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## CHARLIE'S CHATTER

The National Ski Patrol lost a very fine patroller and friend. Robert Jackson, the National Treasurer, died unexpectedly on October 17, 1984. The Southern Division would like to take this time to express our sympathy to Dotty and Bob's family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sepp Gmeunder and everyone at Beech Mountain for the gracious hospitality shown to all Division Officers during and after the Fall Officers Meeting. Also, for the hosting of the Carolina Highlands Refresher.

Notice to and for all Juniors of the Southern Division: The Southern Division Junior Training Seminar will be held at Ober-Gatlinburg, January 19 and 20, 1985. The top five (5) Juniors who participate in all events will have their registration paid by the Southern Division to the National Junior Training Seminar March 10-14 at Silver Creek, West Virginia. The Greensboro Swap Shop raised all the money necessary to pay for the registration fee of \$975.00. Money left over will go into the Southern Division treasury. Our congratulations to the patrollers of Hawksnest who did the majority of the planning and manning of the swap shop for the four days with proceeds of over \$1200.00.

December: cold, snow, everyone looking forward to a great season for skiing. Then here comes our mid-winter summer. Almost every temperature record was broken in the southeast, but in the wrong direction. Since almost every resort was closed for skiing during the holidays, I may not have time to visit and ski with each area during this season. If there is anything that I can do to help anyone or any area during the season, please do not hesitate to let me know.

The Southern Division is still in need of patrollers who are willing to give of their talents and time at the National Junior Training Seminar at Silver Creek March 10-14, 1985. This Seminar should be a great experience for all our Juniors and those patrollers who have never had the opportunity to attend a National Junior Seminar.



## CALENDAR

Jan. 12	Basic First Aid Test, Silver Creek
12	Junior Jamboree Examiners Clinic/Senior Test Judge Clinic, Beech Mtn.
13	Basic On-the-Hill, Silver Creek
13	Senior Candidate Clinic, Beech Mtn.
19	Basic First Aid Renegade
19-20	Circle A & Circle M, Wintergreen, VA
19-20	Southern Division Junior Jamboree, Ober Gatlinberg
20	Basic On-the-Hill Renegade
20	Southern Cross Deadline
26	Basic Nordic Clinic—High Country Nordic (location TBA)
26	Basic First Aid Test, Wintergreen, VA
26	Junior Jamboree Examiners/Senior Test Judge Clinic, Cataloochee
26-27	Certified Clinic, Beech Mtn.
27	Senior Candidates Clinic, Cataloochee
Feb. 1, 2, 3	Mtn. Patch Course, Mt. Rodgers, VA
9	Senior First Aid Test, Beech Mtn.
9-10	Nordic Basic Test, High Country Nordic
10	Senior On-the-Hill, Beech Mtn.
10	Basic Test Cascade
10	Basic Test Sky Valley
16	Basic First Aid Test, Winterplace
16	Basic on-the-Hill, Wolf Laurel
16	Senior First Aid Test, Gatlinburg
17	Basic On-the-Hill, Winterplace
17	Senior On-the-Hill, Gatlinburg
23	Senior First Aid, Wintergreen
24	Senior On-the-Hill Wintergreen
Mar. 2	Basic First Aid, Sugar
2	Basic First Aid, Gatlinburg
3	Basic on-the-Hill, Sugar
3	Basic On-the-Hill, Gatlinburg
10-14	National Junior Jamboree, Silvercreek, WV
16	Basic First Aid Test, Silvercreek, WV
17	Basic On-the-Hill Test, Snowshoe, WV
22-24	Certified Test, Snowshoe, WV
April 27	Spring Convention, Abingdon, VA
May 1	Southern Cross Deadline

## RUN FER THA HILLS!!

Hey Patrollers and Patrol Leaders! Brang yer yungins' over tha Tennessee hills to Ober Gatlinburg fer tha *Southern Division Junior Jamboree*. Mark that there calendar hangin' on the wall fer January 19th and 20th, 1985. Don't waste no time gittin' here. The fun starts at 9:00 a.m. If you and your yungins' need help findin' a roof fer ya' noggins, jest YELL!

Contact: Joy Slagle or Charlie Coward for more information.  
615-581-5818      615-689-4948

## NATIONAL JUNIOR TRAINING SEMINAR

The 1985 National Junior Training Seminar to be held March 10-14 at Silver Creek is shaping up rather well, but we still need First Aid and Ski & Toboggan examiners. If anyone is interested in helping with the seminar, as an examiner or with administrative duties, please contact Mary Davis at Silver Creek, Pete Chamberlin or me.

We have made the seminar more affordable for the adults planning to attend by lowering the adult registration from \$330 to \$275. This price includes lodging, lift tickets, breakfasts, dinners and the banquet.

