



# Caldera Chronicles



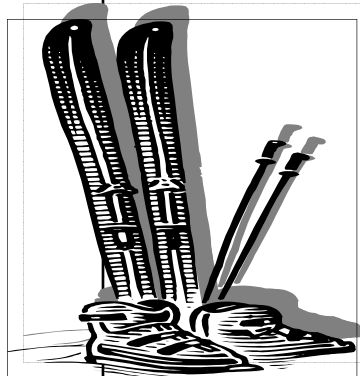
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## My First Winter

Thanks for making my first winter of working with you a most enjoyable one. This was my first time working with a volunteer organization that has your kind of size and complexity. The benefit to me was that everyone already knew what work had to be done or what training people needed and wanted to work on which made my job a lot easier. I was amazed by the amount of commitment and enthusiasm that each and everyone of one brought to the park each weekend.

Especially in a winter where the snow just kept coming and coming and for a while all it seemed you could do was ski up the road from headquarters to get a few of the poles and trail-head signs moved before having to ski back down and do it all over again the next day. I might even try to get a few of you signed up to volunteer with the roads crew after you demonstrated your ability to shovel out about 40 yards of Hwy 62. Crater Lake Ski Patrollers should be very



proud of themselves for the way that they train, work and for the professionalism that they display to the park visitors. Stop by and say hello during the summer and

I look forward to seeing you all next fall.

On another note,

for all of you that met and know Sarah she says hello from the ever increasing heat and humidity of Florida.

Ryan

Bock

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# Winter 2005/06, Notes to Self

My involvement in the Crater Lake Ski Patrol for the winter that has just passed has been a phenomenal learning experience. The park is changing dramatically with the reshaping of the rim area and the changing of park personnel. There is always something new and different happening in this winter scene. Here are a few thoughts to be shared that suggest that there is still lots of room for growth in my life.



Personally I have learned a lot this past winter, and learning is always a wonderful experience. Most importantly, I learned that I love to ski. It seems that I don't do enough of it. Along with skiing, I love to talk to visitors and work, shoulder to shoulder with fellow patrollers. We are a great group of outdoors folk. I am very happy to report that my wife loves to ski also. I'm afraid that she may lead me places that may test my

abilities... wouldn't that be grand? Put yourself on the Dutton Creek trail, four inches of new snow, great control even in the track... Kathleen lets out a 'wooooo' and I turn around to see her flying down the hill, arms raised, poles out to each side. She was a grand

sight and one I'll never forget. You know the feeling. Dan (the man) says, "when the snow is right, you have to be there".

You know that Kathleen and I volunteered to review the basics of avalanche awareness last December with the Patrol. That was fun to organize and I hope you enjoyed the presentation and the activity

that followed. Being a part of the Ski Patrol Council has been a wonderful view of how the Ski Patrol is organized. Each of the council members have great personalities, great experience, and mountains of talent. I have learned that the Ski Patrol Council is a force to be reckoned with (or wrecked with).

Have you skied the new trail to the top of the hill just before Annie Springs at the lower part of the Dutton Creek Trail? There is a certain uphill just at the end of the ski from the rim to Mazama Campground. In the past summer of two, the trail was rerouted and recently marked with blue diamonds for winter skiing. I learned that I did not like that section of the trail; straight up, icy, switchbacks, no matter what Mark-

lan says. Amazingly, Niel, agreed with me, and decided that we should provide that section of trail as an option, but not the single trail to Mazama. I learned that Niel can be reasonable.

We are all busy with life events. Sometimes they take us away from the skiing we enjoy, but sometimes they parallel our time in the park. This past winter I learned that there are very dedicated patrollers that give more of their time than is expected. Of course I could mention here John Bellon with his inspired leadership and warm smile that has brought the Patrol to its present condition; Thanks John. How about Pete, Ken, Maria, Erin, and Ryan? Didn't they do a great job? It is pleasant to work with NPS staff the honestly care about the volunteers they attempt to organize. The work that Niel does is

difficult to package, because he is into many aspects of the Patrol including the web page, <http://www.craterlakeskipatrol.org/>, the newsletter, and trails maintenance. He has passed on to me a CD-ROM with all the documents relating to the Ski Patrol (of the past 30 years) as well as a 3-ring notebook to Ryan documenting the ski trails from sign budget to trail locations. The training group, Chris, Kevin, Mike, and Dan (the man) have informed me that our training for fall is on track and will involve ropes and toboggan use. They are a great group to watch from a distance. And then there are two groups of patrollers left, the group that dives into any task that needs to be done...thanks Evan, Robert, Ellen, Beth,

Daniel, Ann, Jeanne, Brad, J.T., Joan, Beth, Ken, Tim, Barbara, Andy, Ken C., and Erick. And, the other group of folks that pull their weight and make the Patrol what it is...a great group to be a part of and the spirit in our esprit de corps. I learned that this group of Ski Patrollers is one of the best groups of people I have ever worked with.

