 1960. The Pulaski Ski Club also had a first aid patrol, but only registered with the NSPS between 1946 and 1948.

In 1944, Allen, the new region chairman, sought out Drumlins patroller Larry Van Alstyne to form the new Syracuse Section. He nominated Van Alstyne for a national appointment. On Jan. 21, 1944, Van Alstyne was awarded National Appointment #691, becoming the first NSPS member in what was to become the Syracuse Section.

According to Van Alstyne, during WWII, Drumlins was one of many sites selected for recruiting the U.S. Army's new 10th Mountain Division ski troops. enlistees were screened by members of the NSPS and NSA. The NSPS also had a hand in selecting troops for the Army's 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment. Van Alstyne said he had been placed in charge of publicity for the recruitment of soldiers at the Drumlins site. Forty years later, he proudly noted that he still had his ID card signed in 1940 by Senior Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall.

After the war, Van Alstyne said he received a citation from the War Department and a Yellow Merit Star from the NSPS for his efforts. The Drumlins patrol and the recruiters based there were also utilized by Van Alstyne for a winter rescue unit, the first in the Syracuse area, according to Van Alstyne. He said he received an NSPS Green Merit Star for his rescue work.

During his administration, Van Alstyne said he felt that the available first aid courses did not offer enough training for ski patrol orientation, so he and Red Cross instructor Bill Gallipeau developed a local winter first aid and rescue course that they offered each year to section patrollers. These courses, taught at Drumlins, offered training in first aid techniques best suited for ski patrollers, improvised toboggan construction, and winter rescue.

In an effort to train more patrollers and disseminate information on skiing safety, the region's first Ski Safety Conference was organized by National Appointment #10, Harold Gore, and held at Old Forge on October 26 and 27, 1946. The conference ended up training Red Cross first aid instructors to go back to their home

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areas and train ski patrollers. Among the attendees was Ben Hedges of Syracuse, who was in the process of setting up a patrol at Syracuse University. His patrol was registered in 1947 and Hedges said he received a Yellow Merit Star for his work.

Also, in 1947, the Pulaski Ski Club's ski patrol (registered in 1946) was involved in two heroic rescues, one of which was included in Minnie Dole's book *Adventures in Skiing*.

If all the patrols that once were part of the CNY Region were counted, there would be at least 85. But

over the years, many patrols came and went; many ski hills disappeared as well. Redefining region boundaries also affected the number of patrols. Today, in its 75th year, the Central New York Region has 10 patrols still registered with the NSP: Cazenovia Ski Club, Greek peak, Highland Forest Nordic, Labrador, Old Forge, Skaneateles Ski Club, Snow Ridge, Song Mountain, Toggenburg, and Watertown.

The 75-year history of the CNY Region is rich in stories about the evolution of the NSP over those decades – far too much to be shared here. As with other regions of the NSP, the CNY Region continues to move forward, taking part in the continuing growth of the NSP. 

NEW YORK STATE Ski Patrols

(From the 941 NSPS Manual)

Early National Appointments

- 194 Howard Gunderson, Schenectady
- 195 Donald W. Stuart, Schenectady
- 196 Cecil M, Figueroa, Scotia
- 197 Edward S. Risely Jr., Old Forge
- 201 Ronald MacKenzie, Lake Placid * +
- 319 Ernest Williams, Lake Placid
- 320 Carl Ortloff, Lake Placid
- 321 Edward Doyle, Lake Placid
- 322 Loren Wisley, Lake Placid
- 323 William Hovey, Lake Placid
- 344 Wilson Hasseltine, North Creek

*Ronald MacKenzie was Adirondack Section Chief. He laid out the cross-country ski trails for the 1932 Winter Olympics and was head of the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympic Organizing Committee until his death three years before the start of the 1980 games.

Early Patrols and Patrol Leaders

- Adirondack Loj Chapter, Adirondack Mt, Club Patrol - Orville Cobane
- Ausable Forks Ski Club Patrol - William Metz
- Cooperstown Ski Club Patrol - Francis B, Harrison
- Elizabethtown Ski Club Patrol - Wayne R. Merrick
- Gore Mountain Ski Patrol - Wilson Hasseltine
- Herkimer County Ski Patrol - Richard Folts
- Keene Valley Ski Club Patrol - P.L. Tryon
- Keeseville Sports Club Patrol - Wilber Prime
- Lake Placid Ski Patrol - Carl J. Ortloff
- Malone Ski Patrol - William Conroy Jr,
- Northwood School Ski Club Patrol (Lake Placid) - Herbert A. Howard
- Old Forge Ski Patrol - Edward S. Risely Jr.
- Oswego County Ski Patrol - Harry E. Lee
- Plattsburg Ski Patrol - Arnold Chapman
- The Rogers Rangers, Ticonderoga Ski Club - George H. Spring
- Rome Ski Patrol - Frederick C. White Jr.
- Saranac Lake Ski Patrol - Robert DeMerse
- Schenectady Ski Patrol - Cecil M. Figueroa +
- Sherrill Ski Patrol - Henry Allen
- Sno Birds Patrol , Lake Placid - Harry Wade Hicks
- Tupper Lake Ski Patrol - George Maltais
- Utica Ski Patrol - Donald S, Rowles +
- Warrensburg Ski Patrol - R. Ray Hayes
- Winter Sports Club of Lake George Ski Patrol - Paul Goodness

+ Section chiefs — 1941

CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION

Founded as the New York State Region: 1944

Region Chairmen/Directors

1944-49	Henry Allen (Sherrill) — New York State Region
1949-53	Robert B. Williams (Syracuse) — Central New York Region
1953-61	Richard Folts (Herkimer)
1961-68	Robert Hall (Old Forge)
1968-73	Frank Gilmore (Rochester)
1973-79	Myla Greene (Syracuse)
1979-87	Robert Klos (Syracuse)
1987-93	Vic Stress (Syracuse)
1993-99	James Smith (Watertown)
1999-2001	Tom Lipa (Ithaca)
2001-07	Bert Ebeling (Watertown)
2007-11	Noel Rios (Syracuse)
2011-17	John Tuttle (Syracuse)
2017-20	Doug Adams (Auburn)
2020-	Tom Hughes (Skaneateles)

Sections *(Years in CNY Region shown)*

Adirondack c1940-72 *
Capital District c1940-72 *
Utica 1941-72 *
Syracuse 1944-96 ^
Lowville 1947-72 ++
Southern Tier c1953-96 ## ^ (founded c1946)
Genesee Valley c1953-77 ** (founded 1948)
Headwaters (Utica) 1977- #
Iroquois 1996- ^

Patrols in western part of state included in Western New York Region when region formed in late 1940s.

* Eastern New York Region created in 1972 from these sections.

** Transferred from Western New York Region about 1953; transferred back to WNY Region in 1977.

++ Merged with Utica and Adirondack sections in 1972.

Transferred back to CNY Region (and section name changed) in 1977

Transferred from Metropolitan (Southern New York) Region about 1953.

^ Iroquois Section formed from merger of Syracuse and Southern Tier sections in 1996.

CNY REGION NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

197	Edward S. Risely	1940	Old Forge	3227	Les Borland (Jr.)	1968	Toggenburg
461	Donald S. Rowles	1942	Utica	3228	William Nealon	1968	Toggenburg
488	Fred Ramage	1942	Snow Ridge	3263	William Rogers	1968	Song Mt.
492	Henry Allen	1942	Sherrill	3264	Andrew Misura	1968	Intermont
521	Claude M. Campbell	1943	Syracuse University <i>(Transferred to SU in 1948)</i>	3265	Andrew Leidal	1968	Mystic Mt.
691	Larry Van Alstyne	1944	Drumlines	3266	Michael Blomfield-Brown	1968	Greek Peak
783	Richard Folts	1946	Mohawk Valley	3312	Fred Pullus	1968	Song Mt.
784	Kenneth Archibald	1946	Cortland	3423	Gerald Palmer	1969	Snow Ridge
810	Fay Welch	1946	Syracuse University	3445	Fran Combar	1969	Snow Ridge
856	John N. Gardiner	1947	Syracuse University	3446	Armin Wimmer	1969	Innsbruck USA
899	Robert B. Williams	1948	Drumlines	3478	Mark Sullivan	1969	Greek Peak
1043	Gene Beckeman	1949	Syracuse University	3490	Donald Gallinger	1969	Song Mt.
1044	Herbert L. Hedges	1949	Syracuse University	3491	Harold Hill	1969	Song Mt.
1109	Stanley Miller	1950	Snow Ridge	3492	Russ Hartwell	1969	Labrador
1186	H. Philip Farnham	1950	Drumlines	3554	C. Peter Austin	1970	Greek Peak
1187	Richard P. Van Saun	1950	Syracuse University	3574	George Ehrmann	1970	Mt. Otsego
1245	Mervin Williams	1951	Snow Ridge	3627	Shirley Gallinger	1970	Song Mt.
1246	W. Kenneth Cox	1951	Snow Ridge	3628	Vern Williams	1970	Song Mt.
1634	John Ralph	1954	Drumlines	3629	Florence Mazurek	1970	Song Mt.
1640	Kenneth Phelps	1955	Snow Ridge	3630	John Magruder	1970	Song Mt.
1664	Dr. Francis F. Harrison	1955	Mt. Otsego	3631	Frank Spann	1970	Labrador
1836	Clinton Mills	1956	Snow Ridge	3639	Ronald Smith	1970	Toggenburg
1949	Vincent Irvin	1957	Snow Ridge	3741	Archer Martin	1971	Pinnacle
2018	John C. Parsell	1957	Snow Ridge	3834	Marjorie "Ginger" Prill	1971	Greek Peak
2087	John Collins	1958	Drumlines	3922	T. Hume Laidman	1971	Song Mt.
2088	Louis Hornbeck	1958	Snow Ridge	3944	Phil Stevens	1972	Labrador
132*	Elaine K. Creegan	1959	Syracuse University	3960	Howard C. Michaels	1972	Mt. Otsego
2183	John Tewey	1959	Syracuse University	4037	Robert Alleksaht	1972	Snow Ridge
2231	Robert Gilchrist	1960	Snow Ridge	4058	Bill Diefendorf	1972	Ironwood Ridge
2281	Gene White	1960	Snow Ridge	4079	Jerry Baril	1972	Camillus
2463	Elton Fairbank	1960	Labrador	4165	James Brown	1973	Greek Peak
2448	John Woodruff	1961	Toggenburg	4213	James Dougherty	1973	Greek Peak
2420	Frederick S. Doolittle	1962	Mt. Otsego	4214	Donald Moran	1973	Greek Peak
2416	Jack J. Huntley	1962	Greek Peak	4229	Gerald Horwitz	1973	Greek Peak
2417	Henry Watkins	1962	Snow Ridge	4230	James Tombs	1973	Greek Peak
167*	Carol Abar	1963	Drumlines	4233	Bernard Perry	1973	Titus Mt.
2565	Lars Lorentzen	1963	Onondaga Ski Club	4320	Sandy Stein	1974	<i>(Later joined Toggenburg)</i> Song Mt.
2583	Donald Tomanck	1963	Greek Peak	4335	David Summerville	1974	Snow Ridge
2617	William Fordyce	1963	Greek Peak	4343	Ann Altmeyer	1974	Cazenovia
2620	Windsor Smith	1963	Greek Peak	4344	Bunt Osborne	1974	Skaneateles
2621	Charles Steiger Jr.	1963	Old Forge	4404	Thomas Lipa	1974	Greek Peak
2726	John M. Lynch	1964	Snow Ridge	4465	Ernie Case	1974	Labrador
2805	William Wadsworth	1964	Syracuse University	4466	Robert Klos	1974	Song Mt.
2806	Barbara Wadsworth	1964	Syracuse University	4467	Bill Nugent	1974	Labrador
2756	Robert A. Cole	1965	Old Forge	4468	Peg Laidman	1974	Cazenovia
2814	Les Borland (Sr.)	1965	Toggenburg	4469	Martin Connor	1974	Labrador
2815	Myla Greene	1965	Intermont	4573	Nelson Putnam	1975	Labrador
2816	Curt Paye	1965	Labrador	4574	Robert Wildoner	1975	Greek Peak
2954	Norma Kerper	1965	Greek Peak	4576	Walt Manderfield	1975	Song Mt.
3012	Jerry Gwin	1966	Greek Peak	4593	Lu Putnan	1975	Labrador
3064	Harry Westerholt	1966	Greek Peak	4594	Barbara Hodgkins	1975	Labrador
3104	Iris Carnell	1967	Greek Peak	4595	Keith Snyder	1975	Pinnacle
3105	Frederick "Fritz" Prill	1967	Greek Peak	4596	Kenneth Blair	1975	Innsbruck USA
3135	Phil Resch	1967	Toggenburg	4605	Robert Wiley	1975	Innsbruck USA
3151	B. Terry Avery	1967	Labrador	4801	Barbara Gerber	1976	Labrador
3152	Jack Erickson	1967	Song Mt.	4802	H. Gene Smith	1976	Song Mt.
3290	Robert D. Hall	1968	Old Forge	4898	Harry Peplinski	1976	Mt. Otsego
3225	Michael Carpenter	1968	Greek Peak	4900	Robert "Bucko" Clark	1976	Mt. Otsego

CNY REGION NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

5018	George Rowland	1976	Labrador	7690	Ed Siegenthaler	1993	Toggenburg
5031	Edgar Schmidt	1977	Greek Peak	7707	Matt Kossegi	1993	Whiteface Mt.
5083	Lawrence Close	1977	Greek Peak				(Song Mt., secondary registration)
5107	Kermit Klingbail	1977	Snow Ridge	7741	Marilyn Nickerson	1993	Greek Peak
5109	Gilbert Malerk	1977	Snow Ridge	8108	John Megivern	1995	Greek Peak
5143	Bernie Sheehan	1977	Labrador	8786	Spence Blomfield-Brown	1998	Greek Peak
5236	Theodore Fendick	1978	Greek Peak	9164	William Boulter	2000	Watertown
5239	Ed Sutfin	1978	Labrador	9246	Jon Wilson	2000	Old Forge
5285	Albert Gillis	1978	Greek Peak	9248	Michael Washburn	2000	Snow Ridge
5286	Roberta Schmidt	1978	Innsbruck USA	9452	Peter Durdon	2001	Labrador
5304	Jack Shamberger	1978	Greek Peak	9548	Noel Rios	2002	Labrador
5305	John E. Quinn	1978	Old Forge	9622	James Snyder	2002	Old Forge
5338	Volker Weiss	1978	Toggenburg	9826	Deanna Hameline	2003	Old Forge
5340	Richard Kilgore	1978	Labrador	9906	Robert Sloan	2003	Song Mt.
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5554	George Henegar	1979	Greek Peak	11464	Bradley Van Brunt	2014	Greek Peak
5627	Bruce Federko	1980	Greek Peak	11602	Tom Hughes	2014	Song Mt.
5628	Nye Williamson	1980	Greek Peak	11604	Doug Adams	2014	Song Mt.
5629	Eileen Snyder	1980	Labrador	12083	Mitch Kline	2018	Greek Peak
5717	Howard Bethel	1980	Song Mt.	12087	John Doll	2018	Greek Peak
5759	Jerry Mahoney	1980	Toggenburg	12131	Rob Winter	2019	Toggenburg/Highland Forest
5799	Ronald Marks	1981	Song Mt.	12209	Peter Adams	2021	Song Mt.
5807	David Geller	1981	Greek Peak				
5832	Fred Ferguson	1981	Song Mt.				
5904	James Nickerson	1981	Greek Peak				
5905	David DuBois	1981	Innsbruck USA				
5927	Donald Hyde	1982	Labrador				
5930	Harley Gamel	1982	Greek Peak				
5931	Roberta Gamel	1982	Greek Peak				
5932	Richard Hill	1982	Greek Peak				
5933	James Judski	1982	Greek Peak				
5934	Boyd Kennicutt	1982	Greek Peak				
5945	Duane Zagorsky	1982	Greek Peak				
6084	Paul Wicker	1982	Song Mt.				
6085	William Wells	1982	Camillus				
6097	Bryan Hedges	1983	Labrador				
6278	Lynn Dodge	1984	Toggenburg				
6279	Paul Steiner	1984	Toggenburg				
6416	Ann Bednarsky	1984	Greek Peak				
6424	John Gerty	1984	Greek Peak				
6431	Stephen Laffer	1985	Labrador				
6749	Karen Krichbaum	1986	Song Mt.				
6801	Elaine Gingold	1987	Labrador				
6934	Angelo Cataldo	1988	Snow Ridge				
6936	Cynthia Mahoney	1988	Labrador				
6937	Warren Bonney	1988	Watertown/Thousand Is. Nordic				
6978	Jeffrey Gotro	1988	Greek Peak				
6979	Carole Rehkugler	1988	Greek Peak				
7022	Kurt Lavin	1988	Song Mt.				
7055	John Tuttle	1989	Labrador				
7271	James T. Smith	1990	Snow Ridge/Watertown				
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7501	Bruce Heukrath	1992	Toggenburg				
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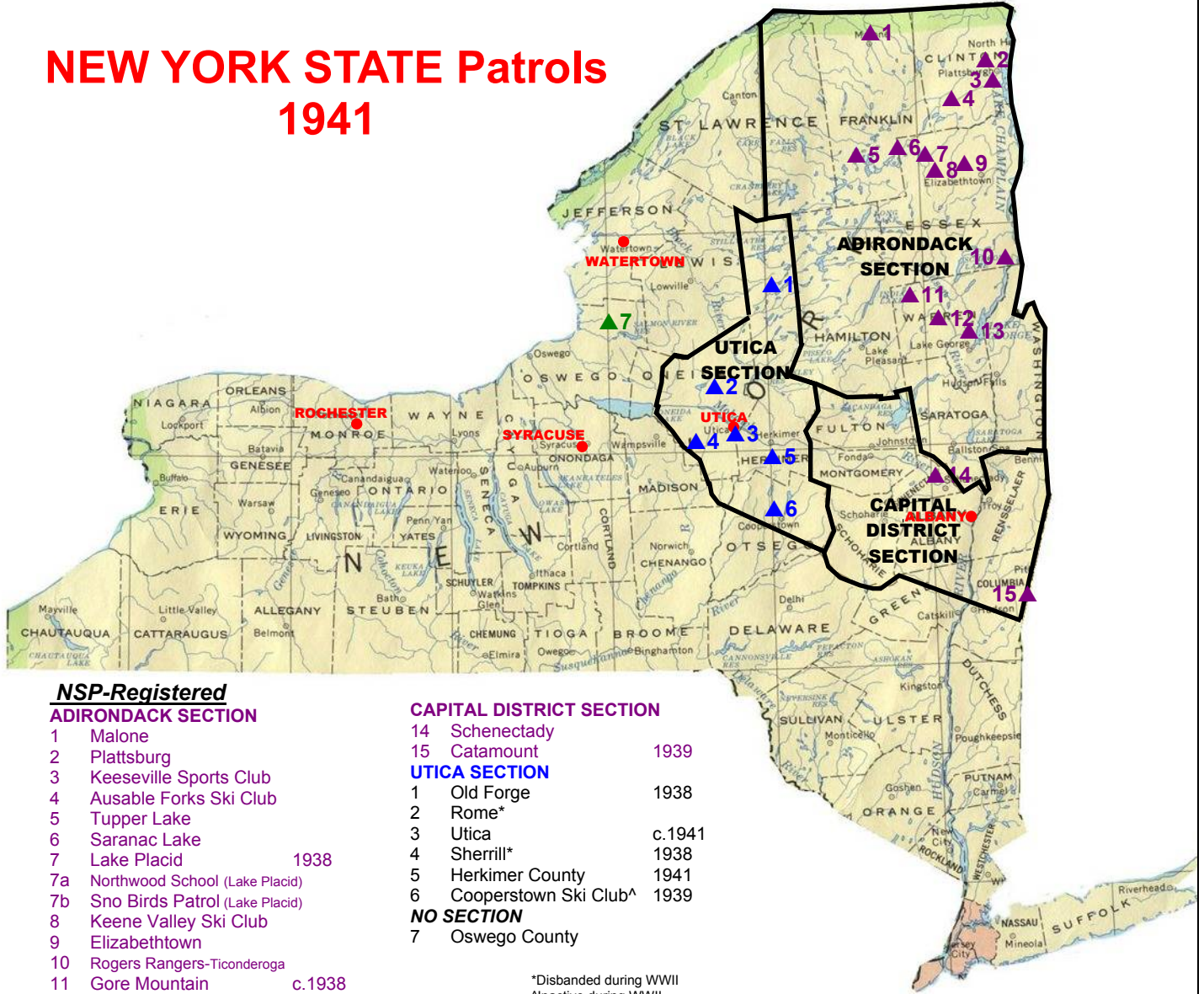
* In early days, women had separate National Appointment numbering

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Leadership Commendation Awards

2020	Bill Halsey	1995	Song Mt
8389	Pam Mead	2007	Highland Forest
8529	Mike Adams	2018	Watertown
8531	Marsha Powell	2018	Greek Peak

NEW YORK STATE Patrols 1941



NSP-Registered

ADIRONDACK SECTION

- 1 Malone
- 2 Plattsburg
- 3 Keeseville Sports Club
- 4 Ausable Forks Ski Club
- 5 Tupper Lake
- 6 Saranac Lake
- 7 Lake Placid 1938
- 7a Northwood School (Lake Placid)
- 7b Sno Birds Patrol (Lake Placid)
- 8 Keene Valley Ski Club
- 9 Elizabethtown
- 10 Rogers Rangers-Ticonderoga
- 11 Gore Mountain c. 1938
- 12 Warrensburg
- 13 Lake George Winter Sports Club

CAPITAL DISTRICT SECTION

- 14 Schenectady
- 15 Catamount 1939

UTICA SECTION

- 1 Old Forge 1938
- 2 Rome*
- 3 Utica c. 1941
- 4 Sherrill* 1938
- 5 Herkimer County 1941
- 6 Cooperstown Ski Club^ 1939

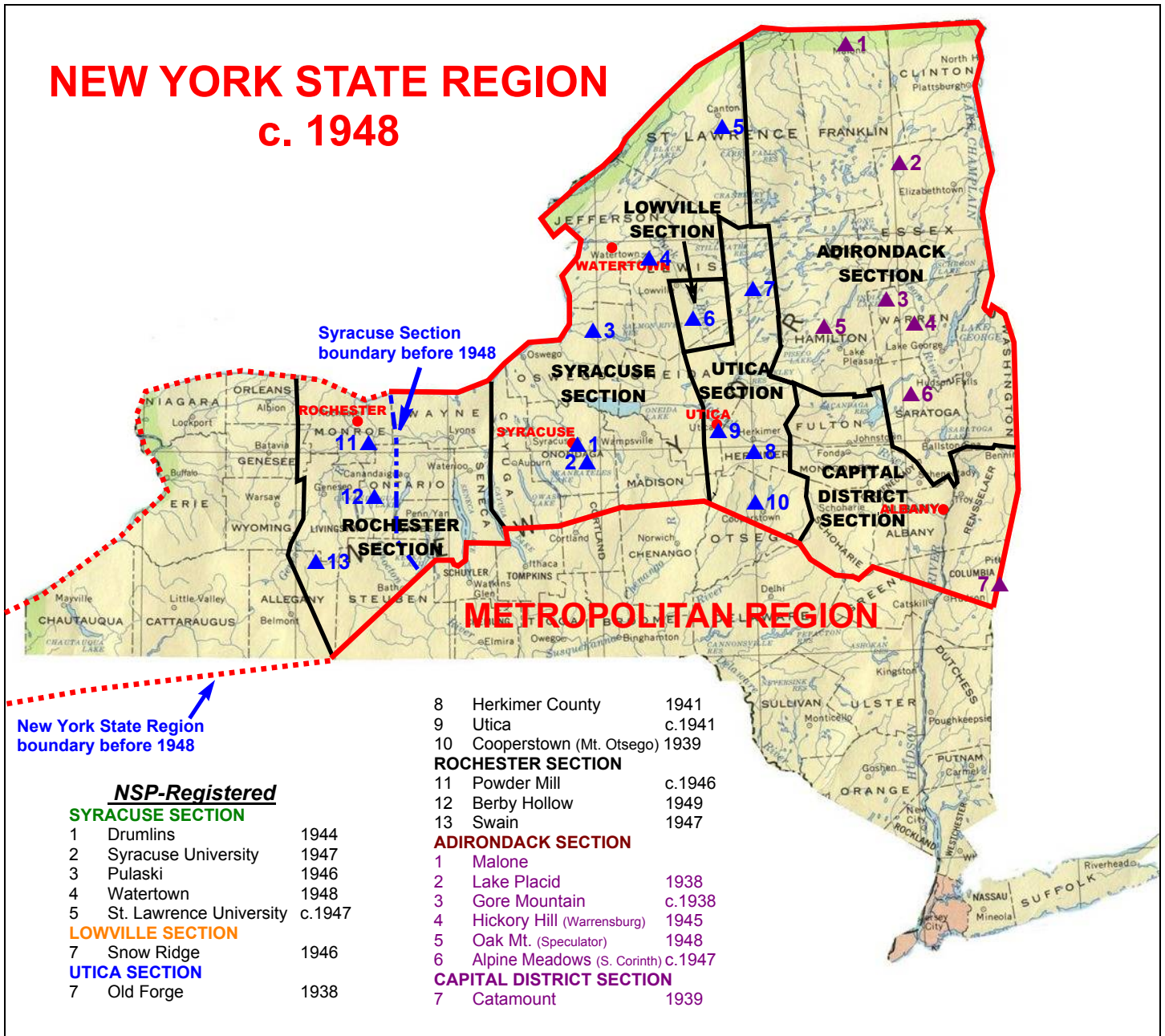
NO SECTION

- 7 Oswego County

*Disbanded during WWII
^Inactive during WWII

- ▶ **1938** National Ski Patrol founded; Old Forge, Sherrill, Lake Placid, and Gore Mt. register patrols with NSP
- ▶ **1939** Cooperstown and Catamount register patrols
- ▶ **1941** Eastern Division created; Utica, Adirondack, and Capital District sections created; Utica and Herkimer County register patrols
- ▶ **1944** New York State Region created

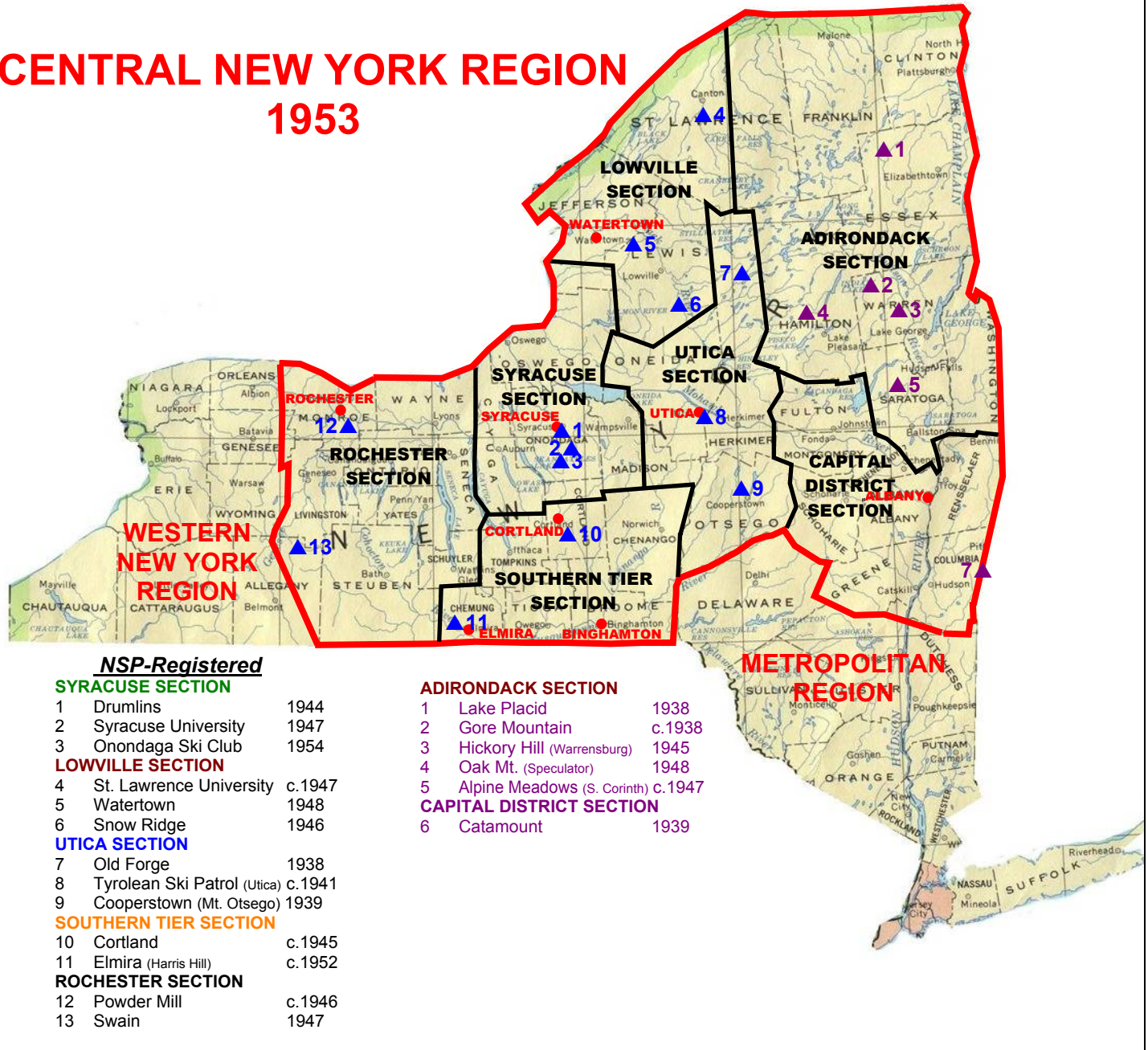
NEW YORK STATE REGION c. 1948



- ▶ **1944** Syracuse Section created; Drumlins registers patrol with NSP
- ▶ **1945** Hickory Hill (Warrensburg) registers patrol.
- ▶ **1946** Southern Tier Section created in Metropolitan Region; Patrols registered for Pulaski, Snow Ridge, and Powder Mill* (near Rochester)
- ▶ **1947** Lowville Section created; Syracuse University, St. Lawrence University, Alpine Meadows*, and Swain register patrols.
- ▶ **1948** Rochester Section created; Oak Mt. (Speculator), and Watertown register with NSP
- ▶ **1949** NY State Region renamed Central New York Region; Western New York Region created; Watertown and St. Lawrence U. patrols transferred to Lowville Section;

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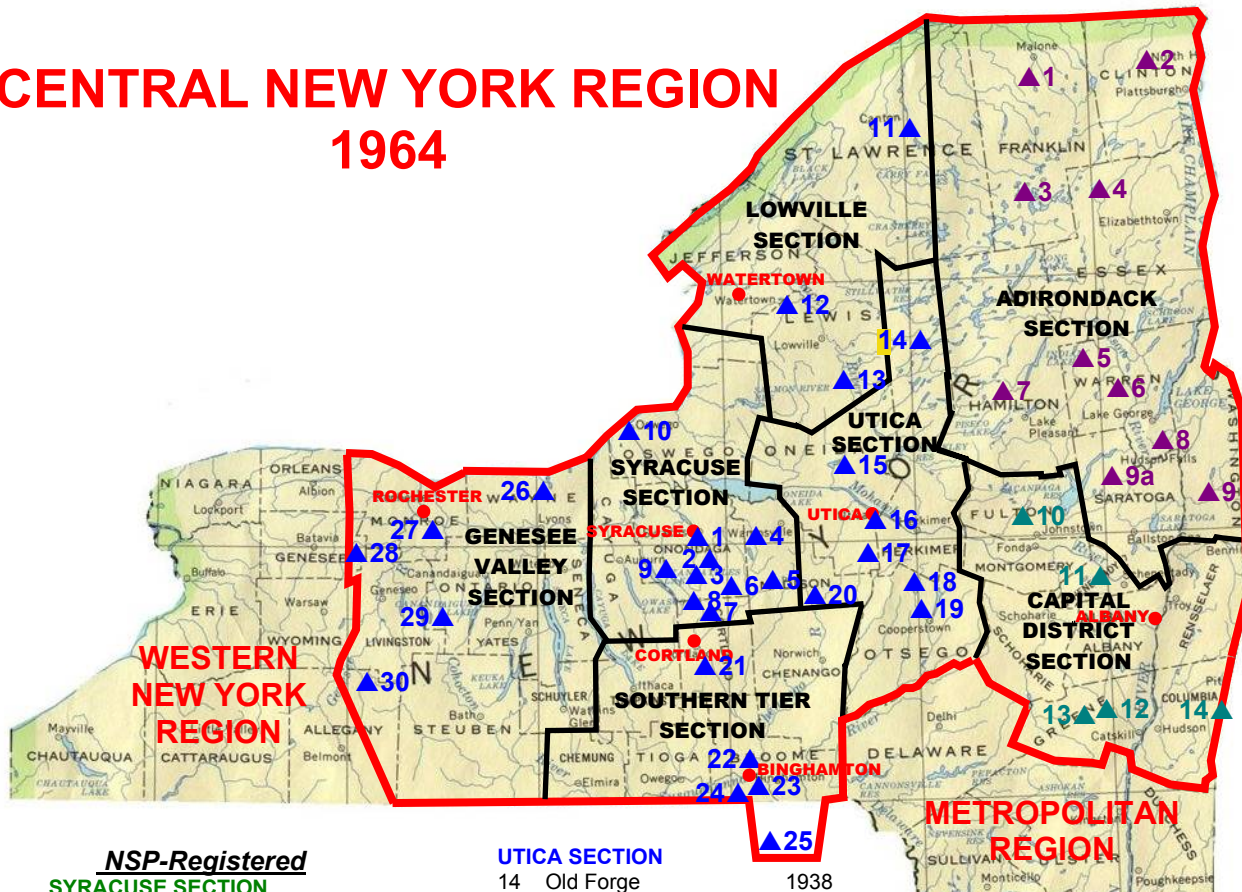
CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION 1953



- ▶ **1952** Harris Hill* near Elmira registers patrol
- ▶ **1953** Southern Tier and Rochester sections join CNY Region
- ▶ **1954** Onondaga Ski Club registers patrol
- ▶ **1956** Gunset Snow Bowl*, Royal Mountain* register patrols
- ▶ **1957** Willard Mountain* registers with NSP
- ▶ **1958** Toggenburg, Frost Ridge*, Beartown* and Whiteface register patrols

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CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION 1964



NSP-Registered

SYRACUSE SECTION

1	Drumlins	1944
2	Syracuse University	1947
3	Onondaga Ski Club	1954
4	Cazenovia Ski Club	c.1960
5	Mystic Mt.	1961
6	Toggenburg	1958
7	Labrador Mt.	1960
8	Song Mt.	1961
9	Skaneateles Ski Club	1961
10	Oswego College	1963

LOWVILLE SECTION

11	St. Lawrence University	c.1947
12	Watertown (Dry Hill)	1948
13	Snow Ridge	1946

UTICA SECTION

14	Old Forge	1938
15	Woods Valley	1964
16	Utica	c.1941
17	White Acres (Clayville)	1964
18	Gunset Snow Bowl	c.1956
19	Cooperstown (Mt. Otsego)	1939
20	Colgate (Trainer Hill)	1962

SOUTHERN TIER SECTION

21	Greek Peak	1960
22	Smith Hill (Binghamton)	1964
23	Thunderbird	1962
24	Vestal Ski Club	1964
25	Montrose Ski Bowl/Spruce Run*	1935

GENESEE VALLEY SECTION

26	Brantling	1959
27	Powder Mill	c.1946
28	Frost Ridge	c.1958
29	Bristol Mt.	1964
30	Swain	1947

ADIRONDACK SECTION

1	Moon Valley (Titus Mt.)	1960
2	Beartown (West Chazy)	1958
3	Big Tupper	1960
4	Lake Placid	1938
4a	Whiteface	1958
5	Gore Mountain	c.1938
6	Hickory Hill (Warrensburg)	1945
7	Oak Mt. (Speculator)	1948
8	West Mountain (Queensbury)	1961
9	Willard Mountain	1957
9a	Alpine Meadows (S. Corinth)	c.1947

