



PATROLLERS NEWS

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President's Message

As the ski season is coming to an end, I want to thank everyone who was able to actively patrol this year while facing unprecedented challenges.

Although the amount of skiing was seriously curtailed by hill closures during lockdown, we did manage to get some turns in and enjoy a facsimile of "normalcy" on the slopes.

The social aspect of patrolling was also a casualty of the pandemic, with all of us missing our many CSP friends across the zone. And of course, the banquet is again postponed for another year, so no big party to celebrate our patrollers.

Consequently, the Zone awards will be presented this summer in a similar format as last year (small groups meeting at various parks throughout the Zone). We will post this year's recipients in Patroller News and on Facebook.

We are all really looking forward to the next season when things hopefully return to some degree of normalcy.

We wish all of you to have a safe and fun summer

Tim Legere

President.



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Hill Happenings for March 2021

Brimacombe – It's been a very successful but short season with the Brim patrol. The patrol bubble system worked very well and everyone stepped up to ensure adherence to the new protocols. As is typical with March we had just about every type of weather imaginable, but we didn't let those rainy, windy days discourage us as the bluebird days came just as often. Everyone is looking forward to a more "normal" season next year and recruitment is in full swing for next year's batch of rookies.



Dagmar – The hill is hoping to make it to remain open for Easter weekend. Our patrollers have been very busy covering the hill Tuesday to Friday evenings plus all shifts on the weekends. It has been a busy season for us, and we are looking to a welcomed break this week as the hill is decreasing hours, being open only Friday to Sunday this coming weekend. We are watching and monitoring the social climate and hoping that things improve so we can celebrate our accomplishments of this season.

Nordic – Nordic has had a fantastic season, but quickly coming to a close due to the increasing temperatures. There has been an increase in visitors to the Nordic club this season with the pandemic, but everyone adhered to provincial guidelines and it was a great experience for everyone. We made improvements to our rescue sled by having a top made by a local boat cover company so items can be stored in the sled during all seasons, and this will have more comfortable conditions for patients without ice and snow buildups inside of the sled.



Lakeridge—CSP Patroller John Toomey is our first patroller of the year to get on the *Lakeridge's Century Club Award* for the Covid-19 2020-21 Season. With over 100 Patrol Hours serviced for this season! Congratulations John!

Zone – Your Kawartha Zone executive has been continuing to work on projects, hold regular meetings and continue to work behind the scenes. If you have an interest in working with the zone and the executive team, please reach out to one of the members, or your PL. On a sad note, due to Covid 19 policies the executive has decided to withhold the Annual Zone President's Award banquet. Awards for this season will be presented in local groups like we did last year. Hopefully, we will get back to socializing one day.



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Off Piste

First, congrats to Stephen Fisher of Brimacombe who won the face mask from last month's contest! We will get the mask to you soon. Thanks for your support of the zone and the newsletter.

This has been a short but amazing season. We at Brim chose to have "bubbles" of patrollers. This was a productive way for us to complete our patrolling as it kept smaller numbers together and this would in turn decrease any contact of Covid. I had the chance to patrol with people I hadn't really spent much time with, and it was a pleasure being able to get to know some of the other patrollers better. We certainly had a fun season, we had wind, rain, snow and bluebird days, and we completed them all with a smile on our faces. I look forward to the opportunity to get to know even more of the Brim patrollers next year.

This time of year, where seasons are changing, snow is melting, days getting longer, ski days are dwindling and time to get out the next seasons toys is starting, like my motorcycle. I had the pleasure of skiing two days, with a day on the motorcycle between them. The seasons changing bring new life, new experiences and new possibilities. I hope that everyone had a wonderful ski season, and have something to look forward to with the start of spring. Speaking of that... my motorcycle is calling!



Changing of the Guard—We have a few changes happening in the Patrol Leadership at Lakeridge and Brimacombe. These two patrol leaders have given multiple years to lead the patrols and undertake projects and encourage their patrollers to be the best they can be.



