



*Congratulations!
You've done a super job
at Wintergreen - a great PL & a great patrol!
We really enjoyed having you able to ski there!
Bobbie*



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FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

As the season starts to wane, I look back on a super snow year for the South. All of the seventeen ski areas I visited have been running continuously since the first of the season. Three of our largest areas have skied a total of almost one half million skiers. Many areas have enough snow to stay open at least until April if the skiers would keep coming.

We have been passing out our new supply of Westvaco cardboard splints. We have 594 lbs. of splints in Charles Benbow's warehouse. Thanks again to Ken Allen for the "foot work" and a special thanks to Westvaco Container Division, Gastonia, North Carolina for helping us help others. If you would like some of these splints for use at your area, contact Charles Benbow in Greensboro (phone 919/299-4900). If you are not able to get to Greensboro, perhaps he will be able to bring some to the Spring Convention in Abingdon for you.

In the last few years we have had a change in the basic and candidates we have been getting in the South. Now the majority are good skiers, but our testing shows that some are not studying the first aid and know far less about the administrative and patroller manuals. In the last issue of the Southern Cross, I asked patrol leaders to check the manuals of their patrollers. Now it would seem the patrol leaders should check or test to see that the manuals are being studied.

The Sixth Annual Spring Convention of the Southern Division will be held Saturday, April 22nd at the Martha Washington Inn, Abingdon, Virginia. The convention is open to all registered patrollers and all may vote on division affairs, so gather and tell us the way you want your division to run. Janie Bollinger and Dr. French Moore, Jr. are co-chairpersons for the convention.

Reserve June 14-17 on your calendar! The Southern Division is hosting the Annual Meeting of the NSPS in Knoxville, TN. It will be most interesting and informative for you to see the national organization at work.

We congratulate Phil Birdsong, Wintergreen PL, for passing the certified test! A first for our division. Thanks again to Bill Bosack, Professional Director, and his examining team for making the long trek South.

David P. Dillard

WINTERGREEN PATROL

On January 25th Greg Richardson, Nancy Shelhorse, Margaret Skinner and John Babineau (a transfer from the European Division) passed the Basic Test.

Mark Bently, Pat Barnes, Mike Niver, Warren Griffin, Brandon Deane and Richard Chadick; all Wintergreen patrollers, passed the Senior Test on February 5th.

A Certified Professional test was held the weekend of February 11-12 and Phil Birdsong became the Southern Division's first and only patroller to pass this test.

On February 19th another Basic Test was given and Carol and Tom Dalton and Bettie Wood became Basic Patrollers along with a new Junior, Bob Fugh.

In addition to all the training done every Saturday and Sunday mornings by our T & T man, Ron Smith; Wintergreen stayed busy handling accidents, promoting ski safety and still had time for a little fun on Saturday night get togethers (those not patrolling at night). Oh yes, we also managed to hold Circle A and Circle M courses this season.

You could say we've stayed busy - and the season isn't over yet. We'll fill you in on the rest in Abingdon in April.

Randy Pugh

WINTERGREEN PATROLLERS ALSO FIGHT FIRE

The Wintergreen Ski Patrollers were experiencing their usual late Saturday afternoon mad-house on February 4th when a call came over the area radio system for a possible house fire in an area behind Big Acorn Lift.

Phil Birdsong, PL, and Junior Bob Pugh were at the top of Big Acorn and could see smoke. They proceeded on skis through the woods to the scene. Reggie Hassler, a volunteer fireman at Boone, N.C., was at the area patrolling as he was to be a test judge for the Senior Test the following day. He also skied to the scene. When Phil reached the house, he called via the radio to expedite the fire truck as the house was heavily involved. Meanwhile, Warren Griffin, another Wintergreen patroller, had gone to the golf maintenance shop to pick up the Wintergreen fire truck. I grabbed a first aid kit from the patrol room and responded with Asst. PL, "Flash" Gordon. Several employees who are on the Wintergreen Volunteer Fire Dept. also came.