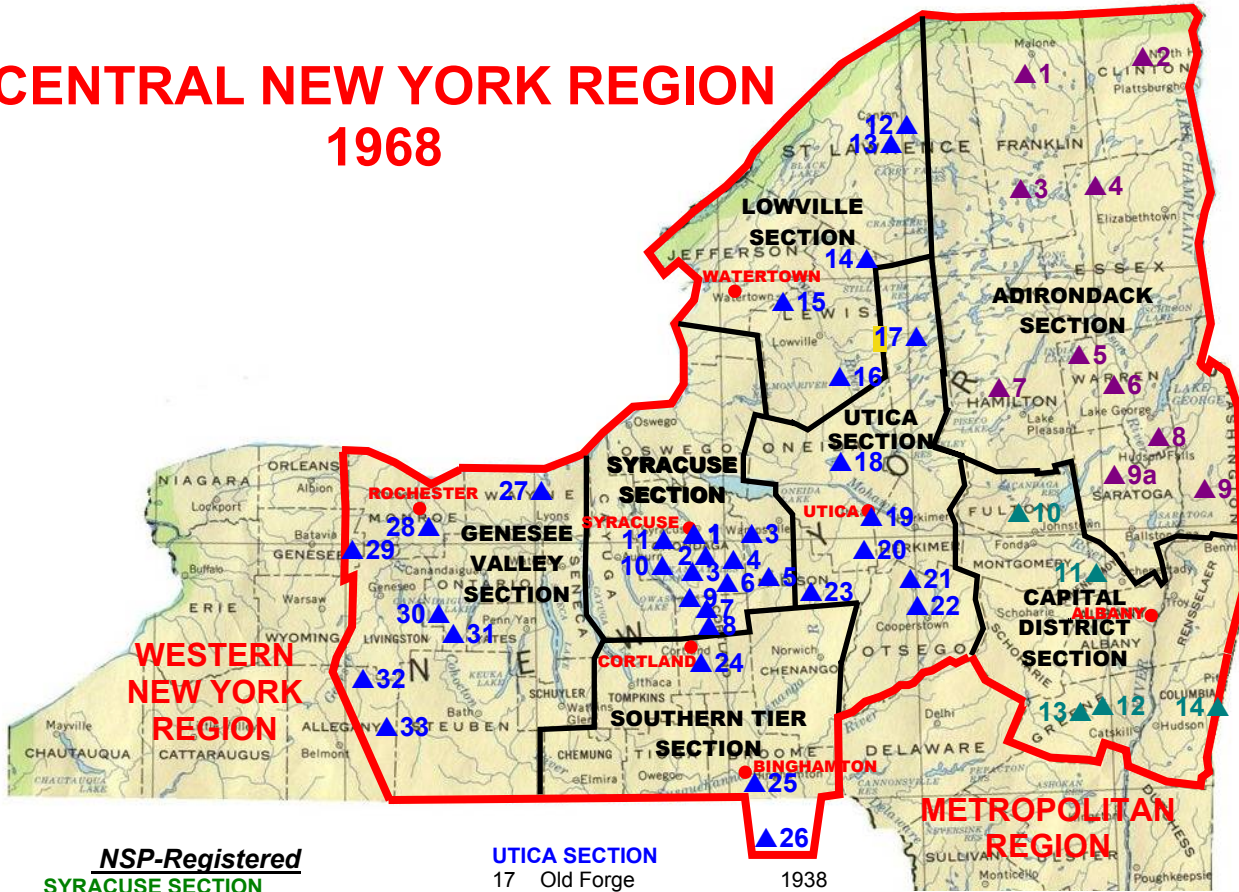
CAPITAL DISTRICT SECTION

10	Royal Mountain	1956
11	Maple Ski Ridge	1963
12	Windham	1960
13	Hunter	1960
14	Catamount	1939

- ▶ **1960** Rochester Section renamed Genesee Valley Section; Cazenovia Ski Club, Labrador Mt., Greek Peak, Moon Valley* (later Titus Mt.), Windham*, Hunter*, Big Tupper* register with NSP
- ▶ **1961** Song Mt., Skaneateles Ski Club, Mystic Mt., West Mt.* register patrols
- ▶ **1962** Thunderbird (Binghamton), Colgate (Trainer Hill) register patrols
- ▶ **1963** Oswego College, Maple Ski Ridge* (Schenectady) register patrols
- ▶ **1964** Woods Valley, White Acres (Clayville), Smith Hill (Binghamton), Vestal Ski Club, Bristol Mt. register with NSP

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CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION 1968



NSP-Registered

SYRACUSE SECTION

1	Drumlins	1944
2	Syracuse University	1947
3	Cazenovia Ski Club	c.1960
4	Ironwood Ridge	1967
5	Mystic Mt.	1961
6	Toggenburg	1958
7	Labrador Mt.	1960
8	Intermont	1966
9	Song Mt.	1961
10	Skaneateles Ski Club	1961
11	Camillus Ski Assn.	1965

LOWVILLE SECTION

12	St. Lawrence University	c.1947
13	Clarkson Seven Springs	1968
14	Juniper Hills	1966
15	Watertown (Dry Hill)	1948
16	Snow Ridge	1946

UTICA SECTION

17	Old Forge	1938
18	Woods Valley	1964
19	Utica	c.1941
20	White Acres (Clayville)	1964
21	Gunset Snow Bowl	c.1956
22	Cooperstown (Mt. Otsego)	1939
23	Colgate (Trainer Hill)	1962

SOUTHERN TIER SECTION

24	Greek Peak	1960
25	Thunderbird	1962
26	Montrose Ski Bowl/Spruce Run	1964

GENESEE VALLEY SECTION

27	Brantling	1959
28	Powder Mill	c.1946
29	Frost Ridge	c.1958
30	Bristol Mt.	1964
31	Ski Valley	1965
32	Swain	1947
33	Happy Valley (Alfred)	1967

ADIRONDACK SECTION

1	Moon Valley (Titus Mt.)	1960
2	Beartown (West Chazy)	1958
3	Big Tupper	1960
4	Lake Placid	1938
4a	Whiteface	1958
5	Gore Mountain	c.1938
6	Hickory Hill (Warrensburg)	1945
7	Oak Mt. (Speculator)	1948
8	West Mountain (Queensbury)	1961
9	Willard Mountain	1957
9a	Alpine Meadows (S. Corinth)	c.1947

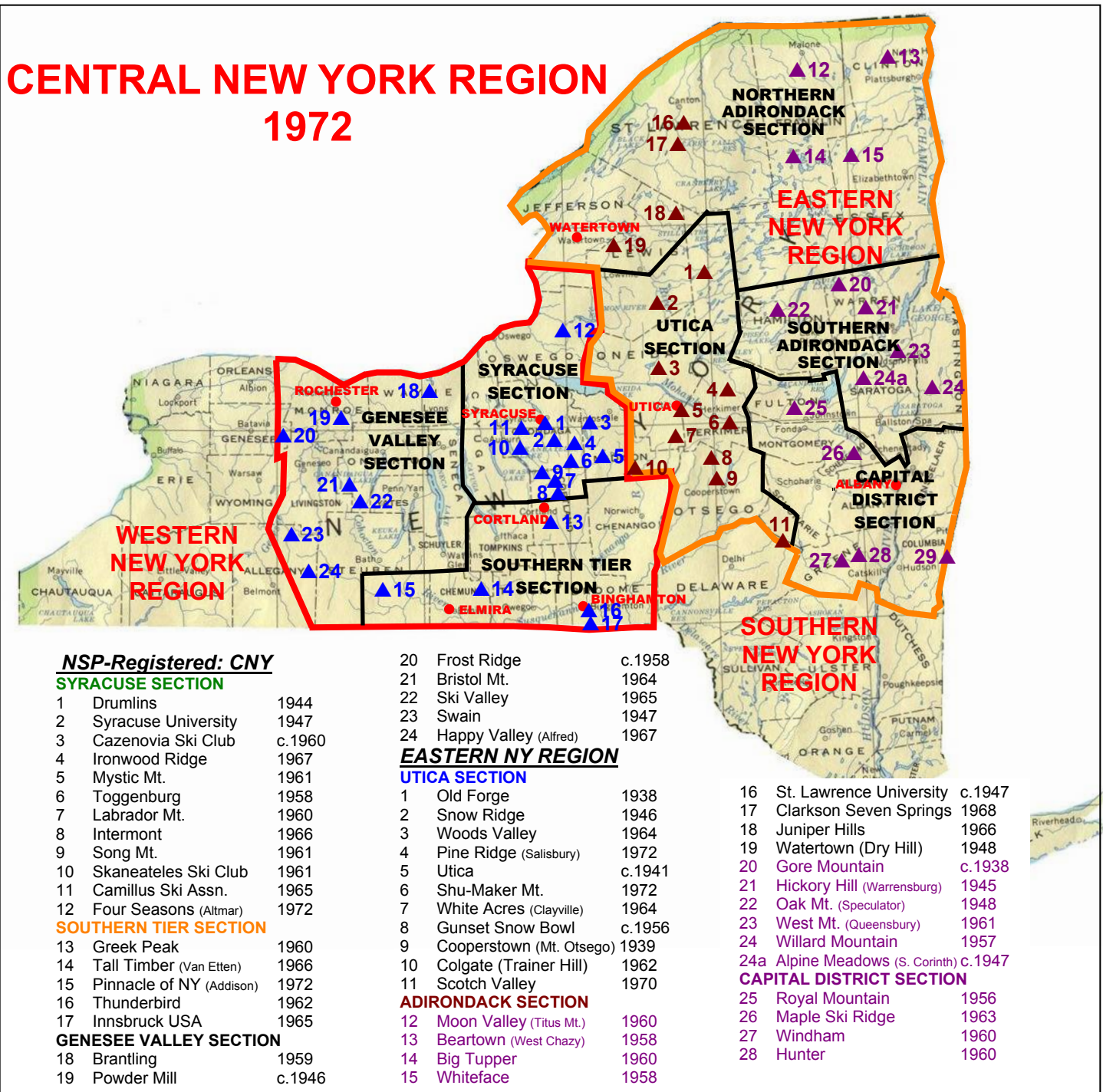
CAPITAL DISTRICT SECTION

10	Royal Mountain	1956
11	Maple Ski Ridge	1963
12	Windham	1960
13	Hunter	1960
14	Catamount	1939

- ▶ **1965** *Camillus, Innsbruck USA, Ski Valley** register patrols
- ▶ **1966** *Intermont, Tall Timber*, Juniper Hills* register with NSP
- ▶ **1967** *Ironwood Ridge, Happy Valley* (Alfred)* register patrols
- ▶ **1968** *Clarkson Seven Springs* registers patrol

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CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION 1972

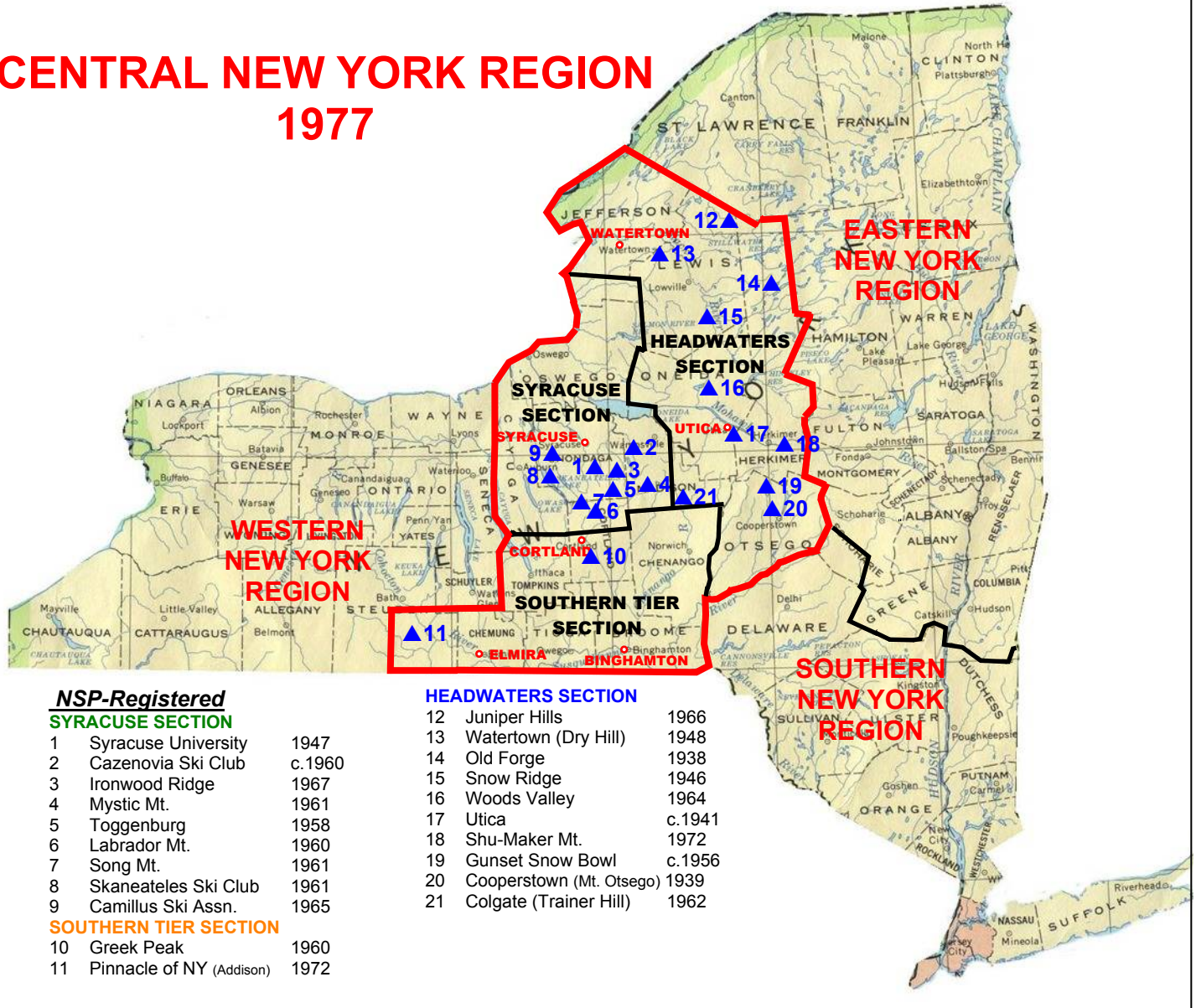


▶ **1970** Scotch Valley* registers patrol

▶ **1972** Eastern New York Region created from Utica, Adirondack and Capital District sections; Lowville Section merged into Utica and Adirondack sections; Shu-Maker Mt., Pine Ridge*, Four Seasons (Altmar), Pinnacle* register patrols

* Year indicates when area opened. Patrol registration may have been concurrent, but could have occurred somewhat later.

CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION 1977



NSP-Registered

SYRACUSE SECTION

1	Syracuse University	1947
2	Cazenovia Ski Club	c.1960
3	Ironwood Ridge	1967
4	Mystic Mt.	1961
5	Toggenburg	1958
6	Labrador Mt.	1960
7	Song Mt.	1961
8	Skaneateles Ski Club	1961
9	Camillus Ski Assn.	1965

SOUTHERN TIER SECTION

10	Greek Peak	1960
11	Pinnacle of NY (Addison)	1972

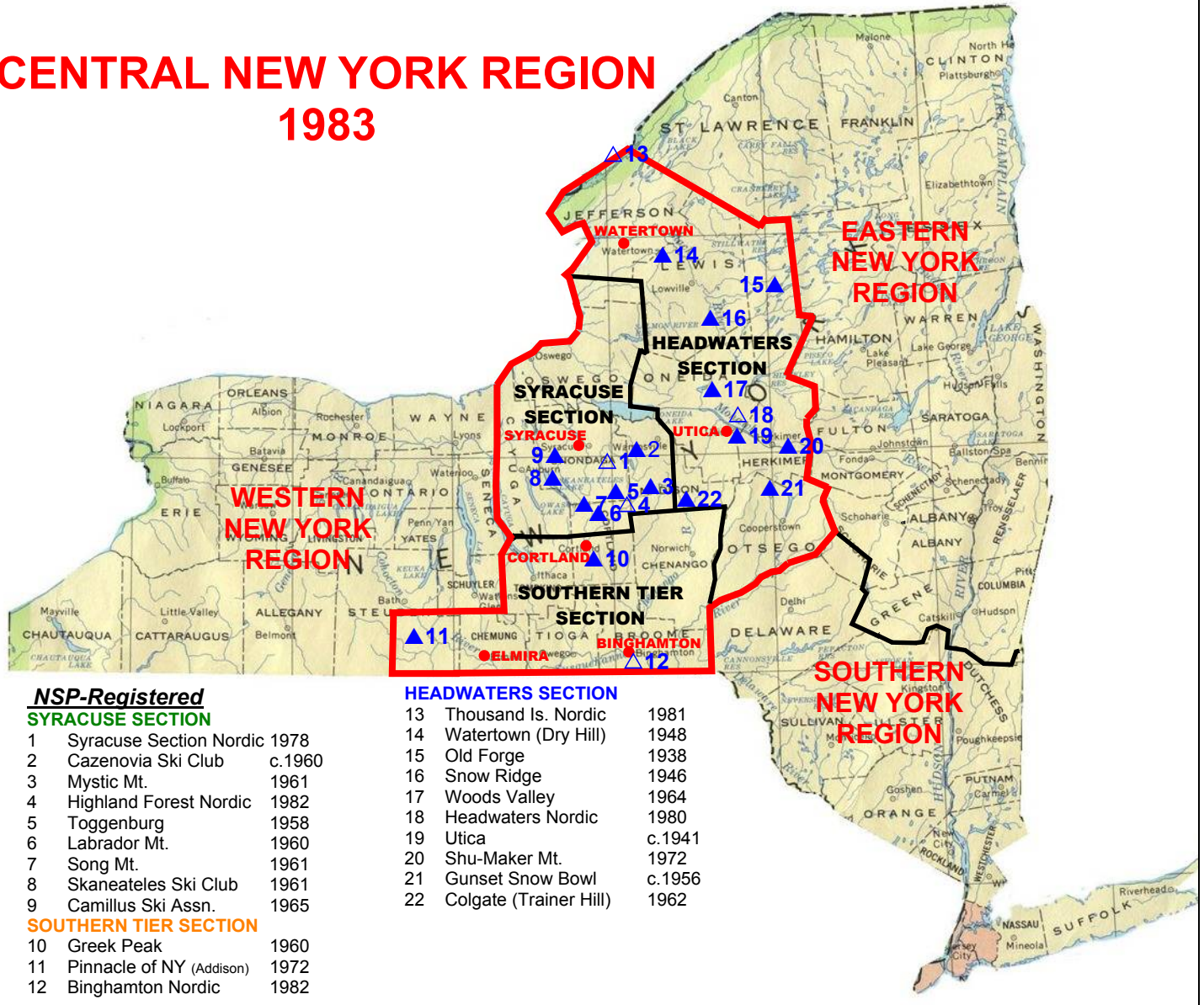
HEADWATERS SECTION

12	Juniper Hills	1966
13	Watertown (Dry Hill)	1948
14	Old Forge	1938
15	Snow Ridge	1946
16	Woods Valley	1964
17	Utica	c.1941
18	Shu-Maker Mt.	1972
19	Gunset Snow Bowl	c.1956
20	Cooperstown (Mt. Otsego)	1939
21	Colgate (Trainer Hill)	1962

▶ **1976** Oneonta registers patrol

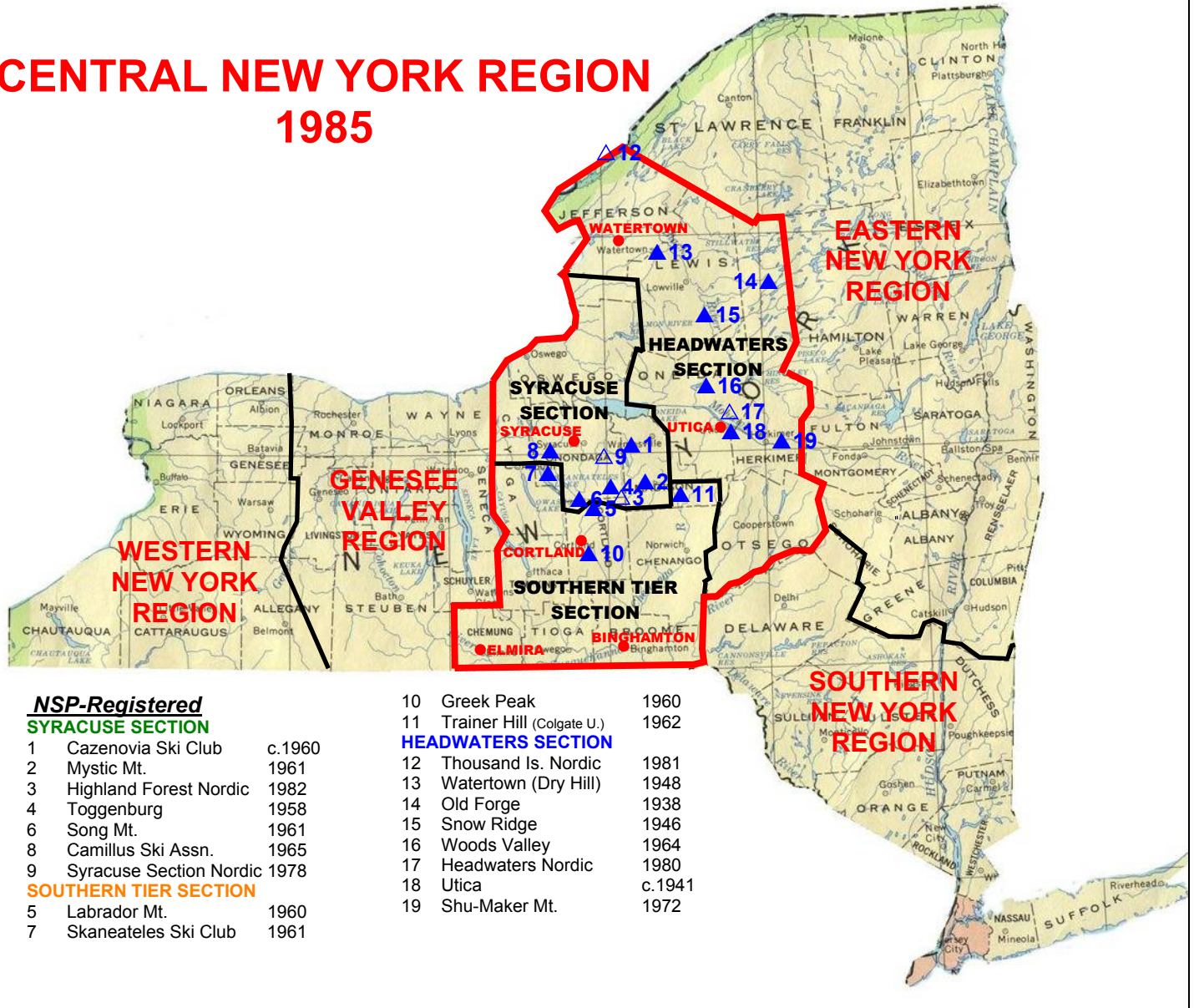
▶ **1977** Genesee Valley Section transferred to Western New York Region; Utica Section transferred to CNY Region and name changed to Headwaters Section

CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION 1983



- ▶ **1980** *Headwaters Nordic Ski Patrol registers with NSP*
- ▶ **1981** *Thousand Islands Nordic Ski Patrol registers with NSP*
- ▶ **1982** *Highland Forest and Binghamton Nordic ski patrol register with NSP*

CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION 1985



NSP-Registered
SYRACUSE SECTION

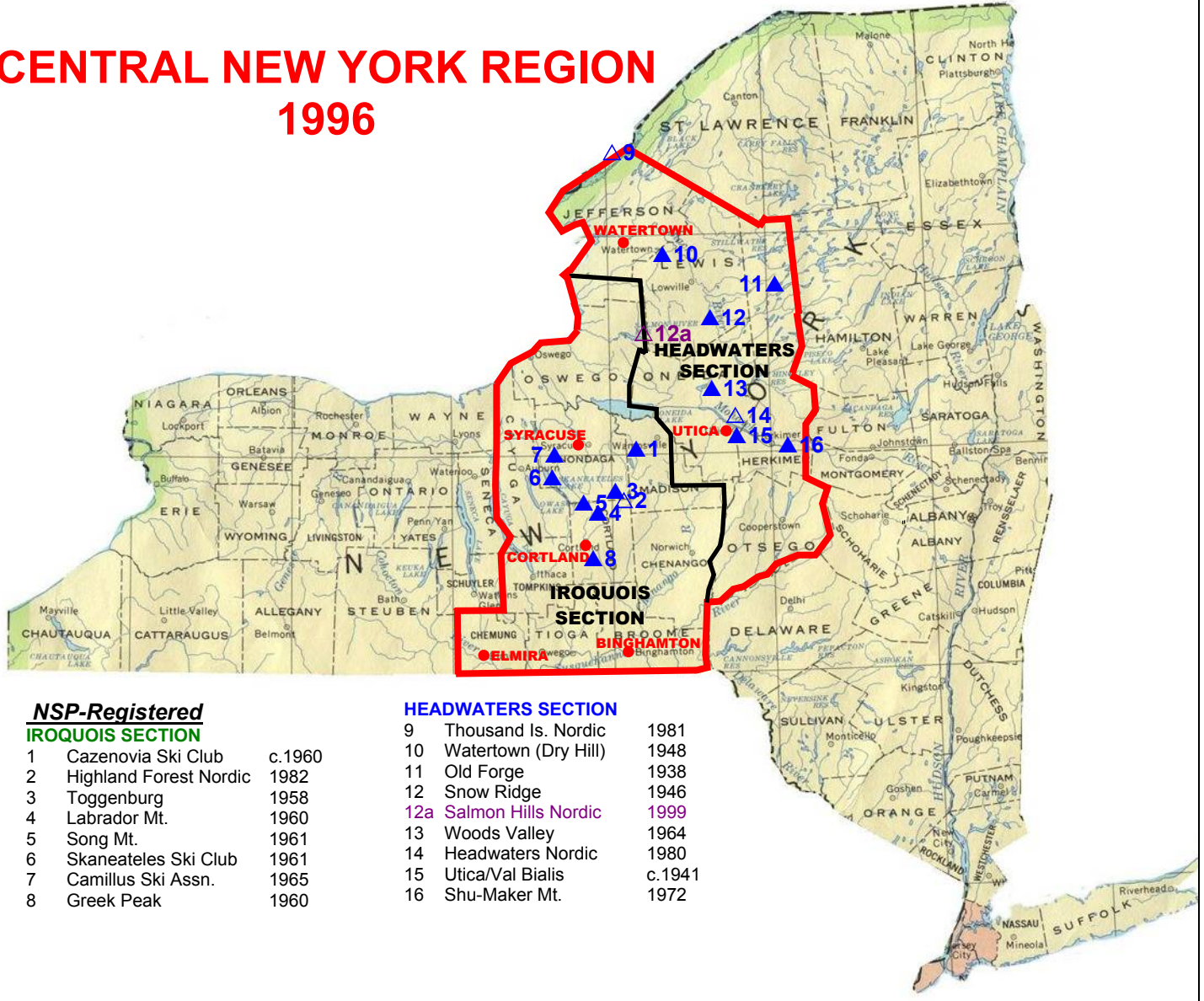
- 1 Cazenovia Ski Club c.1960
- 2 Mystic Mt. 1961
- 3 Highland Forest Nordic 1982
- 4 Toggenburg 1958
- 6 Song Mt. 1961
- 8 Camillus Ski Assn. 1965
- 9 Syracuse Section Nordic 1978

SOUTHERN TIER SECTION

- 5 Labrador Mt. 1960
- 7 Skaneateles Ski Club 1961

- 10 Greek Peak 1960
 - 11 Trainer Hill (Colgate U.) 1962
- HEADWATERS SECTION**
- 12 Thousand Is. Nordic 1981
 - 13 Watertown (Dry Hill) 1948
 - 14 Old Forge 1938
 - 15 Snow Ridge 1946
 - 16 Woods Valley 1964
 - 17 Headwaters Nordic 1980
 - 18 Utica c.1941
 - 19 Shu-Maker Mt. 1972

CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION 1996



NSP-Registered
IROQUOIS SECTION

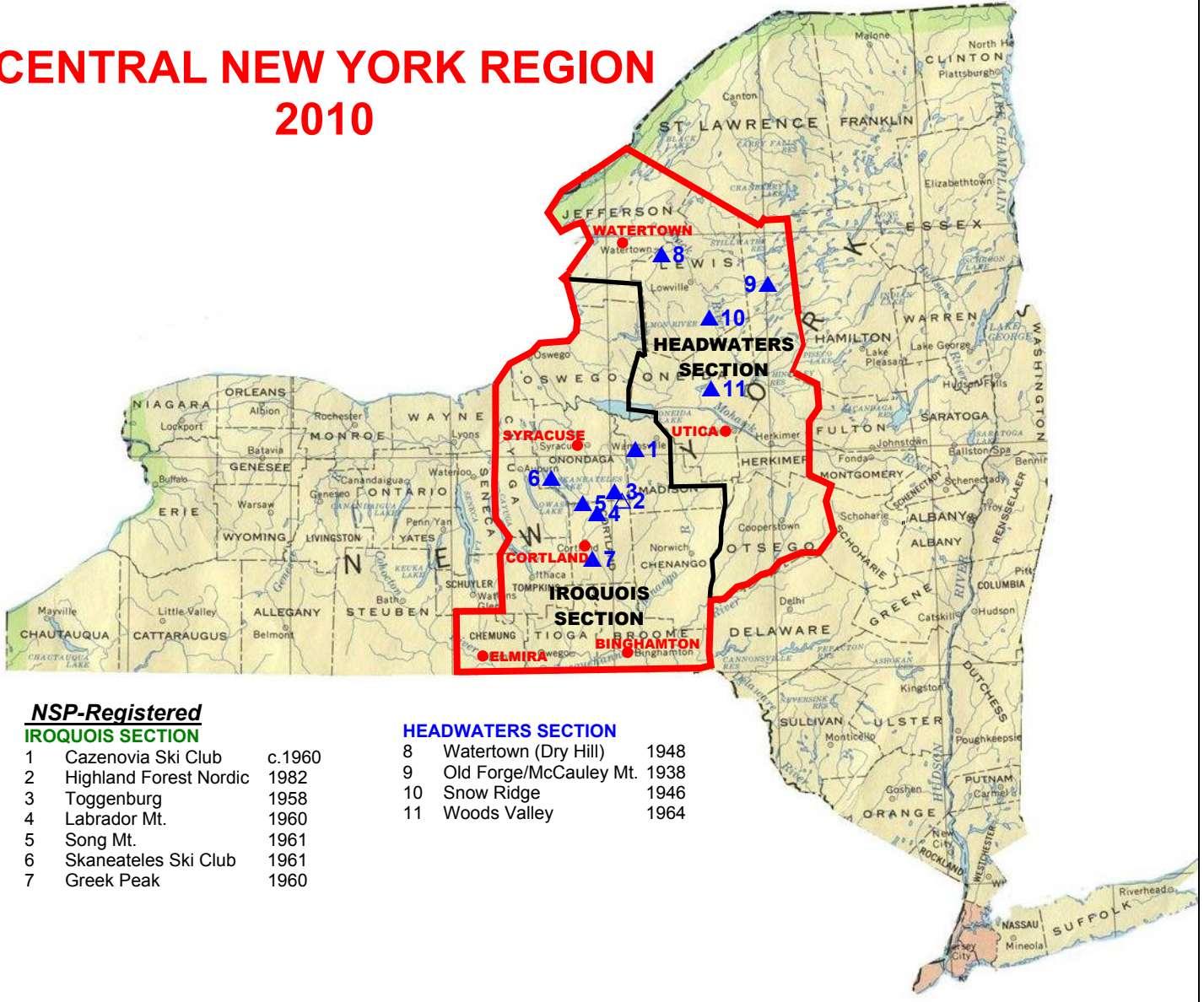
1	Cazenovia Ski Club	c.1960
2	Highland Forest Nordic	1982
3	Toggenburg	1958
4	Labrador Mt.	1960
5	Song Mt.	1961
6	Skaneateles Ski Club	1961
7	Camillus Ski Assn.	1965
8	Greek Peak	1960

HEADWATERS SECTION

9	Thousand Is. Nordic	1981
10	Watertown (Dry Hill)	1948
11	Old Forge	1938
12	Snow Ridge	1946
12a	Salmon Hills Nordic	1999
13	Woods Valley	1964
14	Headwaters Nordic	1980
15	Utica/Val Bialis	c.1941
16	Shu-Maker Mt.	1972

► **1996** **Syracuse and Southern Tier sections merged to form Iroquois Section**

CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION 2010



NSP-Registered
IROQUOIS SECTION

1	Cazenovia Ski Club	c.1960
2	Highland Forest Nordic	1982
3	Toggenburg	1958
4	Labrador Mt.	1960
5	Song Mt.	1961
6	Skaneateles Ski Club	1961
7	Greek Peak	1960

HEADWATERS SECTION

8	Watertown (Dry Hill)	1948
9	Old Forge/McCauley Mt.	1938
10	Snow Ridge	1946
11	Woods Valley	1964

► **2020** Woods Valley Ski Patrol drops affiliation with NSP

SYRACUSE SECTION

The early years of the National Ski Patrol also included the years of World War Two. National Chairman "Minnie" Dole's belief that trained skiers would benefit the military should war break out brought about the creation of the U.S. Army's famed 10th Mountain Division ski troops.

In the Utica Section, Donald Rowles, recently installed as section chief, left to join the military in 1942, turning over the reigns to Henry Allen. Allen served as both section chief and regional chairman once the region was formed in 1944. (He turned the section duties over to Richard Folts in 1946).

In the Syracuse area, a patrol had been registered with the NSPS in Oswego County in 1941, but the war apparently prevented it from continuing since it was not in existence when the section was formed in 1944. Drumlins became the first NSPS-registered patrol under the auspices of the new section in 1944, even though it had a first aid patrol reportedly as early as 1938. Cazenovia Ski Club, founded in 1937, was said to have had a first aid patrol early in its existence, although it did not register with the NSPS until about 1960. The Pulaski Ski Club also had a first aid patrol, but only registered with the NSP between 1946 and 1948.

In 1944, the new regional chairman was seeking more patrols for the NSPS, so Allen sought out Drumlins patroller Larry Van Alstyne to form a new section in the Syracuse area. He nominated Van Alstyne for a national appointment. On Jan. 21, 1944, Van Alstyne was awarded National Number 691, becoming the first NSPS member in what was to become the Syracuse Section.

According to Van Alstyne, during World War Two, Drumlins was one of many sites selected for recruiting the U.S. Army's new 10th Mountain Division ski troops, a unit screened by members of the NSPS and NSA. (The NSPS also had a hand in selecting troops for the Army's 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment). Van Alstyne said he had been placed in charge of publicity for the recruitment of soldiers at the Drumlins site. Forty years later, he proudly noted that he still had his ID card signed in 1940 by Senior Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall. After the war, Van Alstyne said he received a citation from the War Department and a Yellow Merit Star from the NSPS for his efforts.

The Drumlins patrol and the recruiters based there were also utilized by Van Alstyne for a winter rescue unit, the first in the Syracuse area, according to Van Alstyne. He said he received an NSPS Green Merit Star for his rescue work.

During its early years, the Syracuse Section reached from northern New York State to the Southern Tier and from Rochester to Utica. In addition to Drumlins, which registered with the NSPS in 1944, Van Alstyne also belonged to the Pulaski Ski Club. Its patrol registered in 1946, followed in 1947 by the Syracuse University and St. Lawrence University patrols. The Watertown patrol registered in 1948.

To become a patroller in those years, a candidate had

to successfully pass the American Red Cross first aid course, and the United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association (USEASA) Third Class Skiing Proficiency Test. Early patrolers were classified as either "nationals" or "registered" patrollers. Later, patrol classifications were expanded to include "national," "senior" (presumably a registered patroller over the age of 18), and "junior." (It wasn't until the early 1960s that the senior test was developed and the classifications changed to "national," "senior," "local," and "junior").

During his administration, Van Alstyne said he felt that the available first aid courses did not offer enough training for ski patrol orientation, so he and Red Cross instructor Bill Gallipeau developed a local winter first aid and rescue course that they offered each year to section patrollers. These courses, taught at Drumlins, offered training in first aid techniques best suited for ski patrollers, improvised toboggan construction, and winter rescue.

The focal point of the Ski Patrol's involvement with the Red Cross during the 1940s and early 1950s was the only woman director of safety programs at the time, Mrs. Loretta "Sammy" Newgass, who was also a registered nurse. She coordinated first aid training for the Ski Patrol from the Red Cross and provided instructors like Bill Gallipeau.

In an effort to train more patrollers and disseminate information on skiing safety, the region's first Ski Safety Conference was organized by National Appt. #10 Harold Gore, and held at Old Forge on Oct. 26 and 27, 1946. The conference ended up training Red Cross first aid instructors to go back to their home areas and train ski patrollers. Among the attendees was Ben Hedges of Syracuse, who was in the process of setting up a patrol at Syracuse University. His patrol was registered in 1947 at the completion of first aid courses for the new patrollers. Hedges said he received a Yellow Merit Star on May 15, 1947, for setting up the new patrol.

Meanwhile, in 1946, the Pulaski Ski Club, skiing at Potter's Hill in Orwell west of Pulaski, registered its ski patrol with the NSPS. The following year, the patrol was involved in two heroic rescues, one of which was included in "Minnie" Dole's book "Adventures in Skiing."

In late 1947, Robert Williams, a member of the Syracuse University patrol, succeeded Van Alstyne as section chief. He was awarded National Number 899 on Feb. 20, 1948. During his administration, the Watertown and St. Lawrence University patrols were registered with the NSPS, and the Pulaski patrol passed out of existence. Williams quickly moved up the ladder and replaced Allen as region chairman in 1949.

That year, Ben Hedges became section chief. Hedges proudly recalled that during his lengthy administration, he made sure all patrols under his jurisdiction were brought up to the NSPS/USEASA standards. He also included a ski

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safety lecture as part of required training offered by SU patroller and National Number 810, Fay Welch. Welch was founder of the SU Ski School from which the ski patrol evolved at Syracuse University. Both Welch and Hedges had a hand in developing SU's ski patrol and both men felt that accident prevention through ski safety courses was as important to the patrol as first aid work. (Hedges was appointed National Number 1044 on May 22, 1950).

