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TO ALL SOUTHERN DIVISION PATROLLERS

This is my first official communication with you since being elected your Division Director in April. I'd like to start by thanking you for your support during the election process. You may be assured that I will do everything I can to live up to your confidence in me. Also, from the outset, I want to emphasize the fact that I need your input. I can't guarantee that we can follow all requests and suggestions, but you can count on getting a fair hearing from me and the Executive Committee.

Included in this edition of the Southern Cross is a roster of the Officers and Advisors and all the Ski Area Managers. We have done our best to assure that all is current and correct. Should you find an error, please contact Susan Jackson and get it corrected.

You will notice some changes in Officers and Advisors this year. Over the past years we have had some outstanding and dedicated people serving in positions of leadership in the Division. I would like to thank all these people for their years of hard work. We also have some other people who have worked diligently and deserve the opportunity to move up to positions of more responsibility and authority. I'm sure you'll find they will perform well in their new leadership positions.

On Saturday, September 7, we held the Fall Officers Meeting at the Four Seasons Inn on Beech Mountain. It was one of the best and most productive meetings I have had the pleasure of attending. We had an outstanding turn-out with more than 70 Officers and Advisors in attendance. Only a few patrols were not represented. I hope those Patrol Directors who were unable to attend this time will make every effort to attend the next Officers Meeting. This will be the 1986 Spring Convention on April 26th in the Boone/Banner Elk area; place to be announced. All patrols and patrollers need to be represented at these meetings. Actually, you don't know what you're missing, it's interesting and fun too!

One other date that I would like to emphasize is the National Convention which our Division will host in Atlanta. The dates are June 26-28, 1986. Those of you who attended the Knoxville Convention will recall how great that was. We should be proud to host this Convention and I hope as many of you as possible will be there. You don't have to be there for the whole show, but make plans to be there for the Saturday meetings and the banquet that evening. Rick Roberts is the Convention Chairman and has already done a fantastic job of planning and making arrangements with the hotel and other places. By the way, later on he will be calling on some of us to join him on a committee to run the Convention. I hope you will all say "yes" wholeheartedly when asked to join in.

Other things of importance that occurred at the Fall Officers Meeting: we were fortunate to have Bill Simonsen, the Assistant National Chairman for Staff, in attendance. He talked about the NSP on the National level and answered a lot of questions from the group. It was announced that the only official parka will be the rust parka with the navy blue yoke. All other parkas must be phased out in the next two years. Also there will be a new blue circle patch to take the place of the current blue patch with the yellow cross worn on the left front of your parka. The new patch is nice and neat looking and will be in the new equipment catalog which will be out shortly. This, too, will be the only official patch and all of the old patches and rockers should be gone in two years. Bill also brought us up to date on the status of the investigation into what we should do about our relationship with the Red Cross. There is a committee appointed by Ron Ricketts, our National Chairman, that is looking into the possibility of beginning our own first aid course. Our own John Chandler, MD is a member of this committee and is keeping us up to date and protecting our interests. As things develop I will keep you informed.

In June several of us were fortunate enough to be able to attend the National Convention in San Francisco. It was a very interesting meeting and we learned a lot about hosting a National Convention. Rick Roberts was there and spent a lot of time with Steve Snyder who was the Far West Division's Convention Coordinator. Steve did an excellent job and was most helpful with us.

During this ski season you will be seeing many of our Division and Regional people. We are all going to try to make as many visits as we can in order that we can be as much help as possible to all the Patrols and Patrol Directors. Please don't hesitate to call on any of us at any time.

I'm looking forward to a great season and to seeing as many of you as I can during the Winter. Keep in touch and be sure to put our Spring Convention and the National Convention dates on YOUR calendar.

Farris Jackson, D.D.