They fought not only the fire, but the cold and snow and put the fire out. The house suffered internal damage to several rooms, but no one was injured. All patrollers returned to the hill for sweep with an extra good feeling that comes with knowing you've been a help in time of need.

Randy Pugh

DONATION RECEIVED

We wish to thank the Peninsula Ski Club for their generous donation to the Southern Division NSPS. This will be used in the General Fund.

DIVISION SKI MOUNTAINEERING TRAINING OBJECTIVES

Southern Division interpretation of NSPS Ski Mountaineering Training Objectives based on those by Dan Dunlevy, National Ski Mountaineering Adv. (page 2, NATIONAL PATROLLER, February 1977), as annotated at Gatlinburg, SMI Clinic, October 8, 1977, by Norman A. Bishop, Jack Britt, Gary Delius and Tom Moss.

A person trained in NSPS Basic Ski Mountaineering (Circle M) in the Southern Division shall, upon completion of the course, be able to:

1. Avoid or cope with mountain winter hazards found within two hours' walk of the area where he or she patrols.

2. Demonstrate that he or she is prepared and equipped for an overnight out-of-area search on skis, with adequate food, warmth, shelter and route-finding tools and skills, including a topographic map of his area.

3. Outline the major steps in the out-of-area search and rescue plan for his or her area, state its location at the area, and his or her role in carrying out the plan.

4. Identify and describe to area patrons the hazards inherent in the mountain winter situation in the vicinity of the ski area where he or she skis, and clearly and tactfully recommend procedures to avoid them.

Other major points agreed upon: Instructor will put out list of material that patrollers must have before course, and have several pre-meetings. He will limit number of participants to give instructor-trainee ratio of no more than 1:5.

Mountaineering Patch Course: Instructor will distribute advance reading and course will be spread out so participants can prepare conceptually and physically for field work. Each patrol should keep ready packs (2) with sleeping bags, a tent, and a stove, plus headlamps, or schedule M-trained standbys to bring their overnight rescue gear for off-area SAR, on rotation basis.

CIRCLE M COURSE SCHEDULED

A Circle M course will be held at Gatlinburg on Saturday and Sunday, April 15th and 16th. The lecture will start at 9:00 AM at Great Smoky Mountains National Park Headquarters building 2 miles from Gatlinburg. Enter at the back, using the basement entrance, and cross the hall to the training room. After lunch, we will proceed to the trailhead and the camp site. Packs, boots, clothing, shelter, cooking and sleeping items will be inspected for adequacy before trainees leave the parking area.

All participants must register by April 10th with Lynn Pace, 1804 Jett Road, Maryville, TN 37801. (phone: home 615/263-7320, office 745-7080)

Norman A. Bishop, Mtn. Adv.

PROFESSIONAL PATROLLER NEEDED FOR 1978-1979 SEASON

Cataloochee Ski Area is looking for a professional patroller for the next ski season. Interested patrollers should contact Rick Coker, Cataloochee Ski Area, Rt. 1, Box 500, Maggie, N. C. 28751.

THE SKI PATROL HIERARCHY
(Stolen from Rusty Parka News,
who stole it from the Canadians)

The National Director:

Leaps tall buildings in a single bound.
Is more powerful than a locomotive.
Is faster than a speeding bullet.
Walks on water.
Gives policy to God.

The Assistant National Director:

Leaps short buildings in a single bound.
Is more powerful than a switch engine.
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet.
Walks on water if sea is calm.
Talks to God.

The Division Director:

Leaps short buildings with a running start and
favorable winds.
Is almost as powerful as a switch engine.
Is faster than a speeding BB.
Walks on water in an indoor swimming pool.
Talks with God if special request is approved.

The Regional Director:

Barely clears a quonset hut.
Loses tug-of-war with locomotive.
Can fire a speeding bullet.
Swims well.
Is occasionally addressed by God.

