

EPA Region Awards

2006 Outstanding/Region Awards

Alpine Patroller **W. Scott Wilkerson** **Ski Roundtop**

This Senior Patroller is a well-qualified member in three disciplines: Alpine skier, snowboarder, and tele-mark skier. As an NSP Alpine Toboggan Instructor, he also is an active member of the patrol's training cadre working with over 75 local members from basic candidate level to certified classifications. The nominee is also a skillful local Tele-Mark Skiing skill Instructor and applies these instructor skills in clinics scheduled within the Section by the Region. His home patrol members selected the nominee as their 2005 Outstanding Patroller and in 2002 he was their recipient of the Annual Service Award. In 2005 the nominee received a NSP National Certificate of Appreciation reflecting all he has done in the betterment of safe skiing and riding practices and received a National Appointment number.

Professional Patroller **Ed S. Kupillas** **Blue Mountain**

An eleven year member of the National Ski Patrol, the nominee for this award is a dedicated patroller who has arranged his entire life to further his activities as a professional ski patroller. The nominee is an Outdoor Emergency Transportation Instructor and has served his resort as an assistant hill captain and as a hill captain. The nominee has served as his resort's Risk Manager and has served as the risk management advisor for his NSP region since 2002. The nominee was designated as his resort's outstanding professional ski patroller in 2000, received his resort's annual service award in 2002, and was selected as the outstanding division professional patroller in 2003. In 2005 he was selected as the outstanding OET instructor at his resort.

Instructor **Keith Winot** **Camelback**

This candidate has offered outstanding instruction throughout his patrol career, starting in the late 1660's. He became a Senior patroller and completed the certified program in 1999. The nominee was awarded a National Appointment the same year. The completion of Senior led to becoming an Instructor, first with the Ski and Toboggan program and then a short time later with the WEC/OEC program. The nominee's dominant instructional activity is the Ski and Toboggan program, which includes instructing at Division and Regional programs, such as the Patroller School and the Alpine Toboggan Enhancement Seminar. The nominee also serves as a Ski and

Toboggan Trainer Evaluator for the Senior program, an Instructor Trainer for the Toboggan Instructor program, and also coaches and mentors candidates for the Certified program. He has served as a Section Chief and now serves as a Section Ski and Toboggan Coordinator and is a diligent supporter of the student program.

Patrol Representative

Nils Johnson

Ski Liberty

This nominee has served not only his local patrol and region; he also assisted in the process of making public lands available for the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics. He is a Senior patroller who has completed virtually all of the NSP education programs and serves as an avalanche and OEC instructor and as a SEMM T&E. He has received Patroller of the Year and other awards from his local patrol. He has developed an extraordinary relationship with his ski area management that has resulted in smooth day-to-day operations. He has been responsible for creating various patrol continuing education courses that have served to advance the skill levels of his patrol members and he is active at the region level in OEC and SEMM programs.

Irv Naylor Partners in Industry Award

Eric W. Flynn

Chief Operating Officer

Snow time Inc. Resorts

This nominee has been involved in snow sports management for over thirty years and serves as president and general manager of his resort and is the chief operating officer and member of the board of director's of the resort's parent company. He serves on the Board of Directors of the NSAA and is a member of the board of the PA Ski and Winter Sports Museum and Hall of Fame. He has consistently maintained a close working relationship with the patrols at his organization's resorts and has been instrumental in ensuring that the patrols are well equipped and trained.

EPA *Ed Hirshman* Annual Service Award

Keith Winot

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