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FROM THE D.D.

Happy New Year! The 1987-88 ski season is here and everyone I've talked to is happy except for the fact that the last December weather has not been too cooperative. I understand some areas have been able to stay open every day since Thanksgiving, but that's certainly the exception.

I would like to remind all patrollers that this is our Golden Anniversary year for the National Ski Patrol System. There will be a lot going on this year that will be interesting for you all. Those of you that can should try to go to the Golden Anniversary National Celebration in Boston this June. The dates are June 23-25 and according to the advance information I've seen, it promises to be a great meeting and party. Why not take a vacation to that historic Boston area, see the sights and join us at the National Board Meeting.

In this issue of the Southern Cross you will find updated information on the Calendar of Events and the Division Roster. Be sure to make these changes on the calendar and roster you got in the last issue of the Southern Cross.

One important change you should note is that we have a new Virginia Section Chief, Eric Engelbrektsson, who lives in Arlington, VA, works at the Pentagon and makes his skiing home at Wintergreen. Everyone please welcome Eric when he visits your area.

According to all reports the Fall refreshers were outstanding. Certainly all the ones I attended were. Jim Hunter, our WEC Supervisor, tells me the evaluation reports you all filled out were overwhelmingly of a positive nature. There were many who commented that they liked the fact that there was much more hands on training. You will recall that the test given at the end of the day was to evaluate the success of the course and that there were no names on the tests. I was glad to see that the level of the test scores was considerably higher than the previous year. This is a good sign and indicates that we are at a higher level of skill than in the past. Our Winter Emergency Care Course continues to be recognized by more and more national organizations, and congratulations and thanks are due to the hard working people such as John Chandler, who put this fine course together. I know you are looking forward to seeing the new WEC manual which should be out by the Fall of 1988.

Speaking of manuals, all patrol leaders should have a copy of Section 500 of the Ski Patrollers Manual, which is the new awards section. Please note that all of the necessary award forms are in the back of the manual. When you need a form you are to photo copy the one in the manual. In addition, all patrol leaders should have a copy of Section 1300 of the Ski Patrollers Manual which deals with patrol management. This is the first edition of this section and it is very complete and should be most helpful to all patrol leaders, especially newly appointed PLs. I request that all division officers get a copy of this manual and become familiar with it. The final page of the manual is an evaluation sheet for your comments and suggestions. Please take the time to send in your thoughts. It will be appreciated by the people who have spent so much time and effort on this fine training aid. I take this opportunity to remind all PLS that all NSP Patrollers must be in the new uniform with appropriate badges this season.

Two important dates to remember this season are January 30, 31, which is the Division Junior Training Seminar, and April 30, which is our Spring Convention in Gatlinburg. Put these dates on your calendar and make your plans to attend. I understand that one area has 18 Juniors this year so this should be an outstanding seminar. Remember, the winner will go to Whiteface Mountain in Lake Placid, NY, for the National Seminar.

While we don't have the details of the Spring Convention in hand, you can be sure it will be great. It will be in Gatlinburg this year and you know that means fun. The spouses will love the shopping, ice skating and artificial turf skiing in addition to all the natural wonders of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Make your plans to be there. All officers and advisors are expected to be in attendance and we'd like to see as many patrollers and their families as possible. More information will be in the next Southern Cross. See you there!

We just held our Mid-Winter Executive Committee Meeting and heard reports from officers and advisors. You will be glad to know that their reports indicated we're off to a fine start for the season. There were only a few problems (opportunities?) discussed and hopefully solved. I urgently solicit your comments about our division. In order to make our division "all that it can be" we need your input. We can't always do each thing requested, but you will certainly be listened to and replied to by the appropriate person. Give us your help; afterall, the division is for all patrollers, not just a few.

Congratulations and all the best to Ed Gassman and Lynn Pace on their appointment to the Olympic Nordic Patrol at Calgary. We will all look forward to hearing of their experiences on their return.

I hope you will all get to look at the 1987-88 edition of the "Skiers' Southeastern Companion." This is a beautiful hardcover book that you will see in bookstores, ski shops and in a majority of rental accommodations at Southeastern ski areas. Pay particular attention to the article on ski safety on pages 8-10 and to our ad on page 9. In addition, our own Benning Garrison has written a great article beginning on page 56. She did such an excellent job with this article that the West Virginia Tourism Bureau has invited her to attend a Ski Writers Conference which will be held at Silver Creek at their expense. Just think, we can say we knew her before she became famous!

Have a great season and Susan and I look forward to seeing many of you before it is over.