The Section Chief:

Makes high marks on the walls when trying to
leap tall buildings.
Is run over by locomotives.
Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting
self-injury.
Talks to animals.

The Patrol Leader:

Runs into buildings.
Recognizes locomotives two out of three times.
Is not issued ammunition.
Can stay afloat with a life jacket.
Talks to walls.

The Assistant Patrol Leader:

Falls over doorstep when trying to enter building.
Says "Look at the choo-choo".
Wets himself with a water pistol.
Plays in mud puddles.
Mumbles to himself.

The Patroller:

Lifts buildings and walks under them.
Kicks locomotives off the tracks.
Catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats
them.
Freezes water with a single glance.
He is God.

JUNIOR PATROLLERS

We are delighted to have five new Junior
patrollers: Robert Pugh, Cindy Benbow, Madge
Dillard, Don Somerville and William Moody.
Congratulations to all.

The Junior Program is the life blood of the
division, so we all need to encourage our young
people to participate. This year we were unable
to have a Junior Seminar because of lack of
participation. We hope to have a good showing
next year. The division will pay half the
expenses for the winning Southern Division
Junior. So start thinking about next year!

Madge Dillard

SOUTHERN DIVISION HAS A NEW ADVISOR

The division's newest advisor, appointed in
October 1977, is Mary K. Twomey. Mary has given
several years of service as an Auxiliary patroller
with the Cataloochee Patrol as well as serving
others as a registered nurse, an anesthetist and
with the American Red Cross nursing service.

Mary became an Auxiliary Patroller in 1969 and
has served continuously since. As a First Aid
instructor, she has served as the First Aid Adv.
for the Western Carolina Section. She has pro-
vided valuable support functions to various Spring
Conventions and the National Winter Meeting held
at Beech Mountain in February 1973.

The Division Auxiliary Advisor will work closely
with the National Advisor in formulating division
and national programs and coordinating the needs
of auxiliary patrollers throughout the division.

Inquiries for and about auxiliary patrollers should
be directed to Mary Twomey, 29 White Pine Drive,
Asheville, N C. 28805.

A SMALL BUMP IN THE EAST OR WHY SKI WITH THE DRAGON

A bump to a patroller can mean different things -
someone just hit a tree, or a great take off point
for a jet turn, or a little mountain. A little
mountain does exist in the East. Not our East,
but way East, in the land of Dragons.

Dragon Valley is a quaint little ski area in Korea.
To get there you follow winding roads, pass fish
hanging up to dry in the cold breeze, trees covered
with snow, and enter a vast parking area and hotel
complex. The passing from night to day - you leave
the old Korea of rice paddies and mud huts and a-
wake in a land of skiing, the same the world over.

On a given morning you wake and touch the floor;
no, you are not doing your morning exercises, your
bed is on the floor. A soft bed eight inches off
the floor. Party all you desire and long into the
night - you can't hurt yourself falling out of bed.

You can have breakfast of rice and fish, ham and
eggs, pancakes or whatever. There is a full
kitchen staff and dining room that is very Swiss
in appearance. But enough, LET'S SKI!

Out of the hotel, across the frozen creek, and up
to the lifts. Take your choice, the two chair
lifts lead to all types of skiing. The runs are
well groomed, lighted at night, and excellent for
teaching. The intermediate slope has a good face,
tough moguls and is a lot of fun.

The Dragon is international in flavor and people.
Japan, Taiwan, the U.S. and of course Korea are
represented, but don't be surprised to hear French
or German on the hill!

When you have snow and mountains and people, you
have the Ski Patrol, and we were there. So next
time you are on the Bump in the East, our East,
wishing for the Alps and miles of runs, close
your eyes and ski with the Dragon on a small bump
in the Far East.