CALENDAR

<p>Sept. 28 Grandfather First Aid Refresher, Sugar Mtn., NC</p> <p>Oct. 6 Massanutten Ski Swap Shop, Alpin Ski Shop, Dalton, VA</p> <p>12 Carolina Highlands First Aid Refresher, Beech Mtn., NC</p> <p>12 Central Virginia First Aid Refresher, U.V.A., Charlottesville, VA</p> <p>13 On-the-Hill Refresher, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>26 West Virginia First Aid Refresher, Snowshoe, WV</p> <p>27 On-the-Hill Refresher, Silver Creek/Snowshoe, WV</p> <p>Nov. 1-2 Southeastern Ski Show, Cumberland Mall, Atlanta, GA</p> <p>2 Gatlinburg First Aid Refresher, Knoxville, TN</p> <p>2 On-the-Hill Refresher, Massanutten, VA</p> <p>9 Asheville First Aid Refresher, American Red Cross, Asheville, NC</p> <p>10 On-the-Hill Refresher, Scaly Mountain, NC</p> <p>15 Circle A—Skyline Region, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>16 Atlanta First Aid Refresher, American Red Cross, Atlanta, GA</p> <p>16 Virginia Highlands First Aid Refresher, Winterplace, WV</p> <p>16 Circle M—Skyline Region, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>17 Circle A/Circle M—Skyline Region, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>22-24 Triad Ski Swap, Edelweiss Ski Haus, Greensboro, NC</p> <p>23-24 Circle M Course, Brevard, NC</p> <p>Dec. 7 Homestead First Aid Refresher, Hotsprings, VA</p> <p>7-8 Circle M—Cone Lake State Park, TN</p> <p>7 Circle A. Ski Hawksnest, NC</p> <p>7-8 Circle M, Sky Valley, GA</p> <p>14-15 Circle M Course, Blue Ridge Region</p> <p>15 Basic First Aid, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>29 Basic Test, Sugar Mountain, NC</p> <p>Jan. 4 Southern Cross Deadline</p> <p>4 Mid-winter Executive Meeting, Banner Elk, NC</p> <p>4 Certified Pre-Test Clinic, Beech Mtn., NC</p> <p>11-12 Trainers Clinic—Beech/Sugar Mtn. (PSIA Instructor Team)</p>	<p>18 First Senior T & T Clinic, Blue Ridge, Sugar Mtn., NC</p> <p>18-19 Nordic Test—Roan Mtn., TN</p> <p>19 Blue Ridge Senior Clinic & First Aid Test, Sugar Mtn., NC</p> <p>25 Basic First Aid Test—Snowshoe/Silver Creek, WV</p> <p>25 Dixie Senior T & T Clinic, Wolf Laurel</p> <p>26 Basic Ski Test, Ski Hawksnest, NC</p> <p>26 Basic Ski Test, Snowshoe/Silver Creek, WV</p> <p>26 Dixie Senior Candidate Clinic & First Aid Test, Wolf Laurel</p> <p>Feb. 1 Basic First Aid Test, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>2 Basic Skiing Test, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>7-9 Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers, VA</p> <p>8 Southern Cross Deadline</p> <p>8 Skyline T & T Clinic, Massanutten, VA</p> <p>8 Basic Test, Wolf Laurel</p> <p>9 Skyline Senior Clinic & First Aid Test, Massanutten, VA</p> <p>15 Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee</p> <p>16 Basic Ski Test, Beech Mtn., NC</p> <p>16 Senior Ski Test, Cataloochee, NC</p> <p>22-23 Avalanche Patch Refresher/Avalanche Course Class Work</p> <p>22 Basic First Aid Test, Massanutten, VA</p> <p>22 Senior First Aid Test, Beech Mtn., NC</p> <p>23 Basic Ski Test, Massanutten, VA</p> <p>23 Senior Ski Test, Beech Mtn., NC</p> <p>March 1 Senior First Aid Test, Snowshoe, WV</p> <p>2 Senior Ski Test, Snowshoe, WV</p> <p>2 Basic Ski Test, Appalachian, NC</p> <p>9-15 Advanced Avalanche (Patch)</p> <p>15 Basic First Aid Test, Silver Creek, WV</p> <p>16 Basic Ski Test, Snowshoe, WV</p> <p>21-23 Certified—Snowshoe, WV</p> <p>Mar. 30-</p> <p>April 3 National Junior Training Seminar, Park City, UT</p> <p>26 Spring Convention, Boone, NC</p> <p>May 12 Southern Cross Deadline</p> <p>June 25-</p> <p>29 National Convention, Atlanta, GA</p>
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ASHEVILLE REFRESHER

The CPR refresher is scheduled for Friday night, November 8 from 7:00-10:30 at the American Red Cross, off Merrimon Avenue. There will be an equipment cost of 50¢ per person.

The First Aid refresher is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th from 8:00-5:00 at the American Red Cross. Please be on time and bring your yellow cards. This is the third cycle of the three-part refresher session for updating your Red Cross card.

SOUTHERN DIVISION LOGO



The Southern Division has the distinction of being one of the few, if not the only, division with a logo. Unfortunately the logo itself is not particularly distinctive. I am proposing that we have a division-wide contest to design a new logo with the final selection being by a vote by the general membership. Think about it and share your thoughts with your PL.

