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HARWELL'S HOT LINE

Greetings to all you patrollers out there "on the line." I hope you had a Happy Holiday Season and wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year! This column is an attempt at keeping you informed on matters of importance and interest.

**FALL REFRESHERS**

They were well organized and stimulating. I would again emphasize for next year three things: continuing emphasis on practical problems and skills, larger patrols staging their own First Aid Refreshers; using patrol medical advisors to "spice up" lectures. The film "A Matter of Decision" was shown at all refreshers and made its points extremely well concerning the importance of records and "loose talk".

**COMMUNICATION**

Communication — and the failure thereof — continues to be a problem. The administrative staff can serve you best if we are kept informed. All officers and advisors have been asked to send Farris Jackson and me a copy of any communication you have of any significance. If the schedule of courses, tests and/or clinics needs changing, please contact Tom Moss before changing it so that he can coordinate instructors, teaching materials, etc. I have tried to improve communication by periodic P.O.B.'s to officers and advisors (four since taking office).

**AWARDS & P.R. OFFICER**

I urge each patrol to have an Awards and Public Relations officer (can be combined). Oftentimes individuals and patrols perform in an outstanding manner and it goes unrecognized except at the local level. This isn't right. The activity is at the patrol level and this is where we need reporters for the Southern Cross, The National Patroller and the local media. Benning Garrison, Division P.R. Advisor is a professional writer and can help. So, if your patrol doesn't have a P.R. officer, get one! This same person — or another — can be your awards officer. We have patrollers in the division who are overlooked, quite unintentionally, for service pins and other awards because nothing was done at the patrol level. Charles Benbow, our Awards Advisor, does an outstanding job, but depends on you for input. Get your nominations in to him.

**HISTORIAN — ARCHIVIST**

Patricia Harris has accepted this new office. Please send her any old records, pictures, clippings, slides, etc. of patrol or ski area activities. See article on page 3. Thanks, Pat!

**SOUTHERN DIVISION WELCOMES LAKEWOOD VILLAGE SKI RESORT, CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY**

Randy Avery did a super job of organizing a patrol from scratch with Ray Postlethwait as PL. Central Division cooperated magnificently for which we are most grateful.

**WELCOME JIM FADDEN**

Jim comes to us from International Division. He is a National, former RD in Europe, an instructor in Avalanche and Ski Mountaineering and will be helping Tom Moss in the T & T program. He sells airplanes and his home address is: 2190 Cedar Forks Drive, Marietta, GA 30062.

**S.A.R.**

Dale Johnson has accepted a new job in the division as Chairman of Search & Rescue. He will be contacting those trained in Ski Mountaineering and will have an article in Southern Cross.

**MOVIES**

The division has two copies of the film "A Matter of Decision." It is available at no charge to area managers to help educate their personnel. We also have three copies of "Skiers Choice." This is an excellent film produced by NSAA & NSPS on ski safety. It is suitable for showing to the skiing public (ski clubs, ski area entertainment sessions, etc.). It is also available for loan. Farris Jackson and I have control of both films and Walt Eaton has the third copy of "Skiers Choice." Pass the word. These are excellent teaching films.

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## SOUTHERN DIVISION SCHEDULE 1980

January	19	Certified Patroller Clinic, Beech Mtn., NC
	20	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Sugar NC
	26	Certified Patroller Test — Ski & Toboggan, Snowshoe, WV
February	27	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Cataloochee, NC
	1-3	Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers, VA
	2-3	Certified Patroller Test — First Aid, Administrative & Oral, Beech Mtn., NC
	4	Southern Cross deadline
	10	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Wintergreen, VA
March	16	Spaghetti Dinner, Seven Devils, NC
	16-17	Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils, NC
April	2	Basic Test, Gatlinburg, TN
	15-22	Avalanche Patch Course, Bozeman, MT
September	26-27	Spring Convention, Greensboro, NC
	27	Southern Cross deadline
September	13	Fall Officers Meeting, Sugar Mtn., NC

## HELP IS NEEDED NOW FOR SENATE BILL S.43

(The National Ski Patrol System Recognition Act)

The NSPS has active patrol units in 42 states, Canada and foreign nations where U. S. government and military personnel are stationed. For the NSPS to continue its service in each individual state, an enormous amount of paperwork is required. As a nonprofit, volunteer organization, the NSPS does not have either the financial or personnel resources to meet the filing fees and registration red tape. Not only would passage of this bill to obtain a National Charter for NSPS recognize the exemplary achievements and dedicated service to people, but it would make the group directly accountable for financial reporting, taxes, and other requirements. This would reduce significantly the amount of time and money the NSPS *must raise* to stay in operation. Other organizations that have a "Good Samaritan" purpose and function very well with federal charters are The American Red Cross and the Boy Scouts of America.

The NSPS has been seeking a federal charter for over a decade, but so far the bill has been "buried" in committee. Now Senator Orrin G. Hatch, R-UT, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, feels there is a good chance that the committee will report the bill to the floor of the Senate. In order to do this, he needs support. If YOU haven't written as yet — NOW IS THE TIME!

There are now twenty seven Senators who have co-sponsored Senate Bill S.43. Six of those are members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. If they can get just *three* more members of this committee to endorse the Bill, it is expected that it would then be favorably passed and voted to the Senate floor. The following five Senators are considered to be most susceptible to our request.

