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FROM THE D.D.

Hello again! I hope you all had a great summer. I'm constantly amazed at how fast time passes these days. It seems like yesterday since we were at the Spring Convention in Waynesboro.

However, since that time I've been to the National Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs, the Summer Executive Meeting, the Fall Officer's Meeting, the Fall Meeting of the SSAA and the NSAA Risk Management Seminar at Timberline.

The Annual Meeting was super and a lot was accomplished. We had the grand opening of our new national office building while there and it is most impressive. If you are ever in Denver be sure to go by. You'll be both very proud of it and very impressed. The national budget was again approved without an increase in national dues. We owe the directors and office staff a vote of appreciation for the great job that has been done over the past several years. Just a few short years ago, when Steve Over visited us in Greensboro, our organization was 92% dues driven. Last year it was 64%, and based on this year's approved budget, it will be 59%. This means we have been able to bring in enough money from outside sources to keep from having to raise your dues in spite of the fact that the budget has grown quite a bit.

We all were glad to see Tom and Sparkle Worley in Colorado Springs. As you know, Tom has been elected a Board Rep. for the Central Division. A lot of you will also remember Dick Thalaker, who was our Awards Advisor before Charles. He is now the Central Division Awards Advisor. Both Tom and Dick send their best to all of you.

This fall, National will publish several new training manuals. I've seen the drafts of most of them and they're very good. Be sure to get your copy of the following:

- (1) Awards Manual
- (2) New Patrol Director Manual
- (3) Avalanche Instructors Manual
- (4) Certified Manual

By this time next year we should have the new WEC Manual and the Toboggan Training Manual. The National Office now has an Education Director, Judy Bunce. This will make a big difference in keeping us well trained and knowledgeable in our jobs.

Both the Junior and Senior Programs are being studied by committees appointed by Marlen Guell, our National Chairman. Over the next few years we will probably see a lot of programs looked at to determine if they are operating properly and giving us the results and training they were intended to do.

Probably the most important item at the meeting was the wholehearted and unanimous support for the WEC Program. As you all know, it is now the official standard for the NSP. You will also be interested in the fact that the WEC course is being endorsed by more and more national organizations that specialize in health care and emergency medicine. I believe you are going to be proud to know that the NSP has produced such an outstanding course. Of course, we will have growing pains for a while but in the long run I believe we'll be a stronger and more professional organization because of this course. Remember our own John Chandler has worked long and hard to help make this course a reality. Jim Hunter has just been appointed our WEC Supervisor by the National Office. Let's all give Jim our support and help in this important job. Should you need Jim's help his address and telephone numbers are listed on the roster which is included in this issue of the *Southern Cross*.

Speaking of the roster, please look it over closely. You'll find several new names in both the Line and Advisor Organizations. Also some changes have been made in sections and placement of patrols within sections. Congratulations are due to the following new Section Chiefs and Patrol Leaders:

- Blake Brown Carolina Highlands Section Chief
- Randy Avery Smoky Mountain Section Chief
- Bill Warner Deep South Section Chief
- Glen Minuth Virginia Section Chief
- Jan Starr Allegheny Section Chief
- Bob Bodamer Blackwater Section Chief
- Mike May Mill Ridge P.L.
- Lee Wittman Hound Ears P.L.
- David Oakley Ober-Gatlinberg Pro P.L.
- Ian Nesbit Scaly Mountain P.L.
- Carroll Harris Wintergreen Vol. P.L.
- Kenny Hess Massanutten Pro P.L.
- Pat Mitchem Timberline Pro P.L.
- Evelyn Hutchinson Cranberry Nordic P.L.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 31 Silver Creek, Snowshoe and Timberline - First Aid Refresher at Snowshoe Resort, WV
- 31 Oct. -
1 Nov. Southeast Ski Show - Atlanta, GA

NOVEMBER

- 1 Silver Creek - On-The-Hill Refresher
Snowshoe - On-The-Hill Refresher
Timberline - On-The-Hill Refresher
- 7 Cataloochee - First Aid Refresher
Knoxville/Gatlinburg - First Aid Refresher
Scaly Mountain - First Aid Refresher
Wolf Laurel - First Aid Refresher
Massanutten - On-The-Hill Refresher
Wintergreen - On-The-Hill Refresher
Ski Hawks Nest - Work Day
- 8 Massanutten & Wintergreen - First Aid Refresher at Business School, Charlottesville, VA
Cataloochee - On-The-Hill Refresher
Ober-Gatlinburg - On-The-Hill Refresher
Scaly Mountain - On-The-Hill Refresher
Wolf Laurel - On-The-Hill Refresher
- 14 Carolina Highlands Section - First Aid Refresher at Beech Mountain, NC
- 15 Appalachian - On-The-Hill Refresher
- 20-22 Triad Ski Swap - Greensboro, NC
- 21 Atlanta - First Aid Refresher
Homestead - First Aid Refresher
- 21-22 VA Section - Circle A/M Course, Lake Monocon, VA
- 22 Atlanta - CPR Refresher
Homestead - On-The-Hill Refresher
Sky Valley - On-The-Hill Refresher