I am happy to be a part of the Crater Lake Ski Patrol and hope to ski more next season. I would like to share a ski trail adventure with you.

*John*

*Salinas*



## PASSING THE TORCH: A WORD FROM YOUR NEW TRAINING COORDINATORS

by *Chris Wayne,*

As John Bellon so eloquently described in his recent e-mail, our '05-'06 Ski Patrol season ended April 23 with sunny skies, wonderful snow and many fond farewells. This day also marked the beginning of the '06-'07 season, when four of us met to plan the next series of training events. Present at this morning meeting were Dan Miller, Kevin Groh, Mike Benedict and me, Chris Wayne. It was the official "passing of the torch" from our previous training coordinator, Kevin, to your new coordinators, Mike and me.

The end result of the meeting was a general plan for our three-year training cycle, and some specific plans for the November and December 2006 training weekends. As he has in the past, Erick Bishop will be running the first aid and CPR refresher in November. In December we will dedicate Saturday

to ropes, anchors and z-rigs, while Sunday will be spent romping in the snow refreshing our map, compass and GPS skills. Kevin will be one of the instructors on Saturday, while Sunday will bring us the ever-thrilling course designed and taught by Doug Robin of ODF. We will send out information before these weekends, but come prepared for two full days of hands-on training in the snow!

The three-year cycle will continue as before, with '07-'08 bringing snow shelters and our overnight campout, and last season's avalanche drills returning in '08-'09.

So by now you are so excited about training you can't wait for winter again, right? Well, we can't do anything about the weather, but we can help you keep your skills sharp over the summer. Our Rangers offer several valuable

training sessions, including cold-water rescue and a Search and Rescue refresher. (Candidates take note, you can use any one of these to help fulfill your requirements for certification!) I will send out notices of these trainings to the e-mail list as soon as I become aware of them. Since I will be starting as the Park's full-time cartographer on May 15, I will have daily contact with the Rangers and hope to keep the patrol updated on training opportunities in a timely manner.

On a personal note, both Mike and I feel honored to be taking on such important roles after only two full seasons with the patrol. Taking over for such a respected, seasoned patrolter like Kevin is certainly an intimidating prospect, but both he and Dan were gracious and effective in transfer-

ring their experience and knowledge. The confidence they expressed in us, and their willingness to help us through the process, was reassuring.

We have great leadership, great instructors, and we will do our best to be great coordinators. As always, comments and feedback are welcome. You can contact me at [ma-zama\\_mapping@hotmail.com](mailto:ma-zama_mapping@hotmail.com), and Mike at [itsme\\_mike@charter.net](mailto:itsme_mike@charter.net). Please include us both on any e-mails.

I am glad to take on these duties with Mike, though I admit we were both a bit uneasy when Kevin handed us his box of training materials, then let out a loud "WHOOOP" and began dancing laps around his truck. Did we miss something?!?!?

See you this winter, and hopefully this summer!

# Volunteers Wanted

With the staff shortages this spring and early summer, we sure could use some help in back-country operations!! Here are some things that we usually need help with:

1. Mark trails: As the snow begins to melt down to soil, hikers will begin going out on trails in June. Unfortunately, when visitors come to snow covered areas, they'll try and walk around the snow bank. It would be helpful if volunteers could lay twigs out on top of snow to outline the trail and caution folks to hike within trail right-away.

2. Check on Backcountry Camp Sites: Several sites take a real beating during winter

and summer. There may be areas where litter has accumulated, hitching posts have broken down, or over-use is causing resource damage. Repairs & rehab could be immediately accomplished or information passed on the trail crew/resource management.

3. Check on trail conditions: Look for any trail hazards and either mitigate or pass info on to trail crew. Many trees fall across trail and portions of trail can be damaged by runoff. By walking the trails and completing a trail log - this valuable information can be gathered and given to trail crew.