Farris Jackson
Division Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 23 Dixie - Senior Clinic, Wolf Laurel
Silver Creek - Basic First Aid Test
- 24 Skyline - Senior First Aid Candidate Clinic,
Wintergreen Resort
Cumberland Gardens - Basic Skiing Test
Silvercreek - Basic Skiing Test
- 30-31 Skyline - Certified Candidate Clinic, Wintergreen
Resort
Southern Division Junior Seminar, Appalachian
Ski Mountain

FEBRUARY

- 5-7 Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rodgers, VA
- 6 VA Section - Senior First Aid Test,
Wintergreen, VA
Dixie - Senior Clinic, Cataloochee, NC
- 7 Basic Test - Beech Mtn.
Dixie - Senior Test, Cataloochee, NC
VA Section - Senior Skiing Test, Wintergreen,
VA
- 12 Massanutten - Basic Skiing Test
Southern Cross Deadline
- 13 Allegheny/Blackwater Senior Clinic at
Snowshoe, WV
Ober-Gatlinburg - Basic Skiing Test
Scaly Mountain - Basic Skiing Test
Wolf Laurel - Basic Test
- 13-14 Basic First Aid, Wintergreen Resort
- 20-21 Blue Ridge - Certified Clinic at Sugar Mountain
Skyline - Certified Clinic at Snowshoe
Nordic Basic Test, Elk River, WV
- 21 Appalachian Ski Mountain - Basic Skiing Test
Massanutten - Basic Skiing Test
- 27 Blue Ridge - Senior First Aid Test, 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 Mtn.
Timberline - Basic Skiing Test
Winterplace - Basic Skiing Test

MARCH

- 5 Avalanche Patch Course - Copper Mountain, CO
Allegheny/Blackwater - Senior First Aid Test,
Silver Creek, WV
- 6 Allegheny/Blackwater Senior Skiing Test,
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

- 4 Awards Applications Due to Advisor
- 10 Line/Advisor Reports Due
- 30 Southern Division Spring Officers' Meeting,
Gatlinburg, TN

AUGUST

- 30 Mid-Summer Executive Board Meeting

CONGRATULATIONS BILL & CARROLL

Bill Dunaway got his national appointment #6752 at the WEC refresher at Asheville this fall. Bill is a member of the Cataloochee Patrol and has served there for 17 years. He served in the Ski Patrol for the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid. He is on the board of directors of the Atlanta Ski Club and has been active in that organization for a number of years. He is president of Dunaway Drugs in Marietta, GA.

Being called to appear at the Pentagon isn't for everyone, but in December it was good news for Wintergreen PL Carroll Harris. Secretary of Defense, Frank Carlucci, presented the Navy Captain with the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Service Medal for superior mission accomplishment.

1987-88 OUTSTANDING AWARDS

We now have a new awards section "501A". The procedures for processing Outstanding awards for the 1987-88 season will differ from last year due to the new awards and forms. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS VERY CAREFULLY. There are many new awards and numerous changes in the requirements from the existing awards. It is therefore "a must" for those who submit award nominations to have a copy of the new awards section. There are copies of the new awards section "501A" being sent to all officers from the Patrol Director through Region Directors. These should be in their hands within the next two weeks.

Anyone who submits award nominations must copy from the new awards section the proper form and submit it on the new form, no old or past forms will be accepted, they will be returned. All awards are to be postmarked no later than April 4, 1988.

Again, it is a must that anyone submitting any award nominations read the new awards section. Please read and send to me by April 4, 1988. If I can be of any help, let me know and I will do what I can.

Charles T. Benbow
Division Awards Advisor

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

Please process patroller classification changes on the "Update and Classification Change Form" prior to the end of this ski season (April 2nd). This will assure that the registration cards will be current next season. These forms should be sent to Southern Division Coordinator, Jim Underwood. Send address changes directly to NSPS, Denver, utilizing the form in this news letter on page 7. Each patroller should do this as soon as they change their address.

RECKLESS SKIER POLICY

PLs—Please send a copy of your management approved "RECKLESS SKIER" POLICY TO:

Jim Underwood, Safety Advisor
109 Wildwood Drive
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

SKIING PROFICIENCY AND EXAMINING NEWS

The season is underway now and Rick Miller, Regional Proficiency Advisor, Skyline Region, has kicked it off with a PSIA Clinic at Snowshoe on December 19-20. The clinic was well attended and included both Training Officers and patrollers who attended for individual self improvement. The comments received have been extremely positive. Our compliments to Rick Miller! The next two clinics have excellent registered attendance too. Ed Saleem, Dixie, and Howard Tilley, Blue Ridge, are looking forward to productive workshops! We trust by season's end we will accomplish our training goals. If you feel we have neglected any areas, let me or your respective Proficiency Advisor know so we can improve down the slope. The most important part now is for those attendees to utilize what they have learned. Continue to practice your new skills and talk it up to other patrollers and suggest they attend a self improvement clinic. Everyone who has attended has had *fun* and *learned*! If you are interested in attending, contact your advisor or Dave Long, Division Testing Coordinator. It will be the best \$15 you ever spent!!