There will be three Junior Seminar Examiner Clinics; at Silver Creek on January 5th, Hawksnest on January 12th and at Cataloochee on January 26th. We will be working in conjunction with the Senior Examiners Clinics and will try to be sure that all examiners judge the same way at the seminar. Anyone planning to go to the clinic at Silver Creek should contact me to make sure you have a place to sleep.

The Southern Division Junior Seminar will be on January 19th & 20th at Ober Gatlinburg. Any Juniors planning to attend should contact Joy Slagle, PL about lodging. Remember the top Juniors will have their registration paid at the National Seminar at Silver Creek!

Steve Benbow  
Junior Advisor

Listed below are the examiners who have volunteered to help at Silver Creek during the National Junior Seminar. Some have said they can only be there certain days. Please advise what days. (Remember that Wednesday is the KEY day!)

If your name is not on this list, and you are willing to help, please contact me for Ski & Toboggan or Mary Davis (304-572-1225) for First Aid. We will need approximately 40 examiners for each category.

### SKI & TOBOGGAN

Roger Bollinger	Doug Molyneaux
Blake Brown	Larry Pease
Richard Chaddick	Jeff Ragan
Dave Dillard	Gail Richards
Jim Eades	Ed Saleem
Tom Fisher	Mike Simmons
E. B. Fox	Allen Simonini
Doug Gilstrap	Ron Smith
Jim Herd	Mark Taylor
Butch McLean	Howard Tilley
	Joe White

### FIRST AID

Linda Pace	Joy Slagle
Mari Poe	Bernie Smith
	Dottie Spencer

Pete Chamberlin  
Blue Ridge Region Director



## ENGLISH MT., TENNESSEE CIRCLE M COURSE

The leaves have fallen, the weather turned cold, and its mountaineering time in Tennessee! A total of 19 participants gathered at Camp Carson near the base of English Mt. at 8:00 a.m. on December 1, 1984 to start the Southern Division's first Circle M of the season.

Milton Triplett, the chief instructor, was assisted by Lynn Pace, Dennis Slagle, Jim Williams, Jim Reed, and Joy Slagle. Five and a half hours were spent in the classroom discussing: food and water, body warmth and clothing, equipment, emergency bivouacs, map and compass and SAR. After the lectures, the trek up the mountain trail began. The ascent took about an hour and 45 minutes to complete and covered about 1200 vertical feet. Dusk had arrived by the time we reached the camp site, so everyone prepared their evening meal and had a good night's sleep before the field exercises on Sunday.

The field exercises began at 8:00 a.m. with a demonstration of rope usage, belaying techniques, and knot tying. Next was the fire building exercise in which all students were instructed to start a fire from equipment carried on their person.

The finale was the SAR. Three groups were given map coordinates to help them locate a hyperthermic victim. Each group found their lost victim, took action to treat them, and prepared an emergency shelter for a nighttime bivouac.

After treating their victims, each group layed out a marker for overhead spotting by a rescue plane. The plane, piloted by Jim Butler and carrying a member of the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol, spotted each group and via radio confirmed the sightings.

The weather during the entire course was clear and pleasant. The highs were around 60, while the low over night was in the mid-30's. It was just cold enough to teach everyone heat maintenance on the hike up and to have proper equipment to be comfortable at night.

ALL learned a great deal, had a terrific time, and all are looking forward to the Rocker M course in February.

Dennis Slagle

*Photos by Joy Slagle*

*Front L-R: Joy Slagle, Milton Triplett, Jim Reed, Warren Blye, Robert Rhinehart, Ian Nesbit, Linda Pace, Phil DesMarais.*

*Back L-R: Rick Stachowiak, Tony Schaffhauser, Jim Williams, Dave Bjornstad, Bruce Tackes, Randy Stratton, Bob Hickey, Carolyn and Gene Henderson, Lynn Pace, Dennis Slagle.*



*Lower Left: "Dinner Time! Where's the menu?"*

*Lower Right: Lynn Pace, packing up.*







*On Camp Carson Bridge.*



*Starting out on the trail.*

*On the trail again . . .*





## OUTSTANDING AWARDS NOMINATIONS

All outstanding awards nominations are initiated at the patrol or section level and are to go through usual channels shown on the forms.

1. Three copies of all pages must be prepared to be forwarded to your division award advisor.
2. Use additional sheets when referring to specific questions as needed, up to a maximum of five (5) (8½ x 11) pages in addition to the printed form. Your nomination *must* either be *typewritten* or *printed legibly* with a ball point pen.
3. Portfolios, handbooks, or other types of presentations are not acceptable.
4. A glossy photo of the nominee must accompany each personal nomination.
5. All nominations must be received by the division awards advisor on or before March 30, 1985.