Melinda Waldrep
Wolf Laurel Patrol

NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER

INTRODUCING . . .

Mary K. Twomey, Southern Division's newest star. She has been appointed to the National Board as Auxiliary Advisor. Prior to Mary K's appointment, the position was a committee job under T and T and First Aid. Under Mary K. it becomes a full national advisorship.

This gives Southern Division two National Board members: Norris Woody serves as the Explorer Ski Safety Advisor.

For any of you out there not familiar with our number one auxiliary patroller, Mary K. (stands for both Kathryn and her maiden name) came into patrolling at the suggestion of Janie and Roger Bollinger. She was already active with the Red Cross—still is after 38 years—and particularly liked the First Aid part of patrolling. She attended a fall refresher, after which she became a candidate at Cataloochee. That was 1969, and she's been assigned there ever since. She's also visited patrols throughout the division, as a First Aid tester for both Basic and Senior candidates.

Her son, Bob, a senior patroller also at Cataloochee, has made sure that his mother gets plenty of First Aid refreshing: unplanned, but so welcome, their shared knowledge of childbirth was put to test when they delivered the last two of Bob's three children!

In her "spare" time, Mary K. keeps active with Civil Defense, working as part of the Blue Team, on an emergency care team, is chairwoman of nursing of disaster services and highway safety. As she says, "We're at all Red Cross disasters."

Our congratulations go to Mary K. and best wishes for a long and beneficial tenure.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

ALUMNI WANTED

We need your help in finding lost friends. Yes, those people who have been active patrollers at one time and have, for some reason, left us.

We know if we can communicate with them, we have an inexpensive way to rekindle old friendships. For just \$10.00, they can get ski patrolling magazine and Southern Cross, an NSPS Alumni Pin, opportunity to buy from NSPS catalogue, participate in NSPS trips and best of all, come back to patrols as helpers.

Each patrol leader has a stack of Alumni Forms. Every patroller should try to sign up a lost friend; the Division needs them—or send this advisor the current address and we will contact them.

The patrol that signs up the most Alumni will receive a handsome prize and be awarded the Old Spark Plug Award. Thanks.

Dave Dillard
Alumni Advisor

ATTENTION: PHOTOGRAPHY BUFFS

With the new ski season starting soon, I would like to put out an appeal to all patrollers and PLs to take pictures of their fellow patrollers in action. My dream is to some day have a group picture of every Southern Division Patrol in the annual division scrapbook. Please help with this idea and take some extra time to organize your group for a picture. A good time to do this is during your on-the-hill refresher. The patrollers who have viewed the scrapbooks truly enjoy seeing the refresher, training, party and ski action shots that a few people have taken the time to send me.

I'm looking forward to seeing all your shots—old or new!

Joy Slagle
Archivist

NOBLE LEADERS—HELP!

To serve the patrols within the Southern Division efficiently, there is an urgent need for an Assistant Auxiliary Advisor for each Region. I am asking the assistance of PLs, S.C. and R.D. of the Blue Ridge and Skyline Regions for a recommendation of an auxiliary willing to serve in this capacity, providing greater communication within each region and the opportunity to work closer with the patrols. Please send me the recommended auxiliary's name, address and a brief resume of their history in NSPS and other related activities.

Thank you for your support.

Mary K. Twomey
Auxiliary Adv.

SOUTHERN DIVISION AVALANCHE PROGRAM

Any Avalanche patch holder interested in becoming a division avalanche instructor contact me.

Avalanche Patch refresher is scheduled for February 22-23. Location and time to be determined.

An Advanced Avalanche Course (patch) is tentatively scheduled for the week of March 8-15 or March 15-22, 1986. Those interested contact me.

Ron Geist
Avalanche Adv.

ATTENTION:

For the protection of the preservation of the Southern Division History a plea has been submitted by the division historian. If any patroller has in his or her possession material such as old minutes of board meetings prior to 1972 or old magazines (particularly Leafalanche) or any other material pertinent to this project, please contact me. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Dottie Spencer
Div. Historian

MOUNTAINEERING NEWS

The 1985-86 Mountaineering Courses are as follows:

Nov. 16-17, Wintergreen, VA

Contact Doug Molyneaux

H 804-361-1248

O 325-2200 x 805

Nov. 23-24, Brevard, NC

Contact Steve Waldrep

H 704-658-2751

O 225-2344

Dec. 7-8, Cove Lake State Park, TN

Contact Bobby Hardin

615-566-1327

Dec. 7-8, Sky Valley, GA

Contact Mike Chandler

404-498-1531

Dec. 14-15, Blue Ridge Region

Contact Mark Taylor

H 919-668-7667

O 855-7547

All circle M courses will start Saturday morning at 8 am and end Sunday afternoon. Cost will be \$5 per individual.