Again, your Region Proficiency Advisors are:
Rick Miller . . . Skyline Region
Howard Tilley . . . Blue Ridge Region
Ed Saleem . . . Dixie Region

The next topic of discussion is Ski and Toboggan (S & T) Exams. We are in the process of enhancing those procedures established by past advisors. As with any changes, there is liable to be some confusion. Do not let a question go unanswered! Ask myself, David Long or your Region Chief Examiners who are:

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

Ski and Toboggan (S & T) Clinics will be held by the time you read this. The single loudest cry we hear from everyone is exam consistency. This is our main goal for this season. You have all examiners' assurance this will be accomplished. However, we need all candidates, be it Basic or Senior, to help. Come to the exams fully prepared—trained! Everyone will be amazed at the results. Everyone will find the exams do strengthen their confidence or measure their vast improvements. Our goal is unchanged. TRAIN first, then TEST!!

Dave Long, your Division Testing Coordinator, is doing one excellent job coordinating and tracking clinics and exams. This obviously comes as a result of each patrol's cooperation and each advisor's follow through. Everyone is to be commended to date. We continue to ask Patrol Leaders to pre-register candidates in advance of exams. Dave Long must have the "Test Authorization Form" in his hands two weeks prior to the actual exam. We also request participating patrollers to be responsible to your Patrol Leader for follow through. Remember your PL has many other responsibilities. We will not be able to accept your authorization form on exam day! We also ask PLs to notify Dave Long as far in advance as possible, dates desired for Basic Exams. Dave, through your Region Chief Examiners, must schedule Examiners to be present. We all have busy schedules, hence the need for advance notice.

As always, I will close with several challenges to each of you:

Patrollers:

1. While participating in your annual on-the-hill S & T refresher, pick at least one area of skills to improve on this season.
2. Those attending PSIA Clinics, practice what you have learned.
3. Train first, then test.

Patrol Training Officers/Patrol Leaders:

1. Develop a working relationship with your area PSIA Instructors. See if you can have your Patrollers attend instructional classes of higher levels of skiing. Keep in mind, Instructors need to teach advanced levels if they hope to progress in teaching. The Ski Patrol provides them with the calibre of skier.
2. Train your candidates—then send them for the exam.

General Membership:

1. Let me hear from you on any and all S & T training or examining needs. Our staff can only administer to the needs if we hear about them.
2. We are looking for S & T Examiners. If interested, contact your P.L. who will advise our staff accordingly. We need your help!

Neil Booth
Division Proficiency Advisor

SOUTHERN DIV. FIRST WEC COURSE

On Saturday, August 29, 1987, ten new candidates met at Sky Valley to start the Southern Division's first full WEC Course. We were all strangers when we started, but the hard work and close associations brought us all together as a team by graduation on Dec. 6. In fact, one of the candidates was going to drop out, but the class persuaded him to continue with offers to "help him with his studies." And they did and he eventually graduated with the class.

The following are graduates of this first class:

SCALY MTN.	SKY VALLEY
Dick Boyer	Marianna Clemminshaw
Rick Ligeikis	Scott Chandler
Terri Sizemore	David Mills
Bob Thrasher	Bill Wood
Randy Young	CATALOOCHEE
	Melanie Wolford

The schedule for this course was approximately every second weekend all day Saturday and Sunday (sometimes evening sessions on Saturday) for a total of seven (7) weekends. The second Saturday we were fortunate to have as guest instructor two anatomy professors from Emory University; Dr. Barbara Brown, and Dr. Arthur English, to present the anatomy and physiology sections of the course. They were given the outline of what is required and both professors made interesting and informative presentations. They used props and human guinea pigs to make a difficult subject understandable to lay patrollers. My only regret is that the audio part of the video tape I made for the day didn't come out.

Between classes the candidates studied the reading assignments from the five manuals involved (Winter First Aid, 4th addition EMT, Advance ARC, Ski Patroller, CPR—New Calif. manual) and then completed the study questions from the Trainee Workbook. These written assignments were turned in at the beginning of class on Saturday so most of our time could be spent on practical hands-on work.