In 1949, because of the long travel distance, Hedges had the Watertown and St. Lawrence University patrols transferred to the Lowville Section.

The call to duty for the Ski Patrol was hard to overcome for Ben Hedges. In a Feb. 7, 1948, letter to Syracuse University Ski School Director George Earle, Hedges said he wanted to step down as head of the SU patrol at the time of the formal opening of the new SU Ski Lodge at Skytop. He cited increasing business and family commitments as reasons for turning the position over "and let another have that honor and attending responsibilities."

Less than a year later, Hedges accepted the job of section chief and held the position for the next decade. More patrols were formed and registered with NSPS during Hedges' administration, including the Onondaga Ski Club Patrol (1954) and Toggenburg (1958). Labrador and Cazenovia patrols were trained during Hedges' term and were registered in 1960 during the first year of John Collins' administration. The year 1961 saw the establishment of three patrols: Mystic Mt., Skaneateles Ski Club, and Song Mt.

SC Jack Woodruff formed the Syracuse Metropolitan Ski Patrol in 1962 to pick up extra candidates who wished to join the NSPS, and to provide section patrols with a pool of patrollers for substitution or duty during peak periods.

Under Woodruff's direction, the section took over the responsibility from individual patrols for providing the annual fall first aid refresher. The section-wide refresher, according to Myla Greene, who helped coordinate it, started in 1962. It was a two-day affair that included a banquet at the refresher site, Drumlins. (The refresher evolved in subsequent years to a one-day section and one-day local patrol session). The refresher concept initiated that year started as a result of attendance at the Eastern Division Winter Seminar (later called the Fall Forum) at Stratton Mountain, Greene said.

Prior to the section-sponsored refresher, patrollers could attend patrol-run refreshers or could update Red Cross cards at the CNY Region Ski Safety Conference, held annually since the first one in Old Forge in 1946. The Conference continued into the early 1960s at various sites in the region, including Whiteface Mt., Greek Peak, Oak Mt. (Speculator), or Royal Mt. (Johnstown). Greene recalled that patrollers could attend two out of every three years to these "refreshers," made up of one classroom day and the next day outdoors.

In later years, these sessions included the region first aid competition. Conferences included sessions on impro-

ving splints, toboggans, and winter rescue. (Possibly it was this material that former SC Larry Van Alstyne claims that he and Bill Gallipeau started teaching in the Syracuse Section back in the 1940s).

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, the Syracuse Section reached its peak in growth, reaching almost 400 patrollers and 11 active patrols. In 1968, the section initiated a section-wide, section-sponsored Winter Supplement first aid course, taking the responsibility from individual patrols and first aid instructors.

By the late 1970s, inadequate snow conditions, bankruptcies and changes in ski area ownership caused the demise of a number of ski areas and their patrols — Drumlins, Intermont, Ironwood Ridge, Syracuse University, and eventually, Mystic Mt.

Section bylaws were written during the administration of Jack Woodruff, dated 1966, and rewritten during Myla Greene's term of office, dated 1972. The later version limited the section chief's term of office to two two-year terms.

By 1976, in addition to the demise — or imminent demise — of several ski areas, recruiting and retaining patrollers on the other Syracuse Section patrols was becoming more difficult due to increased time required to become a patroller. In 1974, the Red Cross had changed its first aid programs and textbooks. The former 30-hour combined standard and advanced courses had grown to a 52-hour Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care course. Added to this was the 12-hour section Winter Supplement first aid course.

SC Don Gallinger in 1976 asked his first aid advisor, Gene Smith, to prepare a document to voice section concerns to the Eastern Division administration so they in turn could bring these to the national meeting.

Smith wrote the section "white paper," a six-plus page report urging that minimum entrance standards to the NSPS be reduced, taking into account that patrollers are volunteers and the high number of hours required for the advanced course were too much to ask from a candidate to take on speculation that he or she would be accepted into the NSPS. Smith argued that the 21-hour Standard First Aid and Personal Safety course of the Red Cross, plus the Winter Supplement, should be sufficient training for entrance into the Ski Patrol. The "white paper" was not enthusiastically received, and the higher standards remained in effect.

Occasionally, Syracuse Section patrollers volunteered their mountaineering skills to assist in search and rescue. During July, 1971, patrollers joined the search for 8-year-old Dougie Legg, who disappeared on a hike at his family's estate near Newcomb, NY. Unfortunately, the child was never found. Also during the '70s, patrollers assisted in a wintertime search for a missing airman who became lost in a park near Baldwinsville. He was eventually found.

The Syracuse Section received more positive notice in the 1970s from a variety of projects. In 1970, under the

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1972



1979



1984

Three Syracuse Section promotional exhibits

direction of Bob Klos, a 16mm motion picture for training patrollers was filmed by students from Syracuse University. The film was well received by the national administration and was sold to other sections and regions of the NSPS.

Between 1972 and 1983, the section rebuilt donated commercial displays into promotional exhibits that featured photos and ski safety advice. These were displayed at local ski shows and shopping centers, and were developed by Jeff Paston, with help from Walt Manderfield of Song Mt., SC Don Gallinger, T&T Advisor Steve Laffer, and Ski Safety Advisor Kathy Mortensen. Three of these included a rear screen projection system to show slides. In 1984, Paston built a new modular and more portable exhibit. At the 1978 Eastern Division Fall Forum, the section's exhibit was awarded a first place trophy.

Paston also designed a ski safety sign, which promoted courtesy and safety on the slopes. The sign received widespread distribution between 1975 and 1978 throughout the US, and also in Canada and Europe.

A medical authorization card designed by Skaneateles PL John Derbyshire in 1975 was widely distributed by the section. The section also designed and had manufactured waxed cardboard splints, which were marketed throughout the US.

the idea did not interest them.

Charles donated the dog to the Syracuse Section in 1977 as a mascot. The section sponsored a contest in the national NSPS newsletter for a new name for the dog in 1978. Eighty-year-old John Hessey of Wayzata, MN, then the oldest active patroller in the US, won the contest, submitting the name "Rusty." In 1980, the national administration adopted "Rusty" as the official mascot of the NSPS.



During the early 1980s, the Syracuse Section increased its public ski safety campaigns with numerous binding check clinics conducted at most ski areas in the section. A "Rusty the St. Bernard" costume was custom made (to fit the more than 6-foot frame of Ski Safety Advisor Norm Kiehle) and the NSPS mascot made the rounds of section ski areas to promote ski safety and the Ski Patrol. The section also made a strong effort to gain more senior patrollers under the leadership of training and testing advisor Steve Laffer.

Both the Syracuse Section and the Central New York Region celebrated 40th anniversaries as components of the National Ski Patrol System during 1984. Formal recognition of the milestone was observed during the Eastern Division Fall Forum held at Greek Peak Sept. 14-16, 1984.

In the mid 1980s, the Eastern Division realigned the Central New York Region to better balance the number of patrols in each section. Skaneateles patrol was transferred in 1984 and Labrador in 1985 to the Southern Tier Section, which by that time had only Greek Peak.



In the 1960s, Intermont patroller Dick Charles developed what he had hoped would become the symbol of the NSPS. He, with artist and fellow patroller Fred Thrane, designed a St. Bernard dog and named it "Fondue." Charles had pins made and approached the national administration. However,

After 54 years, the Syracuse Section's name was retired in 1996 when the Division merged it with the Southern Tier Section and formed the new Iroquois Section, named for the confederation of native American tribes that once occupied upstate New York. The once huge Central New York Region was now left with only two sections: Iroquois and Headwaters.

SYRACUSE SECTION

Founded: 1944

Merged into Iroquois Section: 1996

Patrols (Date patrol registered with NSPS follows patrol name)

<i>Camillus</i>	(1965-2000)	<i>Pulaski Ski Club</i>	(1946-1948)
Cazenovia	(c.1960)	<i>St. Lawrence University</i>	(c.1947) #
<i>Drumlins</i>	(1944-1976)	Skaneateles	(1961) ##
<i>Four Seasons</i>	(1972)**	<i>Syracuse Section Nordic</i>	(1978; 1979-1997)
Highland Forest Nordic	(1982)	<i>Syracuse Metropolitan</i>	(1962-1967)
<i>Intermont</i>	(1966-1976)	<i>Syracuse University</i>	(1947-1978)
<i>Ironwood Ridge</i>	(1967-1977)	Song Mt.	(1961)
Labrador	(1960) ###	<i>Toggenburg</i>	(1958-2022)
<i>Mystic Mt.</i>	(1961-1986)	<i>Van Buren Central Park</i>	(1975)**
<i>Onondaga Ski Club</i>	(1954-1967)	Watertown	(1948) #
<i>Oswego College</i>	(1963; 1965; 1970)**		

**registered one season

Transferred from section 1949

Transferred from section:1984

Transferred from section:1985

Oswego County Ski Patrol registered c.1941, but not in existence when section formed in 1944.

During its peak registration years in the late 1960s and early 1970s, the Syracuse Section had almost 400 patrollers serving as many as 11 active patrols – making it larger than many NSPS regions!

Section Chiefs

1944-47	Larry Van Alstyne Sr.
1947-49	Robert B. Williams+
1949-59	Herbert L. "Ben" Hedges
1960-62	John Collins
1962-66	Jack Woodruff
1966-68	B. Terry Avery
1968-69	William Nealon
1970-71	Les Borland Sr.
1971-73	Myla Greene++
1973-77	Don Gallinger
1977-79	Barbara Gerber
1979-81	H. Gene Smith
1981-85	Jeff Paston
1985-87	Fred Ferguson
1987-89	Lynn Dodge
1989-90	Peter Durdon
1990-94	Bernard Perry
1995-96	Ed Siegenthaler*

+Bob Williams became regional chairman in 1949, and Eastern Division chairman in 1954, a position he held until 1959.

++Myla Greene served as regional director from 1973 to 1977.

Section bylaws rewritten during administration of Myla Greene. In these, the term of the section chief was limited to two two-year terms.

*Served as Iroquois Section chief until 1998

Section Achievements

1978—1st Place Trophy -- Syracuse Section NSPS exhibit; awarded at Eastern Division 1978 Fall Forum.

1979—William Gross Memorial Award (for outstanding lifesaving first aid): awarded to Doug Scharbach, (Song Mt. patrol).

1980—Outstanding Ski Patrol in the Eastern Division: Song Mt. Ski Patrol.

1980—NSPS Unit Citation: Song Mt. Ski Patrol.

Section Contests

CNY Region First Aid contests: Syracuse Section patrol teams participated in these first aid contests during the 1960s and early 1970s, after which the contests were eliminated due to a lack of interest.

Syracuse Section First Aid Competition: The Section attempted to rejuvenate first aid competition with a Section-wide event held during the 1976 and 1977 Onondaga Ski Club Ski Shows. The 1976 winner was a team from Song Mt., and the 1977 winning team was from Toggenburg.

The John Gardiner Memorial Trophy: Awarded to an outstanding Section patroller each year in memory of late Toggenburg and Syracuse University patroller John Gardiner. Trophy awarded c.1959 to 1968. Retired in 1968 to the Gardiner family. Names of winning patrollers inscribed on trophy. SC Bill Nealon replaced the outstanding patroller award with an annual race as a "living memorial" to Gardiner. The John Gardiner Memorial Race was run into the early 1970s, when interest waned.

Section projects

Ski Patrol Training Film (1970): 16mm motion picture filmed by Syracuse University students. Project developed by RD Bob Klos. Film sold to other sections/regions in NSPS.

"Rusty" St. Bernard Dog mascot: Once official mascot of the NSPS. Developed in 1960s by Intermont (later Toggenburg and Song Mt.) patroller Dick Charles with fellow patroller and artist Fred Thrane; originally named "Fondue." Mascot given to Syracuse Section by Charles in 1977; named "Rusty" (the official Ski Patrol parka in those days was rust color) in national NSPS newsletter contest in 1978 by John Hessey of Wayzata, MN, who at 80-years-old was then the oldest active patroller in US. Adopted by NSPS as mascot in 1980. (Dog mascot first proposed to National as fund raiser by SC Bill Nealon in 1968).

Medical Authorization ID card:(1975): Developed by Skaneateles PL John Derbyshire. Distributed widely in area and through NSPS.

Cardboard Splints: Waxed, folded cardboard splints were developed and marketed by the Section since the 1960s.

Ski Safety Signs (1975-1978): Signs showed Skier's Courtesy Code and were marketed throughout the NSPS. Developed by Jeff Paston.

Section Exhibit (1972, 1973, 1975): Exhibit promoting Ski Patrol and ski safety, developed by Jeff Paston with Don Gallinger and Walt Manderfield, Shown at area ski shows and shopping centers. Awarded 1st Place Trophy at Eastern Division NSPS 1978 Fall Forum.

Section Exhibit (1979): New exhibit to replace previous display, designed and built by Jeff Paston with Steve Laffer.

Section Exhibit (1983): New exhibit to replace previous display, designed and built by Jeff Paston with Kathy Mortensen.

Section Exhibit (1984): New modular and more portable exhibit constructed by Jeff Paston.

DRUMLINS Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1944-76

Patrolled Drumlins ski area, Syracuse, NY (110 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1944—Larry Van Alstyne Sr.
1947—A. Kendrick Plumraer
1948—Philip Farnham
1952—John R. Ralph
1956—John R. Collins
1958—Theodore Weisberg
1960—Carol Abar
1965—Jack Woodruff*
1966—Arley Morey
1968—Don Wood
1975—Joseph Procopio

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Carol Abar.....	Section membership advisor; APL Syracuse Metropolitan Patrol
Les Borland Sr.....	Syracuse SC; PL Toggenburg; Section treasurer
John Collins.....	Syracuse SC
John Erickson.....	ASC—First Aid
Philip Farnham.....	PL Onondaga Ski Club patrol
Joe Procopio.....	PL Song Mt.
Larry Van Alstyne.....	Syracuse SC
Don Wood.....	Syracuse city firefighter
Jack Woodruff.....	Syracuse SC; Toggenburg PL; owner/leasee of Drumlins Ski School and ski area (early 1960s-1973)

*Acting PL -- Jack Woodruff as SC and as area manager filled the PL vacancy when Carol Abar left the patrol.

Patrol History

The Syracuse Section was founded in 1944 with Drumlins PL Larry Van Alstyne as its first section chief. Since the formation of the NSPS in the Syracuse area was generated by Van Alstyne, it followed that his patrol would be the first to register with the NSPS once the section had been formed. (Prior to the section being formed, a patrol had been registered in Oswego County in 1941, but showed no activity after that and was not in existence when the section came into being). The leadership of the new section in its early years came mainly from Drumlins, and a few years after, from Syracuse University Ski Patrol.

Drumlins Country Club's ski area started about 1939. The ski slope was actually a drumlin located in the middle of the club's golf course. Owner and founder Rod Burlingame installed a rope tow to access the 110 foot vertical height of the hill. A J-Bar was installed later.

During World War II, Drumlins became a recruiting base for the US Army's 10th Mountain Division ski troops. Van Alstyne had been in charge of publicity for the recruiting effort. After the war, he said he received a Yellow Merit Star from the NSPS for his work.

At Drumlins, Van Alstyne said he set up the Syracuse area's first winter rescue unit, made up of people working on

the recruitment effort at Drumlins and of the area's first aid patrol. Drumlins reportedly had a first aid patrol in existence from its earliest year.

Throughout its existence, Drumlins was often used as a training site for the ski patrol and was used for refreshers and Winter Supplement courses. The ski area and ski school were operated by SC Jack Woodruff, who leased the facilities from Rod Burlingame.

In the early 1970s, the ski area was often not open due to a lack of snow cover, a result of a number of mild winters in Central New York. Once billed as the place "where Central New Yorkers learned to ski," the newer, larger ski centers had taken a toll on tiny Drumlins. The final blow came when Syracuse University purchased Drumlins from the Burlingame family and decided to close the ski hill in 1976. The Drumlins Ski Patrol was dissolved that year.

(The Section files show that Drumlins patrol members were not registered for the 1965-66 ski season due to a delay in the receipt of registrations. Apparently, the registrations were received after the June 30, 1966, deadline. SC Terry Avery directed registration fees be refunded or applied to the dues for the following season in an effort to straighten out the confusion).

PULASKI SKI CLUB Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1946-48
Patrolled Potter's Hill near Orwell, east of Pulaski, NY

Patrol Leaders

1946—Harry Butler
1947—E. Ray Arnold

Patrol History

The Pulaski Ski Club had a first aid patrol early in its existence, however it did not register with the NSPS until 1946. The club had been in existence for several years when it registered its patrol, and it lasted a few more years after dropping its patrol affiliation.

According to Harry Butler, former PL, when the club moved to a new hill in the late '40s, interest waned and the club went out of existence.

Although the patrol was short lived, it distinguished itself with two heroic rescues in March, 1947.

Butler wrote reports on the two incidents, which made local newspapers. The first one was included in NSPS founder Charles "Minnie" Dole's autobiographical book "Adventures in Skiing" (1965, Franklin Watts Inc., New York). It is quoted below from page 70:

The Pulaski, New York, Patrol sent the following report:

"At 11:30 p.m. on March 5, Dr. Fred Loomis issued a call for our patrol. A visitor from Auburn had suffered ruptured stomach ulcers which required immediate hospital attention. Dr. Loomis, with the help of the State Police, had secured an Aeronca aircraft equipped with skis and pilot. The severe storms and heavy snow made local aircraft unobtainable. The pilot, Dick Chapman of Syracuse, was to take off, fly to Richland airport four miles east of this village, pick up Mr. Wallace there, and return to Syracuse.

The roads between here and Richland were almost impassable, but our job was to get the patient from the ambulance and into the plane. A snowplow preceded the police car and ambulance

and we eventually got within three hundred yards of the airport. A flare path was laid out and the plane landed at 1:10 a.m. The snow was four feet deep, and a path had to be beaten out for the plane before takeoff.

Five attempts to take off were made without success.

Then word came that a locomotive had been found in the Richland railroad yard.

We took the patient from the plane to the locomotive, where we had to change him on the patrol stretcher, which was smaller and fitted into the engine deck. At 3:40 a.m., the engine started for Watertown with the patient and Dr. Loomis.

At 4:55, a successful operation was finally performed in the hospital. The patient is comfortable, but his condition is still serious."

Butler recalled that he felt sorry for the patient because of the extreme pain. He said the patient suffered every time the patrollers rocked the wings of the plane in the attempt to free it from the snow for takeoff. But, he noted, the rescue of two days later was even more harrowing for the skiers.

On March 7, 1947, the patrol was called to a farm to transport a youth with a ruptured appendix.

The farm was located well off the road near Fernwood, a community five miles south of Pulaski. After making their way through extremely deep snow, the youth's father commented that "it was a shame the patrollers worked so hard getting there, because his son's pain had gone away," Butler recalled. The patrollers, he said, packed the youth's abdomen in snow and loaded him on their toboggan for the long trek by ski to Fernwood, where roads had been plowed one lane wide.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1947-78
Patrolled Syracuse University Skytop area,
Syracuse University skiing events, Hufftail Hollow trail, Little Tuck

Patrol Leaders

1947— Ben Hedges
1948— John Gardiner
1955—Lars Lorentzen
4/57 —Wayne Leach
5/58 —Barbara Wadsworth
4/59 —Thomas P. Barrett
11/60—Myla Greene
1966— Donald DeSalvia
1967 —David Araor
1968 —Martha Loew
1970— Richard Loew
1971— H. Edward Walker
1972 —Bryan Hedges

Notable Patrol Member Activity

John Albright.....	Former <i>Post-Standard</i> ski columnist
Joseph Creegan.....	PL Toggenburg
Elton Fairbank	Syracuse Red Cross Safety Programs Dir., Chapter Mgr., ARC Division Dir.
Myla Greene.....	Syracuse SC, CNY RD, PL Intermont
Ben Hedges.....	Syracuse SC
Lars Lorentzen.....	PL Onondaga Ski Club, PL Intermont
Jim Staeck.....	PD Killington
Barbara Wadsworth.....	SU Dir. of Skiing for Women
William Wadsworth.....	Camping Dir, Boy Scouts of America HQ
Fay Welch.....	Dir. of SU Ski School and Ski Team
Robert Williams.....	Syracuse SC, CNY Region Chrmn., NSP Eastern Division Chrmn,

Patrol History

Ski Patrol activity in the early Syracuse Section was generated from two of the section's earliest patrols: Drumlins and Syracuse University. The SU patrol had been plagued in its later years by a lack of candidates presumably due to more interest in joining the larger hills south of Syracuse; by a lack of interest by the University to keep the Skytop Ski Area going; and by mild winters which forced Skytop to remain closed due to lack of snow in the years 1955, '56, '57; '76, and '77.

The leadership of the patrol turned out to be a family affair when the son of the first patrol leader became the last patrol leader. When mild weather kept Skytop closed in 1976 and 1977, the University decided to close the area permanently. It was Bryan Hedges who filed the patrol's last NSPS registration in 1977 for the season ending in May 1978.

The nucleus of organized skiing in Syracuse was probably centered in the University community.

Fay Welch, National Number 810, recalled that in the early 1930s, he was one of three people who skied in the University area. He said he and one other faculty member of the State University's College of Forestry (located adjacent to the SU campus), and a dean in the SU Law School skied in those days. He recalled the notoriety he gained when he skied down from the University Hill campus to the local Marshall Street shopping district for lunch.

It was Welch who started the Syracuse University Ski School, and who became director of skiing for the school and director of the ski team.

The Ski Patrol evolved from the ski school and was founded by Welch and Ben Hedges, a power company accountant, with assistance of Welch's Forestry College associate Robert Williams.

Hedges recalled attending the Region Ski Safety

Conference in Old Forge on Oct. 26 and 27, 1946, where first aid instructors were trained so they would return to their patrols to train more patrollers. Many of the early SU patrol members had been taking first aid instruction on and off since 1945, and a new class was wrapping up in early 1947 as the patrol was being registered. For his efforts in forming the new patrol, Hedges said he was presented with a Yellow Merit Star on May 15, 1947.

The patrol covered University skiing events and also patrolled what was later to be known as Skytop, as well as the Hufftail Hollow Trail, and Little Tuck. Hufftail Hollow Trail, located near Jamesville on the Jamesville-Apulia Road, was on property owned by SU Ski Team coach George Earle, who was with the College of Forestry and was a member of the World War II ski troops. Little Tuck, located in the Town of Otisco near the intersection of Woodmancy and Hallinan roads, was on land acquired by the University in 1947. (*Little Tuck was so named because it resembled a small version of Tuckerman's Ravine in New Hampshire. The University leased the area to the Onondaga Ski Club about 1954.*)

After serving a year as patrol leader, family and business pressures, coupled with the birth of Bryan in March 1947 and the death of his father in December, Hedges wrote on Feb. 7, 1948, to George Earle, who was now director of the ski school. Hedges said he would step down as PL upon the formal opening of the new SU Ski Lodge at Skytop later that year.

Meanwhile, his fellow patroller Bob Williams had become Syracuse Section Chief in late 1947. On Feb. 20, 1948, Williams was appointed National Number 899. Hedges selected National Patroller 856 John Gardiner as his successor as PL. Gardiner had been very active with the

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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY *(Continued from previous page)*

Snow Ridge patrol in Turin before joining SU.

The lure of Ski Patrol leadership brought Hedges to the section chief's position about a year later when Williams moved up to region chairman. (Hedges and fellow SU patroller Gene Beckeman were made nationals on May 22, 1950 -- Hedges with 1044, and Beckeman with 1043). Hedges later joined the Onondaga Ski Club Patrol, when that patrol was formed.

Among the many notable accomplishments of members of the SU patrol was the "Outstanding Ski Patroller in the Syracuse Section" award to PL Myla Greene for 1963-64.

On Dec. 4, 1964, the NSPS' first husband and wife recipients of national appointments were SU patrollers Bill and Barbara "Bobbie" Wadsworth -- #2805 and 2806.



Skiers take J-bar at Skytop ski area on what is now SU's South Campus.

ONONDAGA SKI CLUB Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1954-67
Patrolled Little Tuck Ski Area near Otisco (300+ foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1954—H. Philip Farnham
1956—Robert H. Barnes
1957—Robert L. Hale
1959—Paul Stephens
1/62 —Leonard D. Nelson
1963—Lars Lorentzen

Notable Patrol Member Activity

John Albright..... *Post-Standard* ski columnist
H. Philip Farnham..... PL Drumlins
Myla Greene..... Syracuse SC; CNY RD; PL Intermont;
PL SU Ski Patrol
Ben Hedges..... Syracuse SC, PL SU Ski Patrol
Lars Lorentzen..... PL Intermont

Patrol History

The Onondaga Ski Club patrol was founded in 1954 by H. Philip Farnham.

The club secured use of the Syracuse University-owned property on “Dutch Hill,” located east of Otisco near the intersection of Woodmancy and Hallinan roads. SU’s Alumni Ski Club, Aluski, also made use of the area.

It was called “Little Tuck” because it reminded skiers of Tuckerman’s Ravine in New Hampshire. When Little Tuck started, skiers had to climb to the top on their own, as was the case for namesake Tuckerman’s Ravine. Eventually, a rope tow was installed. One of the Onondaga Ski Club’s presidents, John Magruder, constructed a lodge for the area.

In 1961, the club made plans to develop Little Tuck into a larger ski area to make it a more competitive attraction for OSC members in light of Song Mountain opening nearby.



Former OSC President Art Zimmer wrote that bonds were sold to club members to raise money. But, the land was owned by Syracuse University and leased by the OSC. A long-term lease was necessary before such big money was invested. Zimmer wrote that SU would not give a 10 year lease.

Another source reported that when the University found out about the ski club’s plans, the school decided to develop Little Tuck into a public ski area itself.

Unfortunately, the University found the development costs would be too high, so the area was abandoned by 1963. SU sold the land to a private owner.

Without an area to patrol, the club’s patrol disbanded in 1967. Its last patrol leader, Lars Lorentzen, became the first PL for the new Intermont Ski Patrol.

SEE APPENDIX for MORE

TOGGENBURG Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1958-2022
 Patrolled Toggenburg Mountain Ski Center: Fabius, NY (520 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1958—Joseph Creegan
 1960—Leslie Borland Sr.
 1961—Jack Woodruff
 1962—Phillip Resch
 1965—Jack E. Middleton
 1966—Leslie R. Borland Jr.
 1969—Ronald Smith
 1970—Kent Heacox
 1971—Volker Weiss
 1972—Bruce Heukrath
 1974—Donald DeSalvia
 1975—Paul Steiner
 1977—Gerald Mahoney
 1980—Scott Manuel
 1982—Lynn Dodge
 1984—Nancy Carroll
 1986—Robert Triggs
 1988—Ed Siegenthaler
 1993—Bill Goode
 1999—Craig Collins
 2001—Cindy Hoalcraft
 2006—Rich Tordoff
 2007—Geff Dennee
 2014—Cindy Hoalcraft
 2018—Kevin McEntee

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Beau Blair..... Region Instructor Development Coordinator
 Les Borland Sr..... Syracuse SC
 Dick Charles..... (member of Toggenburg, 1975-80)
 Developed NSP "Rusty" St. Bernard dog mascot
 Al Chartrand..... PL Mystic Mt.
 Donald DeSalvia..... PL Syracuse Univ. Ski Patrol
 Lynn Dodge..... Syracuse SC, Section treasurer,
 Mountaineering Advisor
 Harold Fradenburg..... PL Mystic Mt.
 John Gardiner..... PL Syracuse Univ. Ski Patrol
 Myla Greene..... (joined Toggenburg 1977)
 CNY RD, Syracuse SC, PL Intermont,
 PL Syracuse Univ. Ski Patrol
 Gary Litvin..... PL Mystic Mt.
 Martha Lowe..... PL Syracuse Univ. Ski Patrol
 Richard Lowe..... PL Syracuse Univ. Ski Patrol
 Paul Martellock..... PL Clarkson-Seven Springs
 Rob Megnin..... Ski Areas of New York director
 Joseph Mercurio..... Travelled to New Zealand in 1969 and
 exchanged information with ski patrols there.
 Bill Nealon..... Syracuse SC, Eastern Div. Treasurer, Asst. DD,
 Div. Registration Coordinator, Section treasurer
 Dean Ottaway..... PL Intermont
 Jeff Paston..... (member of Toggenburg 1993-2014)
 Syracuse SC; ASC; Section PR advisor,
 Ski Safety Advisor; CNY Reg. PR and Ski
 Safety Advisor; CNY Reg. Awards Advisor
 Bernie Perry..... Syracuse SC
 Kay Seibert..... PL Intermont; Syracuse Section Public Infor-
 mation Advisor; secretary
 Terry Shapero..... Syracuse Section WEC (OEC) Advisor
 Walt Shepard..... Region secretary; OEC IOR; Webmaster
 Ed Siegethaler..... Syracuse and Iroquois SC
 Paul Steiner..... Syracuse Sec. treasurer; CNY Region treasurer
 Evelyn Tordoff..... CNY Region treasurer
 Bob Triggs..... Syracuse Section Federal Equipment Advisor
 Larry Van Alstyne Sr..... Syracuse SC, PL Drumlins
 Gail Wagner..... Section secretary
 Ellie White..... Syracuse Section Mountaineering Advisor
 Dorothy Woessner..... Eastern Div. Registration Coordinator;
 Honorary National Appt. 56 (1981)
 Chic Wilson..... Toggenburg GM
 Rob Winter..... CNY Region Nordic Advisor
 Jack Woodruff..... Syracuse SC, PL Drumlins; owned Drumlins Ski
 Area and Drumlins Ski School.

Patrol History

Before Toggenburg opened, the largest slopes in the Syracuse area were at hills owned by local ski clubs, or at Drumlins or Syracuse University's Skytop. Most skiers had to travel to Snow Ridge near Turin or to the Adirondacks or Vermont for big-time skiing. Toggenburg traced its beginnings to 1952-53.

After Eugene "Doc" Hickey, Frank Mueller and Harry Ehle started Toggenburg, a first aid patrol was formed in 1956. Soon, it was apparent the new patrol should meet higher standards and have a national affiliation. So in 1958, the Toggenburg Ski Patrol registered with the National Ski Patrol System. The patrol had only seven members, a few of whom transferred from Drumlins and SU. The rest were newly trained.



In the early years, Toggenburg patrollers wore a distinctive red parka with a white cross and the words "Toggenburg Ski Patrol" in white script lettering across the front. Later, the patrol adopted the NSPS uniform rust parka. As the patrol celebrated 50 years with the NSP, it once again was in a red parka with National Ski Patrol insignia and a distinctive Toggenburg patrol patch. The patrol had grown to almost 50 members who met NSPS *Outdoor Emergency Care* and ski and toboggan training standards.

Among the patrol's highlights and innovations over its 60 years:

In December, 1974, patroller Paul Steiner received the NSP *Purple Merit Star* for saving the life of a back injury

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TOGGENBURG (continued from previous page)

patient on the Toggenburg slopes a year earlier. Another life-saving *Purple Merit Star* was awarded in 2019 to patroller Bob Parry, and *Blue Merit Stars* to patrollers Robert Griffiths and Chuck Bertuch, for saving a 12-year-old girl who was unconscious with an airway obstruction after striking a tower and snow gun on the main slope.

In 1975, Toggenburg was one of the first rescue organizations in the nation to use the "Harrington Body Splint" for neck and back injuries. It was a gift from former Patrol Leader Kent Heacox in memory of his daughter.

In 1977, a Toggenburg Ski Patrol team won the Syracuse Section First Aid Competition.

Toggenburg Ski Patrol adopted use of VHF radios around 1981 to speed response to incidents. Before that time, regular trail coverage was based upon a rotation system that utilized a dial on a board created by patroller Paul Steiner and located at the top of the mountain.

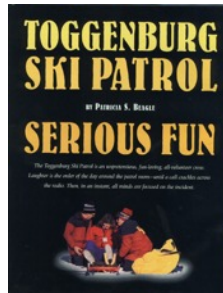


Top of hill trail rotation board from days before radios.

The patrol incurred a significant loss when Toggenburg's lodge (including the patrol room) burned down in June, 1987. Fortunately, the radios were stored at a patroller's house for the summer, but other equipment and supplies were lost. Patroller Bob Triggs, who was also serving as the Syracuse Section Federal Equipment Advisor led the effort to obtain surplus military equipment from the Rome Air Development Center.

In 1993, the patrol gained national recognition from a cover story in the NSP's national magazine.

In the 1960s and '70s, the all-volunteer patrol raised funds, encouraged camaraderie, and created closer ties with the skiing public with an annual spaghetti dinner. As member Tom Buckley recalled, patrol candidates provided the "entertainment," with skits, music, and comedy. Children and older adults also enjoyed toboggan rides down the slopes as part of the event.



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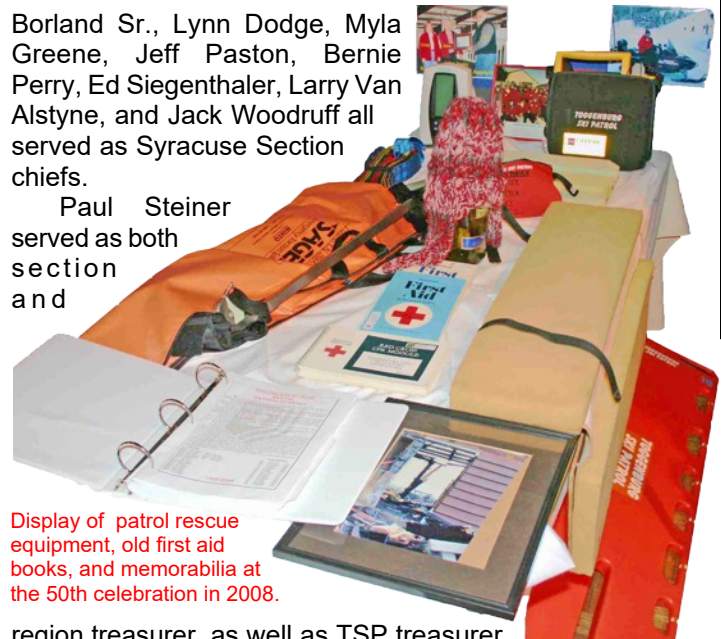
After many years without an annual program, the patrol created "Fun Day" starting in 2005 with a variety of venues for public participation, including a treasure hunt, chili and chowder cookoffs, toboggan rides, snow sculpture contests, and musical entertainment.

To ensure adequate daytime patrol coverage, Toggenburg General Manager Chic Wilson made the unusual move in 1991 to join the area's ski patrol. The NSP's "Rusty" the St. Bernard mascot was developed by Toggenburg patroller Dick Charles. John Gardiner was so respected that a yearly Syracuse Section ski race in the late 1960s and early 1970s was named after him. Patroller Joe Mercurio traveled to New Zealand in 1969 and traded valuable information with patrols there.

Dorothy Woessner served as Eastern Division registrar for many years and in 1981 was given one of the few honorary national appointments (#56) ever awarded. Bill Nealon served as an Assistant Division Director and Division Treasurer. Myla Greene was the Central New York Region Director. Les

Borland Sr., Lynn Dodge, Myla Greene, Jeff Paston, Bernie Perry, Ed Siegenthaler, Larry Van Alstyne, and Jack Woodruff all served as Syracuse Section chiefs.

Paul Steiner served as both section and



Display of patrol rescue equipment, old first aid books, and memorabilia at the 50th celebration in 2008.

region treasurer, as well as TSP treasurer, for more than 25 years. Evelyn Tordoff replaced him as Toggenburg and region treasurer upon his retirement.

Kay Seibert was section public relations advisor, and Ellie White was section mountaineering advisor. Beau Blair was region OEC Instructor Development coordinator. Rob Winter served as the region Nordic advisor.

A few patrollers even served as patrol leaders at other areas before coming to Toggenburg: Al Chartrand (Mystic Mt.), Donald DeSalvia (SU), Harold Fradenburg (Mystic Mt.), John Gardiner (SU), Myla Greene (SU and Intermont), Martha and Richard Loew (SU), Gary Litvin (Mystic Mt.), Paul Martellock (Clarkson-Seven Springs), Kay Seibert (Intermont), Larry VanAlstyne (Drumlines), and Jack Woodruff (Drumlines). Jack also owned the Drumlines Ski School and operated the ski area for many years.

Concurrent with celebration of the patrol's registration with the NSP for 60 years in 2018, charter member Phil Resch also celebrated his 60th season as a patrol member. Two years earlier, Phil was recognized with a plaque from the New York State Assembly for his service to the community, and to the DeWitt Volunteer Fire Department.



Phil Resch with his 50 year certificate in 2008.

In the 2000s, the patrol developed a number of programs that advanced patrol operations.

Patrol member Walt Shepard developed one of Central New York's first comprehensive chairlift evacuation manuals starting in 2003. Other areas utilized Shepard's work to create manuals of their own. With his move to Labrador, he created a guide for that patrol in 2022.

The patrol became one of the first local patrols in 2008 to regularly employ use of a snowmobile to pull toboggans across the "flat" area at the bottom of the slope to bring injured skiers to the patrol room, and for resupply of toboggans and equipment to locations on the mountain.