DECEMBER

- 5-6 Allegheny/Blackwater Section - Circle A/M Course at Snowshoe, WV
- 12 WEC I T Course - Appalachian Ski Mountain
- 19-20 Skyline - PSIA Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
- 20 Massanutten - Basic First Aid Exam

JANUARY

- 2 Senior Nordic Test - Ober-Gatlinburg
Massanutten - Candidate Ski Off
Wintergreen - Candidate Ski Off
- 3 Mid-Winter Executive Board Meeting, Beech Mountain, NC
Ski Hawks Next - Basic Skiing Test
Wintergreen - Basic First Aid Test and VA Section
First Aid Clinic
- 5 Southern Cross Deadline
- 9-10 WEC Instructors' Clinic, Timberline Resort
Blue Ridge - PSIA Clinic at Ski Hawks Nest
Dixie - PSIA Clinic at Cataloochee

- 13-14 Dixie - Certified Test Clinic, Wolf Laurel
- 16-17 Dixie - Certified Test Clinic, Wolf Laurel
Skyline Skiing & Toboggan Clinic, Winterplace
- 23 Dixie - Senior Clinic, Wolf Laurel
Silver Creek - Basic First Aid Test
- 24 Skyline - Senior Examiners' Clinic, Massanutten
Cumberland Gardens - Basic Skiing Test
Silver Creek - Basic Skiing Test
- 30-31 Skyline - Certified Clinic at Wintergreen Resort
Southern Division Junior Seminar,
Appalachian Ski Mtn.

FEBRUARY

- 5-7 Mountaineering Patch Course, Mtn. Rodgers, VA
- 6 VA Section - Senior First Aid Test, Wintergreen, VA
Dixie - Senior Clinic, Cataloochee, NC
- 7 Dixie - Senior Test, Cataloochee, NC
VA Section - Senior Skiing Test, Wintergreen, VA
Massanutten - Basic Skiing Test
- 13 Allegheny/Blackwater Senior Clinic at Snowshoe, WV
Ober-Gatlinburg - Basic Skiing Test
Scaly Mountain - Basic Skiing Test
Wolf Laurel - Basic Test
- 20 Wintergreen - Basic First Aid Test
- 20-21 Blue Ridge - Certified Clinic at Sugar Mountain
Nordic Basic Test, Elk River, WV
- 21 Appalachian Ski Mountain - Basic Skiing Test
Massanutten - Basic Skiing Test
- 27 Blue Ridge - Senior First Aid Test at Beech Mountain
Timberline - Basic First Aid Test
Winterplace - Basic First Aid Test
Great Smoky Mountain Nordic Basic Test in National Park if possible
Ober Gatlinburg otherwise
- 28 Blue Ridge - Senior Skiing Test at Beech Mountain
Timberline - Basic Skiing Test
Winterplace - Basic Skiing Test
- 28 Feb -
5 March Avalanche Patch Course - Location TBD

MARCH

- 5 Allegheny/Blackwater - Senior First Aid Test at Silver Creek, WV
- 6 Allegheny/Blackwater Senior Skiing Test at Snowshoe, WV
Sugar Mountain - Basic Skiing Test
- 6-11 National Junior Seminar - Lake Placid, NY
- 25-27 Southern Division - Certified Test at Snowshoe, WV

APRIL

- 30 Southern Division Spring Officers' Meeting, Gatlinburg, TN

FROM THE D.D. (Continued)

In the Advisor Organization the following are to be congratulated on their appointment as Division Advisors:

Sylvia Talley Archivist
Mary Underwood Auxiliary
Diana Bauer Fund Raising
Bobby Harbin Mountaineering
Jim Underwood Safety

The former Training Advisor is now known as the Proficiency Advisor. Neil Booth will continue in this capacity with the help of David Long, Division Testing Coordinator, and Ian Nesbit, Division Records Coordinator. All of the above people have taken on these jobs with the certain knowledge that it will take a lot of work and time to do the job properly. I expect each of us to cooperate and assist these people wherever possible.