Mid-way through the course the students had a 142 question written exam plus an all day practical exam. This exam was very heavy in anatomy and physiology and its application to patrolling problems. Two students scored over 90%, three over 85%, and one over 83%. Since we said that a student had to get over 80% to pass, the other students were allowed to take the exam again a couple of weeks later; the lowest score the second time around was 88%. One of the visiting WEC Instructors who was judging the practical commented that these candidates performed the practical skills better than most patrollers he has seen at the refreshers. I AGREE!

I can truly say I'm proud of these first WEC graduates, not only because they all worked so hard, but because we also became a good working group who could work well with each other on practical first aid problems. By graduation we all became a real family. In fact, at graduation it was like the last day of summer camp—no one wanted to break up the classes. The class voted to purchase a class T shirt as a memento of their efforts. It is dark blue with orange letters that say "FIRST CLASS WEC" on the front and "WEC DO IT IN SNOW" on the back. They gave me a special shirt that said "WAMBLING WEC INSTRUCTOR"—a reference to my old alma mater.

After completing this course, I'm more convinced that this WEC program will greatly improve our first aid skills if each patroller will work with the attitude that here is a chance for me to be a true professional, but I need to do a little extra work if I want to earn that title. They say the teacher always learns and that was true for me. My skills are greatly improved because I taught this course and I'm happy with my first students and the NSPS for developing this outstanding course.

I would like to thank the following patrollers and WEC instructors who helped during the course and as judges at the practical exams; Dave Long, Bill Dunaway, Roger Bollinger, Janie Bollinger, Sylvia Talley, Mike Chandler, Mark Randall, Ian Nesbitt and Chuck Latkoff.

At the end of the next WEC course our class would be glad to challenge them to a First Aid Jamboree!

Bill Warner
Deep South Section Chief
and WEC Instructor

MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE 1987-1988

There will be an advanced Ski Mountaineering Patch Course February 5, 6, and 7, 1988 at Mount Rogers, VA. The classroom work will be held at the Abingdon-Washington County Lifesaving Crew Building, Park Street, Abingdon, VA. The classroom section will begin at 9 a.m. Friday morning February 5th. The field work will be Friday night through Sunday afternoon at Mount Rogers. All participants must pre-register using the form below with a signed recommendation from either their Patrol Leader or a Division Mountaineering Instructor. Send your application and course fee to Bobby Harbin by February 2nd, 1988. All information needed for the course will then be mailed to you.

This course is open to registered patrollers with Circle M and Circle A, Forest Service, Park Service and Rescue Squad personnel possessing the basic equipment (cross country skis and/or snow shoes required), knowledge, mental and physical stamina to take part in a survival type winter weekend. The course is also open to alumni of previous courses.

Course fee includes printed material to be mailed or handed out.

NSPS MEMBER (1ST TIME PARTICIPANTS).....\$10.00
PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS (BOTH NSPS AND OTHERS).....\$5.00

NATIONAL PATROL SYSTEM, SOUTHERN DIVISION APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED SKI MOUNTAINEER COURSE

NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____ OFFICE PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NSPS REGISTRATION NO. _____

PATROL _____ REGION _____

CIRCLE A CARD NO. _____ YEAR ATTENDED _____ CIRCLE M CARD NO. _____ YEAR ATTENDED _____

EVIDENCE OF WINTER MOUNTAINEERING EXPERIENCE OTHER THAN CIRCLE M COURSE _____

OTHER GENERAL MOUNTAINEERING EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, ETC. _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

DATE _____

FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

DIVISION SKI MTN. INSTRUCTOR OR PATROL LEADER'S RECOMMENDATION: I HEREBY APPROVE AND COMMEND THE ABOVE PATROLLER AS CANDIDATE FOR THE ADVANCED SKI MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE.

SIGNED _____

MAIL TO: BOBBY HARBIN, RT. 2, BOX 511, CARYVILLE, TN 37714

BLUE RIDGE REGION

I've got those Appalachian Mountain Boogie Blues as singer Mike Cross strums. Most of our mountain managers had this feeling over Christmas week as rain shut most of us down.

Spirit and winter returns, and happy skiers make all of us happy.

It's a real pleasure to read and see the spirit going into the weekly patrol letters. Appalachian Ski Mountain has a guest column writer each week. I encourage all patrols to start a weekly newsletter. It's a great way to communicate and even better—build rapport and desire to be patrolling with friends.

Please remember the testing registration procedure this year. Make sure your PL has registered you for tests you desire. Also make sure if you're a Junior that Steve Benbow knows you are coming to the Junior Seminar. Appalachian is looking forward to hosting the fun event.

Have a good season!

Pete Chamberlin
Blue Ridge R.D.