A Policies, Procedures, and Protocols (P3) Committee was formed in the 2012-13 season and met regularly to update, rewrite, and create documents for patrol operations. The committee under the leadership of Beau Blair addressed the

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TSP bylaws, membership criteria, Chief-of-Hill responsibilities, scheduling policy, mentoring, snowmobile operations, missing person procedures, safety talks to Toggenburg guests, and the TSP uniform parka.

The patrol implemented a series of talks by TSP medical advisors on various skiing injuries, treatment techniques, and interfacing with medical facilities.

TSP equipment advisor John Irwin innovated a successful breakaway tape system for closing trails. The orange cloth mesh tapes were deployed from reels mounted on trees or poles that could be pulled across closed trails.

In 2015, the patrol initiated use of a Web-based accident reporting and storage system that eliminated need for paper incident reports. The *Medic 52* program, developed by a ski patroller in Australia, utilized tablets or laptop computers to access data and forms.

The Hickey family was involved in Toggenburg ownership from the beginning in 1952-53, and eventually ended up as sole owners. But the burden of being a successful oral surgeon meant a need for help running Toggenburg. So “Doc” Hickey hired Chic Wilson, nephew of Labrador’s owner Bob Wilson, to be general manager after the 1987 fire with a promise of being part owner of Toggenburg. Chic’s help

became even more important after Doc suffered a stroke in 1992.

When Jim Hickey, son of Doc and his wife Ginny, came back to Central NY after his Vermont hotel venture closed, the parents moved Jim into the GM role in 1994. Wilson left and acquired Willard Mountain north of Albany.

Jump ahead to 2015, and Jim sold Toggenburg to the new owners of Greek Peak – John Meier and Marc Stemerman. Four years later, that partnership broke up and Meier and his wife Christine ended up owning both Greek Peak and Toggenburg.

Stating to the press that they wanted to concentrate their efforts on Greek Peak, they sold Toggenburg in 2021 to Peter Harris, owner of both Song Mountain and Labrador. Harris said he believed the Central New York market could no longer support three ski areas within a 12-mile radius, and he immediately closed Toggenburg.

The Toggenburg patrol remained registered for the 2021-22 season under PL Kevin McEntee for the purpose of disposing of patrol assets, primarily to other local patrols. Patrol members either retired or transferred to Labrador, Cazenovia Ski Club, and Highland Forest patrols, among others.



1998

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Front: Jeff Paston, Tiffany Bombard, Mary Mercurio, Bernie Perry, Nancy Carroll, Cindy Hoalcraft, Sue Hadzor, Theo Gilmore.

Second Row: Jan Clark, Moira Buckley, Geff Dennee, Phil Resch, Scott Manuel, Paul Steiner, Ruth Cooper, Bob Triggs, Henry Brisman.

Back Row: Bill Goode, Anne Ryan, Hume Laidman, Carter Riley, Joe Mercurio, Kris Redmond, Craig Collins, Paul Martellock, Ed Siegenthaler, Chip Hooley, Andy MacArthur, John Laubscher.



2013

With Mercy Flight helicopter:

Front: Dave Wingard.

Row 2: Phil Resch, Bill Goode, John Irwin, Sue Hadzor, Cindy Hoalcraft, Chris Myers, Dave Tiedemann, Henry Brisman, Jeff Paston, Geff Dennee, Allison Goode, Ashley Collins, Paul Martellock, Bob Hough.

Row 3: Walt Shepard, Rich Pietrafesa, Lida Suchy, Bill Carroll, Pete Scaffido, Craig Collins, Carter Riley, Tom Campbell, John Bellardini, Dave Martellock, Jim Shaw, Tyler Goode, Greg Giblin.

CAZENOVIA SKI CLUB Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: c.1960

Patrols Cazenovia Ski Club, near Chittenango and Cazenovia, NY (460 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1960 —Phyllis Kent *
1962—James N, Capps M.D.
1968—George Bickford
1972—Ann Altmeyer
1973—Peggy Laidman
12/75—David Adams
1977—Ralph Swalm
1980—T. Hume Laidman **
1981—James King, Russ King
1984—Richard Husted
1985—Robert Horstmyer
1994—Peter King
2011—Scott Falso

*Earliest registration in Section files dated 1/18/60. The form indicates no previous registration, but crossed out above that line are the years "1958-59." The 12/60 registration indicates the previous registration to be "1959."

**Acting PL. James and Russ King took over the duties jointly of patrol leader. Laidman was PL for registration purposes after Ralph Swalm stepped down.

Patrol History

The Cazenovia Ski Club was founded in 1937 and reportedly had a first aid patrol from the start. There had been many doctors belonging to the Cazenovia club over the years, so first aid care had not really been a problem.

Cazenovia Ski Club members had been very active in the leadership of the United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association from the club's earliest days. The NSPS was once a part of the National Ski Association (now US Amateur Ski Association), which was the parent organization to the USEASA.

Reportedly, NSPS National Chairman Minot Dole came to Cazenovia after the war in his efforts to set up patrols, but Cazenovia did not register at that time.

(Word of Dole's visit is strictly from memory of club members as there is no written record of the visit).

(Section files showed the patrol apparently registered with the NSPS in January 1960, however there is some confusion on that first form due to crossed out dates, which may reflect that the first registration was actually in late 1959.)

In 1972, an all-woman team from the Cazenovia patrol—consisting of PL Ann Altmeyer, Peggy Laidman, Janet Munro, and Lisa Feldmeier—won the Central New York Region First Aid competition held that year at Labrador Mt. ski center.

The ski club, located near Chittenango Falls State Park, is served by one T-bar.

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LABRADOR MT. Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1960
Patrols Labrador Mt., near Truxton, NY (700 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1960—James W. Pilcher
1965—Frank Spann Jr.
1968—B. Terry Avery
1970—Russ Hartwell
1973—Ernest Case
1975—Bernie Sheehan
1977—Eileen Snyder
1979—Jerry Chomyszak
1982—Donald Hyde
1985—Gary Rake
1988—Don Keupper
1991—Bill Brochu
1992—John Tuttle
1995—Pete Durdon
1996—Bob Richeda
1999—Eric Brauer
2002—Jim Zoyhofski
2005—Scott Launt
2007—Kris Petty
2009—Matt DaRin
2011—Tom Rogers
2014—Bob Gerbin
2016—Tim Curtis
2019—John Costello
2022—Helena Baert

Notable Patrol Member Activity

B. Terry Avery..... Syracuse SC
Mike Cassidy..... CNY Region Senior OEC coordinator
Ted Coholan..... Syracuse Section Ski Safety Advisor
Dorothy Curran..... Syracuse Section secretary
Cathy Cummings..... National Ski Areas Assn. Marketing
Matt DaRin..... PL Skaneateles
Pete Durdon..... Syracuse SC; CNY Region Certified Advisor
Elton Fairbank Syracuse Red Cross Safety Programs Dir.,
ARC Chapter Mgr., ARC Division Dir.
Barbara Gerber..... Syracuse SC
Bryan Hedges..... PL SU Ski Patrol
Don Hyde..... Syracuse Section junior, safety, and tele-
communications advisor; CNY Reg. fund-raising
Russ Hartwell..... Syracuse Section Mountaineering Advisor
Colleen Kresge..... Region Women's Advisor
Stephen Laffer..... Syracuse ASC; T&T Administrator
Scott Launt..... CNY Region Alumni Advisor
Craig Lawson..... PL Colgate
William Nugent MD..... CNY Region/Syracuse Sect. Medical Advisor
Curt Paye..... Syracuse ASC; T&T Administrator
Gordon Pike..... Syracuse ASC; T&T Administrator
Nels Putnam..... Syracuse ASC
Steve Rake..... Region Safety and Outdoor Risk Management
Advisor
Noel Rios..... CNY RD; Iroquois SC; CNY Region OEC
coordinator
George Rowland..... Syracuse Section Awards Advisor
Steve Smithson..... Syracuse Section Ski Safety Advisor
Phil Stevens..... Southern Tier SC; CNY Region Mtn. Advisor
John Tuttle..... Eastern Div. Finance and Investment Committee
chair; CNY RD; Asst. CNY RD; CNY Region T&T
Administrator; Iroquois SC; Eastern Division and
NSP Outstanding Alumni for the Year 2022

Patrol History

Labrador Mountain was opened for the 1956-57 ski season by Bob Wilson on his property near Truxton, NY. The area opened with two rope tows. A T-bar was added in 1959.

During those first years, a first aid patrol provided coverage to the new area. In 1960, an NSPS-affiliated patrol was started. The patrol has distinguished itself over the years by providing a number of section and region administrators and division-certified skiing and first aid examiners.

Labrador was certified as a division senior ski test site.

The patrol raised funds to support itself for 15 years through a popular annual steak roast, and then through the *Labrador Winter Roundup* for another 20 years starting in 1980, which included the steak roast, pancake breakfast, and family ski races. The *Roundup* later became *LabFest* when the dinners ended.

The patrol became the second patrol in the Syracuse Section to implement a VHF radio system. The two-way radios, which were put in service during the 1979-80 season, increased the patrol's efficiency and response

time to accidents.

In the 1978-79 season, Labrador Mt. started an independent paid patrol on weekdays to supplement the volunteer NSP-registered Labrador Ski Patrol. Patrollers

Ernie and Jeanne Case became heads of the independent patrol, which first required only first aid training, and later sought out state-certified emergency medical technicians (EMT). Members of the paid patrol briefly met NSP requirements and registered during the 1980s.

In 1985, Division leadership was not happy with an imbalance in the Central New York Region since the Southern Tier Section had lost so many patrols and patrollers over the years.

With only Greek Peak remaining, DD John Clair came to Central New York and persuaded the Syracuse Section to give up Labrador in an effort to add more membership to the Southern Tier Section. The Skaneateles patrol was transferred for the same reason a year earlier.

Another Region realignment occurred in 1996, when the number of patrols diminished and it was decided to merge

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the Southern Tier and Syracuse sections. Labrador became part of the new Iroquois Section.

Labrador once sponsored a Winter Conditioning Course, developed and taught by patrol member Phil Stevens, a former region mountaineering advisor and member of the US Army 10th Mountain Division in World War II.

That tie with the US Army and its 10th Mountain Division started when NSP founder Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole pushed for creation of a winter fighting force on skis at the outset of WWII. Labrador Ski Patrol with Phil Stevens and others carried on that tradition, hosting the West Point Ski Patrol on Labrador slopes. Barbara "Boo" Hodgkin and her husband hosted West Point cadets yearly for some 20 years until 2017.

Another patrol member and WWII veteran – Martin Connor – was recognized in 2017 by the New York State Senate for his role as a Marine in the Battle of Iwo Jima. His name was added to the Senate's *Veterans Hall of Fame*. It was just the latest recognition of Marty's wartime service. He was also profiled on an NBC News report – "*The Greatest Generation*" by Tom Brokaw.

Marty invested in the new Labrador ski area in 1957 and joined the ski patrol. He had accumulated 50 years of service when the patrol celebrated its 50th year of registration with the NSP in 2010.

The patrol celebrated with a banquet in the mountain's main lodge. The NSP awarded the Labrador Mt. Development Corporation management – the three generations of Wilsons: Bob, Bruce, and Eric – its *Distinguished Service Award* for Labrador's support of the Labrador Mountain Ski

Patrol and the NSP.

Labrador patrollers were instrumental in two life saving incidents a week apart in 2010.

A *Purple Merit Star* was awarded in 2011 to patroller Stephen Rake for saving the life of a cardiac arrest victim on Feb. 6, 2010, on the mountain's Ptarmigan trail. Patrollers Kelly Loch, Martin Reed and James Zoyhofski each were recognized with a *Blue Merit Star* for their parts in this life-saving work.

A week later on Feb. 13, 2010, a 16-year-old skier fell over a headwall on the Badger trail and suffered a traumatic brain injury. In 2012, *Purple Merit Stars* were presented to Brian Luton and Kris Petty, and *Blue Merit Stars* to Brian Fico and Timothy Maxon for their efforts that saved the teenager's life.

Labrador patrollers Elaine Gingold and Mike Cassidy undertook training duties to oversee numerous section, region, and patrol level OEC courses for many years.

After patroller John Tuttle served as CNY Region director, he served the Eastern Division as chair of the finance and investment committees. Retiring from active duty in 2020, John was awarded both the Eastern Division and National Outstanding Alumni Awards for the Year 2022.

Patrollers Gary Rake and Don Kuepper wrote a candidates' manual in the 1980s that guided patroller training for decades.

After 57 years of family ownership, the Wilsons decided to sell Labrador Mountain in 2014. Peter Harris, owner of nearby Song Mountain and former owner of Snow Ridge purchased the area and combined management with Song Mountain as Intermountain Management (SkiCNY.com).

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STANDING BACK ROW	PAUL AUSTIN	?	PETER THEIMAN	STEVE BERGSTRAESSER	STEVE ERIKSSON	BOB WAGNER	CRAIG LAWSON	?	DICK EMMERICK	SUE ROBERTS	JOHN TUTTLE				
STANDING SECOND ROW	WES KIPP	TERRY AVERY	ART FALK	ED KNAPP	?	CHARLES MOLLIGAN	STEVE SMITHSON	BOB STENGER	BOB FEIDLER	JEFF CHOMYSZAK	BRENT CHOMYSZAK	BILL NUGENT	MICKEY KIPP	JOE STEWART	ED SUTFIN
STANDING FRONT ROW	DICK KILGORE	PHIL STEVENS	BOB PENZ	CHERYL BLUM	STEVE LAFFER	CAROL GREENE	?	KATHY RAKE	RORY NEUBAUER	PATTI KUEPPER	MARGE CHOMYSZAK	JERRY CHOMYSZAK	GARY RAKE	JENNY BLOOMQUIST	
KNEELING	LEN ROBERTS	BRYAN HEDGES	LARRY LABELLA	TONY FARRONE	STEVE HOWARD	DON HYDE	DON KUEPPER	HAL GALVIN	GEORGE ROWLAND	MARTY CONNOR	BOO HODGKIN	ELAINE GINGOLD	EILEEN SNYDER	GAIL PEREZ	

SKANEATELES Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1961
Patrols Skaneateles Ski Club hill near Marietta, NY (300 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1961—Gilbert Hill
1967—Orville "Bunt" Osborne
1973—John Derbyshire
1976—Joseph Hubbard
1977—Roy Truswell
1979—Patrick Gannon
1984—Joy (Sisto) Eberhardt
1986—Patrick Gannon
1990—William Sahn
1995—Patrick Gannon
1997—Orville "Bunt" Osborne
2007—Tom Hughes
2016—Matt DaRin
2018—Tom Fernandez

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Matt DaRin..... PL Labrador Mt.
Tom Hughes..... CNY Region EMM coordinator; ARD; RD

Patrol History

The Skaneateles Ski Club was formed in 1959 and a site was purchased for its ski hill that summer.

In 1961, a ski patrol was formed. Fifteen club members took the Red Cross first aid courses taught by Gil Hill. A rope tow was installed that year. The area grew with addition of a T-bar in 1964.

Skaneateles PL John Derbyshire developed a medical authorization ID card in 1975, and donated it to the Syracuse Section. The card was well publicized throughout the section, and received some distribution to other patrols and regions outside the Syracuse Section.

In March 1984, the Skaneateles patrol was transferred from the Syracuse Section to the Southern Tier Section as part of a realignment of the Central New York Region.

Another Region realignment occurred in 1996, when the number of patrols diminished and it was decided to merge the Southern Tier and Syracuse sections. Skaneateles became part of the new Iroquois Section.

While there were no patrollers registered, the most recent registration for the patrol was 2022.



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SONG MOUNTAIN Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1961
 Patrols Song Mountain ski area; Tully, NY (700 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1961—Marshall K. Doughty
 1963—Robert E. Kirk
 1965—William M. Rogers
 1983—Ron Marks
 1988—Douglas Scharbach
 1990—Jack Hayes
 1992—Patrick Reap
 1997—Joe Procopio

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Doug Adams..... CNY Region RD; ARD
 Peter Adams..... Eastern Div. Assistant OEC Supervisor;
 CNY Region Senior OEC director
 Howard Bethel..... Syracuse Section & CNY Region mountaineer-
 ing advisor; National mountaineering instructor
 Ralph Bott..... PL Camillus
 Dave Bushnell..... PL Camillus
 Dick Charles..... (*joined Song Mt. 1980*)
 Syracuse Section first aid advisor; developed
 NSP dog mascot "Rusty"
 Arnie Caddick..... CNY Region OEC advisor
 Cindy Eldridge..... Syracuse Section first aid advisor; ASC
 Jack Erickson..... Syracuse Section first aid advisor; ASC
 Fred Ferguson..... Syracuse SC; ASC; first aid advisor; tele-
 communications advisor
 Don Gallinger..... Syracuse SC; Eastern Div. mountaineering
 instructor #5 (1969)
 Shirley Gallinger..... Syracuse Section mountaineering advisor
 Bill Halsey..... Eastern Div. OEC supervisor; CNY Region OEC
 coordinator; APL Mystic Mt.; Early recipient of
 NSP LCA in 1995
 Harold Hill..... Syracuse Section awards advisor; avalanche
 advisor; Eastern Div. avalanche inst. #45 (1970)

Tom Hughes..... CNY Region RD; ARD; EMM coordinator;
 PL Skaneateles
 Richard Husted..... PL Cazenovia
 Robert Klos..... CNY Region RD; CNY Reg. & Syracuse Section
 first aid advisor
 Harry Klodowski..... Syracuse Section avalanche advisor
 Karen Krichbaum..... Syracuse Section first aid advisor
 T. Hume Laidman..... Syracuse Section awards advisor
 Kurt Lavin..... Syracuse Section first aid advisor
 Glenn Litchfield..... 1980 Olympic Patrol; CNY Region legal advisor
 Bob Lenseth..... Syracuse Red Cross Safety Programs director
 Jay Linkletter..... 1980 Olympic Patrol
 Herb Issacs..... Syracuse Section public relations advisor
 Ron Marks..... PL Mystic Mt.
 Tony Martin..... CNY Region treasurer
 Jeff Paston..... Syracuse SC; ASC; Syracuse Section public
 information, ski safety advisor; CNY Region
 public information, ski safety, awards advisor;
 Region historian; Distinguished Service Award
 2018
 Curt Paye..... Syracuse ASC; T&T Administrator
 Joe Procopio..... PL Drumlins
 Mark Procopio..... CNY Region Instructor Development coordinator;
 Region Radio & Communications Advisor
 Fred Pullus..... Eastern Div. mountaineering instructor #4 (1969);
 Syracuse Section ASC- first aid; mountaineering
 advisor; Syr. Red Cross First Aid Cmte. chair
 Jeff Sergent..... PL Highland Forest; Region MTR Advisor
 Joy (Eberhardt) Sisto... PL Skaneateles
 Bob Sloan..... Song APL
 Warren Smith..... Cayuga County Red Cross Safety Svcs director
 Annie Smith..... CNY ARD-OEC; Region secretary
 H. Gene Smith..... Syracuse SC; ASC; Section first aid advisor;
 PL Intermont
 Sandy Stein..... Syracuse Section ASC-first aid; public relations
 advisor
 Don Wood..... PL Drumlins
 Paul Wicker..... CNY Region and Syracuse Section S&T admin-
 istrator; Section ASC

Patrol History

Song Mountain was built during 1961. At the request of the area's designer and first manager, famed ski promoter, author, coach, and instructor Otto Schniebs, an NSPS-registered patrol was formed with a meeting held Oct. 26, 1961. In December, 1961, the patrol was registered.

The stability of the patrol's first two decades and its leadership is evident by the fact it had only three patrol leaders until 1983 -- Marshall Doughty, Robert Kirk, and Bill Rogers. Rogers served 18 years and continued for a few more years as a patrol-management liaison.

A total of only eight patrol leaders have been at the helm in the patrol's 60-year history. Joe Procopio served more than 25 years. After 20 of those years, he was presented with a NSP *Distinguished Service Award* (DSA) in 2016.

Another DSA was awarded in 2018 to patroller Jeff Paston, recognizing his more than 20 years of leading the CNY Region awards program.

The patrol's extensive amount of leadership in the Syracuse Section and Central New York Region brought many recognitions.

In the 1968-69 ski season, the patrol applied for the Outstanding Ski Patrol in the Eastern Division award. It did not

win, but another attempt was made 10 years later, in which Song Mountain tied for second place with another patrol.

In 1980, the Song Mt. Ski Patrol was named "Outstanding Ski Patrol in the Eastern Division," and was placed in nomination for outstanding patrol in the NSPS, "losing" to the 1980 Olympic Ski Patrol at Lake Placid. (*Coincidentally, Song patroller Jay Linkletter served on the 1980 Olympic Patrol.*)

In 1979, patroller Doug Scharbach was awarded the Eastern Division's *William Gross Memorial Award* and a Purple Merit Star for saving the life of a man at Scharbach's place of work.

Purple Merit Stars went to patrollers Kurt Lavin and Ron Marks in 1983 for saving the life of a skier who cut his femoral artery in a collision with a fellow skier whose ski sliced into his groin.

Song Mountain is designated as a division-certified senior test site. First aid teams from the patrol won three CNY regional first aid competitions, and in 1976, won the Syracuse Section First Aid Competition held at the Onondaga Ski Club ski show at the state fairgrounds.

The patrol pioneered the use of VHF two-way radios in the
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SONG MT. (Continued from previous page)

Syracuse Section during the 1978-79 season. Radios increased the efficiency of the patrol, which numbered as many as 70 members and once covered the area day and night seven days a week. That intense schedule decreased somewhat with new area ownership in the late 1990s.

Prior to radios, trail coverage was ensured through use of a flip chart at the top of the mountain. An adjacent signal light alerted patrollers to pick up a telephone for communication to the patrol room.

The patrol developed a chairlift evacuation ladder, which was adopted by Killington ski area in Vermont; and also developed trail name/closing signs for the Song slopes. As insurance regulations changed, the ladder could no longer be used in later years.

In the early 1960s, the patrol built its own patrol room adjacent to the area's T-bars. In 1977, the patrol renovated a former maintenance garage into new patrol facilities that included a clinic, an off-duty room, and a locker room. Fire destroyed the patrol room and adjacent snowmaking barn in 1980. That year, management built a new facility on the foundation of the former structure; construction starting almost immediately after the fire.

About a year after the new patrol room was built, patroller David Warner created a special sign to hang out front.

The patrol built a "top shack" in the 2000s and named it "Walt's Place" in honor of then-former patroller Walt Manderfield. It burned down within a few years from a suspected arson. By the early 2010s, a new, larger patrol building was constructed near the top of the triple chairlift.



SAFETY ON THE SLOPES. William Rogers of Liverpool, patrol leader of the Song Mountain Ski Patrol, admires the "Outstanding Ski Patrol" wall plaque presented to the Syracuse Section of the National Ski Patrol System last evening by Robert Klos of Manlius, Central New York Region director of the National Ski Patrol System. Song Mountain's 70-member patrol won the award over the Eastern Division's 300 patrol units, composed of 8,000 members. The Song Mountain patrollers also are in contention as the nation's top patrol in the National Ski Patrol System. That award will be announced next month at Stratton Mountain, Vt.



Manderfield had suffered one of the worst on-duty injuries at the time in the Syracuse Section on Feb. 21, 1973.

He fell on sheet ice and wrapped around a snow-making pipe for which the protecting hay bales had reportedly been removed by youths building a jump. Internal injuries kept the 63-year-old Manderfield in the hospital for three months. His accident was instrumental in shaping workmen's compensation rules for ski patrollers in New York State.

In 1979, Song Mt. management decided it would designate its patrol leader, so Bill Rogers accepted the position of Patrol Director, ending years of electing a patrol leader.

The Song patrol was a source for numerous first aid and OEC instructors and administrators through the years. In the 2000s, Bob Sloan, Mark Procopio, Tom Hughes, and Arnie Caddick served as Instructor Trainer/Evaluators, ensuring quality CNY Region OEC courses and refreshers.

Song Mountain was opened in 1961 and operated by the Chapman family and its Chapman Lumber Company of Syracuse. By the late 1970s, son Chris Chapman was general manager.

During the 1996-97 season, a chlorination machine on the area's well stopped working. As a result, about 1,500 people got sick from contaminated water, apparently used in the ice-making machine. The bad publicity, a high debt load, and pressure from creditors led Chris Chapman to sell the mountain.

A trio of investors – E. Philip Saunders, Gary Profetta, and Richard Sykes – purchased Song Mountain in 1998 and hired two managers. (Saunders was a well-known Rochester-area entrepreneur who owned Sugar Creek convenience stores, Griffith Oil, and Swain Ski Resort, among other companies. Profetta was a principal of The Ski Company stores. Sykes owned RMSCO, a risk management and insurance company.)

Their ownership didn't last long. In 2000, they sold Song to Peter Harris, owner of Snow Ridge. Until Harris divested himself of Snow Ridge in 2006, Song pass holders could participate in inter-area discounts and promotions. When Harris purchased Labrador in 2014, season pass holders again enjoyed an inter-area pass good at either mountain.

Ski Patrol building at top of the mountain in 2013.



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FRONT: Fred Ferguson, Mary Ann (Katopes) Lewis, Wendy Bethel, Walt Manderfield, Chuck Dozier, Jeff Paston.

ROW 2: Dick Charles, Miles Murphy, Edie Cook, Shirley Gallinger, Vern Williams, Bill Rogers, Gene Smith.

ROW 3: Joann Mahalick, Brian Wood, Jim Heller, Kay Logan, Jack Hayes, Karen Krichbaum, Kurt Hill, Tom Koon, Ron Marks, Harold Hill, Howard Bethel.



FRONT: Jeff Paston, Edie Cook, Cindy Eldridge, Kurt Lavin, Neal Appleby, Fred Ferguson, Ellie Magruder, Vern Williams, Bill Perkins, Tom Liszewski, Wendy Bethel.

BACK: Tom Armstrong, Gene Smith, Don Gallinger, Chuck Dozier, Sue Current?, Chet Abend, Roger Hyndman, Walt Manderfield, Dave Klos, Joe Procopio, Jack Hayes, Stan Selwach, Karen Krichbaum, Miles Murphy, (unknown), Bill Rogers, (unknown), Harry Klodowski, John Magruder Jr., Bill Mignault, Hal Hill, John Magruder, (unknown), Ron Marks, Harold Hill, Bob Klos, Shirley Gallinger, Doug Scharbach, Marcia Schneider.

WAY BACK: Bob Foresti?, Paul Wicker, Bill Volcko, Mark McClurg, Kevin Hand?, JoAnn Mahalick, Howard Bethel, (unknown)

MYSTIC MOUNTAIN Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1961-86
Patrolled Mystic Mountain, New Woodstock, NY (590 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

- 12/61—Phyllis Kent (also serving as PL Cazenovia)
- 1963—Richard W. Proctor
- 1965—Andrew Leidal
- 1967—Bill Diefendorf
- 1/68—Andrew Cerio (left for Peace Corps duty - 2/69)
- 2/69—Robert D. Jones
- 5/69—Merrick Owens
- 1970—Harold Fradenburg
- 1973—Ronald Marks
- 1974—Christine DeVoe
- 1975—Al Chartrand*
- 1976—David Remick
- 1978—Scott Marion
- 1979—James Owen
- 1981—Don Cotogno
- 1983—Gary Litvin*
- 1984—Dick McDonald

* caretaker patrol leaders

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Bill Diefendorf.....	PL Ironwood Ridge
Bill Halsey.....	Eastern Div. OEC supervisor; CNY Region OEC coordinator; Early recipient of NSP LCA in 1995
Phyllis Kent	PL Cazenovia Ski Club
Norm Kiehle.....	Syracuse Section ski safety advisor
Andrew Leidal.....	Manager. of Mystic Mt. (1970-74)
Gary Litvin.....	Syracuse Section recruitment advisor
Dave Remick.....	PL Ironwood Ridge
Glenn Remick.....	PL Ironwood Ridge
Ron Marks.....	PL Song Mt.

Patrol History

The Mystic Mountain Ski Patrol was registered with the NSPS in December 1961 following a letter of request from Robert Friedman, president of Mystic Mt. Development Corp. Phyllis Kent, PL of Cazenovia Ski Club Patrol, agreed to also serve as PL of the new Mystic Mt. patrol.

By the late 1960s, Mystic Mt. was showing the financial strain and operating difficulties that would plague it for years to come. In late 1967, much of the patrol transferred to Ironwood Ridge due to the problems at Mystic. The patrol struggled for several more years to gain and maintain membership, but continuing operating difficulties caused another mass exodus of patrollers to other areas in 1975.

The 1975-76 patrol registration with the NSPS showed that the Mystic Mt. patrol served Toggenburg ski area near Fabius. PL Al Chartrand served as a "caretaker" patrol leader.

Mystic Mountain had gone bankrupt and the area remained closed through the 1975-76 ski season. The area was sold by the federal Small Business Administration to local developer Robert E. Lee of Cazenovia, who reopened the area by December 1976.

By 1982, the Mystic Mt. Ski Patrol joined five other Syracuse Section patrols obtaining radios to improve patroller efficiency.

The patrol once again started to gain new

members, and was maintaining its strength when weather conditions and a new set of financial problems forced Lee to return the area to the SBA just before the 1983-84 season after a number of unsuccessful attempts to sell Mystic Mountain. Again, Mystic patrol members were assigned to ski other areas (most at Toggenburg; some at Song), while a number of members transferred their membership to the other patrols and a few went inactive.

During the 1983-84 season, Section Chief Jeff Paston appointed Gary Litvin as a "caretaker" patrol leader.

In early 1984, developer Justin Green purchased the area. He put his son and daughter-in-law in charge and the facilities were extensively renovated during the year. The lodge was remodeled and snow-making capacity was expanded. With a new season planned, Paston named Dick McDonald patrol leader and Bill Halsey as APL.

Under McDonald's leadership, the patrol rapidly gained new strength. The patrol continued in existence for another year, until hard times and weather once again forced closure of Mystic Mt.

At its best, Mystic had a chairlift serving its barren northeastern-facing slope that often had difficulty holding snow; a T-bar serving its separate northwestern-facing slope/trails; and a mighty-mite lift for the beginner area.



SEE APPENDIX for MORE

SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1962-67

Patrol Leaders

1962—Donald Wood
Carol Abar (APL)

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Carol Abar.....	Syracuse Section Membership Advisor; PL Drumlins
Elt Fairbank.....	Syracuse Red Cross Safety Programs Director; Chapter Manager
Myla Greene.....	Syracuse SC; CNY RD; PL Syracuse University Ski Patrol; PL Intermont
Don Wood.....	PL Drumlins

Patrol History

The Syracuse Metropolitan Ski Patrol was formed in 1962 under the direction of Section Chief Jack Woodruff for the purpose of picking up extra patrol candidates in the section who wished to join the NSPS, and to provide section patrols with a pool of trained patrollers for substitution duty. Don Wood served as patrol leader and Carol Abar as assistant patrol leader during the patrol's existence.

The patrol was disbanded in April 1967.

CAMILLUS Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1965-2000
Patrolled Camillus East Hill; Camillus, NY (140 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1965—John J. Charles (resigned patrol 10/67)
12/67- Gerald E. Baril
1972—William D. Wells
1974—Robert Sheffield
1976—William D. Wells
1980—James Caryl, Bill Caryl
1987—Dave Bushnell, Ralph Bott

Patrol History

Camillus East Hill Ski Patrol was first registered with the NSPS in 1965 to patrol the Camillus Ski Club ski area on East Hill in the Town of Camillus. The patrol changed its name from Camillus East Hill Ski Patrol to Camillus Ski Patrol in December 1968.

Jerry Baril was a principal force behind building the patrol in the late 1960s. In 1968, Baril was named the Syracuse Section's "Outstanding Ski Patroller of the Year." During the 1971-72 season, he moved to Connecticut, where he continued his NSPS activities



by becoming Eastern Division Junior advisor.

Bill Wells took over from Baril in 1972 and continued efforts to build and maintain the patrol.

By 2000, the patrol was no longer registered, although it appears patrollers from other areas occasionally volunteered to provide coverage

The Camillus Ski Hill and its operator, Camillus Winter Sports Association, continue to operate the ski slope and a tubing center as of 2022. The area has two lifts: a rope tow for skiers, and a mighty-mite for tubers.

INTERMONT Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1966-76
Patrolled Intermont ski area, near Solon, NY, east of McGraw.
Transferred to Syracuse Section: 1967 (750 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1966—Lars Lorentzen
1967—Fred Haynes
1968—Myla Greene
1970—Jay E. Anderson
1971—Richard Wessels
1973—H. Gene Smith
1974—Kay Seibert
1975—Dean Ottaway

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Dick Charles..... developed NSP "Rusty" St. Bernard dog mascot
Jack Charles..... Syracuse ski store operator; PL Camillus
John Derbyshire..... PL Skaneateles
Lynn Dodge..... Syracuse Section treasurer; Syracuse SC
Myla Greene..... CNY RD; Syracuse SC; PL SU
Bob Lenseth..... Syracuse Red Cross Safety Programs director
Lars Lorentzen..... PL Onondaga Ski Club patrol
Kay Seibert..... Syracuse Section secretary, public information advisor
H. Gene Smith..... Syracuse SC; ASC; first aid advisor
Fred Thrane..... designed NSP St. Bernard dog mascot
Gail Wagner..... Syracuse Section secretary

Patrol History

Intermont started out to be an area in size and vertical drop that would compete with Greek Peak and Song Mt., but financial and operating problems began to plague the area in the early 1970s. The area was reached by way of McGraw and Solon, NY, east of Cortland.

The area was unique as a top-to-bottom area. The lodge was at the top of the mountain. There were two T-bars, one serving an expert "bowl" area, and the other serving a beginner area. A chairlift served the entire mountain with all trails arriving at its base.

The top-to-bottom chairlift required operators to keep the lift running so patrollers conducting sweep could be returned to the top. In the event of an injury, patrollers had to load the toboggan and its patient onto a chair for the trip to the top lodge and patrol room.

In later years, an access road was built to a small lodge at the base of the area. The base access placed Intermont only seven miles south of Labrador Mt. and Truxton. That advantage ended when financial problems meant no payments to the owner of the road right of way. The road was closed.

Another issue was that Intermont reportedly had limited snowmaking capabilities.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) purchased Intermont in a foreclosure auction in 1972 and let the area operate for another two years with hopes of selling it quickly.

It was finally sold to an Illinois-based shipping magnate who bought it for his family in 1975 after vandals damaged the lodge and facilities, reducing the property's value.

The patrol was formed in 1966 and was initially registered with the Southern Tier Section, transferring to the Syracuse Section in 1967. Lars Lorentzen, its first patrol leader, came from the disbanding Onondaga Ski Club Ski Patrol.

Although its existence was short, Intermont's patrol made its mark on the Syracuse Section. During the 1969-70 ski season, the patrol won the "Outstanding Patrol in the Syracuse Section" award.

PL Myla Greene prepared an excellent comprehensive patrol operations manual, ideas from which were shared with the section and other patrols.

With Intermont closing in 1974, patrollers started transferring to Labrador, Toggenburg, Song Mt., and Innsbruck USA. The entire patrol had transferred by the 1975-76 season. PL Dean Ottaway registered the patrol with only his name as caretaker for patrol property.



SEE APPENDIX for MORE

IRONWOOD RIDGE Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1967-77

Patrolled Ironwood Ridge, located on Oran-Delphi Road south of Oran, NY (500 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1967—Bill Diefendorf

1975—David Remick

1976—Glenn Remick

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Bill Diefendorf..... PL Mystic Mt.

Andy Leidal..... PL Mystic Mt.; Mystic Mt. Manager (1970-74)

Peter Reynolds..... owner of Ironwood Ridge

Patrol History

The Ironwood Ridge Ski Patrol was formed in October 1967. The ski area suffered from a chronic lack of snow cover and financial difficulties.

Ironwood Ridge was built by Syracuse car dealer Peter Reynolds and others. Its location in the Town of Pompey along Oran-Delphi Road provided extremely steep terrain with winding trails.

It had a T-bar and two mighty-mites. Particularly unusual was a rope tow at the summit to pull skiers across a flat area so they could access additional trails.

The area was finally closed in 1977. A majority of the patrol was absorbed into the Mystic Mt. Ski Patrol.

SEE APPENDIX for MORE

SYRACUSE SECTION NORDIC Ski Patrol

First registered with NSPS: 1978

Registered with NSPS: 1979-97

Patrol Leaders

1978 — Robert Rock

1979-97—Arvo Tars

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Arvo Tars.....	Syracuse Section ASC—Nordic T&T
Russell Little.....	CNY Parks & Rec. Commission Asst. Regional Manager
Nancy Barney.....	Park caretaker—CNY Parks and Recreation Commission

Patrol History

An early attempt was made to have a Nordic ski patrol in the Syracuse Section by SC Ben Hedges. No patrol was ever formed, but Hedges attended training sessions and participated in patrol activities in New England during the 1970s.

SC Barbara Gerber first registered the Syracuse Section Nordic Ski Patrol in October 1978 with Robert Rock of the State University College at Oswego as patrol leader. Rock, National #895 and former Western Massachusetts Section chief, had planned to recruit patrollers through Scouting's Explorer program. The APL was Richard Weber. Nothing further developed with the patrol at that time.

Despite Weber's early enthusiasm for starting the patrol, his ownership of a cross-country ski store took too much of

his time, and his interest in the project waned.

Under SC Gene Smith's administration, ASC Jeff Paston pushed for the establishment of the patrol in 1979. He recruited Arvo Tars, an associate of Weber's, as patrol leader. The patrol was registered in December 1979 and grew under Tars' guidance.