The Fall Officer's Meeting was held on September 12th and 13th in Kingsport, TN and was enjoyed by all. I'm told the spouse tour was a great success and I know from personal experience that the progressive dinner that evening was wonderful. Attendance was good and the meeting place was excellent. One of the most important things we accomplished was the approval of the 1987-88 budget for the Division. The Executive Committee worked the best part of a day in early August on it and presented it to the Board of Directors at the FOM. After considerable discussion the Board decided to approve the expenses as shown and also decided that it was appropriate to increase the dues for the Division by two dollars. Your treasurer, Jim Underwood, has been doing a great job over the years and will continue to see that expenses are controlled and budgets met. You should feel comfortable in the fact that your division is in good shape financially.

The WEC Program was covered on Sunday by French Moore and Jim Hunter. As you know this is the first year that the program will be the basis of all refreshers nationwide. All of you have received your copy of the Ski Patroller Magazine. Inside this issue was the 1987 Refresher Study Guide. Please be certain to use this outline to prepare for your refresher this year. There is a fifty question exam included which is intended to be a "cobweb shaker". It is designed to be open book and there is no pass/fail status. This exam is to be answered and brought to your own individual refresher that you attend this fall. By following this outline you will be much better prepared for the instruction you will receive at the refreshers.

Be sure to look over the Calendar of Events listed in this issue of the *Southern Cross*. We have attempted to get everything squared away but we know that errors will occur. Let Doug Carlberg know if you need to correct anything or add anything. Corrections and additions will appear in the next issue.

Of course, there was much more covered at the FOM but that should be covered in other articles included in this issue and by communications from your own patrol leader.

I'm looking forward to an excellent ski season and hope all of you will have a great year. Susan and I are hoping to see as many of you as possible during the season. Let me know if I can help you in any way. As usual, think snow and happy skiing!

Farris Jackson
Division Director, Southern Division

ALUMNI NEWS

As the new season starts, it's good to reminisce about past seasons. Lynn and I had an opportunity to spend a few days with Carl and Shorty Lathrop in Seattle. We had many hours of conversation about ski patrol in the south. This typifies to me what the Alumni Association is about; getting together and reminiscing and keeping in touch with old friends...so, if you know of anybody we need to recruit, please pass the information along to me.

The new dues this year are \$15.00 per year and \$200.00 for lifetime membership. We have one brand-new lifetime member in the Alumni Association; more to follow about him.

Good skiing! See you on the hill.

David P. Dillard
Alumni Adv.

NEW WEC SUPERVISOR FOR THE SOUTHERN DIVISION

Jim Hunter a member of the Beech Mountain Ski Patrol has been appointed to the position of WINTER EMERGENCY CARE COURSE Supervisor for the Southern Division by the National Ski Patrol Winter Emergency Care Course Program Advisory Committee. Jim is a current ARC advanced first aid instructor, CPR instructor and has been involved with the EMT courses in his home town for many years. Jim will be responsible for the administration of WEC program in the Southern Division. Questions regarding courses, instructor training, and any problems that develop in the WEC program should be forwarded to Jim.

Congratulations and welcome aboard.

John M. Chandler, MD

SMOKY MOUNTAIN NORDIC

The Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol is proud to announce, after much time and effort, a new cross country ski trail designated in the National Park. Along with the Clingman's Dome Road, (a 14 mile round trip ski trail) we have added a 2 mile intermediate to advanced trail, which begins at the Oconoluftee overlook. The Smoky Mountain Nordic Ski Patrol has accepted the responsibility to maintain the new trail, as well as to patrol the area. If you would like further information on our nordic ski area, please drop me a line and experience the EAST TENNESSEE high country.

Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol
Andy Meacham - Dir.

NEW NATIONAL PATROLLERS

During the Fall Officers meeting in Kingsport, TN, three Southern Division patrollers were presented with National appointments:

Thomas L. Godwin is National Patroller #6753. A patroller for 17 years, Tommy has served the division as Smoky Mountain Section Chief; Fund Raising Advisor; PL at Sapphire Valley, when it was rejuvenated after several years of inactivity; and has worked on both the Knoxville and Atlanta National Conventions. His home patrol is Cataloochee. In his "free" time, Tonny is the Fuji Southeastern Regional Sales Manager.

Mark Taylor is National patroller #6843. Professionally a geotechnical consulting engineer, his volunteer positions in the NSPS during the past seven years include Past Mountaineering Advisor; assisting with the Division Junior Jamboree for several years and the National Jamboree, when we hosted it in West Virginia; Chairman of the Spring Meeting in Boone in 1986; Chairman of the Triad Ski Swap in Greensboro for the past four years. He's the current PL at Ski Hawksnest.