The Mountaineering Patch Course will be the second weekend in February. The dates are 7-9. The course class work will be at the Washington County Life Saving Crew Building, Park Street, Abingdon, VA. The practical will be at Mt. Rogers. The course will begin at 9 am on Friday and end Sunday afternoon.

For better planning, participation and communication in our Regions, two new Mtn. positions have been set-up for the 1985-86 season.

Congratulations to the following individuals:

Mark Taylor, Mountaineering Advisor, Blue Ridge Region

Robin Hinkle, Assistant Advisor, Blue Ridge Region

Richard Wienberger, Mountaineering Advisor, Dixie Region

Mike Chandler, Assistant Advisor, Dixie Region

Doug Molyneaux, Mountaineer Advisor, Skyline Region

Norris Woody, Assistant Advisor, Skyline Region

I would like to thank these individuals as well as all the Mountaineering instructors ahead of time for their dedication to the Southern Division and the Mountaineering Program. Good people make great things happen.

Tom Thomas
Mountaineering Adv.

NORDIC NEWS

There are three goals established this ski season for the Southern Division Nordic program: (1)Expand the number of Nordic Patrols (there are now three), (2)Improve the Nordic Awards Program and (3)Prepare a Nordic Senior Program. To clarify: the Nordic Senior Requirements include a bivouac (Mt. Rogers with only a 20# day pack) plus advanced skiing skills such as linked telemark turns. Some are confusing this with a separate and totally different skill now being developed by Nordic Skiers: Passing a regular Alpine Basic Test, including toboggan handling, on skinny skis. Happy Nordicing!

Milton Triplett
Nordic Adv.

PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR APPOINTED

Gill Adams of the Beech Mtn. patrol has been appointed in this new advisorship. He has been a professional patrollers for many years and has some great ideas that will help the Professional Program immensely.

Many jobs are available in each Region. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please get in touch with Gill or me for more information.

Areas needing Professional Patrollers are: Wintergreen, Renegade and Ski Hawksnest. There are other areas that will need patrollers, so get in touch.

Sherry Perry Woodie
Professional Director

PATROL NEWS

Scaly Mountain

At the Cabbage Patch, also known as Scaly Mountain, the cabbage harvest is in; the Goldenrod is in bloom and we are anxious for ski season to arrive. Scaly owner/manager, Gene Head, has bought new rental equipment in anticipation of the many groups who ski Scaly.

And the patrol is ready. Officers elected for 1985-86 are: Sylvia Talley, PL; Warren Bly, Asst. PL; Gene Carroll, Treas.; and Chuck Latkoff, Training Officer.

Sylvia Talley, PL

Hound Ears

Hound Ears Ski Patrol is presently recruiting for the 1985-86 season. We are seeking established patrollers and candidates who seek less hectic, more relaxed weekend patrol duties. Consider these options: five-day patrol requirement (no night skiing), excellent meal subsidies, maximum hill capacity of 175 skiers, safety for children and beginning family skiers, telemark and downhill instruction proposed from certified instructors.

If you are interested contact me at the Grandfather refresher or call 704-435-4436.

Steve Brown, PL

Snowshoe

I would like to thank the Southern Division for the warm welcome to the Fall Officers Meeting. There is an open invitation to all N.S.P.S. ski patrollers to come join us this season.

Snowshoe is going back to the basics and there are three priorities to provide a successful season: the first is good skiing, the second is good skiing and the third is good skiing. Come join us.

Neal Rehberg, PL

Sugar Mountain Work Day

While the temperatures soared in the flatlands and the cities, about 35 members of our patrol took respite in Banner Elk for Sugar's annual work day, held on August 10th. The most courageous ones of us decided to brave it and take Chuck Hancock's CPR course for recertification. Anyone who has had the pleasure of knowing Chuck will agree that those 25 people really deserved those little white cards by the middle of the afternoon. Word has it that no one would dare show up at the fall refresher without his current card.