1988 JUNIOR SEMINARS

The Southern Division Junior Seminar will be held at Appalachian Ski Resort in Blowing Rock, NC on January 30 and 31. All Southern Division Juniors and Junior candidates should plan to attend. The seminar will consist of Written First Aid, Practical First Aid, Written Administrative, Skiing Skills, and Toboggan Skills. The top five Juniors will have their travel and registration expenses paid to attend the 1988 National Junior Training Seminar.

The 1988 National Junior Training Seminar will be held March 6-11 at Whiteface Mountain, Lake Placid, NY. We are planning to charter a bus from Greensboro, NC to Lake Placid; leaving Greensboro March 3 or 4 and returning on March 13 or 14. Anyone wishing to go to the National Junior Seminar should fill out a registration form (form in National Patroller Magazine) and contact me for transportation information. Adults are welcome, but the seminar will be limited and registration will be on a first come first serve basis.

Steve Benbow
Junior Advisor

SKYLINE REGION

The cold weather and skiing came early to the region (VA/WV) this year. In December two overnight Circle M/Circle A courses were held—a first step toward Senior classification. They were at Wintergreen and Snowshoe (where the trainees camped in a fresh snowfall). Thanks to Avalanche Instructor, Kevin Minnix, (both courses) and Circle M instructors Doug Molyneaux and Bob Bodamer.

All seven downhill patrols in the region have certified WEC instructors now. Our first patrol to complete a full *basic* WEC course is Wintergreen which carded 26 in January after completing more than a 60-hour program.

In West Virginia, Blackwater Section Chief, Bob Bodamer, reports a Nordic Training program at Cranberry and Elk River. We welcome Norman McKinnon as the new area manager at Timberline Ski Area.

In the Allegheny Section (also West Virginia), S.C. Jan Starr reports two WEC refreshers (Snowshoe/Silver Creek & Winterplace). A basic WEC course is underway. The section also hosted the Southern Division's first PSIA ski patrol training course for the season (December 19-20) with 22 participants. Thanks to region training advisor, Rick Miller, for directing the course with support of Snowshoe Ski School and Division Proficiency Advisor, Neil Booth. Snowshoe's award winning Safe On Skis program (SOS) has published a 30-question ski sense and safety test as a placemat for area restaurants.

In Virginia, Eric Engelbrektsson has replaced Glen Minneth as S.C. Massanutten PL Jack Shields will have heart surgery in January. There were two WEC refreshers (Wintergreen/Massanutten and Homestead). Congratulations to Dan Buono (Massanutten) on his recent award of a National Ski Patroller rank. Organization efforts are underway for a Shenandoah Nordic Patrol to service the Shenandoah cross country ski trails.

Regional First Aid WEC Advisor Greg Bradley is well along on the new Senior First Aid program, as well as providing assistance on basic first aid exams. Region Training Advisor Brandon Deane has scheduled two Senior Exams and clinics (January 9 at Wintergreen and February 13 at Snowshoe).

From early registration it appears the Skyline Region will again have a large number of Senior Candidates this year. We wish them well as they work on their patrolling, skiing and first aid skills of the Senior Program.

Keith A. Argor
Skyline R.D.

DEEP SOUTH SECTION

Our areas were open for a couple of days before year's end, but then got caught in the rainy warm-up. Hopefully the cold weather is finally coming so we can all get into full operation.

The first WEC Course in the Southern Division was successfully completed Dec. 6 and the Section has nine new potential auxiliaries. The patrols will now be working hard to get these nine plus three others from Sapphire to upgrade their skiing skills to be ready for the basic test Feb. 13, 1988.

After the refreshers, the Deep South Section had its first social—an opportunity for the patrollers in the section to meet each other and talk with their new Section Chief. It was a wine and cheese party held at Sky Valley with about 50 people present. In addition to the socializing, we had an opportunity to have a local reporter interview the Section Chief and the three area patrol leaders. The Clayton Tribune and Rabun Journal followed up with some good stories on the Ski Patrol and the local ski areas. My wife, Myrna, also obtained quite a few door prizes which were given to patrollers. All in all we felt it a fun time and hope to continue this tradition.

During the last year there were some problems between the Ski Patrol and Rabun EMS. Representatives of the EMS were invited to the Scaly and Sky Valley OTH Refreshers. During the refresher it was apparent that the EMS personnel had no understanding of the ski patrol which contributed to their attitude that we didn't know what we were doing. Their techniques were so different from ours and they couldn't understand the environment in which we worked. One of the Sky Valley patrollers made the point to them that our environment was like their trying to handle an accident in the middle of an interstate highway without the benefit of a policeman to control traffic. As a follow-up we volunteered to take some of the EMS personnel to the top of our hill and show them how an accident is handled on the slope. We also provided them with a copy of the NSPS WFA manual, and I loaned them the instructors guide of the WEC course so they can see the standard of skills the ski patrollers possess. When I went to pick up my instructor's guide, one of the EMT's said, "I'm impressed, do all patrollers know this material?" I said that this is the minimum level of skills allowed to wear the patroller jacket. They have their rules and we have ours, but at least there may be a different attitude on the part of the EMS toward the patrols.