4. Continue rehab on the Wineglass Cabin: The solar system still needs repair work. We are looking for donations for a small solar panel w/ components for charging a marine grade battery. Reason for donation: So we will be able to charge your radio battery at the cabin while you stay over night.

Niel knows where all the on-site electrical connections are.

*Ken*

# Crater Lake Rim Ski 3/27-29/2006 Report

by *Andy Dungan*

I had the great fortune to coordinate a ski around the rim with four wonderful individuals this Spring Break. I hope I can be here more spring breaks because nothing seems to top a ski around the rim. A little about the group: three of us were Crater Lake Ski Patrollers, myself, Barb and Jodi. Pete and Victor joined us from the Southern Oregon Nordic Club (of which I am a member too). I am the only one who had skied all the way around (back in 1995). This is the kind of trip that a coordinator dreams for. I just put it on the calendar and did a little phone calling. Everyone knew what to do. This was only Pete's second time winter camping (the first was the week before when the two of us did a test overnigher) and he did fantastic.

We had amazing weather. Everyday we experienced the whole spectrum from sun to blizzard. A couple of times it was

handy to have the GPS. Day 1 we skied to the cabin and stayed there. Don't use the cabin with more than four people. To make it easier I camped out the first night—stars to blizzard. Second day we took it a bit easy, enjoyed the views and skied to the intersection of Grayback and Pinnacles Road. What an amazing camp. It must have been above freezing at least 5 degrees. We just had a wonderful camp and sleep. That night it got pretty cold which turned out to be a good thing. We skied all the way up Grayback on this glorious sunny day on snow that didn't break through the crust.

Enough of my babbling: What follows are short stories by each of the other four. I

think you will enjoy. I know I did.

By Victor Chang (the truly eloquent member of this group and one heck of an athlete)

This being only my 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to Crater Lake and 1<sup>st</sup> in winter (and what a winter it's been), I had few expectations about what to encounter—besides expecting a lot of snow—and in no way was I disappointed. We had snow, laughs, views, wind, sun, more snow and quite an adventure!

A group of kind, fun-loving strangers coalesced quite nicely into an efficient snow-traveling group. Whether skinning up the myriad inclines or poling through the not-quite-steep-enough descents, through howling winds and sun-dappled forests, in fresh powder or frozen tracks,

on the trail or in camp- this group- Andy, Pete, Barb, Jodi, and Victor, were able to take care of ourselves and each other, challenge ourselves, learn from one another, enjoy each other's company, and experience one of the most pristine, beautiful, rugged alpine adventures and environments that Oregon has to offer.

The high peaks, steep cliffs, and interspersed couloirs that surround Crater Lake seem to compete with the lake when shrouded in snowy white, which doesn't happen in the summer, the season when most people see Crater Lake. Then, in the easy blue temperate sky, the lake effortlessly takes center stage. However, their wintry cloak heightens and magnifies their steepness and ruggedness and winter's gray skies cast a darkening pall on the lake that only makes the sunny moments

that much more sparkling, dramatic and enticing. We certainly got to know those peaks and mountains much more intimately (mostly their backsides) as we had to go over or around them all in circumnavigating Crater Lake. I will most remember- the physical challenge of skiing 32 miles with inadequate rental gear and a barely functional, homemade sled; the beautiful views of the lake; the cozy, stocked hut at Wineglass; the beautiful, soft snow...

By Barb Hansen  
(the birthday girl)

I would say that for the most part the weather ran from gale force winds to sunny, warm and no wind. I say gale force winds because as we got near Cleatwood Cove, over hill and dale,

this being drifting snow, the wind was blowing pretty hard but would occasionally increase with gusts, which at one point took it upon itself to blow my beanie cap right off my head. It clung to a branch blowing in the wind out of my reach and down a hill so I chose not to attempt a rescue. On the other end of the weather we found ourselves able to sit in the sun for lunch and bask in the warmth never having to coat up and not needing or wanting to move on. As they say in Oregon, "if you don't like the weather wait a minute and it will change," and it did. Always be prepared for everything and enjoy all the Rim has to offer with its many faces. You can be sure I will do this again.