Sam Bruce, Mill Ridge FL

Basic Test at Seven Devils, January 15, 1978

T & T

Ken Allen	Sugar Mountain	Basic
Karen Barnhardt	Sugar Mountain	Basic
Susan Barnhardt	Sugar Mountain	Basic
Martha Hut	Seven Devils	Basic
Christine Myatt	Seven Devils	Basic
Joe Strauss	Seven Devils	Basic

Basic Test at Wintergreen, January 21, 1978

Jon Bavineau	Wintergreen	Basic
Greg Richardson	Wintergreen	Basic
Nancy Shelhorse	Wintergreen	Basic
Margaret Skinner	Wintergreen	Basic
Bettie Wood	Wintergreen	Basic

Basic Test at Wolf Laurel, February 5, 1978

Margie Carroll	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Stu Friedrich	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Mary Hazlett	Wolf Laurel	Basic
John Ray	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Michael Silver	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Don Somerville	Wolf Laurel	Junior
Don Thompson	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Jim Turlington	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Steve Waldrep	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Scott Wilkinson	Wolf Laurel	Basic

Basic Test at Cascade, February 12, 1978

Carney Bryan	Cascade	Basic
Bernie Smith	Cascade	Basic

Basic Test at Gatlinburg, February 12, 1978

Dale Berry	Gatlinburg	Basic
Alan Cassell	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Linda Coulter	Gatlinburg	Basic
Charles Latkoff	Wolf Laurel	Basic
John Loorey	Gatlinburg	Basic
Robert Newton	Cataloochee	Basic
Brian Riel	Gatlinburg	Basic
Carolyn Thompson	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Dave Williams	Gatlinburg	Basic

Basic Test at Wintergreen, February 25, 1978

Carol Dalton	Wintergreen	Basic
Tom Dalton	Wintergreen	Basic
Robert Pugh	Wintergreen	Junior

MR. MYSTERY GETS MARRIED

Keeping the "who" a secret until the last possible minute, Ga/Ala Section Chief Walter Eaton retained his cloak of mystery almost as long as his bachelorhood, but relinquished both on Friday, March 10th, in Athens, Ga. His bride is the former Carolyn Smith of Athens. She is a dietician with the University of Georgia, where Walter is a professor of safety education.

The ceremony and reception which followed took place in a handsomely restored ante-bellum mansion, the Taylor-Grady House. Members of the Sky Valley Ski Patrol and staff were among the guests.

Walter and Carolyn are at home in Athens, following a two week honeymoon in Spain.

Benning Garrison, Sky Valley PL

Basic Test at Sky Valley, February 26, 1978

Mark Jenkins	Sky Valley	Basic
William Moody	Sky Valley	Junior

Basic Test at Sugar Mountain, February 26, 1978

Cindy Benbow	Seven Devils	Junior
Russ Debuc	Seven Devils	Basic
Madge Dillard	Seven Devils	Junior
Tom Hendly	Beech Mountain	Basic
Stace Horine	Sugar Mountain	Basic

Senior Test at Seven Devils, January 22, 1978

Worth Hester	Appalachian
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Senior Test at Cataloochee, January 29, 1978

Bruce McLean	Sky Valley
Randy Holton	Sky Valley
Jerry Huskey	Gatlinburg

Senior Test at Wintergreen, February 5, 1978

Pat Barnes	Wintergreen
Mark Bentley	Wintergreen
Richard Chadick	Wintergreen
Brandon Deane	Wintergreen
Warren Griffin	Wintergreen
Mike Niver	Wintergreen

New Basic Test Examiners

Sam Bruce	Mill Ridge
Jack Butt	Wolf Laurel
Harwell Dabbs	Gatlinburg
Walter Eaton	Sky Valley
Benning Garrison	Sky Valley
Jerry Huskey	Gatlinburg
Greg Walczynski	Wolf Laurel

New Senior Test Examiners

Steve Benbow	Seven Devils
Phil Birdsong	Wintergreen
Frank "Flash" Gordon	Wintergreen
Ron Geist	Sky Valley
Jon Newton	Cloudmount
Lynn Pace	Gatlinburg
Rick Roberts	Cataloochee
Lance Webb	Sky Valley