OUTSTANDING SKI PATROLLER  
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OUTSTANDING SKI PATROL

Send to:  
Charles T. Benbow  
Awards Advisor

## SKI MOUNTAINEERING NEWS

The Ski Mountaineering Instructor Seminar in September was well attended and was very productive in establishing Division standards for the course context and processing. These policies and procedures were distributed to all Division Officers, so ask your PL for the information.

- Starting this season, Circle M and Circle A courses will be held separately to ensure that each course is adequately covered.
- The use of alcohol on NSPS-sanctioned Ski Mountaineering courses is strongly discouraged and will be prohibited where local laws or regulations dictate. This policy has a broad base of support among the instructors and will be enforced.
- Attendance at a course will not guarantee the awarding of a patch and card.

Tom Thomas is the Dixie Region Ski Mountaineering Advisor this season. Tom is PL of the Shining Rock Nordic patrol and is also on the Sapphire Valley patrol. I would like to thank Tom for volunteering and I know he will serve the region and their enthusiastic instructors. We are in desperate need of instructor-trainees from Skyline Region. If you're interested, let me know!

I would like to welcome the following recently certified division instructors to the program:

Doug Gilstrap	Milton Triplett
Bobby Harbin	Jim Williams
Doug Molyneaux	Norris Woody
Jim Reed	

I would also like to welcome the following instructor-trainees:  
Robin Hinkle Elaine Wittman  
Dennis Slagle Lee Wittman

These folks are all welcome additions and enthusiastic ski mountaineers. Congratulations to the entire group!

Please refer to the CALENDAR on page 2 for scheduled Circle M courses. The Patch Course will be held February 1-3 at Mt. Rogers, VA. You must have completed the Circle M course to attend. Have a safe season and come enjoy the winter wilderness with us.

Mark Taylor  
Ski Mountaineering Advisor

## SPECIAL NOTICE

E. R. "Randy" Pugh has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the office of Southern Division Director. Nominations may be made by any active registered patroller in good standing. Nominations need not be seconded. Any patroller may announce his own candidacy.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Must be a registered member of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc.
  2. A. Must have served one term as a Region Director, or two terms as a Section Chief.  
or  
B. Must have served at least five years of registered NSPS membership; at least one year of which has been served as a Senior Patroller and is currently registered as such.
- This information must be received by Randy by February 1, 1985. Include all personal data on patrol background.

E. R. Pugh  
957 Earl of Essex Arch  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

## SKI SWAP NETS \$1200

The 1984 Triad Ski Swap was held November 16-18 at Edelweiss Ski Haus in Greensboro, NC and was a big success. In 3 days, we sold ski equipment and clothing worth over \$7,500 and netted over \$1,200. The proceeds are earmarked for paying the registration fee for the top Juniors from the Southern Division to the 1985 National Junior Training Seminar in March.

We are grateful to the many volunteers who worked at the Swap, including a large contingency from Hawksnest Ski Patrol, to Pepsi-Cola and Nabisco (through Howard Tilley) for the refreshments, and especially to Edelweiss Ski Haus for their hard work, cooperation and support including direct mail and radio publicity. D. D. Charles Benbow was a key figure in the Swap as usual and did a tremendous job both during the Swap and with the massive follow-up bookkeeping effort.

Mark Taylor  
Swap Chairman

## PATROL NEWS

*Hawksnest*

Hawksnest is primed and ready to open as soon as nature cooperates, and the Ski Patrol is ready to get to work. We have some new patrol officers this year. Ed Howard and Alan Cassell are the new co-PLs for this season and Bob Edwards is returning as Assistant PL to round out the volunteer officers. We welcome Mari Poe as Pro PL this season. Chuck Surber will remain on the volunteer patrol, so we will have no shortage of experienced leaders. Steve Benbow stepped down from PL this season so that he can concentrate on the 1985 National Junior Training Seminar. We cannot thank Steve enough for the many years of dedicated service and leadership he has given the patrol, and we are proud to retain him as a Certified Patroller.

We have a great-looking group with 1 Certified, 3 Nationals, 10 Seniors, 17 Basics, 1 Junior, 1 Auxiliary and a promising group of 15 candidates including 4 Juniors.

We have already been busy this season with our On-the-Hill Refresher October 14th, the Triad Ski Swap on November 16-18, and a workday at Hawksnest on December 1st. On our workday we did numerous last-minute chores both inside and outside, including painting the patrol room and evaluating hazards on the slopes.


Ski Hawksnest is really going places under the direction of general manager Jon Reynolds. This year we will have increased snowmaking, regraded slopes, a refurbished lodge, and new sled loaders and lift evacuation equipment. These things will make both skiing and patrolling much more enjoyable. Now what we need is some cold weather!

Come ski with us this season. Seniors are welcome to sign on any day, providing the roster is not full. Have a safe winter.

Mark Taylor



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