By Pete Livers (the one who was so prepared on his second winter trip)

Choppers and spats, do I have everything packed? For those of you, who don't recognize those terms, let me explain. To prepare for the trip around Crater Lake I consulted several sources. My brother in Alaska encouraged me to pull a sled. "It's much easier to ski pulling a sled than with a huge backpack" he said, so I put away my pack and borrowed

a sled from the Nordic club. I also spent a night winter camping at Buck Prairie with Andy. It didn't take long to recognize that I was missing some crucial gear, like pile pants, down booties and mukluk type over boots. So off to the Campmoor website I went and promptly placed my order. There were several stops at McKenzie Outfitters resulting in a zero degree sleeping bag among other items. In the final days before the trip I was talking with my father, a long time skier and outdoor enthusiast about an extra pair of mittens he might have - mittens are warmer than gloves and in extreme cold it might be better to have mittens than gloves. Dad informed me that he had some liner mittens I could use but that I would need a pair of "choppers" to go with them. After some back and forth conversation it was determined that a chopper was what I would call an overmitt. I hadn't heard that term before. We also discussed a pair of gaiters that he had that I might borrow. He said, "You mean 'Spats' don't you," another new one on me. We had cold temps on the trip but not cold enough that I needed choppers, of course



I did take and use a pair of spats. No matter what you call it having the right gear makes all the difference. The trip was great; I don't think we could have had better conditions. Thanks to all who helped make it a success!

By Jodi Wacenske (ski patroller extraordinaire and what a fire starter)

What a fantastic trip around the rim of Crater Lake! We started on a beautiful, sunny Monday morning - the first day of Spring Break. The men sported sleds and we women - packs. We made our goal to Wineglass Cabin the first day, which I found much more challenging this time compared to last year's trip! The second day I was feeling stronger and happier than the first day (with

less falling down with the #\*\*\*(pack). The guys built kitchens and we ate and drank plenty. Happily, I slept well in my new 0 degree down bag. Day three we woke up to Barb's birthday with 14 degree temperature and sunny blue skies! We were off for a climb up Grayback Mountain and a shorter ski day. The ski conditions were great; the company was fun, fit and well-prepared; and the scenery was spectacular! I made it back to headquarters with energy to spare for the drive home to Portland. We patrollers discussed the benefits of having more patrol-weekend snow camping in the future.

## Those \*&^%#@\* Orange Poles

This Past weekend I had the unique "to me" experience of marking the Lower Dutton Trail and adjoining PCT junction starting at Route 62. With a dedicated crew led by Niel the Trail guru and accompanied by Ann, Chris, and Dave. We set out a bundle of new Blue Diamonds trail markers at comfortable spacing, making it easy for a skier to follow.

Branches were trimmed to make room for the diamonds and also to make sure these trail markers were visible from a distance and when possible from the diamond marker you were at. In addition, looking back to see if you could see the return arrows, almost, "Foolproof".

Thanks to the incredible high snow pack [even at this elevation] the

Blue Diamonds are now higher and more visible, verses knee height or covered by snow. Now skiing in and out from the Dutton trailhead and PCT is a pleasure and free from that stressful feeling of getting lost.

Now to my real objective: mark with the same extensiveness and almost foolproofness, both the Mazama, Hemlock and Raven trails so that the real scourge to a patroller's weekend [mine] can be eliminated or for sure greatly reduced. Just think about it just a few of Those \*&^%#@>(\* Orange) Poles would be needed to be set out, weekly reset and collected and re-

turned to storage each season. Yes Patrollers this could be you!!

I believe that with a thou rough marking with the Blue Diamonds on the Mazama, Hemlock and Raven trails, we can minimize the number of Those \*&^%#@>(\* Orange) Poles, reduce the cost of their replacement, the [never ending] dilemma of the "Large" VS. the "Small" diameter and length of poles and where they should be placed, no more pipe wrenches, grasping Those \*&^%#@>(\* Orange Poles) and twisting, bending, cursing or having to have 3+ people break the pole free from its ice foundation. WOW, more of the patrols time can be spent setting track, skiing the trails and Oh yes greeting guests at the park.

It seems to me after my brief experience of trail marking and then taking down and dragging out the Those \*&^%#@>(\* Orange Poles) from the Mazama loop that the time, energy and care of setting out the Blue Diamonds on the Mazama, Hemlock and Raven trails would pay dividends for the many weekends/years to come.

