



President's Report CSPS Yukon Zone

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This was the most enjoyable year I have had as president of Yukon Zone!!! We have a great group of patrollers who support and encourage one another. Our numbers may not have been huge, but we pulled together as a team and had a great year.

RECRUITMENT

Recruitment numbers were down significantly again from previous years, with five new patrollers registering and the loss of several long time patrollers. We had 30 registered patrollers, down by five from last year and 15 from the year before.

I have been working hard at Mount McIntyre asking people about their interest in joining the patrol next year, and it is surprising how many people say, "as a matter of fact, it was something I have been thinking about, I am interested". **I would like to ask each patroller to commit to approaching one friend or acquaintance about joining the ski patrol for the coming year.**

In order to increase recruitment and encourage retention of patrollers, we are beefing up our incentive program for patrollers. For example, this coming year we are going to start offering to pay for hot waxes for patrollers who have put in a certain number of days patrolling. This offer would be valid at Mount Sima and Mount McIntyre. **I am open to other suggestions patrollers may have.**

SUMMER EVENTS:

Last summer and fall, the patrol volunteered for many events. These included:

- Kluane-Chilkat International Bike Relay
- Yukon River Trail Marathon
- Whitehorse Triathlon
- Atlin Music Festival
- Trail of '98 Road Relay
- Sima Slamfest
- YFL Summer Camp
- Young Women in Trades and Technology conference
- Remembrance Ceremonies



A special thank you to **Pierrette Taillefer** for putting in the most time on these events.

All of these events provide us with honoraria, through which we were able to offer registration discounts for the participating patrollers. Coverage was very thin for a couple of these last year. **I am interested in hearing from patrollers as to whether we wish to commit to these events again this year.**

FUNDRAISING

The Royal Canadian Legion and Elks Lodge supplied donations to us again last year. In addition to the funds raised from our non-skiing events, successful fundraisers this year were our barbecues at the Yukon River Trail Marathon and Slamfest. Lotteries Yukon assisted with our new curtain system and safety posters. For the coming year, we have

recently submitted an application for funding for AED's, Sager Splints, an LCD projector and an advanced avalanche training course.

AWARDS

Last summer, we were awarded the National Outstanding Zone Award. This is an incredible honour, picked as the best patrol in Canada based upon our community commitment, high profile, contributions at all levels of the organization, special programs, first aid proficiency demonstrated at competitions and many other factors that make Yukon Zone very special. Thank you to Nadele Flynn who made the trip to the National Conference to receive the award on our behalf...represent!

Don White and **Jeff Boehmer** are both being presented with national awards at the upcoming National Annual Conference in Oshawa. Don White has earned the award for his ongoing efforts at both Mount Sima and Mount Mac, his first aid instruction, his on-hill and on-trail training commitments and his many other contributions. Jeff Boehmer is being recognized for his long term commitment to the patrol, including roles as APL, Patrol Leader and of course Education Officer.

In celebration of our accomplishments, this year we have chosen to have an awards ceremony separately from the AGM. It will be held April 17 at Mount Sima. We will be inviting our sponsors and partners, and family are welcome too!

OPPORTUNITIES

I have diligently been working on getting cell phone sponsorship from Northwestel Mobility for Mount McIntyre and for summer events. I will let you know if I hear anything on this effort. **If anybody has any other ideas for sponsorships or partnerships, please let me know.**

THANKS TO THE PATROL

I am especially proud of the Yukon Zone patrollers this year. Even though our total numbers were down, the commitment of patrollers was **fantastic**. We had solid coverage at Mount Sima this year, and Mount McIntyre appeared to be more consistently covered than in recent years.

Special thanks to my executive for all of the projects they successfully completed:

- Jeff Boehmer (VP Education)
- Brian Forsyth (VP Finance)
- Ken Howard (JPP & Safety Officer)
- Sam Oettli (Alpine Patrol Leader – Mount Sima)
- Steve Biggin-Pound (Nordic Patrol Leader – Mount McIntyre)
- Don White (on-hill & on-trail Training Officer)
- Kirstie Simpson (Avalanche Awareness Coordinator)

Congratulations to Steve and Faith on their new arrival, and to Jeff B. and Nancy who are soon to be following suit!

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