The patrol served two areas — Green Lakes State Park, and Highland Forest county park.

In 1982, Highland Forest got its own Nordic patrol. The Syracuse Section Nordic patrol continued to serve Green Lakes and various events, including the annual Tug Hill Tourathon in northern New York State.

The patrol went out of existence when it did not register for the 1997-98 season.

HIGHLAND FOREST NORDIC Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1982
Patrols Highland Forest County Park near Fabius, NY

Patrol Leaders

1982—Michael Wright
1984—Robert Stenger
1988—Pam Mead
1991—Nancy Bridges
1994—Joe Homola
1997—Peter Oster
2002—Pam Mead
2004—Joe Homola
2007—Gary Bustos
2017—Jeff Sargent
2020—Doug Howe

Patrol History

The Highland Forest Nordic Ski Patrol evolved from the Syracuse Section Nordic patrol. The patrol exclusively serves Highland Forest County Park, located near the former Toggenburg ski area and Village of Fabius in southeastern Onondaga County.

Early in its existence, the patrol proved its worth in a joint search and rescue drill in the 1980s with Onondaga County Parks personnel and police, and the sheriff's department helicopter.

By the 2000s, the patrol had distinguished itself as a leader in Eastern Division Nordic training and events, and was recipient of a number of NSP honors.

The patrol covers a park of 2,700 acres with over 30 miles of beginner to advanced cross country ski trails, 6 miles of skate loops, 27 miles of snowshoeing and hiking trails, and 30 miles of beginner to advanced mountain bike trails. In 2016, the patrol had 15 members.

Over the years, Highland patrollers have served as Region advisors, NSP instructors, and become involved with search and rescue organizations.

To meet the increasing need for back country awareness, safety, and education, the patrol has offered clinics based upon the NSP Mountaineering program, as well as courses to professionals and the public in ski enhancement, low angle rescue, rope skills, GPS, tracking, map and compass, fire building, wilderness first aid, and grid search.

The patrol has been involved when the park hosted the state Special Olympics, national and regional snowshoe races, winter and summer camps, moonlight skis, Nordic Master clinics, and MTR classes.

Patrollers using OEC and MTR skills have assisted local SAR groups in a live recovery of a lost hiker, and recovery of

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Lucy Hawkins.....	Liaison with Onondaga County Parks; Eastern Division Outstanding Nordic Patroller Award for the Year 2015
Joe Homola.....	CNY Region Mtn. Travel & Rescue advisor
Pam Mead.....	CNY Region OEC administrator; Eastern Division AI Pels Outstanding Alumni Award for the Year 2016
Jeff Sargent.....	CNY Region Mtn. Travel & Rescue advisor; Eastern Division Outstanding Nordic Instructor for the Year 2016
Rob Winter.....	CNY Region Nordic advisor; Eastern Division Pete Snyder Outstanding Nordic Ski Patroller of the Year 2016

the body of a missing man.

With application of ongoing public education programs instituted by the patrol, the number of SAR incidents at the park was reduced by half.

In 2016, Highland Forest and two of its patrollers received three top ski patrol awards. The patrol was presented the Eastern Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol Award and a Unit Citation for being nominated for the National Outstanding Nordic Patrol.

Member Rob Winter was awarded the Pete Snyder Outstanding Nordic Ski Patroller in the Eastern Division, and received a Silver Merit Star for being runner-up for the National award.

Patrol alumnus Pam Mead received the AI Pels Outstanding Alumni Patroller Award for her continuing work as CNY Region OEC coordinator and instructor.

A year earlier (2015), Lucy Hawkins received the Eastern Division Outstanding Nordic Patroller Award for her work as a liaison between the patrol and Onondaga County Parks, and a Merit Star for being runner-up for the National outstanding recognition.

Highland patroller Seth Stucker was cited in 2019 with a Purple Merit Star for saving the lives of two unprepared college students while he was hiking in the Adirondacks. He found the pair suffering from hypothermia and provided them with shelter, extra warm layers, food, and a warming fire.

Patrol leader Jeff Sargent was honored as Eastern Division Outstanding Nordic Instructor in 2020, and his predecessor Gary Bustos received a Yellow Merit Star in 2017 for his 11 years of leading the patrol. Alumnus Susie Turner received a Yellow Merit Star in 2020 for her work as patrol awards coordinator between 2014 and 2019.



Highland Forest patrol receiving Eastern Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol award in 2016. **Front:** PL Gary Bustos, 2015 ED Outstanding Nordic Patroller Lucy Hawkins, Susie Turner, Nigel Dyson-Hudson, and 2016 ED Outstanding Alumni Pam Mead. **Back:** Peter Tigh, Highland Forest Park Manager Brian Kelley, Hattie Beck-Andersen, 2016 ED Outstanding Nordic Patroller Rob Winter, David Middleton, and CNY Region Awards Advisor Jeff Paston.

OSWEGO COUNTY Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS in 1941 before the Syracuse Section was formed.

Patrol Leader

1941— Harry E. Lee

There is no record of any activity or further registration of this patrol since.

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY Ski Patrol

Founded c.1947

Transferred in 1949 to Lowville Section at request of Syracuse SC Ben Hedges

Patrolled St. Lawrence University Snow Bowl, located near South Colton, NY (300 foot vertical)

SEE APPENDIX for MORE

FOUR SEASONS Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1/72 and 6/72.

Located in Oswego County near Altmar, NY

Patrol Leader

1972—Gordon Scofield

No patrol activity as only PL registered.

OSWEGO COLLEGE Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 11/63 and 6/65

Patrolled Fallbrook Ski Area at State University College at Oswego

Patrol Leader

1963—Marcia J. Spaeth

No patrol activity as only PL registered.

FALLBROOK SKI AREA Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 11/70 for 70-71 season

Patrolled Fallbrook Ski Area at State University College at Oswego

Patrol Leaders

1970—Herbert Kushner
Fred Fergerson (APL)

VAN BUREN CENTRAL PARK Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 10/75

Located near Baldwinsville, NY

Patrol Leader

1975—Michael Perrotto (*Dir. of Parks and Rec.*)

Patrol History

The Town of Van Buren registered a ski patrol in 1975 for its ski hill at Central Park with only the director of parks and recreation as a member. Volunteers from various Syracuse Section patrols provided coverage for the year or two that the ski area operated.

Ski Areas not registered with NSP SYRACUSE SECTION

CARDIFF GIANT Ski Patrol

An attempt was made to start a patrol in 1962 and 1963 in the Town of LaFayette, NY.

90 ACRES Ski Patrol

An attempt was made to start a patrol in 1963 at 90 Acres Ski Area near Fayetteville, NY. The area is still in business as "Four Seasons," but there is no record that any patrol activity got underway there.

POMPEY HILLS

An attempt was made to organize a ski patrol in 1975 to serve the Pompey Hills Country Club near Pompey, NY. While patrollers from Syracuse Section patrols volunteered to cover the area during its one year of operation, no patrol was ever registered.

WEST GENESEE HILL Ski Patrol

An attempt was made to start a patrol in 1963.
This was finally registered as the Camillus Ski Club Patrol in 1965.

SOUTHERN TIER SECTION

The Southern Tier Section was formed about 1946 to cover ski patrols at areas in south central New York State (Cortland-Binghamton-Elmira areas). At the time, however, there was only one ski area and one patrol: Cortland Ski Patrol, serving a hill on Rt. 281 across from the Cortland Country Club just outside that Cortland.

In its earliest days, the Southern Tier Section was part of the Metropolitan Region (now Southern New York Region) of the NSPS. In 1953, the section was transferred into the Central New York Region.

Ken Archibald was the first section chief, a position he held until 1960. Archibald, an employee of the telephone company, was instrumental in forming the area's second public ski slope, *Snow Crest*. The Cortland patrol moved to the new area in 1947 from the Rt. 281 site. When *Greek Peak* was opened in 1958, Archibald was among the directors. The Cortland patrol also took on the responsibility of serving the new area.

Another patrol formed in the section during the 1950s was the Elmira Ski Patrol, which served *Harris Hill*, about 20 miles from Elmira. The Elmira patrol also helped patrol Greek Peak in that area's first year of operation. When *Snow Crest* closed in 1960, the Cortland patrol became the Greek Peak Ski Patrol. The Elmira patrol remained registered with the NSPS until 1961.

Jack Huntley became both section chief and Greek Peak patrol leader in 1960. In 1967, the Eastern Division administration ruled that officers cannot hold two administrative positions, so Huntley gave up the SC job.

Jerry Gwin served as SC for the next 11 years and was replaced in 1978 by Tom Lipa.

During 1965, 1966, and 1967, seven ski patrols were registered in the Southern Tier Section, the highest number ever reached by the section. In all, 14 separate patrols (not including name changes) have been registered with the section over the years; most of these during the mid and late 1960s. Patrols included Cortland/Greek Peak, Elmira, Thunderbird, Smith Hill, Montrose Ski Bowl/Spruce Run, Vestal Ski Club, Little Innsbruck/Innsbruck USA, Tall Timber, Tutelow Creek, Intermont, Pinnacle, Trainer Hill, Skaneateles, and Labrador.

Ski areas in the section had been plagued by management and financial problems throughout the years. Most of the areas were closed by the early 1970s; Pinnacle by 1977. Only Greek Peak remained, and only the Greek Peak and Innsbruck patrols were still registered in 1981. (The Innsbruck patrol served Greek Peak, since Innsbruck USA had closed in 1973).

In 1982, because of the lack of patrols in the section, the Eastern Division and Central New York Region administration acted to increase the number of patrols. Trainer Hill (Colgate University) was transferred from Headwaters Section, and plans were implemented to create a new Binghamton Nordic patrol. Pinnacle reopened in 1982 and its patrol was briefly reactivated. The Nordic and Pinnacle patrols didn't hang on for long.

Again in 1984, only Greek Peak remained, so Skaneateles Ski Patrol was transferred from the Syracuse Section, followed by Labrador Mt. a year later.

In 1996, the Southern Tier and Syracuse sections merged to form the Iroquois Section.

SOUTHERN TIER SECTION

Founded: c.1946 (*Metropolitan Region*)
Transferred to Central New York Region 1953
Merged into Iroquois Section: 1996

Patrols (Date patrol registered with NSPS follows patrol name)

Binghamton Nordic (1982)

*Cortland (served Snow Crest and Greek Peak) (c. 1945-1960)**

Elmira (Harris Hill) (195x-1961)

Greek Peak (Virgil, NY) (1960)*

Innsbruck USA (Little Innsbruck) (1965)

Intermont (1966-76)#

Labrador (1960) ###

Montrose Ski Bowl/Spruce Run (Montrose, PA.)(19xx-73)

Pinnacle of NY/Addison Pinnacle (near Corning)

*(1972-1979; 1982-1983)***

Skaneateles Ski Club (1961) ##

Smith Hill (Binghamton) (1964-1967)

Tall Timber (near Elmira)(1966-67)

Thunderbird (Binghamton) (1968-1972)

Trainer Hill (Colgate University) (1962-1991)^

Tutelow Creek (in PA. near Waverly, NY) (1965-67)

Vestal Ski Club (1964 only)

* Cortland Ski Patrol served area near Cortland NY on Rt. 281 across from Cortland Country Club starting about 1945. That area closed and Snow Crest on Page Green Road opened in 1947. In January 1958, Greek Peak opened and the Cortland Ski Patrol with aid of Elmira Ski Patrol served both Snow Crest and Greek Peak. Snow Crest closed in 1960 and the patrol has since exclusively served Greek Peak.

** Pinnacle of NY ski area closed in 1978. Corning YMCA used hill for ski instruction in 1979. Area reopened on three-day week schedule in 1982-83, and patrol reactivated.

Transferred to Syracuse Section, 1967

Transferred from Syracuse Section, 1984

Transferred from Syracuse Section, 1985

^ Transferred from Headwaters Section: 1982 (*Hill closed in 1991*)

Section Chiefs

c1946-1960 Kenneth Archibald

1960-1967 Jack Huntley +

1967-1978 Jerry D. Gwin

1978-1982 Thomas Lipa

1982-1985 Michael Blomfield-Brown

1985-9/91 Phillip Stevens

9/91-1996 Marilyn Nickerson

+ Huntley had been both section chief and Greek Peak patrol leader in 1960. In 1967, Eastern Division administration ruled that officers could not hold two administrative positions, so Huntley gave up the SC job.

CORTLAND / GREEK PEAK Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: c.1945
Patrolled Snow Crest until 1960 (220 foot vertical);
Registered as Greek Peak Ski Patrol in 1960 (952 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1945—Ken Archibald
1953—John Doll
1959—Larry Potter
1960—Jack Huntley
1982—Don Moran
1984—Roberta Fox Gamel
1986—Dr. George Henegar
1987—Tom Lipa
1994—Don Moran
1995—John Megivern
2000—Paul Collin
2003—Sue Gillis*
2003—John Megivern
2014—Mark Whitmore
2018—Spence Blomfield-Brown

*Served only part of year

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Ken Archibald.....	SC Southern Tier
Michael Blomfield-Brown	SC Southern Tier
Larry Close.....	NSP Hall of Fame honoree; Region Certified Advisor
Arnie Caddick	Region OEC Advisor
John Doll (Jr.).....	CNY Region Sr. OET coordinator
Jack Huntley.....	SC Southern Tier
Mitch Kline.....	CNY Region Bike Patrol advisor; PL Greek Peak Bike Patrol; NSP Outstanding Bike Patroller of the Year 2020; Eastern Division Bike Patroller of the Year 2020
Tom Lipa.....	CNY RD
John Megivern.....	CNY Region Certified advisor
Marilyn Nickerson.....	SC Southern Tier
Bill Perkins.....	ARD-OET, CNY Region OET advisor
Marsha Powell.....	CNY Region OEC advisor
Mike Sedlak.....	CNY Region Webmaster
Brad Van Brunt.....	CNY Region S&T (OET) advisor
Armand Wimmer.....	PL Vestal Ski Club patrol

Patrol History

The Greek Peak Ski Patrol can trace its lineage back to about 1945, when the Cortland Ski Patrol was formed. According to newspaper accounts from the *Cortland Standard*, a ski area was opened on Route 281 outside Cortland by district forester James D. Kennedy in late 1945. The area was small and featured a rope tow. However, Kennedy and others wanted a larger ski area for the public than this one opposite the Cortland Country Club.

Kenneth Archibald, who was the Cortland patrol's first PL and the Southern Tier Section's first SC, along with Dr. Edward Higgins, Russell Parsons, Porter Bennett, and Robert Thompson (later to become president of Greek Peak), found a site on the Lang farm on Page Green Road four miles south of Cortland in the Town of Virgil. The rope tow was moved from the Rt. 281 site to the farm, and Snow Crest ski area was born in the Fall of 1947.

The area grew and night lighting was installed. It was served by the Cortland Ski Patrol under the direction of Archibald. In 1953, John Doll of Dryden became the patrol's PL. By 1956, at the recommendation of Thompson, the Cortland Ski Club, operator of Snow Crest, set up a committee to develop an even larger ski area in Virgil.

Greek Peak Inc. was formed by the end of 1956. After a year of construction, the new area was opened on Saturday, Jan. 11, 1958. The Cortland Ski Patrol was supplemented by

the eight-man Elmira Ski Patrol headed by John Tewey so that adequate coverage could be provided to both Greek Peak and Snow Crest.

The 10-man Cortland patrol included APL Harold Armstrong, Chip Armstrong, Larry Potter, Jim Metzger, Peter Leonelli and Henry Halstead, all from Cortland; Doll from Dryden; and three others from Binghamton, the newspaper account reported at Greek Peak's opening.

Snow Crest continued in existence for two more years as a supplement to Greek Peak. Larry Potter succeeded Doll as PL. Snow Crest closed in 1960. The patrol – now registered as Greek Peak Ski Patrol – exclusively served Greek Peak. In 1960, Jack Huntley became both PL and section chief. Huntley served as SC until an Eastern Division ruling in 1967 forbid holding more than one office. He remained as Greek Peak's PL for 22 years.

The Greek Peak patrol hosted the annual Eastern Division Fall Forum, a major leadership conference, on behalf of the Central New York Region in 1984. Traditionally a program of meetings, seminars, and clinics, the 1984 edition offered a full fall refresher for those attending.

The Greek Peak patrol has distinguished itself over the years by providing leadership to the division, region and section. Most section officers and advisors came from Greek

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GREEK PEAK (Continued from previous page)

Peak, and numerous region advisors have been members of the patrol. The ski area itself has grown into a major ski resort with multiple chairlifts, condominiums and summer recreation facilities.

Greek has 56 trails, six chair lifts, two surface lifts, a beginners' slope, and terrain parks. The area operates all year. In the spring, summer, and fall, Greek Peak offers mountain biking, a zip line, an Alpine slide, and an indoor water park. It operates a hotel and three restaurants.

A result of this growth gave rise to the Greek Peak Bike Patrol in 2016. The Bike Patrol leader, Mitch Kline, had been a nationally recognized promoter of mountain bike patrolling and was named the NSP's National Outstanding Bike Patroller in 2020.

Another distinguished achievement by the patrol was being named the Outstanding Ski Patrol in the NSP Eastern Division twice in its history: 1966 and 1993. In both cases, Greek Peak was placed in nomination for Outstanding Patrol in the National Ski Patrol System. It placed third in the nation in 1966.

Former Patrol Leader, Section Chief, and Region Director Tom Lipa was honored with a Meritorious Service Award in 2014 for his extensive NSP leadership. Greek Peak patrollers Munna Rubaii and Spence Blomfield-Brown were recognized with NSP *Distinguished Service Awards* in 2016 for their longtime service to the patrol.

In 2009, a *Purple Merit Star* was awarded to Frank Martinez, and *Blue Merit Stars* to Ted Fendick and Dan Hogan for their life-saving skills on a 71-year-old skier who was unconscious and later diagnosed with a severe C-2 fracture.

A similar accident a week later resulted in a *Purple Merit Star* to patroller David Lord for saving a 17-year-old skier with a severe spinal fracture at the area's terrain park. *Blue Merit Stars* were awarded to Steve Starner, Dan Hogan, Ted Fendick, and Frank Martinez for their work on this accident.

Greek patroller John Davidson, working as a volunteer counselor at a Cortland rehab center, saved a choking resident by using the Heimlich maneuver. Davidson was awarded a *Purple Merit Star* in 2012.

In 2013, a team of weekday patrollers saved a Greek Peak employee who was pinned under a groomer that had fallen on him in the maintenance garage. The employee was

unconscious and not breathing when Dan Warfield, Frank Martinez, and Ted Fendick arrived. The patrollers were each awarded a *Purple Merit Star* for their actions. They were also honored with the Eastern Division's *William Gross Award* for outstanding emergency care.

Bike patrollers Larry Close and Eric Ludewig received the CNY Region's *Critical Care Award* for their treatment and extrication of a fellow bike patroller on Labor Day weekend, 2017. While on duty, the patroller went into heavily wooded glades and was found with multiple injuries, including eight broken ribs, fractured clavicle and scapula, and possible punctured lung.

Exceptional emergency care "under difficult circumstances" was recognized when the *Critical Care Award* was presented to patrollers David Lord, Michael Terboss, and Patrick Sullivan for treating a 14-year-old boy who slammed into and wrapped around a pole and embedded himself into a thorn bush, breaking his femur in December, 2018.

Larry Close's years of leadership in various NSP roles earned him a place on the NSP's *Hall of Fame* in 2020.

Also in 2020, Mitch Kline was awarded the first ever Eastern Division and National Outstanding Bike Patroller of the Year awards, recognizing his leadership in organizing Greek Peak's Bike Patrol, and his contributions to the Division and National Bike Patrol programs. Mitch had served as Greek's Bike Patrol Leader since 2016, and the Region Bike Patrol advisor since 2018.

Greek Peak experienced serious financial problems made worse by mild winters and its primary lender, a Tennessee bank, closing its doors. By 2012, the mountain had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. In March, 2013, Elmira businessmen John Meier and Marc Stemerman bought the area in a private auction for \$7.5 million, including back taxes.

After investing another \$10 million into the area, Meier and his wife Christine bought out Stemerman in 2019. Coincidentally, Meier and Stemerman had purchased Toggenburg in Fabius in 2015. But, after operating the two areas for six years, the Meiers announced that they wanted to concentrate their efforts on Greek Peak and sold Toggenburg in 2021.

SEE APPENDIX for MORE

ELMIRA Ski Patrol

Registered with NSP mid-1950s to 1961
Patrolled Harris Hill near Elmira (250 foot vertical), Snow Crest, and Greek Peak

Patrol Leader

1958—John Tewey

Patrol History

Following WWII, the Elmira Winter Sports Club was formed. With cooperation from Chemung County, three trails and one slope were cut on Harris Hill. There was a rope tow operating in the 1950s next to the main slope. A run-off trail into the valley was skiable *when the necessary snow fell*. The area continues today as a county park with hiking, picnic venues, and cross country

skiing available. A small amusement park has operated nearby since 1947, and the valley area is widely known for sailplane soaring operations and the National Sailplane Museum.

The patrol reportedly had eight members when skiing ended at Harris Hill. In 1958, the patrol assisted in coverage at Snow Crest and the new Greek Peak south of Cortland.

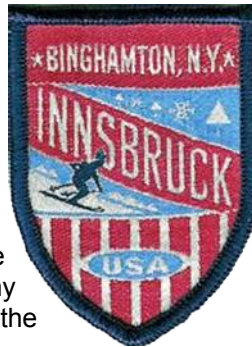
INNSBRUCK USA Ski Patrol

Registered with NSP 1965-1978
Patrolled Innsbruck USA south of Binghamton (475 foot vertical); Greek Peak

Patrol History

The Innsbruck USA Ski Patrol joined the NSP when the area was opened around 1965. When Innsbruck USA abruptly closed in 1978, its patrollers transferred – a few to Elk Mountain and a few to Greek Peak.

The ski area offered 11 trails and three open slopes served by two T-bars, a J-bar, and a rope tow. It closed in 1978 when the power company reportedly shut off electricity for non-payment. In the



years since, the area has been an undeveloped Broome County park called *Aqua-Terra* suitable for ATVs, mountain biking, and hiking. The former ski lodge was burned down by vandals.

SEE APPENDIX for MORE

MONTROSE SKI BOWL Ski Patrol

Registered with NSP until 1973
Patrolled Montrose Ski Bowl/Spruce Run near Montrose, PA

Patrol History

Montrose Ski Bowl near Montrose, Pennsylvania, opened in 1935. The area was also known as Spruce Run over the years. Its patrol was included in the Southern Tier Section during the 1960s. As records are difficult to locate, it is unknown when the patrol first registered. The area closed in 1973. At that time, a few of its patrollers transferred to Innsbruck USA, and a

few more moved to Greek Peak, according to former Section Chief Mike Blomfield-Brown.

Based upon Internet sources, Montrose Ski Bowl was apparently quite popular in the days before large mountain resorts attracted skiers away. The area had about six trails and two open slopes served by two rope tows.

PINNACLE Ski Patrol

Registered with NSP 1972-79 and 1982-83
Patrolled Pinnacle of NY/Addison Pinnacle in Town of Addison near Corning (700 foot vertical)

Patrol Leader: John Paul Pierce

Patrol History

A patrol served Pinnacle State Park when downhill skiing was offered starting in 1972. The area continued operating until 1978. The Cornell YMCA reportedly continued using the slopes to teach skiing in 1979. The patrol was reactivated for the 1982-83 season when the ski area was reopened.

Patrol Leader John Paul Pierce was Pinnacle's only

patroller during the area's last years, according to former Section Chief Mike Blomfield-Brown. Pierce, curator of the Corning Glass Museum worked to get Corning Glass Works to subsidize Pinnacle, Brown said.

The ski area operated at the park's nine-hole golf course and was served by a rope tow, a T-bar, and a Poma lift. In the 2000s, Pinnacle had become a Steuben County park.

SEE APPENDIX for MORE

COLGATE UNIVERSITY Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1962-1991
Transferred from Headwaters Section in 1982
Patrolled Trainer Hill on Colgate campus in Hamilton, NY (370 foot vertical)

Trainer Hill was operated by the Colgate University Outing Club and featured an open slope and three trails serviced by a T-bar and a rope tow. The patrol was made up of Colgate University students.

SMITH HILL Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1964-1967
Patrolled Smith Hill in Nimmonsburg just north of Binghamton (140 foot vertical)

Smith Hill had three slopes on the site of the former Nimmonsburg Club off Smith Hill Road and two rope tows. The area was open weekends, and on Tuesday and Thursday nights during the season.

VESTAL SKI CLUB Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1964 only
Patrolled Vestal Ski Club south of Vestal
Patrol Leader: Armin Wimmer

During the early 1960s, the club reportedly operated with one rope tow and was open Tuesday and Thursday nights, and weekends. Its patrol apparently registered only for 1964. Patrol leader Armin Wimmer transferred to Innsbruck USA, and then to Greek Peak.

TUTELOW CREEK Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1965-1967
Patrolled ski area near Sayre, PA

No further information located.

TALL TIMBER Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1966-1967
Patrolled area in Town of Van Etten near Horseheads and Elmira (400 foot vertical)

Tall Timber opened in 1966 with six trails, a T-bar and a rope tow. Operation continued as *Van Etten Recreation Area* until 1973 under Town of Van Etten Recreation Department. When the area closed, patrol members joined Greek Peak patrol.

SEE APPENDIX for MORE

THUNDERBIRD Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1968-1972
Patrolled Thunderbird Ski Area near Binghamton (485 foot vertical)

Thunderbird offered three slopes and one trail served by three rope tows. A lack of natural snow and not having snowmaking brought an end to the area after only four seasons.

BINGHAMTON NORDIC Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1982
Patrol Leader: Terry Cribs

Greek Peak patroller Terry Cribs tried to organize a Nordic ski patrol and registered it in 1982 with himself as PL.

IROQUOIS SECTION

The nature and structure of the National Ski Patrol had been evolving and changing over the years, so by the 21st century, many past traditions and procedures had become obsolete or ineffective. Among those changes was the section-level structure.

It had become obvious through the 1970s, '80s, and '90s that keeping a ski area in business was a tough proposition due to changing weather and financial conditions. Nowhere was this more obvious than in the Southern Tier Section, where areas and patrols came and went – mostly “*went*.” For most of its later years, the section had only one patrol – Greek Peak.

Eastern Division leaders, specifically DD John Clair, tried to remedy this imbalance of patrols and patrol members in the CNY Region sections by moving patrols from the “powerful” Syracuse Section.

For decades, the Syracuse Section operated much like a region with its own training programs and advisors. The Syracuse Section had once reached some 400 members and 11 patrols, exceeding numbers in many NSPS regions.

In 1984, the Skaneateles patrol was moved from Syracuse to the Southern Tier Section in an effort to boost

numbers. A year later, the Labrador patrol was also moved south.

By 1996, the numbers in both the Syracuse and Southern Tier sections were not so great in an era of diminishing strength and function of sections. (About a decade earlier, the Genesee Valley Section in Western New York was made into a two-section region.) It was decided the CNY Region could justify a need for only two sections, so the Syracuse and Southern Tier sections were merged into a new *Iroquois Section*, named in honor of the native American confederacy that is/was headquartered in Central New York state. Iroquois Section joined the Headwaters Section in forming the CNY Region.

The new section continued to hold monthly meetings, but programs once left to the sections were restored to the region level. The meetings eventually were reduced in number to almost none at all. By the 21st century, even the need for the section chief title was unnecessary, so section chiefs became *assistant region directors* for the respective sections, and an annual region meeting generally covered the needs of present day ski patrol administration. Eventually, the ARD position no longer corresponded to a section location, but rather leadership for a training program (OEC and OET).

IROQUOIS SECTION

Founded: 1996

Created from merger of Syracuse and Southern Tier sections

Patrols (Date patrol registered with NSPS follows patrol name)

Camillus (1965-2000)

Cazenovia (c. 1960)

Greek Peak (1960)

Highland Forest Nordic (1982)

Labrador (1960)

Skaneateles (1961)

Song Mt. (1961)

Toggenburg (1958-2022)

Section Chiefs

1996-98	Ed Siegenthaler
1998-99	Peter Durdon
1999-2007*	Noel Rios
2007-2011*	John Tuttle

* By the early 2000s, the Section Chief title was eliminated and the position became "Assistant Region Director"

UTICA/HEADWATERS SECTION

The earliest published existence of the Utica Section is recorded in the first National Ski Patrol System Manual, published in 1941, in which Donald S. Rowles of Utica is listed as a section chief in the Eastern Division. Rowles was patrol leader of the Utica Ski Patrol in addition to his subsequent section chief duties. At the time, there were a number of patrols—some still in existence—in the area now known as the Headwaters Section: *the Cooperstown Ski Patrol, the Herkimer County Ski Patrol, the Old Forge Ski Patrol, the Sherrill Ski Patrol, the Rome Ski Patrol, and the Utica Ski Patrol*. (The Herkimer County patrol served the Mohawk Valley Ski Club located about five miles south of Herkimer. The patrol was headed by Dick Folts, who would later become SC and Regional Chairman. The Sherrill Ski Patrol was led by Henry Allen.)

Rowles followed the NSPS leadership in his efficient efforts to recruit new patrols to the system and new patrollers. He asked Fred Ramage of Lowville (National #488) to form a ski rescue patrol in conjunction with the Tug Hill Ski Club, of which Ramage was a member. (Ramage later formed the Snow Ridge Ski Patrol with members of this earlier patrol).

With World War II, Rowles left the patrol in 1942 to serve in the military, appointing Henry Allen of Sherrill as his successor. Allen also worked hard to expand the NSPS in Central New York. When Herkimer County patrol leader Dick Folts joined the Army Air Corp in 1943 in Portland Oregon, he also joined the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. Allen kept in touch with Folts and nominated him as a National Ski Patroller (#783) while he was with Mt. Hood. When Folts returned in 1946, Allen asked him to become Utica Section chief.

In the meantime, Allen himself had been awarded National Number 492 and was asked in 1944 by NSPS National Chairman Minnie Dole to become chairman of the New York State Region. Allen recalled that Dole wanted someone with a business background to form and head the new region.

The region, which later would be known as the Central New York Region, stretched from Albany, NY, to Cleveland, Ohio. Between 1944 and 1946, Allen served in a dual capacity; section chief and regional chairman.

The Utica Section provided the region with a number of regional chairman—Allen, Folts, and Robert Hall of Old Forge. (Hall later became Division Director).

The Central New York Region annually sponsored ski safety conferences to train first aid instructors for individual patrols, to offer first aid refresher credit to region patrollers, and in later years, to upgrade first aid skills through competition. The New York State Region held its first Ski Safety Conference in the Utica Section. Under the direction of NSP #10 Harold Gore, it was held at Old Forge on Oct. 26 and 27, 1946.

In the 1970s, the Central New York Region underwent some major changes, which directly affected the Utica Section. The region was split in 1972, and the Eastern New York Region was created. As part of the split, the Lowville Section, which had been in existence since about 1947, was itself split between the Utica and Adirondack sections, and the Utica Section became part of the Eastern New York Region.

An Eastern Division reorganization of New York State in 1977 to better balance the NSPS membership in its regions put the Utica Section back into the Central New York Region. As part of the transfer, the section had to give up its two southernmost patrols, Oneonta and Scotch Valley (to Eastern and Southern regions, respectively), but added one former Lowville Section patrol, Juniper Hills, which had been in the Adirondack Section since 1972.

Since the section had grown in size and not only covered central New York, but northern New York as well, the section changed its name in 1977 to *Headwaters* Section. (The name is in reference to the headwaters of the Black River, which flows from the Adirondacks north of Utica and Rome, northwesterly to the Watertown area and Lake Ontario).

A region realignment was again needed in 1982 to provide more patrols to the Southern Tier Section. Trainer Hill (Colgate University) was transferred from Headwaters to the Southern Tier section.

UTICA/HEADWATERS SECTION

Founded: c.1941

Part of Central New York Region 1944-72; 1977-present

Part of Eastern New York Region 1972-77

Patrols (Date patrol registered with NSPS follows patrol name)

Cooperstown (Mt. Otsego) (1939-1982)
Griffiss OAP (1993-1995)
Gunset (Gunset Snow Bowl) (c.1956-1983)
Headwaters Nordic (1980-2003)
Herkimer County (Mohawk Valley Ski Club) (c. 1940) **
Juniper Hills (Harrisville) (1966-1979) ##

Old Forge/McCauley Mt. (1938)

Oneonta (1976) ++
Pine Ridge (1972 only)
Rome +
Salmon Hills Nordic (c.1999-2003)

Scotch Valley (1970) +++
Sherrill +
Shu-Maker Mt. (1972- 2000)

Snow Ridge (1946) #

Thousand Islands Nordic (1981- 2005)
Colgate /Trainer Hill (1962-1991) ^
Utica/Val Bialas (c.1941-2010) *

Watertown (Dry Hill) (1948) ##

White Acres (Clayville) (1964-1970)
Woods Valley (1965-2020) ^^

* Utica patrol known as "Tyrolean Ski Patrol" in 1950s and early 1960s. Patrol served club area at Parkway Slopes. Name changed back to "Utica Ski Patrol" in 1963; area name changed to Val Bialis in 1965; Patrol name changed to "Val Bialis" in 1999. (Records do not show patrol registration for 1997 and '98).

** Mohawk Valley Ski & Outing Club operated 1939 to 1985, but information on patrol registration not located

Transferred from Lowville Section: 1972

Transferred from Adirondack Section, ENY Region: 1977

++ Transferred to Eastern New York Region: 1977

+++ Transferred to Southern New York Region: 1977

^ Transferred to Southern Tier Section, CNY Region: 1982

^^ Woods Valley Ski Patrol dropped its NSP affiliation in 2020

+ Believed disbanded during World War Two

Section Chiefs

c.1941-42	Donald S. Rowles
1942-46	Henry Allen <i>[also served as regional chairman when NYS Region (now CNY Region) formed in 1944]</i>
1946-53	Richard Folts
1953-61	Robert Hall
1961-67	Frederick S. Doolittle
1967-69	Milton Gutheinz
4/69-74	Fran Combar
1974-76	Fred Bennett
1976-82	Bob Gilchrist
1982-84	Paul Mullin
1985-86	George Blakeman
1986-87	Vic Stress
1987-92	Jim Smith
1992-99	Bert Ebeling
1999-2002	Jon Wilson
2002-2007*	Brian Bamberger

* By the early 2000s, the Section Chief title was eliminated and the position became "Assistant Region Director"

OLD FORGE / McCAULEY MT. Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1938
Patrolled Maple Ridge (1938-c.1991) (~167 foot vertical);
McCauley Mountain since 1958 (633 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1938—Ed Dumas
1941—Edward Risely
1943-46 PATROL INACTIVE due to WWII
1946—Robert Hall *
1956—Don Miner
1958—Charles Steiger
1964—Robert Cole
1977—Robert Oehne
1979—Ray Spies
1981—Bob McAleese
1983—John Quinn
1990—Brian Bamberger
1998—Rusty Martin

*It is unknown who filled in for Hall as PL while he served in the US Air Force during the Korean War.

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Brian Bamberger..... Headwaters SC; CNY Region ARD
Robert Hall..... Eastern Division director; Utica SC
Dee Hameline..... PL Shu-Maker;
Jim Snyder..... Headwaters S&T (OET) advisor
Dave Malone..... CNY Region legal advisor
Jon Wilson..... Headwaters SC; CNY Region Certified advisor

Patrol History

The Old Forge Ski Patrol is certainly one of the oldest ski patrols in the NSPS, first registering in 1938—the year the NSPS was formed. The patrol was listed in the first NSPS Manual in 1941 with Ed Risely Jr. (NSP #197) as PL.

According to former PL, later Section Chief, Region Chairman, and Eastern Division Director Bob Hall, the early years of the Old Forge patrol included patrolling cross-country-type trails. The patrollers were known as "Trail Sweepers" because they swept the 6-7 miles of trails, often starting as early as 2 p.m. Hall noted that winter recreation enthusiasts came to Old Forge on the New York Central Railroad snow trains.

Those early years featured a "senior patrol" and a "junior patrol" at Old Forge for those aged over 16, and those from 13-16, respectively, Hall said. "There was no first aid training as we know it today," he noted. "They were more sweepers and carried metal first aid kits on belts." The kits were made by Johnson and Johnson, he said.

During the war years (1943-1946), the patrol was inactive. After the war ended in 1946, the patrol was reactivated and reorganized by 16-year-old "senior patroller" Hall.

On Oct. 26 and 27, 1946, the patrol hosted the first New York State Region Ski Safety Conference, a forerunner to today's refreshers. The conference was organized by Harold Gore, Nat'l #10, to train first aid instructors, and to standardize first aid instruction in the region. The conference included competition to strengthen first aid skills.

Old Forge hosted a number of Ski Safety Conferences for the region until the early 1960s, when Eastern Division Fall Forums replaced the region conferences. (Conferences also were held at other region ski areas during those years).

McCauley Mountain hosted Division-level ski and toboggan training programs, including the Division Women's Ski Enhancement Program in 2009 and the Division S&T recertification clinic in 2008, attracting patrollers from throughout the North-east. These programs during the 2000s organized by Jon Wilson brought much recognition to the patrol and CNY Region, and showed off the mountain's challenging trails.