Again this should give patrollers more time to actually enjoy skiing

those trail, meeting visitors and reducing the maintenance time spent with [yes one last time} Those \*&^%#@(\* Orange Poles)

PS: Well seems that; having written the above scenario created the appropriate universal vortex for this past weekend April 22 a bunch of patrollers; yes Niel too, marked the Hemlock and Raven trail with Niel having marked the Mazama trail with those Blue Diamonds the previous week. Now the major skied trails are strung with new blue diamonds with a reflective tape that really helps finding them. Niel, Beth, John and Kathy S, John B, Ann M and Roberto' with hammers, saws, hatchet manicured the various trees and added a bunch of Blue Diamonds, and where appropriate removed the older diamonds. There may be a bit of touch up on the Raven but now the route up or down will be a fun climb or run. Thanks to all who helped with this trail marking project and next season those \*&^%#@(\* Orange Poles) will not be the issue they have been in Ski Patrollers lives as they have been in the past.

*Robert*

# Goodbye

It is beginning to look like this will be my last winter at Crater Lake National Park. Current date for my retirement is July 4.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for all that the ski patrol has done for me and most importantly, for my son and daughter. While Tristan and Katie were Volunteers on the ski patrol, you established yourselves as incredible role models. The dedication, loyalty, and "commitment to excellence" you displayed are lasting qualities that were shared w/ them!

I will miss all of you at Crater Lake. However, I hope to find another job and activity in the local area - so

don't be strangers! Bonnie and I will continue to keep our residence in Klamath Falls and will still be involved in the community.

Best wishes for next winter

- And Remember

**KEEP IN TOUCH!!**

*Ken Hay*



## The King has Left the Building!

In every organization there are those who work hard behind the scenes and seldom get the credit they deserve.

These are our unsung heroes that deserve our recognition. One such person comes to mind at Crater Lake National Park, and his name is Ken Hey. Ken is one of those people you can always count on to get a task done. If you every need help putting out the newsletter, mailing out envelopes, organizing the snowflake parade, or just need advice on how to do get something done in the park, Ken Hay is the "man" that will accomplish these goals for you.

I often would get a telephone call before a ski patrol weekend from Ken, advising me on where to find the key to the ski patrol house. What

Rangers would be on duty for the weekend, and of course, what tasks needed to be performed. Ken's proactive participation in patrol functions often went without notice and praise. That is because Ken is a team player, and never looked for any acknowledgement, except that he knew he had done a good job. It seemed to me, that knowing that he did a good job was enough reward for Ken.

On July 4, 2006, Ken will retire after 20 + years of faithful service to the National Park Service. Ken's high-energy, enthusiasm, and his cheerful demeanor will be missed. I'm not sure what will transpire next year in Ken's

absences? Who will help carry the ski patrol torch in the future? Who you greet you at the door with that penetrating smile? Who will lend you a helping hand? Who will have the key to the patrol house ready for you on a Friday night? Who will buy the donuts on our training weekends? Who will help set up the avalanche course? Who will help mail out and make copies of the newsletter? Who will take over as our snowflake parade organizer? Who will just be there as an adviser and friend for the patrol?



One thing is for sure, Ken is retiring, and it's for real this time. Word is that they are planning a retirement party for him sometime. We'll let you know once the date is set. I hope that you will be able to attend and help to commemorate his long years of service. Furthermore, be ready to acknowledge his accomplishment to the patrol.

We will miss you Ken and thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

*For the "King" as  
left the building!*

*Niel Barrett*

## 2006 Trail Marking Update

I first want to thank everyone involved for their help in the trail marking activities that took place this year. As of 2006/2007 Barbara Hanson will be taking over as the new Trails Counsel Advisor. I hope you will support her in her efforts to complete the marking of the rest of the ski trails in the park, as you have supported me. Although, a total of 13.8 miles of ski trails still need our attention. Furthermore, the trails that still need to be marked are: The 3.6 mile section of trail on the PCT South, 1.5 miles south from HY 62 to Pumice Flats Junction: The 2.6 mile Crater Peak trail: And the 7.6 miles of the Lightning Spring trail from the Trailhead on West Rim Drive to the Junction of Dutton Creek.