The rest of us, the lazy nine who would do almost anything to avoid taking Chuck's CPR course, decided to do the real work, put seat belts on all the stretchers and paint some newly made items in the patrol room. We had a rather slow beginning. Since it took George Kalnin almost an hour and a half to get the necessary hardware, we thought that he had gone to the body shop instead of the hardware store for the fender washers. Just what is a flat-headed screw? And when he finally did arrive along with a telltale bag of candy and chewing gum, we found Bob Shulman busy at work trying to drill a hole in reverse. But with the ever-steadying hands of John Tolbert and Flynn Harris, we finally got the job done. Are GM or Ford seat belts really the best?

And to all of you who are dying to know the latest in designer decorator fashion, we extend a hearty welcome to our patrol room this season to see the the new color of our oxygen tank and radio cases. About the taste of our fearless leader . . . or is it his eyes?

While all others were busy with odd jobs, Tom Fisher, who has retired the hat of section chief after 5 years, briefed our new boss Butch McLean. After some serious policy discussions and learning that Bill Dacchille, Flynn Harris, and Tom had already done his dirty work, planning the fall refresher, Butch graciously declined a new job offer, dog duty or walking the Fisher's new cocker pup.

After the refreshing day of gourmet lunch, catered from Scotties, good company and camaraderie, catching up on all the latest news of absentees, we all headed down the road, back to the flatlands, the cities, and the sweltering heat.

Some people will do almost anything for a day's credit.

Donna Fisher

Wintergreen in the Spring

On June 21st, Wintergreen Ski Patrol had a summer picnic and organizational meeting at Lake Monican, on Wintergreen Resort Property. Twenty-five members of the patrol and their families attended. In addition to boating, fishing, swimming and good eating, we had a short meeting and discussed programs for the up coming ski season. Three patrollers, Lou Argow, Amy Becker and Jim Whitfield assisted as first-on at the scene of an automobile accident on their way to the picnic.

We all thank Doug Molyneaux, Richard Miller and Don Rutledge for organizing the picnic and a special thanks to Uel Gardner, Wintergreen Mountain Manager, who provided some of the refreshments.

It was a great way for a between seasons get together and everyone agreed to make it an annual affair.

Pres Funkhouser
Volunteer PL

Wolf Laurel

The 1984-85 season was short, but exciting.

Snowmaking was completed for the entire length of Wolf's Crossing, the new one mile intermediate trail through the woods. Fun run!

A ski equipment raffle (skis, binding, mounting) funded the purchase of five radios for the patrol. Recognition and thanks goes to Ted Aslund for originating and organizing the raffle, Lenior Hendersen for selling the most raffle tickets and Melinda Waldrep for making canvas chest packs for the radios. Special thanks goes to High Energy Sports for helping us get the equipment to raffle.

Congratulations to our new Basic Patrollers—Tom Bingham, Adam Burnett, Phil Critcher, Jay Curwen, Robert Francey, Jamey Piercy and Carolyn Kewell. We had seven of seven candidates pass! The judges were complementary of both the quality of the candidate's skill and the efficiency with which the test was set up and run. Many thanks to our training officer Melinda Waldrep and assistant training officer Ted Aslund.

Congratulations to our new auxiliary—Rick Woodlee. Rick is a FCC technician and will be assisting Farris Jackson with telecommunications for the 1985-86 season. Our expectations are high for another great season.

Think snow!

Steve Waldrep, PL

PRO-FORM FLEX SESSION AND WINE & CHEESE PARTY

On Saturday, September 28, there will be pro-form flex session and wine & cheese party at both Alpine Ski Center and Ski Country Sports in Banner Elk.

Once again both retailers are opening their doors to the National Ski Patrol Members to allow us to take advantage of the substantial savings that many manufacturers offer to pro's.

Bill Lenoard of Ski Country and Bob Quinlan of Alpine have arranged to have pro products in shop, so there will be no waiting for manufacturer delivery. Between the two shops, every major brand will be represented. In addition, clothing and accessory discounts and pre-season tune-up specials will make this a special weekend for NSPS members. Ski Country is even offering a trade in allowance on used equipment! So be sure to bring everything along with you.

This is also the weekend of Sugar's Fall Refresher, so please make an effort to stop in at both shops. Get your new equipment early, or have those old boards put in tip-top shape.

Remember—we'll be skiing before you know it!!

Bill Dacchille
Sugar Mountain Ski Patrol
Sales Rep—NORDICA, LOOK, K2

OUTSTANDING NATIONAL EXPLORER



Norris Woody presents trophy to Carolin Stowe.