GEORGIA GOES NORDIC

Sky Valley skiers suffered minor whiplash one weekend in February brought on by double takes when the normal sights of the area's kamikaze skiers took a back seat to a Georgia "first". While most of the skiers were struggling to get down the hill, ten stalwart members of the Atlanta Ski Club were seen slip-sliding uphill. It seems a planned cross country venture up on the Blue Ridge Parkway got thawed out, so Bill Farrell of Sky Valley's Ski Patrol arranged for the nordic group to visit the southernmost ski area, which was blessed with ample snow, and trails wide and gentle enough to afford unhindered practice of telemark turns. Sky Valley also witnessed its first nordic rescue that Sunday, when one toboggan was brought down by the skinny-ski people.

Benning Garrison, Sky Valley PL

CERTIFIED PROGRAM IN SOUTHERN DIVISION

On February 12th and 13th the Southern Division was host for its first Certified Patroller Examination, held at Wintergreen Ski Area, Va. We are most grateful to the Eastern Division, and these examiners in particular, for their support and assistance in bringing this program to the Southern Division.

Phil Birdsong, Wintergreen FL, was the only candidate that satisfactorily completed the test and thus became the Southern Division's first Certified Patroller. He started patrolling as a Junior at Sugar Mtn., N.C. and was there until the 1976-77 season when he went to Wintergreen as the Asst. PL. Frank "Flash" Gordon, Wintergreen's Asst. PL and Reggie Hassler, former PL at Sugar Mtn. completed several portions of the test and should successfully complete the remaining portions in the near future.



(photo - from left to right)

Reggie Hassler (Examinee, Sugar Mountain)
Bill Bozack (Examiner, National Professional
Advisor, Sugarbush)
Philip Birdsong (Examinee, Wintergreen)
Richie Watkins (Examiner, Glen Ellen)
Roger Newall (Examiner, Eastern Certified
Chairman, Sugarbush)
George Wesson (Examiner, Killington)
Gerry Kuhnly (Examiner, Berkshire East, PL)
Frank Gordon (Examinee, Wintergreen)

SOUTHERN DIVISION SPRING CONVENTION

The convention will begin with an Executive Committee Meeting at 9:30 Saturday morning, April 22nd, followed by an Advisors Meeting. The general session will be held at 1:00 PM. All registered patrollers are encouraged to come! The cocktail hour will be from 6-7 PM with dinner and awards presentation following. A fee of \$12.00 will be charged and will include cocktails, dinner, and the evening entertainment. Dr. French Moore, Jr., Box 516, Abingdon, Va. 24210, needs to know by April 18th if you wish a reservation for dinner. (phone: home 703/628-7266, office 628-7862) Room reservations must be made by each individual. Rooms at the Martha Washington Inn are \$17.00 - \$20.00 single and \$20.00 - \$24.00 double.

Next SOUTHERN CROSS deadline April 24th

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN KNOXVILLE - JUNE 14-17 1978

Would you like to meet Charles Haskins or Harry Pollard or Lu Skinner? Would you like to attend a NSPS National Convention? If so, now is your chance. You will even have the opportunity to attend various committee meetings concerned with National policy, and speak your mind.

As the host division for the National Convention, it is our responsibility to set up the entire convention. Because there was not a mid-winter meeting of the National Board, this meeting will be one day longer. This means that we will have one more day to demonstrate our southern hospitality and convince the attendees that they might well come South on their next out-of-area ski trip.

We need help in a big way. Response has been less than enthusiastic. We need chairmen and members to help out on the following committees: transportation, registration, publicity, social, communications and facilities. Tom Moss and I are acting as Co-chairman and Chairman respectively. If you can help out in any capacity, let either of us know. Please help us do a good job.

Tom Moss
P. O. Box 11467,
Knoxville, Tenn. 37919

Tom Worley
#4 Pepperhill Court,
Greensboro, N.C. 27407

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Tom Worley, T & T Adv.

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