In 2011, Old Forge Ski Patrol was named the Eastern Division's *Outstanding Small Alpine Ski Patrol*, and finished in second place for the national honor in the category.

Former Patrol Leader and Headwaters Section Chief Brian Bamberger was awarded the NSP's *Distinguished Service Award* in 2019. His extensive service was recognized, noting his role in setting up annual OEC refreshers at Old Forge starting in 1990, and his CNY Region work as an OEC instructor trainer and Instructor Development trainer.

A Purple Merit Star and Blue Merit Star were awarded in 2001 for saving a skier with a broken neck.

In 2019, a team of Old Forge patrollers saved a 31-year-old man who suffered a cardiac arrest. A *Purple Merit Star* was presented to Jim Snyder; *Blue Merit Stars* were given to

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Kathleen Esty, Christy Lohof, and Dee Hameline; and *Yellow Merit Stars* went to Curt Dewey, John Draper, Terry Huey, Kevin Kogut, and Jordan Schroepfel.

The Old Forge Ski Patrol first served the Maple Ridge ski area in Old Forge during its earliest years, and has served McCauley Mountain since that ski area was opened in 1958. Both areas were operated by the Town of Webb.

The patrol name was changed to *McCauley Mt.* Ski Patrol on registrations filed from the mid-1970s to the 1990s. The name was returned to *Old Forge* Ski Patrol on registrations since.

Maple Ridge operated from 1938 to about 1991. It was mainly an open slope with a few trails taking skiers away from the main slope. As many as five rope tows served the area at various times. A T-bar was added in the early 1960s. Maple Ridge even boasted both a 40 meter and a 15 meter ski jump. Today, town operated multi-use trails cross through parts of Maple Ridge and remnants of the T-bar still exist.

McCauley Mountain was opened in 1958 and as of 2022 had 21 trails served by a double chairlift, two T-bars, and two rope tows.

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Old Forge patrollers receiving Eastern Division's *Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol Award* for 2011.

Front row, from left: Mark Hameline, Jack Bamberger, Ryan Bamberger, Deanna (Dee) Hameline.

Middle row: Annette Mahoney, Noel Rios (CNY Region Director holding the award plaque), Tim Manion.

Back row: PL Rusty Martin, James Snyder (holding a smaller plaque that remains on display at McCauley Mt.), Mike Hameline, William (Bill) Smith, Shane Sullivan, Michael Sobel, Chris Gaige, Kathleen Snyder, David Malone, and Brian Bamberger.

COOPERSTOWN Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1939-1982
Patrolled Mt. Otsego near Cooperstown (380 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1939—Dr. Francis F. Harrison
1943-1946 PATROL INACTIVE due to WWII
1946—Dr. Francis F. Harrison

* Fred Doolittle
* George Ehrmann

**Further records not available.*

Patrol History

*By George M. Ehrmann (1932-2021)
NSP #3574
From The Freeman's Journal; Feb. 17, 2011*

In the summer of 1938, Minot "Minnie" Dole of New York City and Greenwich, Conn., confided at great length with Roger Langley, who knew every name in skiing that was important. Minnie's wife Jane and their family were at the Ely Camp on Upper St. Regis Lake in the Adirondacks. It was here that Minnie Dole started forming the organizational requirements and regulations for a ski patrol.

Minnie knew that the National Red Cross in Washington, D.C., was anxious to find a way into the winter sports field. The fledgling National Ski Patrol System (NSPS) would obviously be an ideal vehicle.

A Red Cross member, Dr. C.M. Thompson, became the first NSPS medical director, and created the accident report cards to be filled out by a ski patrolman. He also wrote the original "Winter First Aid Manual," copyrighted and published in 1938, which became the NSPS bible.

In any volunteer organization, incentive and reward for outstanding and devoted service is essential. Minnie Dole came up with the idea of two different types of ski patrolmen, local and national. A local patrolman would be eligible for promotion to national when he had proven qualities of leadership, devotion to patrol work, tact in handling problems with skiers, and proven efficiency in first aid.

The 10th Mountain Division was formed because of this idea. I might add, with a great deal of pride, that our son Eric is a lieutenant colonel with the 10th, and has been deployed to the war zone twice. Our other son Greg is a retired lieutenant colonel USMC. Joyce and I are very proud of both of them.

In 1938, all existing Ski Clubs were asked to form their own ski patrols. The National Ski Patrol was coming into national existence. In November 1939, the Cooperstown Ski Club was organized with Dr. Francis F. Harrison as its first

president and he and his wife, Carlotta, went to New York City to meet with Minnie Dole and learn how to form a local ski patrol, The Cooperstown Ski Patrol. I have a picture from 1941 showing Carlotta and Francis Harrison, Les Hanson, Ed Moakler and Lu Kio.

During World War II, Mount Otsego was closed. As far as my research shows, it was started up again in the winter of 1946. The Harrisons were in charge of the ski patrol with the help of their daughters, Barbara and Ann, their son Dirck, Les Hanson and Fred Doolittle. Their daughter Barbara also helped teach skiing, and there are at least two or three other people involved, but I could not locate any records as to what their names were.

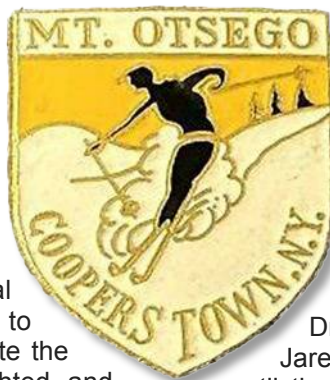
I do not have much information from the late '40s to the early '50s. After this time frame though, the following people were on the ski patrol (as far as I can remember and my research shows): Ted Fuery, Nick Sterling, Dr. James Mithofer, Dr. John Mithofer, Dr. Alfred Jaretski and Fred Doolittle.

From the middle 1950's until the area closed in the early 1980's, participants included Dr. Harrison, Fred Doolittle, Dr. James Bordley IV, Bucko Clark, myself, Bill Leslie, Sheldon Hansel, Charley Michaels, Sam Hoskins, Dr. Douglas Barnes, Dr. Rod Carter, Ed Leslie, Greg Hall (former junior patroller) and Junior Patroller Carol Ann Parshall (for a few years). Fred Doolittle was a national patroller and also served as section chief. Other national patrollers were Dr. Harrison, Bucko Clark, Harry Peplinski, Charlie Michaels and myself.

The Patrol was dedicated to helping the skiing public. We tried to take excellent care of accident victims. Skiing is a sport that is fraught with danger and you have to be careful, ski under control and know your limitations.

The Cooperstown Ski Patrol held refresher courses in winter first aid and CPR before each skiing season and during the season we would practice on the hill. I even made a 8 mm movie on first aid in February 1968, 42 years ago, which I still have in my possession. We underwent training in

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what causes an avalanche and how to probe for possible victims.

The section we were in always had competitive first aid contests, and our ski patrol always did very well.

At the start of the day, patrollers would go up the T-bar and rope tow and make sure safety gates were working, so if a skier did not let go, he or she would hit the safety gate and the tow would stop. At the end of a day's skiing, we would do a sweep of all the trails to make sure that all the skiers were down safely and not left on the hill. Dr. Steve "Mike" Jastremski worked at the T-bar and at the end of the day he would ride down on his snow shovel, quite fast I might add.

During the Cooperstown Winter Carnival, the patrol would sponsor a cross-country ski race from Mount Otsego to various places, such as the Hickory Grove Inn and Daring Dutchess (Dukes Oak). We did this with alpine skis and it was quite a race.

We had cook-outs on the weekend and I would play accordion at noon time, for a rather European atmosphere. Bucko Clark was a hang glider pilot, so sometimes when we were having a slow day we would fly hang gliders down the main slope with our skis on. The whole patrol was composed of a bunch of characters.

The injured skier we took care of got the very best of care. The patrol was made up of expert skiers who had skied the best that Europe had to offer and also out West here, in Vermont, and in New Hampshire at Tuckerman's Ravine and Mount Washington.

Other people who helped us with winter first aid were of course our wonderful physicians from Bassett Hospital, Paul Mullin (former section chief) and his assistant Dick Dunn from the Utica Ski Patrol, and Fran Combar (former section chief), Snow Ridge Ski Patrol (also one of the founders of the Otsego Sailing Club.) In my article about Mount Otsego last year I forgot to mention that Jack Mitchell also helped to transport skiers. Also Ed Gozgian, our local attorney, was a very gifted, stylish skier.

I have tried to make this history as complete as I can with the information that I have. If I have left out anything important please call it to my attention.

The winter of 1981-82 was the last year of operation for Mount Otsego. Poor winters had taken their toll. Liability insurance quadrupled in just one year, competition from the larger ski areas had increased, new equipment was considered, but in the end the financial burden was too high. Mount Otsego closed.

It was a wonderful era that is long gone, but good memories will linger for many years. As I have said before, we had more fun than people should every be allowed to have. Every member of the patrol was very devoted to serving the skiing public and Mount Otsego.

George Ehrmann, Richfield Springs, National Ski Patroller #3574, was a patrol leader for two terms at Mount Otsego, a certified winter first aid & CPR instructor. In 2008, he was awarded a lifetime membership in the National Ski Patrol. – Freeman's Journal

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Cooperstown Ski Patrol, Mount Otsego, circa 1962-63: seated, from left, are Carol Ann Parshall, Fred Doolittle, Dr. Francis F. Harrison, George M. Ehrmann, Bill Leslie and Greg Hall; standing, from left, Dr. Alfred Jaretski and Bucko Clark.

Joyce Ehrmann photo

HERKIMER COUNTY Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS c.1940

Patrolled Mohawk Valley Ski Club near Mohawk & Herkimer (~100 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

c.1940-?— Dick Folts

1941-1980s *Records not available*

Patrol History

The Herkimer County Ski Patrol was included in the list of patrols existing in Central New York state in the 1941 National Ski Patrol System manual. The patrol was started about 1940 by Dick Folts, who became NSPS Utica Section chief and CNY Region chairman.

As was the case with these early patrols, the Herkimer County patrol was associated with a local ski club. The patrol provided first aid coverage to the Mohawk Valley Ski and Outing Club founded in 1939 by Folts and Rita Roark.

It apparently wasn't until shortly after WWII that a rope tow was installed at Mahaqua Farms in the Town of German Flats. According to club member Larry Wilke on the "lost ski areas" Website *NELSAP.org*, Doug Deffendorf and Charlie Cassidone built the tow off Robinson Road as a commercial venture.

Wilke went on to write that the tow was sold in the mid-50s to the MVSOC. But since the land was not owned by the club, the lift was put in storage in 1960 until the 50 acre site could be purchased by the club that summer.

The other side of the property was located on Rt. 168, 3.6 miles east of its junction with Rt. 28 in the Village of

Mohawk. Wilke wrote that the mortgage was paid off by 1964 by running local square dances. Skiing on its slopes was limited to paid members and guests.

In a few years, a second tow and a base chalet were built on a "more gentle hill," Wilke wrote. The slopes were lighted and available 24/7 to any of the 75 families who belonged. The area was run by volunteer club members and "the highest yearly membership per family was \$55.00."

By the early 1980s, insurance rates had risen beyond the club's ability to pay. The property was sold in 1985.

Former Shu-Maker patroller and CNY Region legal advisor Dave Malone recalled that "as a young boy I did ski there. My memory is of a single rope tow where you parked at the top of the hill, and then skied down to the bottom of the lift where you had to take the [then scary to me] rope tow back to the top."

While records about the Herkimer County patrol were not available, Malone said he was sure a number of the original Shu-Maker patrollers from Little Falls had skied at the MVSOC. He cited his Dad, Bernie Malone; Bill Gressler, Dom Cecconi, and Myron Nebb, although he didn't know if any of them were patrollers prior to joining Shu-Maker.

UTICA Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1941-2010
Patrolled at Val Bialis ski area in Utica (*245 foot vertical*)

Patrol Leaders

1941-42?—Donald Rowles

1942-1994 *Records not available*

1994—Ed Kobos

2000—Orrie Tocci

2002—Jeremy Ukena

2008—John Skandera

Patrol History

Thomas R. Proctor and his wife Maria Watson Williams gave the people of Utica several parks around the turn of the 20th century. The Proctors started acquiring farm land on Utica's southern side in 1904, which would become Roscoe Conkling Park. Proctor hired famed landscape and park designer Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. to develop the park in 1906.

The park was donated to the people of Utica in a ceremony attended by New York Governor and later US Secretary of State and Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes in 1909.

The park grew to include the Utica Zoo, which began in 1914; the Valley View Golf Course was added in 1925; and in the 1940s, the City began adding ski facilities. Beginning with a simple rope tow, eventually the ski area installed a chairlift in the 1960s.

In 1965, the ski area was formally named after local three-time Olympic ice skater Valentine Bialas. Val Bialas Recreation Center offered a chairlift, two rope-handle tows, night skiing, and a ski chalet.

There were five trails and a separate sledding hill. In

addition to downhill skiing, the winter sports complex offered more than seven miles of groomed cross country trails. The area claims it is one of only two municipally owned ski centers inside city limits in the lower 48 states.

Over the years, Val Bialis was often closed due to low snow coverage. The city reportedly wasn't maintaining the slopes when it could be opened, and Utica skiers had more options for skiing over the years, including Snow Ridge and Woods Valley.

The Utica patrol was known as the "Tyrolean Ski Patrol" in 1950s and early 1960s. The name was changed back to "Utica Ski Patrol" in 1963, and in 1999, changed to "Val Bialis Ski Patrol." The patrol was not registered with the NSP after 2010, and records do not show patrol registration for 1997 and '98.

In 2022, the City of Utica had renewed interest in re-opening the ski area. Apparently, the city was told it needed a ski patrol due to liability concerns. RD Tom Hughes reported that he was contacted with only two days notice to find patrollers. Hughes said with such limited notice, he was unable to accommodate the city's request.

SNOW RIDGE Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1946

Lowville Section: 1947-72; Utica/Headwaters Section: 1972-

Patrolled Snow Ridge, Turin NY (500 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1946—Fred Ramage
1950—Stanley Miller
1952—Mer Williams
1953—Warren Manning
1954—Warren Manning, Ken Phelps, Ken Cox,
and Stanley Miller *
1955—Clinton Mills
1958—Jack Parsell
1960—Gene White
1962—Henry Watkins
1964—Vincent Irvin
1966—Jack Lynch
1968—Gerald Palmer
1970—Robert Alleksaht
1971—David Summerville
1973—Kermit Klingbail
1975—George Blakeman
1977—David Reichert
1979—Ronald Roggie
1981—Bernie Smith **
1981—John Burr
1983—Jim Smith
1985—John Van Zant
1987—Gilbert Malerk
1989—Richard Sanford
1991—Thomas Murch
1997—Michael Washburn
2000—Thomas Murch
2007—Thomas Streeter
2011—Ron Gingerich

* PL position by committee 1954-55 season

** Moved from area due to job change.

Patrol History

by Lou Hornbeck and Jack Parsell (1982)

The founding of the Snow Ridge Ski Patrol was made possible in large part by the presence in the area of trained volunteers, some of whom had been active in the Tug Hill Ski Club, named for the ridge on which Snow Ridge was later located.

The date of December 8, 1938, is significant to skiing in the Turin area. On that date an article in the *Black River Democrat* informs the public that the state bans the new ski club trail. The Tug Hill Ski Club, represented by Fred Ramage of Lowville, attended a hearing in the interest of new ski trails in New York State. The state did not grant a trail to the club for its use, but authorized the one established at Whetstone Gulf. The improvement of this trail was the removal of two trees!

Notable Patrol Member Activity

George Blakeman.....	Headwaters SC
Warren Bonney.....	PL Thousand Islands Nordic Ski Patrol
Angelo Cataldo.....	PL Woods Valley
Fran Combar.....	Headwaters SC
John Gardiner.....	PL Syracuse Univ.
Jack Lynch.....	Lowville SC
Stanley Miller.....	Co-founder Snow Ridge Ski Patrol; Lowville SC
Jack Parsell.....	Lowville SC
Fred Ramage.....	Co-founder Snow Ridge Ski Patrol; Lowville SC
Jim Smith.....	CNY RD

The program of the club in its second year included slalom, downhill, and cross country runs. Fred Ramage was a key figure in negotiations with the state and club leadership.

At the outset of WWII, Don Rowles, Utica, representing local emergency services and the National Ski Patrol System, requested Fred Ramage to organize a rescue group in this vicinity for the purpose of aid to pilots and passengers of downed planes. Fred responded by organizing a local group. Many of these were members of the Tug Hill Ski Club. Certainly, there were ready and able skiers with overland travel capability without the benefit of snowmobiles. Through this means, Fred Ramage's membership in NSPS dates to Jan. 19, 1942.

Sometime in 1946, Lawton Williams, co-owner of Snow Ridge ski area, approached Fred Ramage about the

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SNOW RIDGE (Continued from previous page)

formation of a ski patrol. Fred readily agreed, and organized a patrol group with the help of Stanley Miller and other skiing friends. A letter from "Minnie" Dole, founder of the NSPS, dated Oct. 31, 1946, and addressed to Miller, acknowledged a request for a Ski Patrol manual, and instructed Miller on how to register the patrol.

After preliminary steps in organization and first aid qualification, the patrol was organized with a small group of charter members: Thomas Carpenter, W. Kenneth Cox, Frank R. Thomas – Port Leyden; Leonard Harris, Walter S. Keen, Thomas S. Miller, Stanley B. "Gabber" Miller, Fred Ramage (PL) – Lowville; Larry Pfaff – Lyons Falls; and James F. Prime – Boonville.

Ken Phelps, later a Snow Ridge Ski School instructor, joined the patrol in January, 1947. Starting a long line of additional members were Gene Beckeman of Syracuse, and John Gardiner of Schenectady and Syracuse.

Ramage's first report at the end of the '46-'47 season indicated the strong support, cooperation and appreciation of Snow Ridge management. Total accidents handled were 55, including six fractures and two dislocations.

The patrol maintained a stable membership of about 20 to 25 until the 1961-62 season, when at the suggestion of PL Henry Watkins, Snow Ridge management provided family passes for men who rendered 125 hours of service per season. This expanded membership to 36.

In recognition of his outstanding service, Fred Ramage was presented with the National Ski Patrol award and the Yellow Merit Star by "Minnie" Dole, NSPS national chairman. He was also appointed section chief of the Lowville Section. "Minnie," in his commendation wrote Ramage in May 1947, "I do not know how we would function without the help and interest of men like yourself." Ramage was awarded National Number 488.

In 1970, the Snow Ridge patrol was awarded the "Outstanding Ski Patrol in the Eastern Division." PL Gerry Palmer received the award for the patrol at the Snow Ridge 25th anniversary celebration.

Patrollers Perry Tooker and Michael Washburn found themselves just before sweep on Feb. 12, 2011, rescuing two 13-year-old boys who had wandered out of the area. A third boy, managed to pull himself to safety and seek help. The boys had been stuck for more than an hour in four feet of unpacked lake effect snow near the top of a vertical wall known as the "Snake Pit."

According to a letter from PL Thomas Streeter, Tooker and Washburn were both trained in rope rescue. After Washburn was lowered to secure an anchor, the boys were lowered to waiting management snowmobiles for evacuation via the "Gorge Trail." Other than being cold and one case of frostbite, all ended well. For their efforts, Tooker and Washburn received the NSP's *Green Merit Star* for heroic rescue, one of the few of these ever awarded in the Eastern Division.

As of 2022, the PL from 1962, Henry Watkins at age 93, was Snow Ridge's oldest patrol member. Watkins maintained his patrol duties handling radio dispatching after giving up skiing.

Snow Ridge was opened in 1945 by Lawton and Perry Williams. The area was purchased in July 1973 by Dr. L. Miller Harris, a Watertown anesthesiologist. His son Peter took over management in 1988. In 2000, Peter Harris purchased Song Mountain near Syracuse, and by 2006 had agreed to sell Snow Ridge to Russell Horn, owner of the nearby Towpath Inn. In 2015, Cyndy Sisto (Mir), the office manager of Toggenburg, purchased Snow Ridge and installed her son, Nick Mir, as general manager.

SEE APPENDIX for MORE

WATERTOWN Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1948

Syracuse Section: 1948-49; Lowville Section: 1949-72; Adirondack Section: 1972-77; Headwaters Section: 1977-
Patrolled Thompson Park slopes in Watertown;
then Dry Hill Ski Area since 1960 (300 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1948-1972 *Records not located*

1972—Vic Stress
197—Larry Benson
1979—Bert Ebeling
1985—Dave Pfaff
1991—Bill Boulter
1994—Tom Dierlein
2000—Joe Dephtereos
2001—Tom Wright
2003—Sue Condino
2007—Jeanne Burnash
2011—Michael Adams
2013—John Condino
2017—Mark Maitag
2022—Dave Martel

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Mike Adams.....	CNY Region Sr. OEC coordinator; Election Adv.
Warren Bonney.....	PL Thousand Islands Nordic Ski Patrol
Bill Boulter.....	NSP Hall of Fame honoree; NSP National awards advisor; Eastern Div. awards advisor; CNY Region awards advisor
Bert Ebeling.....	CNY RD; CNY ARD; Headwaters SC; Region S&T (OET) advisor; Region awards advisor
Barb Knauf.....	CNY Region secretary
Kat Lawson.....	CNY Reg. Young Adult Patrollers (YAP) advisor
Jim Smith.....	CNY RD; Headwaters SC
Vic Stress.....	CNY RD; Headwaters SC

Patrol History

The *Watertown Daily Times* archives reveal there was a rope tow servicing a ski trail on Dry Hill as early as 1946. But, it was likely a privately-operated rope tow in Watertown's Thompson Park in the late 1940s that prompted formation of a ski patrol about 1948.

It was then reported the city opened its own ski slope in 1950 in Thompson Park facing Gifford Street (Rt. 12). On Jan. 10, 1951, a new tow with lights started operation there.

Chris Brock, writing in the *Watertown Daily Times* on Jan. 31, 2021, documented the history of Dry Hill Ski Area. It started in 1960 when the Dry Hill Development Corporation was created with John N. Russell as president. With participation of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the slope was cleared so the area could open.

In 1962, a T-bar replaced one of two rope tows in operation, lights were installed on the slope, and a lodge was constructed. A chairlift was added by the 1970s.

Hall Ski Lift Company, based in Watertown, leased Dry Hill in 1966. (Hall was sold to Von Roll in the 1980s.) Hall purchased the area in 1972, but put it up for sale in 1973. Some Watertown investors leased Dry Hill under the name "Snow Cap Ski Development." Reports indicate the area did not operate in 1977-78.

Watertown Resorts Inc. was the latest owner in 1979 when financial problems put Watertown Savings Bank in control.

Labrador Development Corporation, owner of Labrador

Mountain south of Syracuse, took out a lease until a bank auction in March, 1980, resulted in the Hall Ski Lift Company winning the bid. But, Hall backed out and the bank sold Dry Hill to investor Donald B. Berry, who renamed it Sun-burst Mountain. By 1982, the area was again in bankruptcy and Watertown Savings Bank again the owner.

Watertown ski shop owner Tim McAtee and investor Steven Bishop bought the area in 1984 for \$150,000. McAtee later bought out Bishop's share, and has been running it ever since. Under McAtee's ownership, tubing was added to the area's ski operations, as were two additional trails and more lighting.

After 40 years, Tim and Deb McAtee decided it was time to move on. In 2022, they sold Dry Hill to Boo Wells-Jareo and her husband Patrick Jareo.

Watertown patrollers have been recognized with NSP awards over the years.

In 2008, David Larrabee received the *Distinguished Service Award* (DSA) for 50 years of serving the Watertown patrol, as did former RD Jim Smith in 2014. Bert Ebeling was presented with a DSA in 2020 for his more than 20 years as a OET trainer/evaluator and instructor. Ebeling also received the NSP's *Meritorious Service Award* in 2014.

In 2000, *Purple Merit Stars* were presented to Bill Boulter and Don Gilligan for saving a 14-year-old girl who struck a tree while riding an inner tube. She suffered a broken neck, jaw, ribs, and a dislocated spine. *Yellow Merit*

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Bill Boulter

Stars were awarded to Bert Ebeling and Joe Dephtereos for assisting.

Boulter was named to the NSP's *Hall of Fame* in 2020 in recognition of his many years of leadership, which included stints as awards advisor for CNY Region, Eastern Division, and National.

As several retired and active duty 10th Mountain soldiers serve on the Watertown patrol, the patrol takes pride in branding itself as the "unofficial ski patrol" of the 10th Mountain Division. The Division is posted at nearby Fort Drum.



The patrol publicizes its history as being "intertwined" with that of the 10th Mountain Division starting before WWII and continuing today with the motto "First On, Last Off. Climb to Glory!"

In recognition of those ties, the patrol added a 10th Mountain sign next to its NSP signage at its Dry Hill patrol room in 2020. Patroller and 10th Mountain MSgt. Daniel Fields obtained the sign from the Ft. Drum NCO Academy,



which no longer needed it.

In 2021, the patrol adopted a new logo and patch further linking it to the 10th Mountain Division. It is an adaptation of the Pando Commando patch insignia unofficially used by the 10th Mountain Division while training for WWII at Camp Hale in Colorado's Pando Valley.

Deemed too "cartoonish" for a division patch, it showed up again during the 2017 Army-Navy game as part of the Army football uniform.

The patrol and the 10th Mountain Division participated together on May 2, 2022, in dedicating a historical marker and rededicating NSP and 10th Mountain Division plaques at the grave of Charles Minot Dole in Paul Smiths, NY. Dole was the founder of the National Ski Patrol and proponent of Army ski troops in WWII that became the 10th Mountain Division.



2022 Patrol Director Dave Martel next to the patrol logo sign at the Dry Hill patrol room.



2021

Standing (Left to Right) – Michael Marks, Barbara Knauf, Zachery Meyer, Christopher Vaccaro, Rodger Voss, Samuel Verbeck, Timothy McClusky, Daniel VanNess (AS), Edward Wahlen, Nathan Pistner, Timothy Keene (C), Jeffery Domras, Bert Ebeling (NA/AS), Erica Feola (C), David Widrick, William Boulter (HOF/NA/AS)

Kneeling (Left to Right) – James McClusky, Daniel Fields, Mark Maitag (PD/AS), David Martel, Katharina Lawson, John Laduc (AS)

(AS) – Alpine Senior, (HOF) – Hall of Fame, (NA) – National Appointment, (PD) – Patrol Director, (C) – Candidate

SEE APPENDIX for MORE

WOODS VALLEY Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1964-2020
Patrolled Woods Valley ski area, Westerville, NY (~500 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders

1964— Bud Sterling
1966— Angelo Cataldo
1968— Jim Petell
1969— Bob Bidwell
1971— Joe Alari
1973— Dick Adolfi
1974— Jack Martin
1977— Bud Sinclair
1979— Ang D'Ambrosi
1981— Bill Albrecht
1983— Dennis McLean
1985— Dan Tauroney
1987— Paul Berger
1989— F. Paul Cataldo II
1991— Rich Rabe
1994— Ernie Weismuller
1996— Larry Palinski
1998— John Wood
2000— Richard Woods
2002— Derrick O'Meara
2007— Paul Gatley
2011— John Wood

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Paul Berger..... CNY Region elections coordinator; S&T staff

Patrol History

Dave Woods started Woods Valley in 1964, having purchased the property hosting the small Dopp Hill ski area on Dopp Hill Road in Westerville, NY. Having just a rope tow, a J-bar and a T-bar, the area offered skiing for the beginner, advanced, and expert skier. There was a modest lodge and early grooming equipment.

Dave passed away at an early age in 1988. The area was sold by his estate to the Olney family, who had been running the area's ski shop.

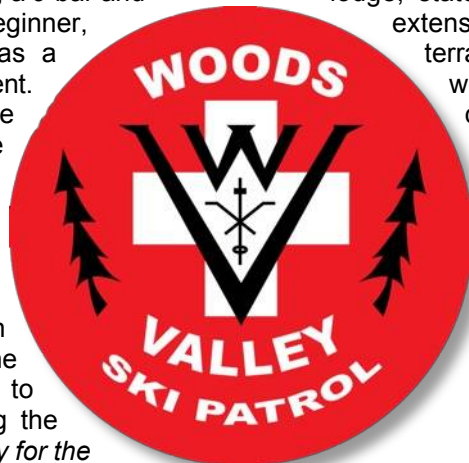
Over the years, Dave's son Tim followed his Dad's interest in the ski industry. Tim had risen to president and general manager of Windham Mountain in New York's Catskill Mountains. By 2011, he was able to return the Woods family to ownership of Woods Valley, purchasing the area from the Olneys. *(He did double duty for the 2011-12 season, finishing out his leadership at Windham while taking over at Woods Valley.)*

With his purchase, Tim introduced many improve-

ments to Woods Valley, by then with better access with a direct driveway from NY Rt. 46.

Two double chairlifts, several additions to the base lodge, state-of-the-art snowmaking and grooming, extensive lighting for night operations, three terrain parks, and a new snow tubing area were all added. Tim also purchased a quad chairlift for future installation *(in storage as of 2022)*.

The Woods Valley Ski Patrol was formed when the area first opened in 1964. After 56 years with the National Ski Patrol, the patrol decided to drop its affiliation in 2020.



SEE APPENDIX for MORE

JUNIPER HILLS Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1966-79

Lowville Section: 1966-72; Adirondack Section: 1972-77; Headwaters Section: 1977-79

Patrolled Juniper Hills ski area, Harrisville, NY (170 foot vertical)

Patrol Leader

1966—Don Grout

Patrol History

Juniper Hills was located near Harrisville in the foothills of the Adirondacks. As was the case with Intermont near Cortland in the Syracuse Section, Juniper Hills had its lodge at the top of the hill. The area had a T-bar and a J-bar.

The ski hill was started in 1963 by local resident Jules LaPrairie. It was incorporated in March 1964 by LaPrairie with Verne Wicks as president. As a community entity, local families not only skied there, but also volunteered to help run Juniper Hills. This was the case with the LaDuc family, who held a number of jobs.

The ski patrol was started in 1966 with Don Grout as PL. He continued "off and on" in that role for the duration of the

patrol, according to patrol treasurer Evelyn Peckham. The patrol had about a dozen members during its existence. Even as late as 2022. Peckham continued her duties as patrol treasurer distributing remaining patrol funds for tributes and memorials for members who passed away.

With a lack of snow cover in the late 1970s, financial problems mounted and Juniper Hills closed at the end of the 1977-78 ski season, John LaDuc, an instructor there, reported.

The area reopened for the 1979-80 and 1980-81 seasons, LaDuc said, but it struggled with the lack of snow and finally closed.

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Juniper Hills Ski Patrol in the late 1960s or early 1970s. *From left, Dan Burke, unnamed visiting patroller, Bill Vorce, Paul Peacock, Don Grout, Dorothy Vorce, Evelyn Peckham, Pat Ford, Anne Munro, Bob Munro, C. Fred Peckham, and Steve LaDuc. In front: Tim LaDuc.*

Photo courtesy of Evelyn Peckham

SHU-MAKER Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS: 1972-2000
Patrolled Shu-Maker Mountain near Little Falls, NY (750 foot vertical)

Patrol Leaders +

1972— Nick Maiola
Bob Green*
Nancy Oleary*
Dan Clarke*

Harold Stoffolano*
1990— Jim Snyder
1992— Mark Hameline
1994— Craig Wright

2000— Deanna Hameline

Notable Patrol Member Activity

Jim Ferriter.....	CNY Region first aid advisor, safety advisor; served on World Cup and Olympic ski patrols (1979 & '80)
Dee Hameline.....	CNY Region S&T T/E
Jim Snyder.....	Headwaters S&T advisor
Dave Malone.....	CNY Region legal advisor
Jenna Malone.....	Member, Denali Rescue Volunteers, Alaska
Jon Wilson.....	Headwaters SC; CNY Region Certified advisor

+Some names not located
*Service dates not located.

Patrol History

Created on the north face of Shoemaker Mountain south of Little Falls, Shu-Maker offered 22 trails served by two double chairlifts, a T-bar and a beginner area rope tow. The area was clearly visible from the NYS Thruway between exits 29A and 30.

Shu-Maker had several owners — the first were Frank and John Talarico, who incorporated as “Shumacher Mt. Corp.” of Herkimer in September 1972 and dissolved in July 1988. (*Corporations often outlasted the reason for their existence; hence dissolved dates are well into the next owner’s time.*)

A second corporation was incorporated in June 1979 by Clarence Kohn and others as “Shu-Maker Ski Inc.” of Herkimer. The area changed hands again well before this corporation was dissolved in 1992.

Around 1984, Shu-Maker patroller Dave Malone and 19 other investors put up funds to take over the ski area. Malone said his group operated Shu-Maker for six years. He noted that the Talaricos held the mortgage for each succeeding owner-operator. So, about 1990, the Talaricos were again in control.

In September 1991, Robert and Marian McEvoy of Little

Falls purchased the mountain and incorporated it as *Shu-Maker Mt. Corp.* They dissolved the corporation in June 2001.

As Malone explains, running a ski area is a tough business. He pointed out how weather, specifically snow – or lack of it – affected financial viability.

Regarding the investment, he said, “I don’t regret it. It was worthwhile.” But he also noted how late snowfall delayed opening some years, and how warm temperatures ended other seasons early.

Another factor in Shu-Maker’s existence was the old real estate slogan, “location, location, location!” Shu-Maker was located where the limited population of the Mohawk Valley couldn’t support the skier visits required for success.

Malone agreed that nearby areas siphoned potential customers locally, and larger ski areas not that much further away grabbed even more skiers.

So, in 2000, the Talaricos again had Shu-Maker Mountain. Malone said it was then sold to investors from

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New England, but was never reopened. As of 2022, the chairlifts still appeared intact, and Malone said he spotted the area's old snowcat rusting away there.

The Shu-Maker Ski Patrol registered with the NSP in 1972 when the area first opened. With its closing in 2000, patrollers transferred to other patrols; many of them to Old Forge.

For at least two Shu-Maker alumni, the patrol was a foundation for building patrol careers at western mountains. Brian Roberts joined the Deer Valley Ski Patrol at Park City, Utah. Jenna Malone joined Utah's Alta Ski Patrol – where she



Shu-Maker Mountain's lodge.

became a Level III avalanche instructor – following stints at Sugarbush in Vermont, and Storm King patrol in Jackson, Wyoming. She furthered her safety mission by joining the Denali Rescue Volunteers at Alaska's Denali National Park.

Patrol member Jim Ferriter served as Region first aid advisor and was involved in the NSP's binding safety check program. He also served on the 1979 World Cup and 1980 Olympic ski patrols in Lake Placid.

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Shu-Maker Ski Patrol in 1980

FRONT: Bob Yerina, Mike Michelson, Harold Stoffolano, Dave Pawolowich, Bill Demars

ROW 2: Mark Hameline, Cathy Fusco, Dan Clarke, Jim Ferriter, Joe Aiello, Bob Green

ROW 3: Bob Malowski, Craig Wright, Chris Robinson, George Jackson, Chris Walczak, Dick Sanford, Tim Furman, Sam Harkins

ROW 4: Dave Malone, Carl Paratore, Dodie Mccarthy, Nancy Oleary, John Hieber; Bob Gilchriest, *Headwaters SC*

GUNSET Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS c.1956-1983
Patrolled Gunset Snow Bowl, Richfield Springs (285 foot vertical)

Located on US Route 20 just outside of Richfield Springs, Gunset apparently opened in the late 1950s with a Poma lift that was replaced by T-bar in the 1970s, a J-bar and a rope tow. The area was open two nights a week and weekends. No patrol information was available.

SEE APPENDIX for MORE

COLGATE UNIVERSITY Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1962-1991
Transferred from Headwaters Section in 1982
Patrolled Trainer Hill on Colgate campus in Hamilton, NY (370 foot vertical)

Trainer Hill was operated by the Colgate University Outing Club and featured an open slope and three trails serviced by a T-bar and a rope tow. The patrol was made up of Colgate University students.

WHITE ACRES Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1964-1970
Patrolled White Acres near Clayville (210 foot vertical)

White Acres, also known as Black Cherry Hollow, was a very steep area with a T-bar and 2 rope tows. Information on the patrol was not available.

SCOTCH VALLEY Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1970-1998
Utica Section/CNY Region: 1970-1977; Transferred to Southern New York Region: 1977
Patrolled Scotch Valley (Deer Run); Jefferson, NY (740 foot vertical)

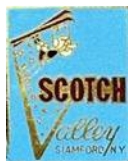
Patrol History

Scotch Valley, also called Deer Run, opened in 1962. While boasting plenty of skiable terrain, a triple chairlift, two double chairlifts, and a rope tow, the area closed in 1998. During its almost four decades, four separate managements operated the area.

The mountain was open every day and two

nights a week, and had two slopes and nine trails. A ski jump was built in 1965, but most unusual was the 10-lane bowling alley beneath the lodge.

Scotch Valley's patrol registered in 1970 and was transferred to the Southern New York Region in 1977.



SEE APPENDIX for MORE

PINE RIDGE Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1972
Patrolled Pine Ridge, Town of Salisbury, NY (142 foot vertical)

Pine Ridge operated from the 1950s to 1976 with two J-bars. It was located in the Town of Salisbury north of Little Falls. A patrol was registered in 1972, but further information was not available.

ONEONTA Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1976
Patrolled Oneonta College hill (165 foot vertical)

Patrol History

There were two attempts at running ski hills in Oneonta. The first opened in 1947 as a rope tow operation behind Oneonta Middle School by the City of Oneonta. It was short lived as its exposure simply wouldn't hold snow.