May it snow buckets so the Deep South Section will have an outstanding ski year at our areas in 87/88.

Bill Warner, S.C.

PATROL NEWS

Hound Ears

Beech Mountain has signed on King Kong, Sugar has avalanche patrol on Sugar Top at 7 a.m., Hound Ears has brunch at 10:30.

Awright, awright, so we're not as big as everyone else. We're still organized and looking forward to a good year. It's a little hill, but it's popular with novices and beginning telemarkers, and with that combination we can have our hands full.

We have seven patrollers and five candidates to cover the hill on holidays, Fridays and weekends. Our candidates will be training with the Sugar patrol and the patrollers will be guest patrolling at Hawksnest some days. So we should stay busy.

Patrol leaders are Lee and Elaine Wittman, and patrollers are Bob Nicks, Mike Collins, Gail and Jamie Richard and Tom Dillon, all late of the Cascade Mountain patrol. Candidates are Ricky Smith, Elaine Hannah, Denise Harris, Larry Bost and Bob Bulla. The slope manager is Laura Carter.

We hope to see some of you during the year. Join us for skiing, if not for brunch.

Tom Dillon



Hound Ears Patrol left to right: Tom Dillon, Jamie Richard, Gail Richard, Bob Nicks, Elaine Hannah, Mike Collins, Elaine Wittman, Lee Wittman, Laura Carter.

Scaly Mountain Goes Hollywood (Sort Of...)

For those of you who recently saw the television movie "Foxfire," you may be interested in knowing that one of the scenes from the movie was shot right by the ski slope at Scaly Mountain. Owners Gene and Susan Head also appeared in the "concert" scene which was filmed in the area. Gene reports that he met and talked with John Denver, and even added to John's arrowhead collection. In return, John invited Gene to come out to Aspen so that they could go fishing.

Meanwhile, back on the slope, Scaly's snowmaking capacity has been doubled this year with the addition of two new snow guns, one of them being the new Boyne "super machine"—and Scaly presently owns the only one of its kind in the South.

Our patrol is especially excited about the four radios that we now own; and two patrollers have purchased individual radios as well. We can now communicate with ease both on and off the slope.

Sylvia Talley

Seven Devils



Mark & Ann Taylor made front page news in "People & Places"

Greensboro News & Record on December 31, 1987.

Wintergreen

The ski patrol started off the season with a picnic and awards ceremony at Lake Monican. While hot dogs and hamburgers were the order of the day, the patrol officers did manage to conduct a general business meeting. Pres Funkhouser turned the patrol leadership over to Carroll Harris, who appointed Lou Argow Asst. PL for administration and Bill Gibson Asst. PL for operations.

Senior certificates were presented to: Lou Argow, Greg Bradley, Eric Englebretsson, Charlie Freeman, Bill Gibson, Mike McGiffin and Melinda Souder. Lou Argow was awarded a certificate and plaque for being Wintergreen's most outstanding patroller for 1987. Yvonne Hilliard-Bradley was awarded the angel award for her unselfish contribution to the patrol as primary victim for all first aid testing and toboggan training.

In October Lou Argow held a WEC instructors course with 12 successfully completing from all over the Skyline Region. Sixteen of these instructors are on the Wintergreen Patrol. Our refresher was held November 6th and 7th with 126 patrollers attending. A most interesting and informative orthopedic presentation was given by Dr. Fred McGlynn. Dr. McGlynn is nationally known in the field of sports medicine and has developed a unique series of lectures, complete with slides, which are directly related to ski injuries.

December started off with the largest group of candidates ever at Wintergreen; 31. A complete WEC course has been taught by Greg Bradley and Brandon Deane, assisted by Tripp Blanton and George Allman. Seven complete weekends were devoted to this new WEC course. Candidate ski training started mid-December and is being headed up by Kathy Harris and Bill Gibson. We also have a large and active Junior program and plan on sending as many as possible to the Junior Jamboree.

Wintergreen is proud of its training program and our participation in Region and Division activities. We are looking forward to cold weather and a great season.