Explorer Ski Safety has been a cooperative program between the National Ski Patrol (R) System Incorporated and the Explorer Division of Boy Scouts of America since its introduction in 1977, by Harry G. Pollard, Past National Director.

Since the development of the Explorer Ski Safety Program eight years ago, there are now over 8,200 young men and women throughout the nation currently registered in the Explorer Ski Safety Program and similar cross-country explorer programs.

This year the National Ski Patrol has given an award for the Outstanding National Explorer in Explorer Ski Safety for the first time. The National Junior Committee, made up of each division Junior Advisor, chose one person they felt best exemplified this title. In March, at the National Junior Training Seminar at Silver Creek, Carolin Stowe of Greensboro, a member of the Seventh Division, was selected to receive this award. Her achievements in the Explorer Ski Safety Program are very commendable.

She joined the Explorer Ski Safety Program in the fall of 1981, completing her first aid and C.P.R. in 1982. As an explorer she attended the 1983 Division Junior Training Seminar and the National Junior Training Seminar. In the fall of 1983 she joined the Ski Hawksnest Ski Patrol as a Junior Candidate. At the end of the 1983-84 season, she took and passed her Junior Basic test. As an explorer and a Junior Ski Patroller in 1984, she attended the Division Junior Training Seminar and the National Junior Training Seminar. She has served as the Explorer Ski Safety Post President for the past two years. Carolin traveled three and a half hours round trip to Boone just to patrol over forty days in the 1984-85 season. She placed third in the 1985 Division Training Seminar. With the enthusiasm and determination this young lady has, it is easy to see why Carolin was chosen the 1985 Outstanding National Explorer in Explorer Ski Safety.

Norris Woody
National Explorer Ski Safety Adv.

FALL OFFICERS MEETING

This year's Fall Officers Meeting, held at the Four Seasons at Beech, was one of the best—attendance was up, participation was up, and everyone had a good time. Except for the heat! The meeting room was hot, hot, hot. Yes, it was air-conditioned, but when that was turned on, no one could hear what was being said, so we chose to be hot.

We had a guest: Bill Simonsen, Assistant National Chairman—Staff was present for formal sessions during the meeting and informal ones in the hallway, at supper, etc. His host was French Moore, who also was host to an undetermined number of patrollers—Susan Jackson brought Sunday breakfast to serve 20. The Sunday crowd was there for a mountaineering meeting called by Advisor Tom Thomas. Saturday, following the meeting, Ron Geist, avalanche advisor, had a meeting of his instructors. It was that sort of a weekend: diversified and busy. Massanutten was welcomed into the division, Jack Shields, PL.

During the big meeting, special awards presented included the gold merit star for the National Outstanding Administrative Patroller, Charles Benbow, Jr.; silver merit stars to two runners-up in the National awards: Lynn Pace, Nordic Patroller, and David Knoll, Junior. Ski Hawksnest was recognized at the division's outstanding patrol, Bobbie Rupp received a certificate for 20 years service.

Pete Chamberlin proposed that advisors set up booths at both the fall meeting and the spring convention, so that everyone could learn exactly what was going on in the advisorship. The proposal was defeated, as was one by Bill Hanner that certain advisorships be made self-supporting. Much discussion preceded both votes.

Bill Simonsen told those of us who are wearing (ahem) old-fashioned parkas—i.e. solid rust—to be prepared: the official parka now is rust with the navy yoke, and in two years, the solid rust will be passe. (Anybody have a large magic marker?) Also on the way out, it seems, are patches on the parka. However, on wearing the patches as well as the parkas, ski area management will have the final say so.

Shortly after 4:30, Mr. Vivacious, Brandon Deane, Training Advisor (replacing Tom Moss, who's moved to Memphis), woke everybody up with his enthusiastic plans for training. He and Blake Brown, Testing Advisor, will work hand in hand to get better trainers and more unified testing throughout the division.

In spite of much excess wordage which infiltrated the planned timing, the meeting adjourned precisely on time at 5 p.m.

About 30 people had dinner in the Fireside room of the lodge, so it was not all meet, meet, meet, but fun times besides.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

Blue Ridge

The season will probably have opening day before our promise to get in shape has been fulfilled. Your minds and skills will, however be ready. *Refresher time.*

Sept. 28-29—Grandfather Section at Sugar Mtn.; Clyde "Butch" McLean, Section Chief

October 12-13—Carolina Highlands at Beech Mtn.; Doug Gilstrap, Section Chief

November 16-17—Virginia Highlands (formerly Southern VA) at Wintergreen; Bernie Smith, Section Chief

We've had a few changes in our Region this year as you can see from the refresher schedule. Welcome to all of you at Winter Place. Everybody got to be some place—and we're glad you're here.