In the mid-1970s, SUNY Oneonta opened a small area with a T-bar. It too was short lived due to college budget constraints. This area registered a patrol in 1976. Apparently, nothing further happened.

HEADWATERS NORDIC Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1980-2003
Patrol Leader: 2000-03—Ken Doolittle

THOUSAND ISLANDS NORDIC Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1981-2005
Patrol Leader: Warren Bonney

Patrol History

The Thousand Islands Nordic Ski Patrol was operated under the leadership of Warren Bonney, a longtime Alpine patroller at Dry Hill and Snow Ridge. He started the Thousand Islands Nordic patrol in 1981 and served as PL until he was 82. The patrol

reportedly had only about three members and patrolled at the Tug Hill Tourathon and at Minna Anthony Common Nature Center at Wellesley Island State Park in the Thousand Islands. It was not registered after Bonney retired.

GRIFFISS OAP Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1993-95.
Patrol Leader: Paul Fraxer

This patrol was apparently affiliated with Griffiss AFB in Rome.

SALMON HILLS NORDIC Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS c.1999-2003
Patrolled near Redfield
Patrol Leader: 2000-03—Fred Dunaway

Patrol History

A Nordic ski patrol was registered for four years to provide coverage around Salmon Hills resort (Tug Hill Resort in 2022), located in the Oswego County Town of Redfield near the Salmon River and Salmon

River Reservoir. Further information on the patrol was not available.

LOWVILLE SECTION

When World War II broke out, Utica Section Chief Don Rowles asked Fred Ramage, a member of the Tug Hill Ski Club, to organize a rescue service to aid potential victims of downed aircraft. Many of the members of this rescue organization were members of the Tug Hill club.

In 1946, Ramage was asked by Lawton Williams, co-owner of the just-opened Snow Ridge ski area, to form a ski patrol. With the help of Stan Miller, the Snow Ridge Ski Patrol was started.

In May 1947, NSPS National Chairman C. Minot Dole commended Ramage on his work in a letter that accompanied the award of National Number 488. Dole also presented Ramage with a Yellow Merit Star and appointed him chief of the Lowville Section.

In 1949, the section grew with the addition of Watertown and St. Lawrence University patrols, transferred that year from the Syracuse Section.

Two small areas organized patrols in the 1960s: Juniper Hills and Seven Springs. Seven Springs was only a public area for a few years before becoming the ski area of Clarkson College.

The Central New York Region was split in 1972, creating the Eastern New York Region from Utica, Adirondack, and Capital District sections. At that time, the Lowville section was dissolved and Watertown, St. Lawrence University, and Juniper Hills patrols transferred to the Adirondack Section; and Snow Ridge Ski Patrol was transferred to the Utica Section.

LOWVILLE SECTION

Founded; 1947
Merged with Utica and Adirondack Sections; 1972

Patrols (Date patrol registered with NSPS follows patrol name)

- Watertown (1948)** (Dry Hill) * #
- Juniper Hills** (Harrisville) (1966) #
- St. Lawrence University** (South Colton) (C.1947) * #
- Seven Springs** (near Potsdam) (1968) + #
- Snow Ridge (1946)** ##

*Transferred from Syracuse Section to Lowville Section: 1949
#Transferred to Adirondack Section: 1972
Transferred to Utica Section: 1972
+Became Clarkson College ski area in mid-1970s.

Section Chiefs

1947-55	Fred Ramage
1955-60	Stan Miller
1960-71	Jack Parsell
1971-72	Jack Lynch



St. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS c.1947

Patrolled SLU Snowbowl, South Colton, NY (350 foot vertical)

Patrol History

The St. Lawrence University Snowbowl was opened in 1937 on Rt. 56 in South Colton so the SLU ski team could have a place to practice and compete close to the school's Canton campus.

The team held its first intercollegiate meet in 1938 at the new Snowbowl facilities. By 1940, SLU offered downhill (and cross country) skiing in its curriculum and hired famed ski coach and ski area designer Otto Schniebs as coach. In 1949, Snowbowl boasted three rope tows.

The area hosted the 1952 Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association championships, among other events.

A T-bar was installed in 1961, joining the unique winter facilities that included 15, 40, and 60 meter jumps, a special

slalom training hill, and cross country trails.

A patrol was first registered with the NSPS Syracuse Section around 1947. Because of its distance from Syracuse, Section Chief Ben Hedges had the St. Lawrence and Watertown patrols transferred to the Lowville Section in 1949.

The St. Lawrence patrol became part of Adirondack Section in the new Eastern New York Region when the Lowville Section was eliminated in 1972.

Snowbowl closed in 1982 as larger ski facilities like Whiteface Mountain attracted student skiers and ski racers alike. SLU sold the land in 2004.

SEE APPENDIX for MORE

CLARKSON SEVEN SPRINGS Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1968

Patrolled Seven Springs area, located near Parishville, NY (200 foot vertical)

Patrol History

Located in the St. Lawrence County Town of Parishville, Seven Springs started as a private ski hill. It was purchased by Clarkson University in the mid 1970s. The area had a T-bar and a rope tow, and lighting for night skiing. It was closed by 1990.

Records regarding its ski patrol were not available. Toggenburg patroller Paul Martellock joined the patrol when he started his college years in 1977 and served as PL

between 1979 and 1981. He said the patrol "was somewhat treated as a college club as well as with NSP."

Except for the librarian from SUNY Potsdam, Peg Overfield, he said the patrol was made up of Clarkson students. Paul noted that about a third of the patrol had to be trained each year as new students joined.

The patrol was transferred to the Adirondack Section in the newly created Eastern New York Region in 1972.

GENESEE VALLEY SECTION

Founded; 1948

Part of Central New York Region: c.1953-1977

Patrols (Date patrol registered with NSPS follows patrol name)

Brantling (1959) (*Sodus*)

Bristol Mt. (1964)

Berby Hollow (1949-53) (area near Bristol)

Frost Ridge (c.1958-c.2009) (LeRoy)

Happy Valley (Alfred) (1967-1980)

Honey Hill (1975-1986) (Warsaw)

Hunt Hollow (1968) (*Naples*)

Northampton (1970) (*Spencerport / Brockport*)

Powder Mill (c.1946)

Rochester Ski Club (served Powder Mill park near Rochester)

Rochester (served Bristol Mt.)

Ski Valley (1965-2001)/ Reopened 2011 as **Bristol Ski Valley Resort**

Swain (1947)

Section Chiefs

1948-58? Dwight Hill

c1958-61 Bill Miller

1961-63 Ray Meyering

1963-66 Frank Gilmore *

1966-69 John Sherman

1969-71 Arthur Fisher Jr.

1971-74 Jack Hire

1974-79 Don Warren

* CNY Region Director 1968-73

ADIRONDACK SECTION

Founded; 1941

Part of Central New York Region: 1944-1977

Later divided into Northern Adirondack and Southern Adirondack sections

Patrols (Date patrol registered with NSPS follows patrol name)

Alpine Meadows (So. Corinth) (c.1947-1993)
Beartown (1958) (West Chazy)
Big Tupper (1960-2015?) ^
Clarkson Seven Springs (1968-1990) #
Gore Mt. (c.1938)
Hickory Hill (1945) (Warrensburg)
Juniper Hills (Harrisville) (1966-1979) # ##
*Lake Placid (1938-1958) ***

Oak Mt. (1948) (Speculator)
St. Lawrence Univ. Snow Bowl (c.1947-1982) #
Titus Mt. (Moon Valley) (1960)
Watertown (Dry Hill) (1948) # ##
West Mt. (1961) (Queensbury)
Whiteface (1958)
Willard Mt. (1957)

* Alpine Meadows at Potter's Corners near So. Corinth renamed Adirondack Ski Center in mid-1960s.

** The Lake Placid Ski Patrol was founded in 1938 apparently to provide coverage for trails being cut on Whiteface Mountain and the subsequent Marble Mountain Ski Area on those slopes. It became the Whiteface Ski Patrol around 1958 when Whiteface Mountain opened as a state-run ski facility.

Also in 1938, the Lake Placid community hosted a number of ski areas – Lake Placid Ski Center/Scott's Cobble in Town of North Elba, which operated from 1938 to 1973 with a *500' vertical*; Fawn Ridge in the village operated from 1940 to 1977 with *135' vertical*; Ski Top near Fawn Ridge, which ran for a few years with a rope tow; and Dream Hill with its one rope tow at the Mirror Lake Inn. It is unknown whether any of these other Lake Placid ski areas had ski patrols.

There was also the Lake Placid Club's private ski area at Mt. Whitney near Mirror Lake with *408' vertical* and two T-bars serving three slopes and three trails. It opened around 1940, and then went public in 1977 in an effort to cash in on the Winter Olympics. The Club went bankrupt and closed in 1980 just five weeks after the games ended.*** (*After the land was sold in 2002, a new Lake Placid Club of condominiums was developed.*)

The Sno Birds of Lake Placid promoted skiing and ski competition, and was based at the Lake Placid Club. The group founded a ski patrol that covered Mt. Whitney with member Harry Wade Hicks as its patrol leader. (*This was included in the NSPS 1941 manual.*)

*** Source: "The Lake Placid Club 1890-2002"; Makebelieve Publishing, Jay NY; 2008

Transferred from Lowville Section: 1972

Transferred to Headwaters Section: 1977

^ Big Tupper (last called "Ski Big Tupper Again") on the slopes of Mt. Morris opened in 1960 under Town of Tupper Lake ownership. It offered *1150 feet of vertical* terrain with 25 trails. It was sold to private interests in 1987, and then underwent a few more ownership changes. According to *NY Ski Blog.com*, the land was last sold to Preserve Associates LLC in the early 2000s with plans to reopen the area. The company suffered through financial hardship which forced it to sell off most of the snowmaking infrastructure. Volunteers managed to reopen the area in 2009 after about a decade of dormancy as "Ski Big Tupper Again." The area operated off and on for a few more years. A lift rollback reportedly forced the area to finally stop operations on Feb. 16, 2015. Various ongoing efforts have tried to find ways to reopen Big Tupper, but without success as of 2022.



An article on whitefaceregion.com identifies Lake Placid patrol's first patrol leader Carl Ortloff in this photo at Whiteface Mountain when it opened in 1958.

LAKE PLACID Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1938-c.1958 (865 foot vertical)
Patrolled early Whiteface Mountain trails and Marble Mt. Ski area

WHITEFACE Ski Patrol

Registered with NSPS 1958
Preceded by Lake Placid Ski Patrol, registered 1938
Patrolled Whiteface Mountain; Wilmington, NY (3,430 foot vertical)

Patrol History

Excerpted from [NYSkiBlog.com](#) article.

Herman Smith-Johannsen, considered by many as the man who brought the sport of skiing to America, moved to the Adirondacks in the 1920s and began designing Nordic and downhill ski trails across the Northeast. He worked for the Lake Placid Club, Mont Tremblant, and Stowe Mountain Resort. Working with two other pioneers — Otto Schniebs and Hannes Scheider — he laid out a ski area on Marble Mountain, the first development on the slopes of Whiteface.

Another significant milestone in the history of downhill skiing was the construction of the road to the summit of Whiteface, which began in 1929 after voters approved an amendment to Article 14 of the New York constitution that prohibits development of the state's forest preserve.

Before 1930, skiing in the Wilmington area was primarily Nordic — both ski jumping and cross country. Excitement generated by the 1932 Lake Placid Winter Olympics (which did not have “downhill” skiing competition) drove interest in downhill skiing. By the mid-1930s, rope tows began to spring up across New York and alpine skiing became established in Wilmington.

The Whiteface Memorial Highway was opened and dedicated to veterans of the first World War in a ceremony led by US President Franklin Roosevelt on July 20, 1935. At a cost of \$1.2 million, the road featured a steep average grade of 8%. At eight miles in length, it was billed as longest beginner ski trail in the state.

In 1938, Johannsen and members of the Lake Placid Ski Council began clearing an old logging road on Little Whiteface along the route that is now the Wilderness trail. The trail featured a 2700-foot vertical drop and became New York's first certified Class A racing trail. Several major competitions were hosted on the mountain.

In November 1941, New York voters again approved a change in the state constitution, this time to create 20 miles of ski trails on the north and east sides of Whiteface. Weeks later, the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the US entrance into World War II put the project on hold until 1948.

After the war, the Memorial Highway became a major conduit for skiers, leading to the development of Marble Mountain, one of the Whiteface sub-peaks.

The Marble Mountain Ski Area featured a T-bar and four rope tows serving five trails that had been cut by Johannsen. In April, 1949, Johannsen submitted plans for additional trails at the Wilmington turn of the highway. It had

two rope tows on an open slope. The Wilmington trail linked the two sites. Tucker Sno-cats and army vehicles took skiers up the highway to the upper site, while the road itself doubled as a beginners trail. But Marble Mountain was plagued with high winds and struggled to be financially viable.

Averell Harriman, an entrepreneur and ski industry innovator who became New York State governor in 1954, was concerned about the deficits of Marble Mountain and consulted with Arthur Draper, the manager of Belleayre. Draper. They met to ski at Marble and discuss other potential sites for a ski area in New York, eventually agreeing that the east side of Whiteface was worthy of development. By 1955, the joint legislative committee in Albany reconsidered the Marble Mountain development and Governor Harriman authorized an experimental trail on the eastern slope of Whiteface.

In 1957, \$2.5 million was approved to cut trails, erect two chairlifts and a base lodge. The plan specified that one trail be at least 2,800-feet long to satisfy requirements for hosting the Winter Olympics. On January 25, 1958, Harriman dedicated the new Whiteface Mountain Ski Center. In 1959-60, two seasons after Whiteface opened, the Marble Mountain Ski Area was closed. The outmoded trail design and windswept surfaces could not compete with the new ski area.

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The Lake Placid Ski Patrol was founded in 1938 by Ronald MacKenzie (Nat'l 201). The patrol apparently provided coverage for trails being cut on Whiteface Mountain and the subsequent Marble Mountain Ski Area on those slopes. MacKenzie was a charter member of the New York State Winter sports Council, a member of the Adirondack Mountain Authority, and president of the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympic Organizing Committee. He is recognized for his efforts to bring world-class skiing to Lake Placid. Unfortunately, MacKenzie died two years short of the 1980 games.

Carl Ortloff (Nat'l 320), the first head of the Lake Placid Ski Council, was the Lake Placid Ski Patrol's first patrol leader.

SEE APPENDIX for MORE

CAPITAL DISTRICT SECTION

Founded; 1941

Part of Central New York Region: 1944-1977

Patrols *(Date patrol registered with NSPS follows patrol name)*

Catamount (1939)

*Hunter Mt. (1960)**

Maple Ski Ridge *(Schenectady)* (1963)

Royal Mt. (1956)

*Windham (1960)**

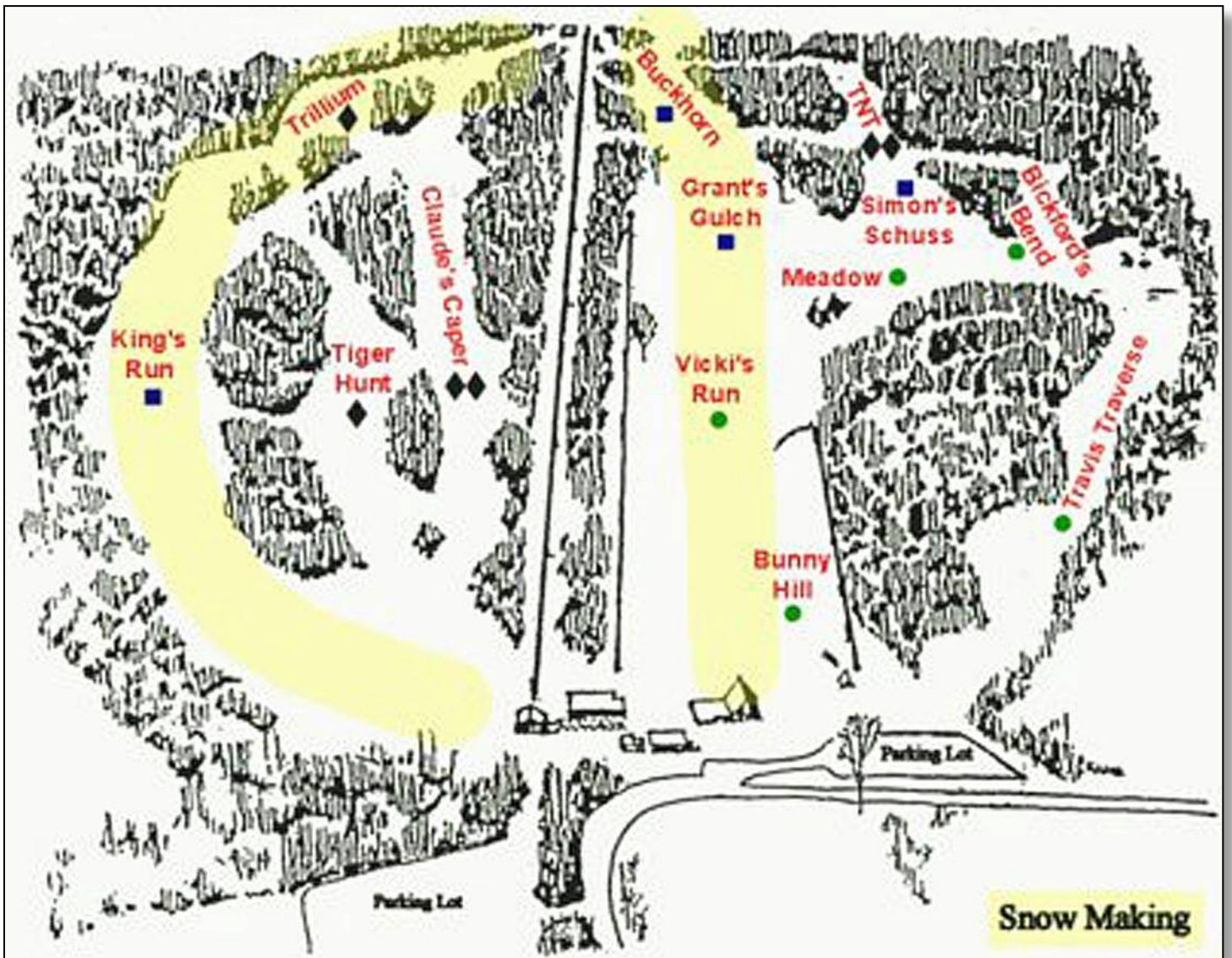
* Patrols transferred to NSP Pro Division about 2002

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CAZENOVIA SKI CLUB



DRY HILL (Watertown)

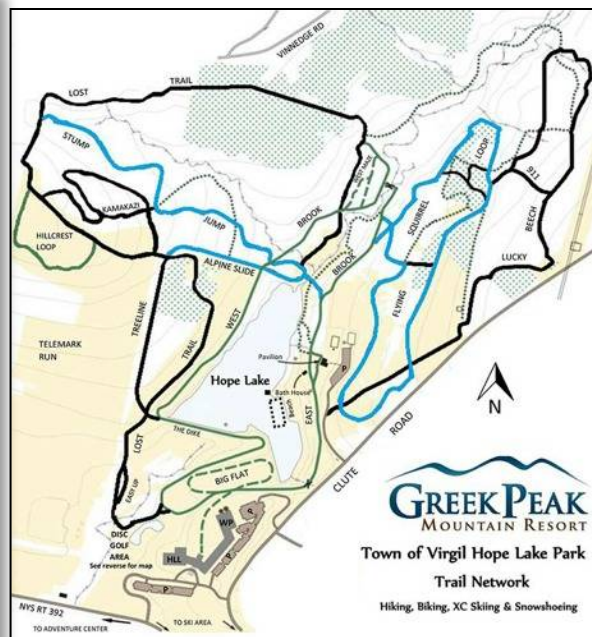


- *A – Wagon Trail – Beginner to Intermediate
- *B – The Face – Intermediate to Advanced
- *C – Rock and Roll – Intermediate
- *D – Suicide – Advanced
- *E – Bump Run – Intermediate to Advanced
- F – End Run – Beginner to Intermediate
- *G – Main Trail – Beginner to Intermediate

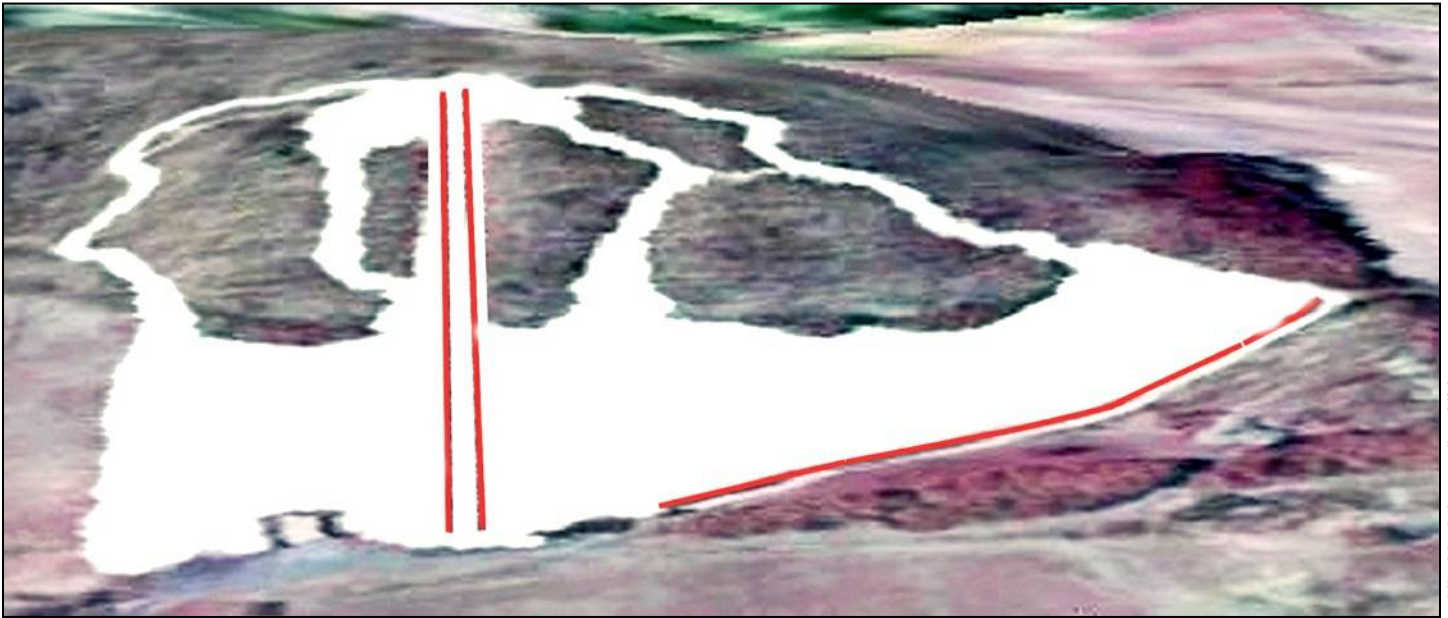
- H – Main Lodge – Ticket Desk, Snack Bar, Rental Shop, Ski Shop, Lounge
- I – National Ski Patrol- First Aid Building
- J – Hefti's Hollow – Intermediate
- K – El Cid – Advanced Only
- *L – Snow Tubing Park
300' vertical



GREEK PEAK



GUNSET (Richfield Springs, Otsego County)



285' vertical with a T-bar, J-bar, and rope tow. Located on US Rt. 20

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INTERMONT (Cortland County)



Located in the Town of Solon off NY Rt. 13, Intermont was a "top-to-bottom" area with the lodge located at the top of its 750' vertical elevation. It had a chairlift and two T-bar lifts.

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CHANCE OF RAIN

Low Near 50 Tonight

Fall report, map page 9

SYRACUSE TEMPERATURES

(in Fahrenheit and Celsius)

7 a.m.	31	(-1)	9 a.m.	31	(-1)
8 a.m.	31	(-1)	10 a.m.	34	(1)
9 a.m.	31	(-1)	11 a.m.	34	(1)
10 a.m.	31	(-1)	12 noon	34	(1)
11 a.m.	31	(-1)	1 p.m.	36	(3)
12 noon	30	(-1)	2 p.m.	36	(3)

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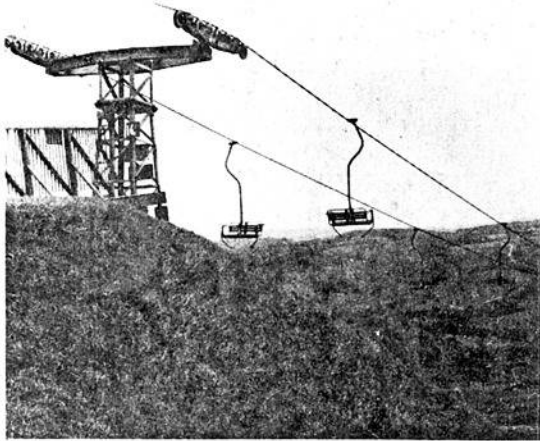
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Near the lodge, the top of the chairlift affords a commanding view of Cortland County scenery.

'What's money for?' Dad buys Intermont for children

By Jeff Paston

"You'd have to meet the man to understand his plans," said a handyman today describing the new owner of the former Intermont Ski Area near Cortland.

"He could be anywhere: New York, Chicago, London," said the handyman.

He was referring to a shipping tycoon from McHenry, Ill., who purchased the former ski area for his three children.

"I didn't buy this place for me. I bought it for them," Capt. Davy Jones told a reporter this week. "What is money for except to spend it on your kids to see that they grow up right and have a good time along the way."

Renamed Resort

Jones renamed the ski area about 40 miles south of Syracuse Calidu Sports Inc., derived from the first names of his children, Cathy, 19, Duane, 13, and Lisa, 11.

It is still not known whether Jones will reopen the ski area to the public, but the handyman noted the chairlift still operates — he ran it last Sunday — and the T-bar lift can be repaired.

The wind whistled through the cables of the T-bar high atop the Town of Solon hill today. It was easy to see that Jones had purchased a dream home commanding a view for miles and having seemingly unlimited sporting potential, including skiing, snowmobiling, hunting, and hiking.

Jones purchased the 1,148 acre property from the Small Business Administration for \$242,000, \$8,000 less than the SBA had paid for it three years ago at a foreclosure auction.

Apartment Added

A three-level apartment has been added to a wing of the \$110,000 natural wood-shingled lodge. The \$35,000 renovations included two balconies overlooking the lodge's main floor, a new fireplace and extensive repainting.

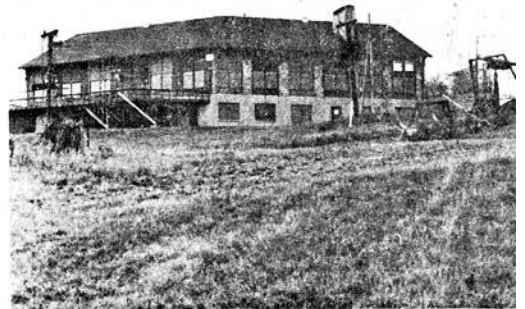
The area had been heavily vandalized, and Jones said he had spent about \$100,000 for repairs and improvements.

A spokesman for the Small Business Administration said it was the vandalism which prompted the SBA to sell the property at a loss rather than risk further deterioration in its value.

'Upside Down'

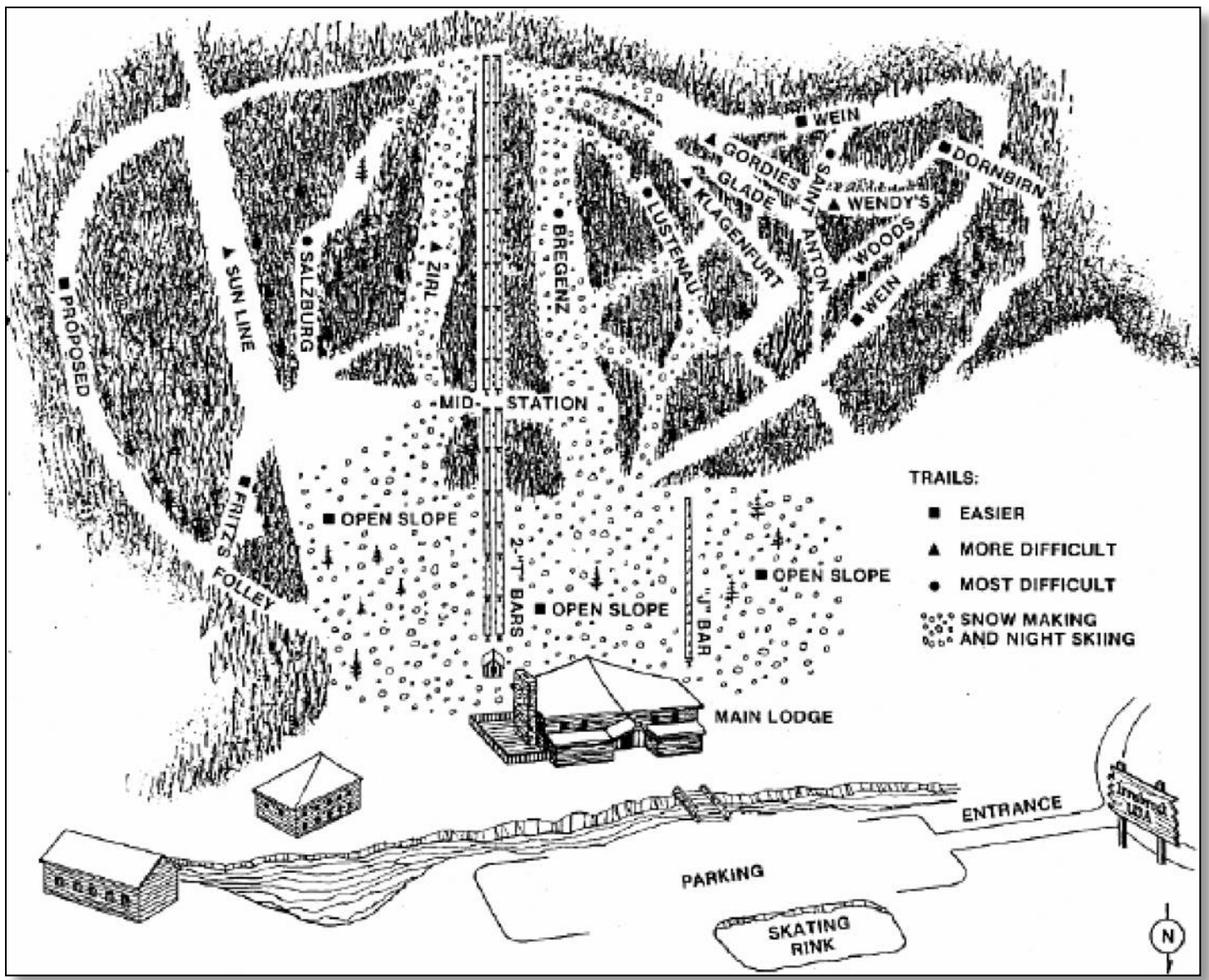
Intermont gained notoriety in Central New York when it opened in 1966 as the first "upside down" ski center in the area. Skiers were required to drive to the top to the luxurious lodge, and then after skiing to the bottom, returning by chairlift.

Occasionally, the chairlift would suffer temporary breakdowns, stranding skiers. A plan to build a small warming hut at the bottom was never realized, and a new road and parking area at the bottom built in late 1972 was closed during the '72-'73 season when bankruptcy made it impossible to make payments on the added property. The road brought the area about 20 miles closer to Syracuse by using Route 91.



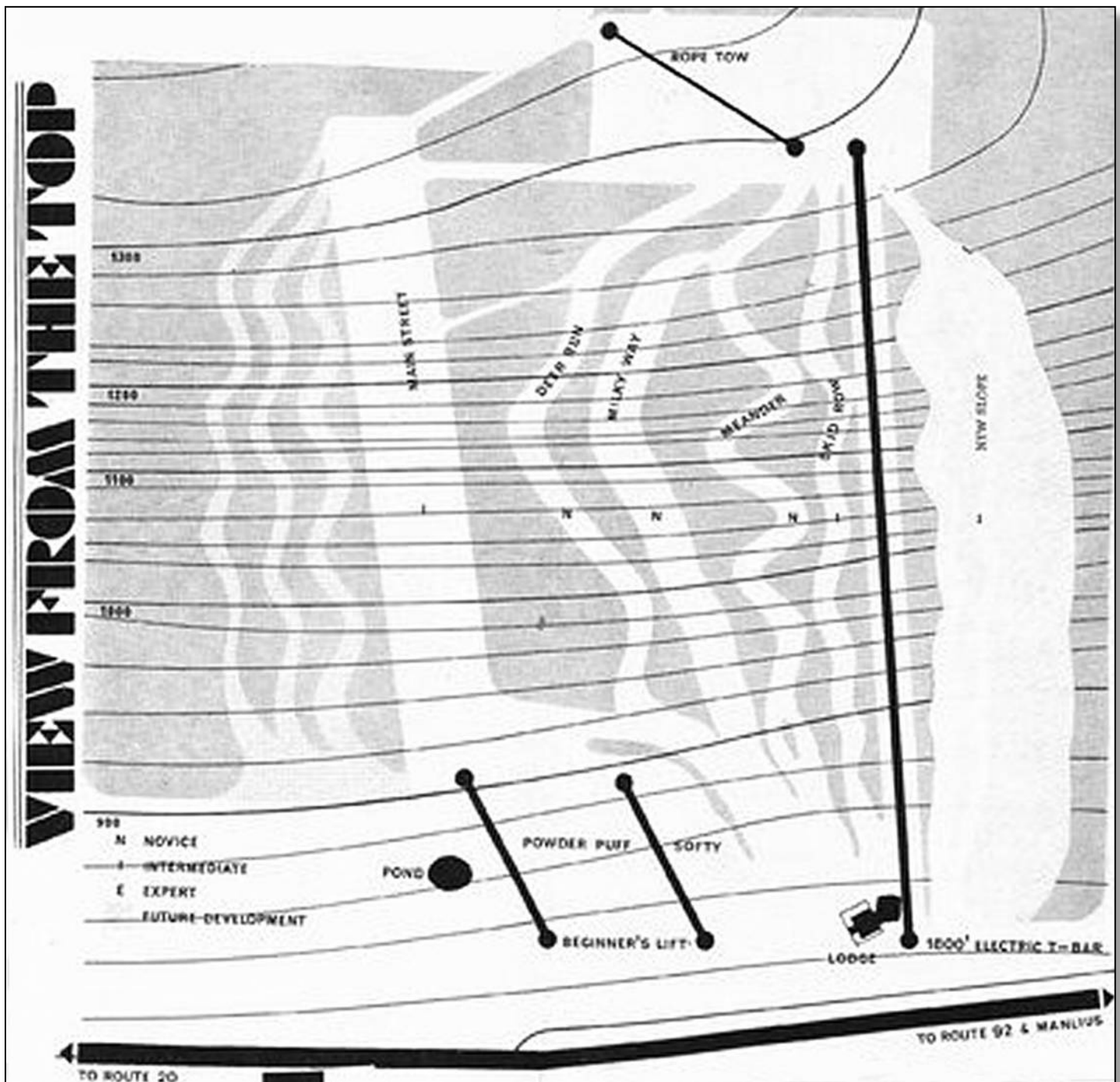
One wing of the lodge of the former Intermont Ski Area has been converted into a three-level apartment.

INNSBRUCK USA (Broome County)



Postcard view

IRONWOOD RIDGE



At 500' vertical elevation, Ironwood Ridge was served by a T-bar, two mighty-mite lifts, and a rope tow. The rope tow filled the highly unusual need to convey skiers across the flat terrain at the ski area's peak so they could access more trails to the south.

JUNIPER HILLS (Harrisville, Lewis County)



Juniper Hills was a “top-to-bottom” ski area with its lodge at the peak of its 170’ vertical elevation. The area had a T-bar and a J-bar.

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LABRADOR



LITTLE TUCK (Onondaga Ski Club)



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Located on Woodmancy Road just south of Hallinan Road in the Onondaga County Town of Otisco. It had a rope tow serving around 300' vertical trails.

McCAULEY MOUNTAIN (Old Forge)

Legend:

- Easier
- More Difficult
- ◆ Most Difficult
- ◆◆ Expert
- Terrain Features

McCauley Mountain Management reserves the right to limit the opening of trails, due to conditions.

Skiing is an exciting, challenging participant sport that often presents dangers and inherent risks including, but not limited to: trees, uneven terrain, bare and/or icy spots, natural and man-made objects, snowmaking equipment and vehicles, and other skiers and snowboarders.

IF YOU CANNOT ACCEPT THESE INHERENT RISKS, PLEASE DO NOT SKI McCAULEY MOUNTAIN.

Observe the code listed below and share with other skiers the responsibility for a great skiing experience.

Skiers' Responsibility Code:

Always ski in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.

People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.

You must not stop where you obstruct a trail, or are not visible from above.

Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.

Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.

Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.