Wintergreen Volunteer Patrol

SHERPA RESCUE

A thirty year dream has taken my wife Elaine and I halfway around the world and found us hiking with a group of Australians in the Himalayas of Nepal. It was the third day since we landed at the Lukla airstrip. Our destination was Kala Pater, an 18,400 foot mountain that is six miles from Mt. Everest.

After two days of gentle trails and clear weather we were lulled into a false sense of well-being. The day was cloudy with light rain that became mixed with snow as the elevation increased. At mid-morning we were climbing a steep and slippery section of trail when we approached a group of distressed Sherpas. A young Sherpa woman (Mima Yangen Sherpa) was carrying an infant when they were pushed from the trail by a passing yak. They had tumbled down a steep cliff, but miraculously the child was unharmed. The fate of Mima was uncertain; some said she was dead. A crowd of Sherpas and trekkers were gathering, many theories were being developed, but nothing was happening and precious minutes were passing.

We made our commitment to become involved not knowing the extent of the adventure to come. John, our group leader, Maryanne, a fellow hiker, and Pasang, one of our Sherpa guides, offered their assistance. Pasang would help Elaine, John, and myself find our way down the cliff through a jungle of underbrush. Maryanne would stay trailside and attempt to obtain additional assistance.

We left all but one pack at the trail and filled the remaining pack with any item that would be useful in a rescue. Half way down the mountain we were horrified to find the woman being carried piggy back style by an incredibly strong porter. We could only speculate what damage was being done. The woman was laid on the trail among the mass confusion of hikers, porters, and yaks.

Our initial survey indicated lacerations to the head and leg. The bleeding was stopped and Elaine took the responsibility to complete a more thorough assessment. Her efforts were complicated by the language and cultural differences. To a Buddhist the head is a sacred part of the body that is not to be touched by a stranger. There was also the problem of explaining to a woman who didn't understand English that you wanted her to squeeze your hand. Mima's injuries included a possible broken clavicle, broken ribs, possible head and back damage as well as rigidity of the abdomen. Hypothermia and shock were also serious considerations. While Elaine tended to Mima I went off to build a litter. One hundred feet of cord didn't last long and I resorted to bits and pieces of string and shoe laces to hold the branches and tree limbs together. A passing hiker generously contributed a sleeping mat.

Mima was secured to the litter and immobilized with an assortment of belts and straps as well as cravats. A neck collar was improvised with a section of foam mat. Her head was stabilized with two rolls of toilet paper, two cravats, and duct tape.

The only possibility for medical assistance was in Mima's home village of Namche Bazaar. Namche consisted of 700 families and was a half day's hike away. A group of Sherpas agreed to assist in the carry. Nudu, one of our other guides, reached the accident scene and would also assist in our efforts. He spoke some English.

Our rescue team took off in a sprint down a steep and rocky trail that was made even more dangerous by the slippery mud. The translation of Sherpa is "tigers of the mountain" and these carriers were worthy of this title. We were traveling fast and we had all we could do to keep up and lunge for the litter when a carrier lost his footing. At one point a carrier convinced the others that it was Buddha's will that Mima would die. The carry was stopped, and we pleaded for continued help. We argued: what would the other Sherpas think of a porter letting flatlanders carry Mima home. Several more volunteers came forward and we were off and running. The truth is that we flatlanders could not have done the jobs ourselves.

We reached a river bed and John left to continue his responsibilities as group leader. Elaine, Maryanne, and Pasang went ahead in search of help.

One of the Sherpas crossed a swaying bridge and scampered up a steep trail that switched back many times as it crossed the face of a cliff. He would stop the oncoming traffic of porters and yaks as there would be no room to pass a litter on such a narrow trail.

As we waited, A French doctor happened along and learning of the problem raced to our assistance. With the help of a German hiker translating English into French I explained the situation. The doctor injected a painkiller, wished us luck, and continued on his way. I pinned the medical wrapper to Mima's clothing.

The climb was long and strenuous as the elevation rapidly increased. As I climbed I reflected on our Search and Rescue weekends spent with the National Ski Patrol on Mt. Rogers. The skills practiced in those sessions were now being put to the test.

Mima's condition continued to be reasonably stable considering the circumstances. We had wrapped her in a space blanket and she was able to retain the body heat. She was in great pain, but alert. Several hours later we reached her home only to learn that medical assistance was another two hours away at the Hillary clinic in Kunde. A Buddhist monk prayed upon Mima as family members and neighbors looked on in horror. Mima's father was an expedition guide and he provided a down sleeping bag and surplus stretcher. With the assistance of a yak herdsman we repackaged and secured the woman to the litter. A hot water bottle was placed in the sleeping bag.