Cloyd Beasley is National Patroller #6859. Cloyd started patrolling 19 years ago; was PL at Renegade when it was still under Eastern Division; was made the first Junior Advisor for Southern Division and served as that from 1971-1975. He patrols at Snowshoe, where he works with Junior Patrollers, and is a senior text examiner. A major interest in scouting helps in his constant search for new Juniors. Cloyd is a physicist at the Fusion Energy Division of the Oak Ridge (TN) National Laboratory. He found time last year, however, to put together Southern Division's pilot WEC course. His bride (of this past May), Mary, is the mother of Scot Wallace, last year's top Junior Patroller in the division, who has made a video WEC tape — see information of this film elsewhere in this issue.

Southern Division is proud to have these three new National Patrollers, and congratulates them all.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

OLYMPICS BOUND

When the Canadian Flyer takes off for Calgary next February, two Ober Gatlinburg patrollers will be on board. Not as tourists — as nordic patrollers, bound for the 1988 Olympic Games.

Lynn Pace and Ed Gassman are two of the three Americans chosen for this Olympic Nordic Ski Patrol. Of the twelve Americans who tried out for the positions at sessions in Alberta held last December and February, it's outstanding that two Southern Division patrollers made the team!

According to Lynn, Ed has already served on an Olympic patrol — at Lake Placid in 1980; on the alpine patrol. (At the time, Ed was patrolling in Eastern Division.) So why nordic this time? Lynn said, "Since Ed has already been on the alpine patrol, he asked to try out this time for the nordic. And he said he had a friend whom he thought could make it, so I got an invitation to the tryouts, too."

That was back in February; they had to wait until June before learning they both made the team. According to Lynn, they will be furnished skis, boots, poles and uniforms, as well as accommodations. "Facilities are limited in the town of Canmore, where the cross country events will be held," he said, so family members will have to watch the festivities back home on television, with the rest of us.

To these fine representatives of Southern Division, we wish good luck and bon voyage!

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

CERTIFIED

I am very excited about the program for the coming season. I do feel that our division has a very powerful resource in the certified program, and that its time has come.

We are planning to have a certified clinic in each of the regions. We feel that these clinics have greatest value if members from outside the region participate, so we will try to send at least two members from other regions to each clinic. I have not done the footwork to secure locations and dates for these, but we are looking at Gatlinburg/Wolf Laurel, Appalachian, and Wintergreen/Snowshoe. The exam and Annual Meeting is scheduled for Snowshoe on March 25, 26, and 27, 1988.

Lynn Pace and Doug Sloan are planning a battery of clinics for their region. Their proposal is for some covering patrol procedures (management, lift evac, and hill safety) and first aid before the snow arrives at Gatlinburg and for others covering skiing and sled handling in the winter at Wolf Laurel.

I feel that the leaders of each region (Reg Dir, Reg Testing, Reg Training) should be encouraged to attend the certified clinic in their region. This will serve three functions:

1. Give them a chance to attend a high level clinic where they can relax and be peer sharers, and not in charge as teachers.
2. Make them familiar with the program so that they might better know who in their region would benefit from participation.
3. Give them new prospective and ideas on basic and senior testing and training. Being acquainted with the next level gives great insight into these activities.

Our planned agenda covers practical first aid, the unconscious skier problem, hill safety, lift evacuation, snowplow and sideslip, and toboggan handling. The clinic will cover two days, unless this agenda is shortened. There will be a \$25.00 candidate fee which would be charged to participants in the clinic.

I have been working on several projects for the program with the help of Doug Molyneaux, Lynn Pace and Doug Sloan:

Modifying the Existing Public Lift
Evacuation Examination

Creation of a New Unconscious
Skier Examination

Modification of the Certified Manual

Formalizing the Practical and
Bystander Scenarios

Working on the Content of the
Clinics

I have definitely enjoyed the summer (and getting used to living with Yankees!), and I hope that yours has been a good one as well.

Brandon Deane
Div. Certified Adv.

SKIING PROFICIENCY AND EXAMINERS NEWS

Several changes are beginning to unravel as the '87-'88 ski season begins. This year, any questions regarding skiing proficiency (formerly training) or skiing exams (formerly testing) can be directed to me. Assisting me in coordination of these efforts is Dave Long, Division Testing Coordinator. Dave is the central information source for all ski clinics and exams to be held throughout the Division. Are you unsure about a clinic or exam — call Dave and he will advise you of the time, date, location and other requirements. This season we will require two weeks advanced written registration for all clinics and exams. The actual pre-registration form will be sent to each Patrol Leader. *In order to participate in any clinic or exam, you must pre-register with Dave Long.* The registration form must be signed by your Patrol leader and received by Dave, two weeks before the actual event. No last minute shows! We need to plan so we can properly administer to you and the Division needs and ensure proper coverage for events. Again, two weeks pre-registration form received by Dave Long!