This year's trail marking pursuit was an overall success. 30% of all the ski trails were marked this season alone. A total of 373 man hours were logged, to mark 11.5 miles of trail. Around 750 new blue diamonds were placed on trees, equaling approximately 65 new blue diamonds per mile of ski trail. Out of the 37.5

miles of ski trails that are designated in park to be marked, 63% of those ski trails have been marked in the last four ski seasons (23.7 miles). 14 out of 40 ski patrollers participated in ski trail marking activities in 2006, equaling a 35% patrol participation. Way to go patrol!

On Saturday March 18, the top 2 miles of Dutton Creek was re-marked. On Duty that day were Barb & Richard Hanson, Ellen and Dan Rubenson, Niel Barrett, and Dan Monahan. A total of 60 man hours were recorded that day. The crew started at 9:00 a.m. The first task of the day was to place reflective tape on the new blue diamonds for night skiing. The six adventurous "Trail Fest" crewmen started marking the Dutton Creek Trail from the Rim down. At approxi-

mately 5:00 p.m. the crew neared the 2 mile mark on the Trial and called it a day. Nevertheless, the worn-out crew still had to ski out to the where Norm Jr. awaited them at highway 62 and the PCT. The skiers reached the new section of the PCT and decided to ski that section. However, it became obvious after skiing the new trail that this new section is exceedingly difficult to ski because of the steep grade of the hillside and the additional grade it goes up. This grade makes trail breaking incredibly difficult and the steep grade is a longer climb than the older section of the PCT. In my opinion, the old section of the PCT trail should be used and maintained for the winter ski travel. The exhausted crew finally reached Norm Jr. at about 7:00 pm, just about as

darkness set in.

The snow conditions that day consisted of around eight new inches of snow on a very soft pack. In places the skiers were breaking up to 12 to 15 inches of snow and maybe even deeper going up the new bypass. If it was not for the extreme trail breaking efforts of Dan Rubenson, the exhausted *Trail-Fest* crew may have been out even longer. Thanks Dan!

On April 8 & 9 trail marking activities continued on Dutton Creek. In attendance for Saturday's Trail Fest were Dan Monahan, Chris Wayne, Annie Michaels, Robert Vogel and Niel Barrett. Trail marking activities focused on the area of the trail approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile south of the intersection of the Pacific Crest Trail and where Dutton Creek meets, to approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the intersection of Dutton

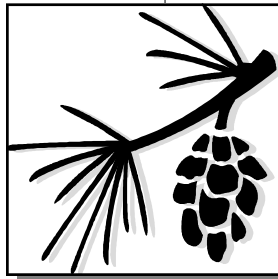
Creek and the Pacific Crest Trail towards the trailhead on West Rim Drive. The crew split up into two different groups that morning. Annie Michaels, Chris Wayne, and Dan, the other man, Monahan skied from the rim down and started marking towards the Pacific Crest Trail. While Robert Vogel and Niel Barrett skied from Highway 62 and started marking from the Pacific Crest Trail intersection meets Dutton Creek Trail and marked towards the group coming down from the rim. At 3:30 P M, the two crews meet in the middle, sat down and had lunch.

Then the two crews focused their attention on marking the P.C.T. from the Dutton Creek intersection south

towards Highway 62. By days end, the tied crew marked another  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of trail. With this accomplishment, only a small section of approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles on the Pacific Crest Trail was the only place on the entire Dutton Creek Trail system that needed further work.

On Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Annie Michaels, Robert Vogel and Niel Barrett continued the marking process on the Pacific Crest Trail from Highway 62, North to approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the intersection of Dutton and Pacific Trail. Trail marking activities mainly focused on removing the old brittle markers, putting up new markers with reflective tape for night skiing to improve the ease of following the trail, and raising the old blue diamond markers that was placed by the patrol a couple of winter ago. This year's snowpack was considerably greater to the previous years, making some of the old markers just above snow level this season.

I would like to thank our auxiliary patrollers Richard Hanson and Dan Rubenson for their outstanding work and dedication to the trail marking



cause and also, all our patrollers who participated, for if it were not for them, Dutton Creek would have never got marked. In summary, a total of 120 man hours of trail marking activities took place on Dutton Creek during this winter.