McCauley Mountain Ski Area

Elevation 2330'

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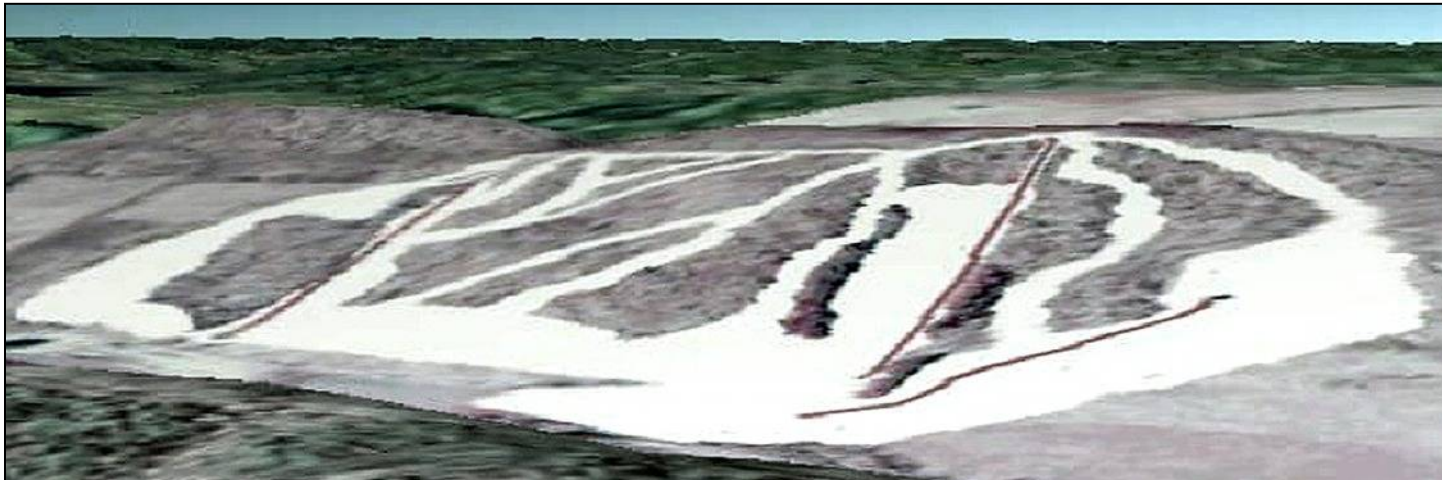
Lifts

1. Double Chairlift
2. T-Bar
3. Playmate Rope Tow
4. Beginner Rope Tow
5. T-Bar

Uphill Capacity: 3100/hr

If unfamiliar with lift, please ask attendant for assistance.

MT. OTSEGO (Cooperstown)



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Located near Cooperstown, NY, Mt. Otsego opened in 1938 with a 380' vertical elevation that was eventually served by a T-bar and two rope tows.

MYSTIC MOUNTAIN (New Woodstock, Madison County)

A. 2200' LIGHTED DOUBLE CHAIRLIFT B. LIGHTED BEGINNER J-BAR
C. 3100' LIGHTED T-BAR D. LODGE, CAFETERIA, PUB

• 1 Goldmine	E	8 All Baba	N-I	• Night Skiing
• 2 Quick Silver	E	• 9 Flying Carpet	I	CODE:
• 3 Chute	I	10 Top Hat	I-E	N — Novice
4 Nugget	N	• 11 Goliath		I — Intermediate
5 Diamond	N	• 12 Catapult		E — Expert
6 Yellow Brick RD	N	13 Unicorn		
• 7 Long John Silver	N			

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EASY ACCESS ON ROUTE 13 AT NEW WOODSTOCK, N.Y.

PINNACLE (Near Corning)

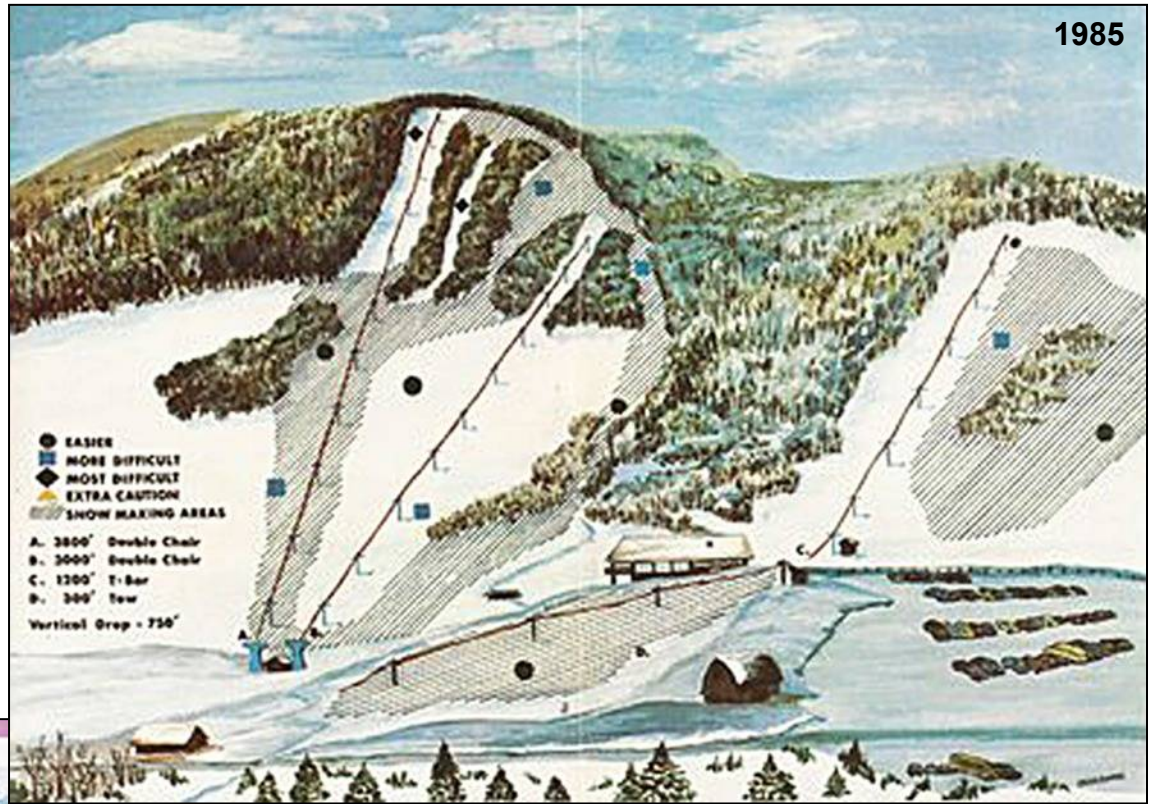


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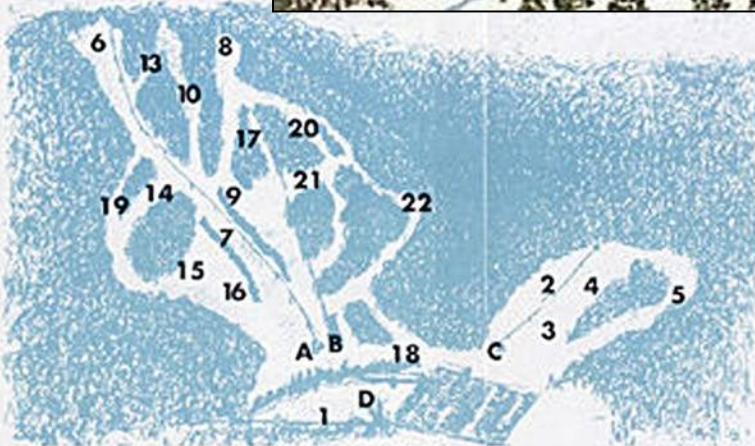


SHU-MAKER MOUNTAIN (Little Falls)

1985



1994



- | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 ● Bootie | 9 ■ Lower Boot | 17 ■ Sandal |
| 2 ■ Sole | 10 ◆ Shoestring | 18 ■ Tongue |
| 3 ■ Heel | 11 ◆ Lace (not illustrated) | 19 ● Eyelet |
| 4 ■ Toe | 12 ■ Upper Slipper (not illustrated) | 20 ■ Sneaker |
| 5 ● Arch | 13 ● Lower Slipper | 21 ● Crossstitch |
| 6 ◆ Hi-Top (Headwall) | 14 ● Moccasin | 22 ● Loafer |
| 7 ■ Lo-Top | 15 ■ Buckle | |
| 8 ■ Upper Boot | 16 ■ Cleat | |

- A - 3800' chair
- B - 3000' chair
- C - 1200' T-bar
- D - 300' Rope Tow

- Easier
- More difficult
- ◆ Most difficult

SHU-MAKER MOUNTAIN PROFILE

- ◆ Vertical Drop - 750'
- ◆ Base Elevation - 500'
- ◆ Summit Elevation - 1250'
- ◆ 22 Trails
- ◆ Beginner - 6
- ◆ Intermediate 13
- ◆ Expert - 3
- ◆ Longest Run - 5800'
- ◆ Night Skiing - 13 Trails
- ◆ 50% Snowmaking
- ◆ Skiable Acres - 90
- ◆ Annual Snowfall - 125"
- ◆ Avg. Ski Season - 70 days
- ◆ 1-3800' Double Chair
- ◆ 1-3000' Double Chair
- ◆ 1-1200' T-Bar
- ◆ 1-300' Rope Tow
- ◆ Uphill Capacity - 3200 skiers per hour

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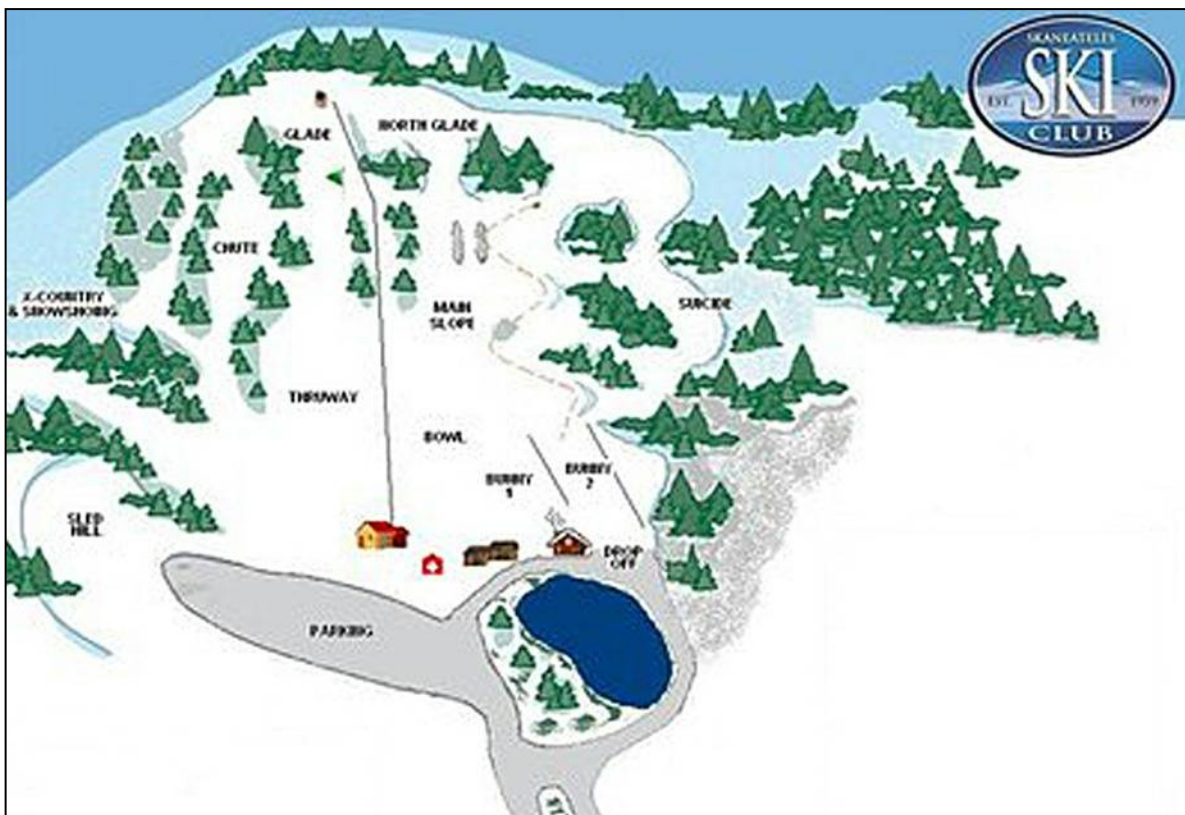
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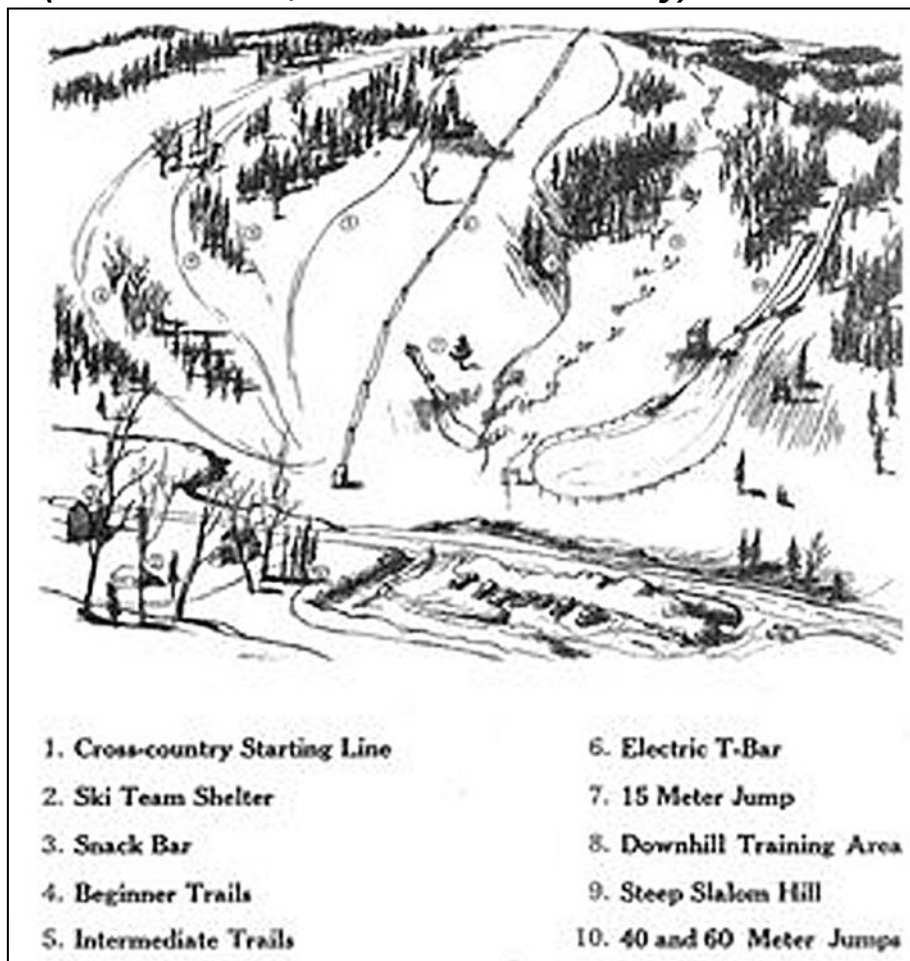
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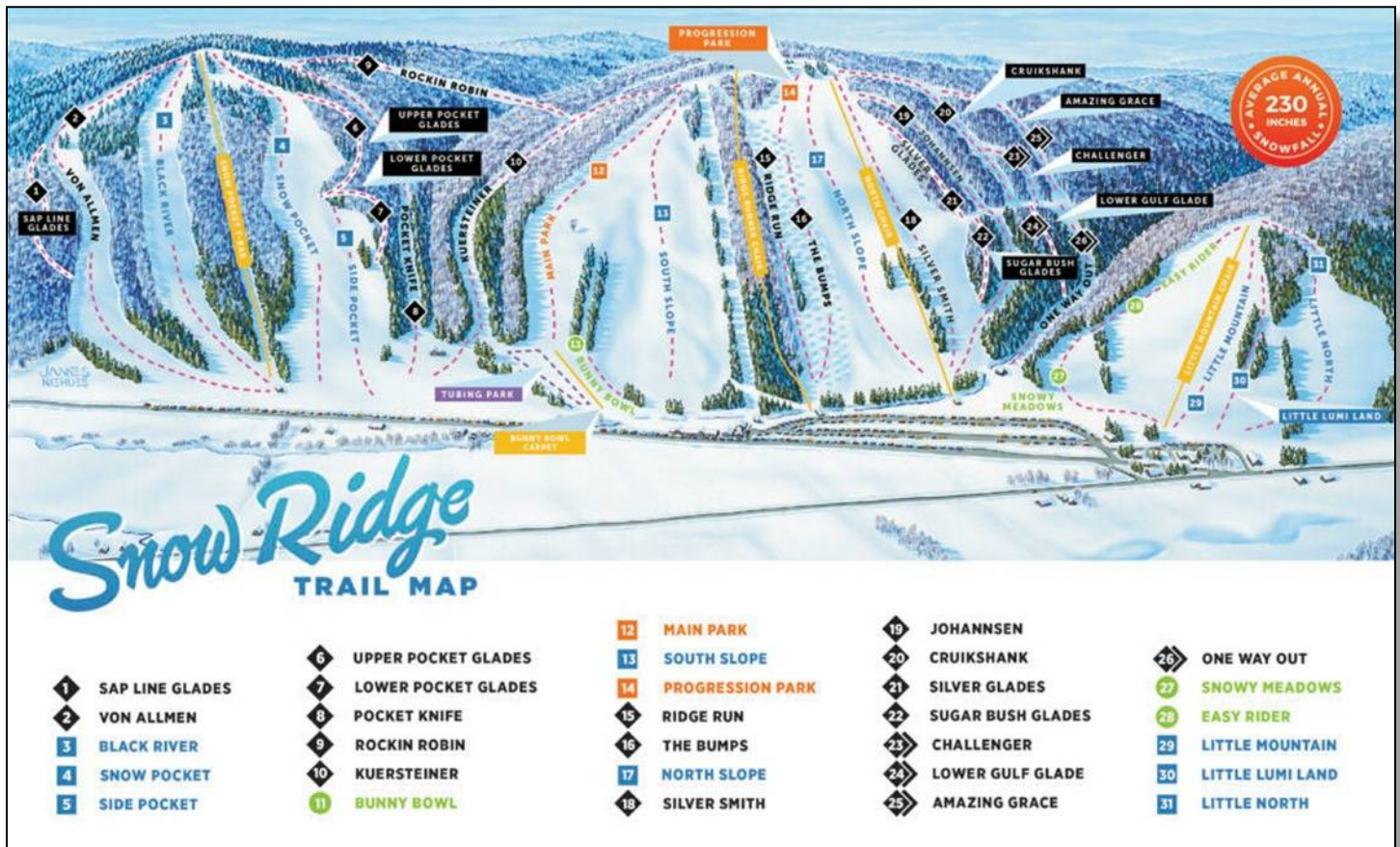
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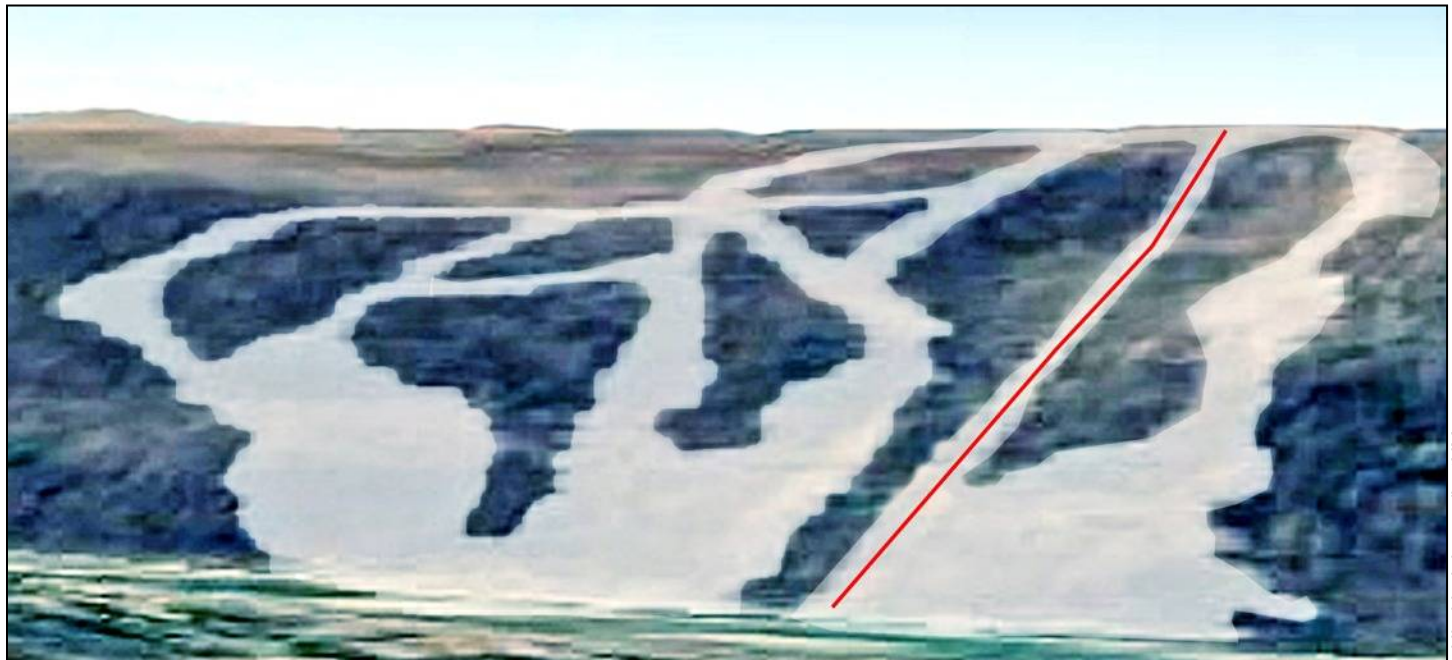
SLU SNOWBOWL (South Colton, St. Lawrence County)



SNOW RIDGE (Turin, Lewis County)



TALL TIMBER (Near Elmira)



Tall Timber had a vertical elevation of 400 feet and was served by a T-bar and a rope tow.

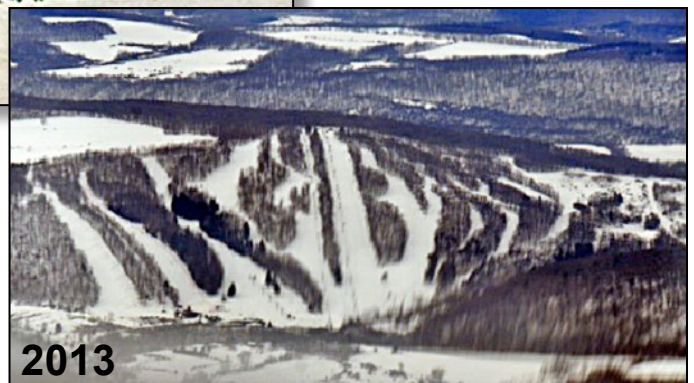
SONG MOUNTAIN



Song Mt. lodge in 1961 postcard



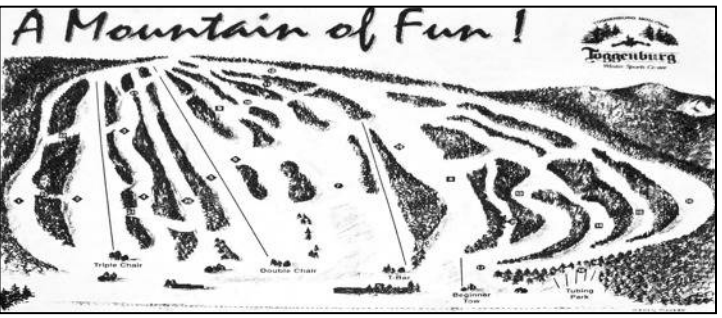
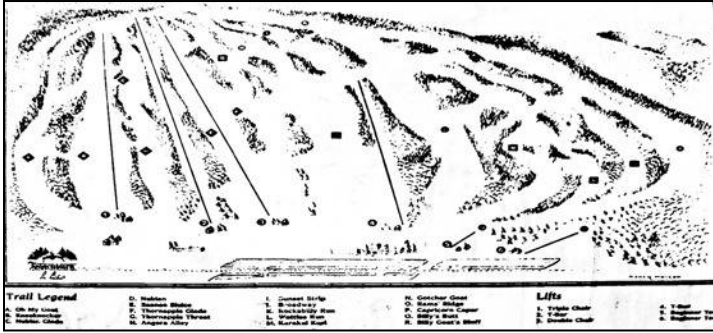
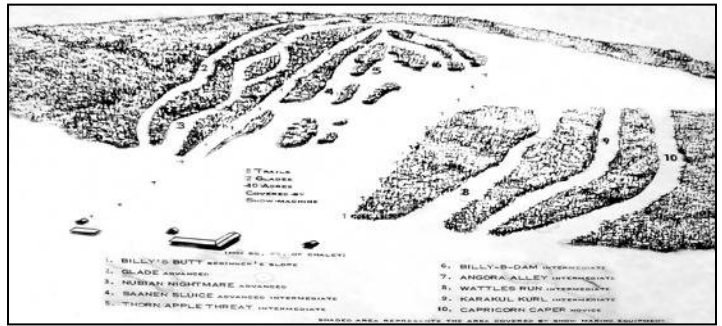
Song Mountain's first logo and patch from the 1960s, and the new logo/patch adopted around 1974 at right.



TOGGENBURG



1956 (above), c.1970 (right), 1990 (below),
2000 (below right), 2021 (bottom)



Toggenburg MOUNTAIN

● EASIER TERRAIN
 ■ MORE DIFFICULT
 ◆ MOST DIFFICULT
 ■ TERRAIN PARK

TRAILS / SLOPES				LIFTS	
◆ 1 Oh My Goat	◆ 7 Thornapple Threat	■ 13 In-Saanen	● 19 Billy's Butt	1 North Double	
◆ 2 Kneeknocker	■ 8 Ginny's Way	■ 14 Chèvre Chute	● 20 Trip-to-Dub	2 South Double (Linus' Lane)	
◆ 3 Nubian Glade	■ 9 Angora Alley	■ 15 Karakul Kurl	● 21 Goat's Path	3 Triple Chair	
◆ 4 Nubian	■ 10 Main	■ 16 Gotcher Goat		4 South Tow	
◆ 5 On My Way	● 11 Doc's Run	■ 17 Ram's Ridge		5 North Tow	
◆ 6 Ole' T Alley	● 12 Rockabilly Run	■ 18 Capricorn Caper			

■ Office
 ■ Rental Shop
 ■ Cafeteria, Restaurant
 ● Ski Shop
 ■ Ski School
 ■ Ski Patrol

How Toggenburg Came Into Existence

By Ginny Hickey / Published in the Dec. 2016 *Fabius Historical Society Newsletter*

In the winter of 1952, friends of ours, Harry and Agnes Ehle of Liverpool, stopped at our home (we lived in Dewitt at that time), on a late Sunday evening, after skiing at Speculator Mountain. The remark was made that "We need a ski area closer to home." Doc spoke up immediately saying, "I know just the spot!" The next day Doc took Harry down to look at a hill located in Fabius and owned by a farmer, Mr. Robert L. Harris.

Mr. Harris had every type of animal that was listed under the heading of farm animals. They roamed freely within the confines of the pastures and over what are now trails. Mr. Harris leased the land to us and subsequently we added more acreage on top from Mrs. Mabel Patrick, Mr. Walter Knapp and Mr. Carl Vaas.

The main slope, as you know it now was covered with thornapple trees, and these had to be cleared. Getting the 1250 foot rope tow installed was truly a unique affair. (This was located where the short T-bar is today). Mr. Harris loaned us a blind mare named "Maud". Doc would harness her up to a telephone pole and lead her up to the top of the hill; come back down and start all over again. There were fifteen poles. Needless to say, they were both exhausted. The holes were dug with the aid of an auger on a 3 point-hitch tractor.

Subsequently, we had to think about a lodge or warming hut. Harry solved that problem by constructing a 24 x 48' building at his Dad's Liverpool Lumber Company and it was brought down to the area and put in place. Long afterwards, one end was removed and an addition of the same size was added.

Harry donated his 8 x 12' duck hunting shack and this was converted into a First Aid Building. We leased out the food concession to Mr. Ronnie Philips, a former member of the FBI. The menu was extremely simple consisting of sandwiches, etc. Water was provided by the Vaas family and carted across the road in large milk cans. Eventually, Mrs. Vaas took over the food operation.

There were no toilet facilities, so once again, Harry's Dad's company constructed two outhouses. They were painted a bright red with signs indicating "Ladies" and "Men." On the way down to the area, tragically one of the outhouses blew off the truck. This occurred on Rt. 91 in Fabius. It was the talk of the village!

The main slope had a natural bowl just below the brow of the hill and was marked by a single large maple tree. Skiers would stop and rest at this point and we eventually called this tree the "Gossip Tree."

Due to the death of Harry Ehle's father, Harry had to assume full control of the lumber company and sadly had to resign as a partner and that left just Doc. When we acquired the property, we were completely innocent as far as laying out the area as to the proper exposure, prevailing wind, etc. It was a "hill." We needed



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someone to advise us on grading and seeding the tilled land on the slope. Luckily, Doc met Mr. Frank Mueller, a Jamesville farmer who offered to help with the soil preparation and seeding of the slope's surface which had been leveled and prepared by Mr. William Saunders, a man from DeRuyter, who was widely known for his experience with a bulldozer.

We were open for mogul nine days the first year (1953), using the rope tow. Tickets were sold in the lodge. Eventually, a ticket house was erected outside and Mr. Mueller's son Franny took over the job of selling tickets.

In 1955, two years later, after observing the skiers' acceptance, we decided to put in a 2800' T-bar on the south side of the slope. Mr. Victor Hall of Watertown had been designing and erecting ski lifts all over the United States and Canada. We decided to hire "Vic." As it turned out, this

T-bar would be the second one installed in New York State. Snow Ridge in Turin has the first one.

Now it became necessary to make things more interesting and Gene Beckeman, a former PSIA instructor at the Turin ski area joined us and helped in the laying out of trails. Gene became head of our Ski School, a position now held by Jim Morris, PSIA certified.

Time marches on. Mr. Robert T. Kells, our next door neighbor in DeWitt, a Carrier Corporation executive, as well as a long time skier, expressed a desire to join in a partnership with Doc and Frank Mueller.

Following this, a second Hall T-bar was installed where the rope tow was. After a few encouraging seasons, we took the bull by the horns and decided to erect a double chair lift. We also gave considerable thought to having a small slope for beginners and intermediate skiers. This was further to the south and was serviced by a small Hall T-bar. It was referred to as "The Bunny Hill."

From here on, it was obvious that the local skiers were supportive and we planned on making improvements as finance permitted. Night skiing was becoming popular, so we chose to make that our next venture.

We also acquired a second Sno-Cat, which allowed us to pack the hill much faster. Doc, Ginny and the kids would go down to the area at 4 am to start packing the hill. Doc would lead the way and Ginny in the second "Cat" would follow closely. These Tucker Sno-Cats did not have a front snow blade, so it was impossible to shave down the moguls. We made a mogul planer out of heavy chain and this would replace the roller. This was drawn by a triangular draw-bar to which was welded a heavy piece of channel iron. This did a remarkably good job cutting down the moguls as did a strip of page-wire fencing that spread out the loose snow behind.

Due to the design of the Tucker Cats, it was necessary to grease the steel wheels every day --a very tedious and arduous job that no one relished. After Doc and Frank greased the Cats several times, they became more interested in the acquisition of the latest in grooming equipment and blew the "wad" and purchased a Piston-Bully. This made grooming a pleasure. Everyone wanted to try it. The Piston-Bully worked so well, and when it died, we traded it for two LMCs, and these vastly improved the drudgery of grooming.

Regarding the naming of the area and trails, it was decided to call the area



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Toggenburg after all the Toggenburg goats that roamed the hill, and also after a village in Switzerland. Ginny and Georgia Kelts spent many hours pouring through various books pertaining

to goats. They also stenciled the colorful picnic tables.

A few years later, we added a new ski shop with a lounge upstairs on the north end of the lodge.

In June of 1987, sadly, the building and contents were destroyed by fire. We started immediately to plan for a new building. This plan resulted in what now exists. Various changes occurred from year to year inside, as well as outside, such as the installation of a triple chair at the south end where the "Bunny Hill" was.

It will take too much time to elaborate on the various improvements; ie. snow making, etc. Nevertheless, we will continue to upgrade the facilities as is warranted for the benefit of our skiing patrons.

TOGGENBURG, WHITEFACE

Letter from Toggenburg Charter Member, 1966 Toggenburg PL, and Whiteface patroller Lee Borland...

January 20, 2008

To: Tom Buckley and the Toggenburg Ski Patrol:

Our sincere **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Toggenburg Ski Patrol on its 50th Anniversary! Oh, how much Judi and I'd love to be there and renew old friendships, and see how T-burg has changed since we left. Thank you so much for contacting us!

Re. my personal ski patrol history:

- ◆Joined Ski Patrol at age 14. First Ski Patrol: Drumlins (Syracuse)
- ◆Currently am a Lifetime Member of NSPS and registered as an NSPS Alumnus. There is literally NO skiing in Georgia, where we live from September thru May.
- ◆2008 is my 56th year registered with NSPS.
- ◆Charter member of Toggenburg Ski Patrol (1958). One of the "1st 7" Members!
- ◆Patrolled at Toggenburg 1959 to 1969, except for 2 years in US Army Air Defense, Arlington Heights, IL, 1961-1963. During those Army years I was registered NSPS with Buffalo Hill Ski Area outside of Chicago. It had all of 150 vertical feet! (I was desperate!)
- ◆Toggenburg Patrol Director at age 28 from 1966 to 1969. (May be one of T-burg's youngest Ski Patrol Directors?)
- ◆During my "watch" as SP Director, the famous Blizzard of 1966 hit on Jan. 31st-Feb. 1st. Snow started 'Big Time' on a Sunday with our Ski Area full of skiers.
- ◆At noon there was 2 feet of new snow. I went to owner Dr. Hickey to suggest that if we did not close early, we could expect to have hundreds of people stranded in the Lodge. I organized car caravans of 5 to 10 cars each that were heading in the same direction to leave together. The Area was empty by 2 PM. T-burg was the ONLY Central New York ski area that did not have people stranded! Over 55" of snow fell in that storm. Bulldozers had to clear Fayetteville streets...42 yrs. ago.
- ◆Received National Appointment #3227 at Bristol Mt. in 1968 at age 30 while I was serving as T-burg's Patrol Director.
- ◆Patrolled actively at eight different Ski Areas, including 1978 to 2000 at Whiteface Mt. in Lake Placid.
- ◆Member of 1980 Olympics Ski Patrol. (We didn't get to ski much that year!)
- ◆While patrolling at Whiteface, had a few memorable experiences as a volunteer:

1st Story: While patrolling a blue trail near the bottom, I skied up to two people who were walking up alongside the trail. Seeing my name tag, one of the men said "Hi Lee. I'm (Governor) Hugh Carey!" His intention

was to walk uphill to the Mid Station Lodge to meet up with his skiing wife and extended family (total of 14!). I offered him and his accompanying State Trooper a snow-cat ride, which he refused. Ultimately he (they) made it, in 3-4" of loose snow, and upon seeing me at Mid Station Lodge he hailed me over to meet Mrs. Carey and the 'kids'. I ended up hosting the 14 children, ages 12 to mid 20s, and skied with them the rest of the day!

2nd Story: One day, NY State Senator Betty Little was skiing, and stopped me in Mid Station Lodge to invite me to ski with her. (We had worked together on a few projects in her district so she knew me.) We headed to the expert Wilderness Trail, where the World Cup bump contests are held annually. This is a steep, Olympic caliber fall line trail that she liked and had skied earlier that day. She fell near the top, got up and said she was OK, except that her left ankle was "tender". She refused my offer of a toboggan ride down, so I led her down an easier trail to Mid Station; meanwhile she insisted she was fine. On Monday morning I called her office to check on her, and was told that she was at the hospital with a broken ankle from her Whiteface fall! Think about it! A State Senator was skiing with a Whiteface Patrolman, breaks her ankle, and nobody knows about it! I immediately called my (paid) Patrol Director, the Mountain General Manager and the Olympic Authority CEO to "report" this—before they heard it from her or someone else!

Last Story: One day I was assigned Little Whiteface for my patrol duty, with lunch on the top at noon. I was skiing with my Avicet watch, which counts the # of runs and vertical feet skied. I had patrolled 100% non-stop, top to bottoms, and when I pulled in for coffee break at 9:30 a.m. I had skied almost 10,000 vertical feet already. I decided to skip coffee break to ski. Except for a 12 to 1 o'clock watch/lunch at the top, I skied 6 hours solid, and at the end of the day (3:30 PM) I had had 32 non-stop top to bottom runs with 44,000+ vertical feet, and I calculated that had I covered over 45 miles of trails, 80% of them Olympic expert trails! Crazy—huh? I admit I dragged myself home to a long soak in our hot tub!

Meanwhile, it's snowing in Georgia (VERY unusual) and I find myself missing the exhilaration of gliding down northeastern ski trails with good ski patrol friends; however we really don't miss shoveling snow or navigating icy snowy roads. "For every thing there is a season....."

Again, sincere congratulations to everyone on the 50th Anniversary of Toggenburg—which holds a very special place in our hearts, always.

Lee Borland (and Judi too).

WOODS VALLEY