By now I was wet, chilled, and exhausted. To continue would only slow down Mima's arrival at the clinic. A fresh group of twelve volunteers came forward and with last minute instructions they dashed off in the direction of Kunde. I attached a note to Mima's clothing explaining the circumstances of the accident.

I was invited into Mima's home and fed hot tea as I warmed next to a chimney-less fireplace. The monk was chanting his prayers as the women huddled in the corner crying. The accident afforded the opportunity to become intimately involved in a culture that has not changed in hundreds of years.

After reuniting with our group we resumed our hike into the Everest region. We would not learn of Mima's fate for nine more days. Our days were filled with indescribable views and fascinating events. After our visit to Kala Pater we detoured to Kunde hoping for good news. The clinic was a primitive stone building with a porch filled with people awaiting treatment. It was staffed by a husband and wife doctor team from Kentucky and they maintained a hectic schedule.

We were told that Mima was alive but "she was not out of the woods." The doctors were optimistic as substantial progress had been made since her arrival. The joy expressed by Mima as we entered her tiny room made all our efforts worthwhile. She was nursed and fed by a younger sister and the room was heated by a small fireplace. We drank tea together and left gifts of warm clothing as we departed. We were asked to visit her family upon our return to Namche.

A day later we made that visit. We were served an omelet breakfast as friends and family filled the small one room home. Today was to be a more cheerful gathering and the family history was shared with us. As we said our goodbyes Mima's father ceremoniously placed a silk scarf around our necks. It was market day in Namche and we made our way through the festive crowds of bartering Nepalese and Tibetan traders. We continued back to the Lukla airstrip for our flight back to Katmandu.

Our involvement in Mima's rescue gave us a rare opportunity to become personally involved in a remote and mystical culture. The skills used to complete the rescue are testimony to the effective training made available to us by our fellow members of the National Ski Patrol System. Elaine and I sincerely thank you.

Lee T. Wittmann

SHUTTER BUGS, ALERT!

In spite of all the rain so far this season, good snow and bright, sunshiny days are headed our way, so get your cameras ready.

In order to build up a library of patrol action photographs, suitable for use in publications, we're conducting a contest, open to all Southern Division patrollers. Picture requirements are simple: clear images, crisp details, sharp contrast.

We'll have both full color and black and white divisions, with first, second and third prizes in each. First prize in both categories: \$25. (That ought to buy a beer or two after skiing!)

Don't forget: Cataloochee patroller Tommy Godwin, who is southeastern regional sales manager for Fuji, has offered free film to anyone for this contest. Contact him at home: 1587 Bussell Place, Norcross, GA 30093.

Deadline for the contest is Monday, February 29. So, *leap* for your prize by taking pictures now. Mail entries to me. Take a lot, enter a lot; *win a lot!*

Benning Garrison
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Rick Woodlee
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EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

We still have lots of heavy duty strapping in various lengths. This would be useful in making lift control lines and blocking areas that should not be skied. We also have raingear (parkas, pants and ponchos). There are a few ensolite pads, seat belts (\$.50 each), waterproof fabric bags for sled use for blankets, splints, collars, etc.

Harry R. Stowe
F.E.D. Manager

SOUTHERN DIVISION FUND-RAISING

HELP!

Plans for the 1988 fund-raising efforts are underway, and we'll keep you posted as they progress.

But we need your immediate help in developing a complete mailing list. Please make a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of key contacts for:

- Local Ski Clubs (include NSPS rep at club)
- Local Ski Shops
- Special Friends of NSPS (i.e. manufacturers, suppliers, individuals, corporations, etc.)

Send me this list ASAP! Thank you.

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SAY CHEESE!!!

As your new Archivist—keeper of the scrapbook—I plan to feature each of the twenty-nine patrols in Southern Division this year. So . . . I need pictures, lots and lots of snapshots—of your entire patrol if possible, your officers, highlights of your patrol's season, etc. I also plan to feature each of our newly-appointed National Patrollers in a special section, as well as our Officers, Advisors, Regional Directors and Section Chiefs. But I need photos of each person, so do send me your favorite. Please send these to me by March 15—and thanks!

Syliva Talley

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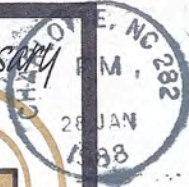
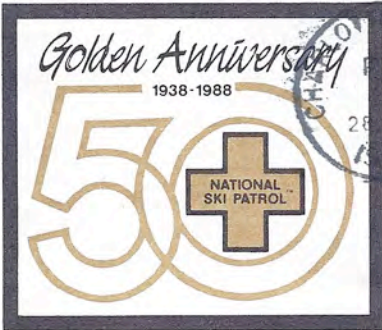
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