On April 15 & 16 & 17 the 2 mile Mazama Loop was re-marked, with the help of Ken Hickenbottom, Len Ramp and Niel Barrett. The three of them marked approximately (1 mile) of the trail on Saturday. The crew marked from Munson Valley Road to the staging on the first loop road. Then marked from the first loop road, to where the trail meets the end of second loop road, near the edge of the Annie Creek canyon. On Sunday Len and Ken marked the main trail leading from the Trailhead, beginning at where the first road takes off to where the second road loop starts (½ mile). On Monday, Niel finished up the trail marking on Mazama Loop. He marked from where the second road starts to the ANNIE SPRINGS canyon view area (½ mile). A total of 28 man hours was required to mark Mazama Loop. It is hoped that the Mazama loop is now sufficiently marked, so that we will not have to put out "those \*&^%#@(\*orange) poles" next season.

On April 22, both Hemlock and Raven trails were marked with the help of Kathleen Salinas, Beth Oehler, Ann Michaels, Robert Vogel, John Bellon, Niel Barrett, and John Salinas. A total of 37 man hours was required to remark both trails.



## Here are Your Winners for the 2006 Ski Patrol Raffle

*Hellgate Jet  
Boat Trip for 2*  
Paul Hope  
(Klamath Falls)

*Milwaukee  
Cordless Drill*  
Randy Hopkins  
(Merrill)

*Shovel*  
Doris Carroll  
(Grants Pass)

*Tournamax  
Duffel Bag*  
J. Calvert  
(Grants Pass)

*2 \$50.00 Outdoor  
Store certificate*  
1 to Kamperman  
(Klamath Falls)  
1 to Lynda Harlan  
(Klamath Falls)

*2 \$25.00 certifi-  
cate to Standing  
Stone Brew Pub*  
1 to Mario  
(Grants Pass)  
1 to Ray  
Salisbury  
(Grants Pass)

*Mirror*  
Shanna Fahey  
(Grants Pass)

## Update on Fund Raising Activities

*\$25.00 certificate to Travel Essential in Ashland*  
Allen Barrett  
(Klamath Falls)

*Bird Feeder from the NW Nature Store in Ashland*  
Barb Knox  
(Klamath Falls)

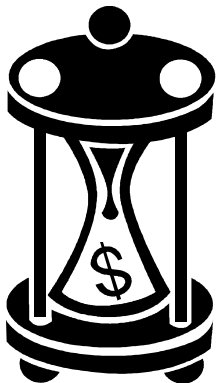
*Sun Glasses from the Ledge in Klamath Falls*  
Steve Schultz  
(Klamath Falls)

*\$100.00 gift certificate to G.I. Joes*  
Paula White  
(Klamath Falls)

### *CLSP Account Update Information*

The raffle raised \$450.00 this year.

The total amount of money in our account as of 5/06 is \$1,220.00



In 2005-2006 the raffle still remains to be our main source of revenue, although several ideas were discussed during the end of the year council meeting. In which, several different ways of attaining funding was looked at, however, no decided was reached. If you have any ideas please let your patrol council know ASAP, your input is welcomed.

On other matters, several meetings have occurred concerning the patrol financial ties between the Friends of Crater Lake (FOCL) and Crater Lake Ski Patrol (CLSP). The patrol is now in the middle of negotiations with the FOCL on weather or not to enter into a legal binding contract that would make CLSP

a "project" under the umbrella of the FOCL. This matter is still under advisement. As it is now, there is only a verbal agreement between the two entities. The council needs to come to an agreement on weather or nor to adopt FOCL as there sponsor and enter into a legal agreement or create there own non-profit 501(C)(3) tax-exemption and public charity status organization. Things the council are ponder are : there are many hurtles in attaining a 501 tax-exemption and public charity status that the FOCL now have in place, such as, the many different hidden costs associated. Compared to the meager budget and funds the CLSP has in the bank. It seems only reasonable at this time, to funnel the patrol funds through the FOCL, thus taking advantage of their 501(C)(3) tax-exemption and public charity status.

If you would like to be more informed on this matter go to your Crater Lake Ski Patrol web site and look on the download page. There you will find two documents under FOCL. We would like your input on this matter.

# Season End

Well, the end of the season meeting and celebration turned out to be the great culmination of another successful Crater Lake Ski Patrol year.

Thank you to Tim and Carolyn Hennessey for delivering up the swinging band and making for dance party fun. John and Kathleen hand-crafted spectacular beverage delights for all. Ranger Ryan saved the day by providing a barbecue grill, on which Kris Fisher and Tony Ballou crafted mouth-watering yums. We were joined by a large contingent of Crater Lake staff and families, with Ranger Pete honoring Erin Hoese (who unfortunately is leaving us) for her participation as park ranger and previous patrol coordinator—she will be missed.