The following people are responsible for all ski proficiency. Your Region Proficiency Advisors are:

Rick Miller Skyline Region
Ed Saleem Dixie Region
Howard Tilley Blue Ridge Region

This year we will be holding Regional Professional Ski Instructors Association (PSIA) Clinics. One person from each Patrol should be present. We recommend the Patrol Training Officer or Patrol Leader. The clinics will be two days, designed to help Training Officers help their Patrols. Check the calendar of events for your clinic. Additionally, should any Patrollers desire to attend a PSIA clinic, please notify Dave Long. There will be a charge of \$15.00 per person, for one day, which will cover the cost of the PSIA Instructor. We need to have a minimum of 15 people per clinic to put one on. If you are interested, let Dave know no later than November 1, 1987. Once we know your desires, we will plan for instructors and advise you of actual dates. Once the date is set, we will need your \$15.00 which will be non-refundable. There is no charge for the Regional Clinics for Patrol Training Officers. The \$15.00 is only for Patrollers who desire to attend a separate clinic designed towards self improvement.

Next are the people responsible for administering ski and toboggan clinics, pre-test clinics and actual exams. In essence, everything involved in examination of Basic or Senior skills for advancement. The Region Chief Examiners are:

Brandon Deanne Skyline Region
Tony Ray Blue Ridge Region
Steve Waldrep Dixie Region

If anyone is interested in becoming an examiner, contact Dave Long or your Regional Chief Examiner. We will be holding a test examiners clinic in each Region to review the entire procedure. If you are a current examiner, Basic or Senior, you should plan on attending your Region Examiners Clinic this season as listed in the calendar.

In closing, I hope you remember my challenge from last season. While undergoing your annual ski and toboggan refresher, pick one area to improve. Those of you who did are now on your second challenge. Those who did not, now is a good time to start! If you are working on Basic, Senior or Certified, *train first, then test.* You will be surprised with your achievement!

Here's to a good season, a safe season, a fun season, a training season, a successful season! See you soon!

Neil A. Booth
Div. Proficiency Adv.

REGIONAL FIRST AID ADVISORS

New appointments were made in the following areas:

Skyline Greg Bradley
Blue Ridge Dottie Spencer
Dixie Ron Hamilton
Bobby Harbin

PATROL NEWS

Beech Mountain

This summer has been (and still is) a busy one at Beech Mtn. Resort. We have been undergoing a 1.5 million dollar expansion which includes a high-speed detachable quad chairlift that replaces the old number 5 chair from the Beech Tree Village to the summit. Also this summer we have added 20 additional acres of skiing on the backside with snowmaking and a chairlift. This new terrain is rated more difficult and is a great addition for our intermediate skiers. A long awaited improvement that has also been made this summer is the installing of lights to Try South. This should make night skiing at Beech more attractive than ever.

As a result of remodeling our chairlift, we no longer have a patrol room at Beech, and at this time, I still do not have a definite answer as to where our facility will be. We welcome visiting patrollers at Beech; however, we do ask that you call or write before you come to be sure we are not already covered to capacity. If you do come, don't be surprised to see us working out of tents.

Gil Adams, PL

Wolf Laurel

Some of you may have heard the rumor that Wolf Laurel has been sold. Our "rumor control officer" (this is known as a "dis-information officer" in the KGB) reports the following: The former owners of Wolf Laurel, Bald Mtn. Dev. Co., sold facilities and undeveloped land to Walnut Ventures, a resort development company. The ski area was not part of the sale. Negotiations have taken place all summer between the two entities to determine details of a lease or purchase of the area. Our information is there will be skiing.

Wolf Laurel will conduct a SEPARATE fall refresher this year to insure a smooth transition into WECC. John Roberts will provide Wolf Laurel patrollers 3 opportunities to update CPR during the month of October. Please call John at Mountaineering South for information on dates. The Wolf Laurel first aid refresher will be at the American Red Cross on Saturday, Nov. 7. Time will be 8:00 to 5:00. The on-the-hill will be at Wolf Laurel on Sunday, Nov. 8. Time will be 9:00 to 5:00.

SKYLINE REGION

We have reorganized this year into three sections. On the Western side Jan Starr will handle a new Allegheny Section including Silver Creek, Snowshoe and Winterplace. Bob Bodamer will have the Blackwater Section including Timberline, Elk River Nordic and Cranberry Nordic. For the Eastern side Glen Minuth has the Virginia section of Homestead, Massanutten and Wintergreen, replacing Pres Funkhauser who has departed for whiter pastures in Korea.

Again this year special emphasis will be given throughout the region to training and proficiency. We congratulate and welcome the 46 new patrollers who passed the Basic Test and our 12 new Senior Patrollers. Ski proficiency training under Richard Miller will include a variety of clinics including two conducted by PSIA instructors.

Brandon Dean will continue as Proficiency Testing Advisor and Greg Bradley will be First Advisor including responsibility for senior first aid testing.

We welcome 2 new patrol leaders for the coming season: Carrall Hanes at Wintergreen and Evelyn Hutcheson with the Cranberry Nordic Patrol.

A combined Circle A and Circle M course will be offered twice in the region this fall. An "East" side course will be held at Wintergreen Nov. 21-22 and a "West" side course at Snowshoe on Dec. 5-6. The fee for the combined courses, including text books and insignia is \$15.00. Pre-registration with payment is required 2 weeks in advance. Send registration and check (payable to Skyline Region NSPS) to: Doug Molyneaux, c/o Wintergreen Ski Patrol, Wintergreen, VA 22958 -or- Jan Starr, Director Silver Creek Ski Patrol, P.O. Box 150, Slaty Fork, WV 26291.

Keith A. Arbow
Skyline Region Dir.

Snowshoe Ski Patrol

The Snowshoe Ski Patrollers will discover new trails and improvements of existing trails for the 1987-88 Ski Season. These additions and changes will make for safer skiing by dispersing skier flow away from crowded intersections and widening some narrow trail points. Our new trail, Greenway, flowing to the left of Powdermonkey from mid-section is designed to provide an additional intermediate trail to the bottom thus easing the congestion at one of our busiest intersections. Grabhammer, an expert slope originating off Ball Hooter has been widened and now joins with the bottom of Skip Jack our racing trail, with both trails extending to Wiffle Tree giving the more advanced skiers a separate trail to the bottom. The double switch back on our beginner trail Whistlepunk has also been widened.

Snowshoe extends its thanks to all of the NSPS Volunteers who helped make the 1986-87 season a success. Our sincere appreciation to Bob and Maria Bodamer. Bob is now the Section Chief of the new Blackwater Section in the ever expanding West Virginia area. Also thanks to the Silvercreek Patrol for being a great neighbor. Congratulations to Cloyd Beasley for receiving a National Appointment and adding two new patrollers to his household. Right, Mary and Scot?

Dan Talbot, P.L.

P.S. We still need "pro patrollers" for this season. Contact me at Snowshoe.

Mill Ridge

Off season has brought significant improvements to Carolina Highland's best little ski slope in the South. Management has doubled the size of the patrol room, supplied and equipped it professionally, and continues to give excellent support to our efforts. The lodge has doubled in size with improved facilities. Drainage improvements and a second rope tow will enhance conditions and skiers access. Mill Ridge continues to improve and expand. We need qualified candidates and patrollers. We welcome guest patrollers. Check us out!

Mike May, PL

WinterPlace

The resort is busy gearing up for our 5th season, following another successful year in 86/87.

Skier visits increased again last year, the fourth increase in as many seasons and 7% over the previous year. Even with more skiers, accidents on the slopes decreased by a whopping 30%!

The outlook for 87/88 is even brighter, with significant improvements in snowmaking and the addition of a new trail called TURKEY CHUTE.

Remember to mark your calendars for the First Aid Refresher on November 7th and 8th. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Ed Woodton, PL

PATROLLERS NEEDED

There is a shortage of professional patrollers in the Southern Division and there are many positions available. The following areas have openings for professional ski patrollers: Beech Mountain, Sugar Mountain, Wintergreen, Snowshoe, Silver Creek, Massanutten, Timberline, Winterplace and Homestead.

I will be glad to assist someone in obtaining a job at one of these areas. The position at Homestead includes benefits and Roy Smyth, who held this job the past two seasons will be glad to tell anyone who is interested what is involved with the job, or Peter Steinfatt, PL at 804-865-0556. If there are any questions about how to become a paid ski patroller, please contact me.

Gil Adams
Professional Adv.

The Homestead is offering \$350/week salary plus room and board for someone to be pro-patroller this season. If interested, contact Sepp Kober, Box K, Hot Springs, VA 24445, (703) 839-5079.

AIDS - PATROLLER PRECAUTIONS

AIDS or Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome was described in 1981 with the earliest cases diagnosed in the late 1970's. As of 1987 more than 28,000 cases have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and it is estimated that more than 1,000,000 residents of the United States have been exposed. The facts known to date are that once the syndrome is diagnosed it is ultimately 100% fatal. The data suggest a latent period of seven to ten years in individuals who are positive for HIV or human immunodeficiency virus until the syndrome develops. To date there have been 4 cases of HIV infection in 2,400 health care workers followed after accidental needle stick. The risk of transmission of AIDS after exposure to blood is very low. Hepatitis B is approximately twenty times more infectious than the AIDS virus. Hepatitis B has a 10% mortality rate.

In the United States the risk factors for AIDS exposure has been in homosexual populations, intravenous drug users, factor therapy for hemophilia, and by transfusion of infected blood. The disease can be transmitted by heterosexual individuals though this mode of transmission is rare at present in the USA. Present blood banking techniques has greatly improved the safety of blood. Public awareness has reduced the transmission of the disease in high risk groups. Unfortunately the message has not been taken to heart in the young single population and public health officials expect a shift of increasing heterosexual transmission of the disease.

The AMA and CDC have released guidelines for health care workers to prevent exposure to potential infection. These guidelines simply call for protection of contact with bodily fluids especially blood in all individuals. This calls for gloves and additionally masks and goggles where splatter is possible. With these guidelines in mind patrollers should not expose themselves to blood without barrier protection. This simply means WEAR GLOVES WHEN BLEEDING IS PRESENT AT AN ACCIDENT SITE. It is recommended strongly that each patroller carry latex or plastic examination gloves in their pack and that patrol rooms have a box of disposable gloves readily available in the patrol room. When CRP is given the patroller is to use a pocket mask with a oneway valve. Masks and goggles are not necessary for patrollers since exposure to splatter is not likely. This is encountered primarily in dental and operative procedures. In summary the patroller is to treat any exposure to blood as if it were infected (even though this is very rare at present on the ski slopes). Patrollers are to use examination gloves when blood, saliva, or vomit is present at the accident scene. Pocket masks with oneway valves are to be used during CPR. The gloves are available through the National Ski Patrol catalogue and each patrol should order for this season. Pocket masks are available through the NSPS catalogue and medical supply stores and should be purchased by each patroller now.

John M. Chandler, MD
Southern Division Medical Advisor

WEC REFRESHER COURSE

WEC First Aid Cards to be issued at the Fall Refresher are now in the hands of Section Chiefs or Patrol Leaders. Any Refresher Coordinator not having them should contact your Section Chief or WEC Supervisor. There will be a \$3.00 carding fee for all cards issued this year. Cards issued to instructors and instructor trainers previously should be presented at the Fall Refresher and \$3.00 paid at that time. Patrols that are going to start a WEC course this year may sign on candidates with no prior first aid experience. They should contact the WEC Supervisor to obtain the order form and send this to National to obtain the training material. The cost for a WEC course will be \$15.00 per candidate. Material should be ordered for those persons having ARC or EMT cards in order for this to serve as a bridge course. The basic testing procedures will no longer require first aid testing for candidates holding WEC cards. Individual patrols may wish to review skills prior to requesting a basic test request.

This will be a new experience for all of us and we solicit input good and bad from all participants. Let your Patrol Leader, Candidate Training Leader, Section Chief know of your ideas and what you would like to see.

Jim Hunter
WEC Supervisor 99

NORDIC NOTES

At the end of last season we tried to put together a second Senior Test. There was a lot of interest but we couldn't pull together all the details. So, there will be an early Senior Test this year—now scheduled later in the season as required. Please contact Jim Reed or me for details.

Jim Reed is the new Assistant Division Nordic Advisor. He will take over as advisor next ski season. He is a Nordic Patroller with Great Smoky Mtn. Nordic.

A new Nordic candidate manual is being prepared. It is not available through National yet, but I can obtain the copies you need for training this season.

While you're watching the Winter Olympics on TV this winter from Calgary, perhaps you'll see two of Southern Division's finest—Lynn Pace and Ed Gassman. They will be patrolling the Nordic events. I believe only 3 or 4 were chosen from the entire U.S.

M. Triplett
Nordic Adv.

ASHEVILLE REFRESHERS

New arrangements are being made for Smoky Mountain refreshers. A CPR refresher will be provided Friday night, November 6th at the Red Cross building on Edgewood Drive off Merriman Avenue. It will start at 6:30 p.m.

The Wolf Laurel and Sapphire Valley patrols will hold their WEC refresher at the Red Cross building on November 7th starting promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Cataloochee and Scaly Mountain patrols will hold their WEC refresher November 7th at the Administration Building, AB Tech College, Victoria Road (off Biltmore Avenue) starting promptly at 8:00 a.m. To get there, exit off Route 40 at the Biltmore House exit, and follow the signs for AB Tech. On-the-hill refreshers will be held the following day, November 8th at the respective ski areas.

Anyone wishing to join us for these refreshers should call me (404-543-2447) for arrangements.

Randy Avery

WINTER EMERGENCY CARE MADE EASY

Each patrol will be responsible for Winter Emergency Care instruction for all of its patrol members. This is a major task and we have one aid that will assist every patrol.

A 20 minute video tape has been made that will cover some specific elements of the WEC Course. The tape covers: primary and secondary surveys, backboards, oxygen administration, shoulder dislocations and oral airways.

This will be of great benefit to all patrols now—to train existing patrols in WEC procedures; and in refreshers and to train new patrollers.

This tape can be obtained by sending \$6.00 to Scot Wallace, 102 Newell Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

AVALANCHE COURSES

In order to give all those who want or need the Basic Avalanche Course, Circle A, we would like to hold one or two courses in each region. Please contact Kevin Minix, Assistant Division Avalanche Advisor or me at least one month prior to the planned date to schedule a course and have an instructor assigned. Kevin's phone number is 703-387-1719.

The Southern Division will conduct an advanced avalanche course "Patch" this season. It is scheduled the week of February 27 through March 5, 1988. We are presently considering three locations: Montana, Colorado and California. In the past this has been a grrreat trip! It gives you the opportunity to expand your patrol knowledge and skills, as well as increase your own safety on the big mountains or in the backcountry. There will be a lot of skiing at different areas. Please call or write to let me know of your interest.

Ron Geist
Div. Avalanche Adv.

PRIZES...PHOTO CONTEST...PRIZES

Leroy Neimann types won't stand a chance in this contest. What we're looking for is clear, precise pictures, up close shots with fine detail—not impressions or fuzzy look alikes.

During a recent search for quality photography to be used in an advertisement, we found that, in all of the National Ski Patrol system, only one clear picture of suitable quality, which showed a patroller in NSPS uniform in action, was available. The photo was shot in Montana, and made available to us via the National Office in Denver.

We intended to remedy that situation for the future, by building up a library of patrol action shots which we intend to make available to all other divisions (with Southern Division credit, natch!). Prizes will be awarded in both color and black and white divisions; the requirements are the same for both: clear images, crisp details, sharp contrast but not super high contrast (for black and white), full, true colors (for that division). You shutter bugs out there know what I mean. Dust off your cameras; buy some new film. Once the season gets underway, start snapping.

Tommy Godwin, Cataloochee patroller who works for Fuji film company, has generously offered to send free film to anyone requesting it for use in this contest. His home address is 1587 Bussell Place, Norcross, GA, 30093.

The contest will run through February, giving plenty of time for good weather, good skiing and good photography. More details will be in the next issue of *Southern Cross*.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SOUTHERN DIVISION'S OWN MARY KAY TWOMEY

WHEREAS, The Southern Division, National Ski Patrol System desires to recognize the unique, timely, and unflinching dedication of Mary Kay Twomey, Patroller Number So-004-0029, and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Twomey who did not ski, unselfishly served the Cataloochee Ski Patrol for nineteen years, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Twomey served the National Ski Patrol System as National Auxiliary Advisor from 1985 to 1987, and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay inspired two sons, John and Bob, to share her zeal and enthusiasm by also becoming patrollers, and

WHEREAS, She was always there to provide a sympathetic ear, assess injuries, render first aid, or just provide a reassuring smile, and

WHEREAS, Mary passed away on April 7, 1987, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Executive Committee of the Southern Division, National Ski Patrol System, that we express our heartfelt appreciation for Mary Kay Twomey's unflinching service to skiers and for the outstanding way in which she represented the National Ski Patrol System, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Division for all time and furthermore that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mary's son Robert (Bob) Twomey.

This the 12th day of September, 1987.

Farris Jackson, Division Director

TRIAD SKI SWAP

The annual fund-raising Triad Ski Swap and Sale will be held November 20-22 at Edelweiss Ski Haus 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! You may discover some excellent buys while you're here!

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.

Mary Taylor
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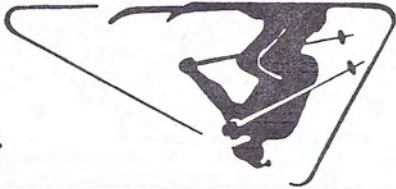
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