Stephen Fisher took on the Patrol Leader of Brimacombe years ago. He has taken on different tasks/projects to focus on each year. One year was a focus on recruitment and they added 20 new patrollers to the Brimacombe patrol, bringing their numbers back up over 40 patrollers. Stephen and his team worked hard and created a recruitment plan that included purchasing items (tents, flags) and having patrollers engaging with the public while out on the hill. Another task that was taken on was making the On Snow First Candidates feel more involved in the patrol and part of the team, so new jackets were created and used for them to acknowledge the program they were invested in. This program initiative was taken to division and very well received as well, and National has taken notice of the program as well. Social media was another aspect that Stephen and his team took on, creat-

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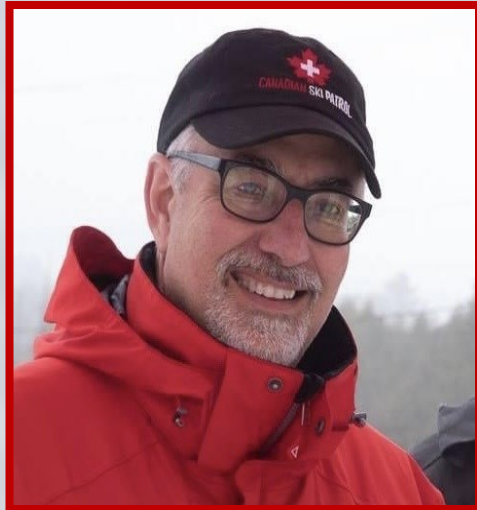
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Chris Moschopedis

Chris joined the CSP Kawartha Zone Patrol in 2009. His passion early on was with the first aid competitions. He loved coaching & mentoring many rookie and veteran competition teams to victory both in our zone & provincially. Continuing in a leadership role, he became a shift leader and an Assistant Patrol Leader as part of the Lakeridge Ski patrol executive. A few years ago he embraced the training and education roles for the Lakeridge and Kawartha zone rookies. In 2017 he stepped into the Lakeridge Patrol Leader role until present. Chris, along with running the Lakeridge Patrol, is still very much involved with training. As a CSP Instructor, he assists in running the 12 week fall education programs. This season has posed new challenges with Covid-19 and Chris has once again showed his strength as a decision maker and leader. With increased communications, web meetings and the oversight of hut and first aid protocols, Lakeridge CSP was prepared for the season. Throughout Chris' time as Patrol Leader, he has maintained excellent relations between the Patrol and hill management. He is thanked immensely by the Lakeridge team for his contributions as Patrol Leader for the past four years!



ing Facebook and Instagram accounts and promoting the exciting things that happen at the hill, and using it to involve the public with Safety Selfies (a safety program to get the public taking selfies of chosen objectives each week). Stephen also encouraged the hill management, ski school and patrol to all work together to have an amazing turn out at the Snow Angels event, having 277 people involved (videos available on line if you didn't have the chance to join in the fun!), including local politicians. Stephen also completed all these, as well as patrolling regular days/hours, being an AFA instructor and an on snow instructor. He also created a rapport with the hill management that has been beneficial for the patrol, the hill and the zone. Brimacombe hosted zone field days, a very successful Division On Snow Training weekend, and zone on snow training days.

During Stephen's time as Patrol leader, he won the following well deserved awards:

- 2017 Kawartha Zone Patrol of the Year
Executive Recognition
- 2018 Ontario Division Appreciation Award
National Public Relations Award
- 2019 Kawartha Zone Patrol of The Year

Stephen, you made a huge impact as Patrol Leader. Your direct leadership style, your engagement with the patrol, getting people involved and using skills and talents of your patrollers lead the Brimacombe patrol to what it is today. Thank you for your 5 years. "Think Snow, and Many Skills, One Team. That's how and why it works"

KAWARTHA ZONE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS