

Gordie Bell

For over thirty-five years, Gordie Bell has served the ski patrol and the patrons at Pennsylvania's Ski Roundtop Ski Area. His dedication to the sport and to the ski patrol over these many years has inspired several new generations of patrollers. Gordie is a well-known and highly respected instructor and mentor for new patrollers. He has tutored and encouraged many to pursue their senior or certified classification patroller distinctions, which demonstrate ski ability and incident management beyond the level of a basic ski patroller. The contributions Gordie has made over the years to the Ski Roundtop Ski Patrol have helped to make this organization well known as an award winning ski patrol.

On his regular duty shifts, Gordie can always be found working to mentor candidates, new patrollers, and senior candidates, teaching them all aspects of patrolling and instructing them in ski and toboggan skills. Gordie organized and has instructed at the annual Eastern Division Patroller School for the past ten years. He cosponsored and annually instructs at both Eastern Pennsylvania Region "Ski Patroller School" and the "Ski with an Instructor" weekends. These two outstanding continuing education programs are well attended and accepted by the region patrollers and the resorts they serve. Over these 30 years Gordie has organized and conducted ski and toboggan skill clinics at ski areas throughout the Eastern Pennsylvania Section and Region where he has given generously of his time in helping other patrollers to improve their skills. Over many years, Gordie has made numerous appearances before ski clubs, schools, and other community groups to speak on the subject of safe recreational skiing and to promote the sport in general. He has established close ties with Professional Ski Instructors throughout the Eastern Division, Eastern Pennsylvania Region and individual ski resorts. He has utilized their help in staging numerous continuing education clinics and Patroller Schools. Gordie has worked closely with ski area management to help establish and train many new patrollers.

Gordie Bell has been honored with the following NSP Awards and Certifications:

Lifetime Certified Patroller - Eastern Division
National Appointment Number 3940 (1972)

NSP Distinguished Service Award
Outstanding N.SP Alpine Patroller - Eastern Pennsylvania
Region Outstanding NSP Instructor -Eastern Division (1984-85)
Outstanding Patroller - Ski Roundtop
Annual Service Award - Ski Roundtop
Annual Outstanding Instructor - Ski Roundtop (2003)
NSP Yellow Merit Star (2000)
Numerous Certificates of Appreciation
Level I & II Avalanche Certification
Level I & II Mountain Travel & Rescue Certification