Next year we should be growing again as Diamond Ridge continues to build toward 1986.

I want to thank all the patrollers in the Region for an excellent 84-85. We ran like a well oiled machine. Let's keep the skiers and managers happy. Keep using the great personality you have when dealing with the multitude of attitudes we see on our slopes.

See you on the slopes. Again thanks for such a good year of work.
Pete Chamberlin, R.D.

FIRST AID FOR THE PARTS

As new techniques are developed in medicine, new options become available to patients. First aid can make a difference in the treatment options, and in this respect, should be updated as new medical techniques are developed. Replantation is such a new medical technique. It is available now in all major medical centers in this country. The ability of the replant team to replace amputated parts is dependent on the correct care, or first aid, of the parts.

The first aider should be aware of general guidelines for replantation. All parts that can be found should be sent with the injured person. Good possibilities for replantation include the following amputations:

1. Thumb
2. Multiple digits
3. Amputation through the palm
4. Child-any part
5. Wrist or forearm
6. Above the elbow if sharp or moderately ragged
7. Individual fingers distal to the middle joint

In general, the more distal the amputation, the more time is allowed before permanent tissue damage occurs. Muscle usually is irreversibly damaged if not revascularized in four to six hours. Cooling the part prolongs the time until permanent damage occurs.

When a first aider encounters a good candidate for replantation, success is largely dependent upon proper and expedient preparation of the injured person and his or her part or parts.

First of all, the patroller should be able to identify injuries which amputate or devascularize a part. The patroller should also know how to contact the regional replant team, and how to institute transport. Prior arrangements should be made with local emergency rooms or medical clinics to expedite transfer procedures.

The first aid for the part or parts is simple. Initially, the stump should be covered with a clean dressing and bandage. No clamps are used. Bleeding is controlled with elevation and pressure. The part is then wrapped in a sterile dressing. The dressing is moistened with normal saline solution, available in the patrol room, and then placed in a plastic bag. This bag is then placed in a second bag with ice and water. It is extremely important to know that the part must be cooled, but not frozen. The injured person and the part are then transported together.

To summarize: First aid procedures must be kept concurrent with medical advances. Amputation or devascularization injuries occur in winter settings and basic knowledge of pertinent first aid for replantation is necessary. Prior arrangements with transport and regional replant teams is imperative. The first aid is simple, and requires no special equipment beyond the basic supplies of the patrol room.

John M. Chandler, M.D.
Division Medical Advisor

DO WE TEACH OURSELVES TO DIAGNOSE?

Every patroller knows that he does not diagnose in the patrol room or on the hill. A ski patroller is expected to be able to recognize possible injury, perform proper first aid, and transport the injured person safely off the hill. Yet, several times a season I hear of instances in which patrollers diagnose specific injuries or illnesses. This is wrong. I would like to think that every patroller has maintained his first aid skills to the degree that he can, in his own mind, diagnose the injury or at least list a few likely possibilities. To share these thoughts with the injured person, however, can lead to embarrassing consequences at the least, and grave legal problems at the most. We are frequently asked to diagnose by the injured party, his friends, or his family. You should always be courteous, but should advise him that you suspect injury to the area, and you have performed appropriate first aid, but the exact diagnose can be made only after examination in the clinic, the emergency room, or by his family physician. If you are sure in your mind of a fracture, tell him you suspect a fracture, but never diagnose a fracture. I know this subject seems to be nit picking, but in the 1980's this can involve you in a court case.

Why do ski patrollers make a diagnosis when asked? I think it is because they have been taught to! Think back to the last time you taught a first aid course, trained candidates, or ran a first aid station at the refresher. In training situations, the examiner is frequently the injured person. The candidate wants to be sure you know that he knows what he is doing, so he talks the entire time he is performing first aid. He tells you what your injury is and how he is going to treat it. The examiner gives positive reinforcement by nodding when he identifies the injury correctly. So, subconsciously we have taught ourselves to diagnose as we perform first aid. How many times have you said, "You ran that first aid station very well, you correctly identified and treated the injury."