Much work was accomplished: Hemlock Trail was almost completely re-marked on Saturday by Ann Michaels, Robert Vogel, Beth Oehler, John and Kathleen Salinas and Niel Barrett; trail poles were collected and put away;

and thanks to Beth Hoffman and Beth Oehler, we packed and cleaned the patrol house by 2:00 Sunday afternoon. Coach Dan Miller along with Mike Benedict and Chris Wayne spent most of Sunday vigorously preparing for next year's training—with these guys at work, you can count on high-caliber training opportunities ahead!

Lastly, Niel and I floated in the warm orange glow, sliding almost effortlessly on perfect snow, out around the Watchman Sunday afternoon. What a glorious finish to a year of hard work—enthralled in God's special creation: Crater Lake National Park, the winter wonderland.

*Happy Trails  
to all,*

*John Bellon*

# Just a Reminder

This summer the park will be offering several chances for you to get a little bit more training.

The summer ropes and cold water rescue classes are in the works. The dates of these classes have not been determined, but we will let you know the dates when more information is available.

To get the most up to date information, please refer to your ski patrol web site.

P.S, please take the time and fill out the 2005-2006 Ski Patrol Questionnaire.

*The future of  
the patrol is  
in your  
hands!*

## Another One for the Record Books

What a wild year! Fresh training brought to you by fellow ski patrollers; many candidates moving up to certified status, with the rest only an hour's worth of skills away from graduation; huge ski mileage accomplished, despite the overwhelming snowfall this winter; the patrol, as an organization, taking more responsibility in its operation; and best of all, no injuries reported by any of your fellow team members for yet another year.

We saw our share of losses though, with John Liakos leaving the park service; Erin Hoese taking a transfer to another park; Maria Mackie transferring to another division; Ken Hay retiring this year; and of course, the passing of "Wild Bill" Bloom.

So, where do we go from here? Well, no matter where the future takes us, the patrol must succeed—and it will, as long as we have people like you involved. Many folks participated richly this season: the Bishop family and presenters provided the annual medical training; Kevin Groh, John Salinas, Evan Olson, Ken Coen, Erik

Bishop, and the park rangers made the SAR training fun and relevant; Niel Barrett rallied miles of trail marking, published new handbooks and the newsletter, along with creating a new informational website with help from Andy Dungan. All the while, Dan Miller was working behind the scenes as always, helping patrollers, like myself, move the patrol forward in a productive direction.

Lastly, my term as patrol director concludes this year. It's been a good ride for me at least, with several of my organizational goals realized. You will be in good hands, however, with John Salinas stepping up to the challenge in my stead. He—we—will need your talents and support to continue to move

the patrol forward in the years to come. Please dig deep, envision what the patrol might achieve, and resolve to offer your very best this coming season.

*Happy Trails,*

*John Bellon*

### 2005 06 Weather Stats

November total snow fall 98.5"

Dec snow 109"

Jan snow 136"

Feb snow 45"

March snow 101"

April snow 48"

Total snow fall for the season 555 inches.

Low temp was -1 degree F on 2/19 and 20th. The high total snow on the ground was 174" on 4/5/06

We had 16 days of less than 10 degree weather  
We had 11 days where snow fall was greater than or equal to 12"

# Important Notices

John Broward and Jeanette Gilbert would like to announce the arrival of the newest member of the family. FIONA ANNA BROWARD was born on March 25th, 2006 at 7:05 pm. She weighed in at 7 pounds 14 ounces. Her mom and dad look forward to introducing her to the Ski Patrol family that was a big part of their life for so many years.



## 2005-2006 Ski Patrol Questionnaire

Please take time out your busy schedules and fill out the 2005-2006 Ski Patrol Questionnaire. Its very important that you do!

- Go to your Crater Lake Ski Patrol web site. @ <http://www.craterlakeskipatrol.org/>
- Click on the Questionnaire tab on the main page
- Fill out the Questionnaire form on the web site
- Then cut and paste it into your email body.
- Sent it to [wheels432@charter.net](mailto:wheels432@charter.net)
- Or snail mail it to Ryan Bock at PO BOX 7: Crater Lake Oregon: 97604: cc: Ski Patrol: Questionnaire



# Happy Ski Trails



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