With this in mind, at this year's refresher, and during candidate or junior training, remember to teach that the verbal response during training is in your head in the real accident setting. Next time you hear a patroller "make a diagnosis," correct him in a quiet corner; you may have been the one who taught him to do it.

John M. Chandler, M.D.
Division Medical Advisor

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September 18, 1985

Stephen Newall was a dedicated patroller and former training officer of the Scaly Mtn. Ski Patrol. He was the son of Peggy Newall, Atlanta, GA and Jack Newall (Eastern Division) of New York. Stephen participated as a Junior Patroller in the National Junior Seminar and was most interested in that program. His family established the Stephen D. Newall Memorial Fund as a lasting tribute. The proceeds of this fund will be used each year to send a Junior Patroller from the Southern Division to the National Junior Training Seminar.

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TRIAD SKI SWAP

The annual fund-raising Triad Ski Swap and Sale will be held November 22-24 at Edelweiss Ski House in Greensboro, NC. Skiers throughout the Piedmont Triad (Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point) and nearby communities will be solicited to bring their used ski equipment and clothing to sell to other skiers from the general public. A small check-in fee for non-NSPS contributors will be charged and a sales commission of 15 percent will be contributed to the Southern Division Junior Program. Please help by doing the following things:

- Promote the Triad Ski Swap to skiers and particularly ski clubs in or near North Carolina;
- Send us in advance (or bring) your old *usable* ski equipment and clothing for sale along with your requested price (remember that 15% of the sales price will go to the Southern Division but that you (NSPS member) will not be charged a check-in fee);
- *Come help staff the Ski Swap*, even if only for a few hours! We are in desperate need of volunteers for this event since Charles Benbow and family (formerly *key* participants) will be busy moving their furniture company and their residences to new locations! You may also discover some excellent buys while you're there!

Please contact me as soon as possible if you think you can help so that I can plan properly and inform you of particular schedule details, procedures, etc. This has been a fun, productive, and rewarding venture in years past and should be even better this year.

Thanks in advance for your support,
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WORK CONTINUES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW N.S.P. FIRST AID PROGRAM

At the recent Annual Meeting of the National Ski Patrol in San Francisco, the National Board of Directors unanimously confirmed the efforts of the ad hoc committee for the development of a First Aid Program designed for Ski Patrollers. Committee co-chairman Warren Bowman, M.D., National Medical Advisor, reported to the Board that the committee has developed a statement of purpose and goals for the program and has written preliminary objectives utilizing the existing objectives found in the *Ski Patroller's Manual*. Bowman reported that the new course will focus specifically on the knowledge and skills needed by Ski Patrollers, emphasizing emergency care in the winter environment. The existing content of the N.S.P. Winter First Aid Manual and much of the A.R.C. Advanced First Aid course will be used to obtain the expertise a Patroller needs. Bowman also reported that contact with other organizations involved with back-country First Aid indicates a great need for a training course that fills the gap between the traditional ARC Courses and the EMT programs around the country, and that the proposed N.S.P. course would do much to satisfy this need.

The American National Red Cross had four National Managers in attendance at the San Francisco National Board Meeting who expressed considerable interest in the direction the N.S.P. is going and in participating with us in the development of this new First Aid Training Program. The ARC representatives conferred with the First Aid Program Development Committee frequently during their stay. Topics discussed included the content of the new program, instructor development and certification, the needs of both organizations, and an exploration of the ways both organizations could continue to cooperate in offering First Aid Training. The central issues in developing such a cooperative program include:

- 1) The inclusion of knowledge and skills into such a new program that the ARC does not now offer.
- 2) N.S.P. influence and control over the requirements and content of such a course and its associated refreshers.
- 3) Concurrent N.S.P./ARC authorization of Instructors.
- 4) Flexibility to react to changes needed in the course content in the future.

Bill Simonsen, Assistant National Chairman, reported to the Board of Directors that negotiations with the Red Cross are continuing and it is likely that an agreement for a combined effort can be reached, but that the First Aid Development Committee will continue its work to write a program designed to meet the needs of the National Ski Patrol and its members.

Irrespective of the outcome of the N.S.P./ARC negotiations, Ski Patrols are advised to continue with traditional ARC First Aid or EMT courses and the required refresher programs. National Ski Patrol requirements for an ARC Advanced First Aid care or EMT certification will remain in force until such time as new requirements are accepted by the National Board of Directors. The 1986 N.S.P. First Aid refresher requirements have been distributed to all First Aid Advisors, and are found in the current issue of the Ski Patrol magazine.



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