1. Senator Birch Bayh — Indiana
2. Senator Charles Mathias — Maryland
3. Senator Max Baucus — Montana
4. Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. — Delaware
5. Senator Strom Thurmond — South Carolina

It is suggested that you write to these Senators at the following address:

Honorable Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Member of Senate Judiciary Committee  
Washington, D. C. 20510

It would be helpful if you would forward a copy of your letter to Senator Edward Kennedy — Mass., Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and one to Senator Orrin Hatch.

For more information on this subject, please read the article in the April National Patroller — pages 1-4.

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### NATIONAL CHARTER

We need a flood of letters to Congressmen. If you haven't written, do so today! See article next column.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This committee will meet Saturday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m. at Cascade Resort, Fancy Gap, VA. All officers, advisors, and patrollers are invited to submit ideas and/or problems.

### SPRING MEETING

We are hoping for a big turnout for our meeting to be held in Greensboro, NC on April 26-27. We chose this area because it is located centrally in the division. Make your reservations now! This is a fun meeting. (See below)

Have a super season!

C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D.  
Division Director

### NEWS RELEASE

#### ATTENTION: All Patrollers

Your annual spring get together will be April 26-27, 1980. Please make your reservations now! We have a block of rooms reserved until April 10. Reserve your room by sending the enclosed card to Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge. Come to Greensboro and enjoy the fellowship and ideas from other patrollers throughout the Southern Division.

There will be a short business session in the morning in which you can have your say. In the afternoon there will be a workshop and general information.

We will also be next to one of the largest shopping centers in the area; indoor pool, tennis and golf will be available, tours to historical sights and much, much more! Make your plans now!

For any information call Charles Benbow or David Dillard.

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## REFLECTIONS OF YOUR DIVISION DIRECTOR

The Practice of Patrolling  
"Learn as to live forever;  
Live as to die tomorrow."

Ski patrolling is a lot like the practice of medicine. First you're a candidate (medical school), then you get your degree (pass your basic test) and you think you've got it made. Right? Wrong! Your career is just beginning. Every day is a new challenge; every case is a little different. You *study* each new problem, and handle it as best you can with the knowledge and skills you have at that point in your career. Then you *review* the way you handled it afterward, being honest with yourself, attuning your senses to any errors, or any way it could have been handled better. You learn . . . from reading, from asking questions of those more experienced, from attending courses (refreshers) and from your *own* experience. The *Practice of Patrolling*. It's a never ending process of learning, challenge and satisfaction of a job well done!

As I travel around the Southern Division, visiting with old friends and meeting new ones, I continue to be impressed with the quality of our patrollers and candidates. We come from all walks of life: teachers, students, housewives, doctors, lawyers, businessmen. But no matter what the "civilian job," you can see what they all have in common — that dedication to the ideals of The Patrol — that striving for excellence in the Practice of Patrolling.

C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D.

## JUNIOR JAMBOREE

The Southern Division Junior Jamboree will be held February 16-17 at Seven Devils Ski Resort. Juniors planning to participate should register between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the ski lodge. Competition will be judged on practical first aid, written first aid, skiing and toboggan handling. All Juniors in the Southern Division are welcome to test their skills. The winner this year will go to Anchorage, Alaska, March 4-7 for the National Junior Jamboree with Southern Division paying all expenses.

Anyone who does not live in the Boone area and needs a place to stay should contact me at Seven Devils Ski Area (704-963-4306) at least a week in advance. Spectators are encouraged to come out and cheer their favorite Junior(s) on to victory.

Steve Benbow  
Junior Adv.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

This popular event usually accompanies the Junior Jamboree at Seven Devils Ski Area. As of now, it is "up in the air" this year. We hope to be able to hold it on February 16, so save the date and wait for further news.

Steve Benbow, PL

## FOR THE RECORDS

Chalk up another "first" for our Southern Division. This time it's thanks to our DD Harwell Dabbs who, in case any of you 400+ out there don't know, is an MD. To be more specific, he's a general and thoracic surgeon, the Chief of Surgery at Chamberlain Memorial Hospital in Rockwood, TN.

The "first" part of the story comes down from AND Harry Pollard, who reports that HD is the first MD to become a DD. . . which in this case could stand for doubly dangerous.

Benning Garrison  
PR Advisor

## SKI MOUNTAINEERING

Remember, (M) and Mountaineering Patch courses require pre-registration on forms published in Southern Cross, Volume VIII, Number 4. Be sure to fill in all necessary information and send it to the instructor with the appropriate fee (M) \$3.00, Patch \$10.00.

The ski mountaineering film "In Winter's Domain" is a 1978 motion picture by the Denver Audubon Society on the winter environment and philosophy for preparing for winter emergencies. It is available from me for use by ski mountaineering instructors. (See new address on page 2.)

Southern Division has a new division mountaineering instructor. D. Mike Silver was appointed on November 25th.

Norman Bishop  
Mountaineering Adv.

## NATIONAL INSTRUCTORS

Southern Division is proud to have among its members three new Registered National Ski Mountaineering Instructors: Steve Waldrep, Norm Bishop and John Lawrence.

In a letter written to each of these men, Hans M. Roder, National Ski Mountaineering Advisor, said that NSPS recognizes "your achievements and the time you have volunteered by awarding you its highest designation in the Ski Mountaineering discipline."

Benning Garrison  
PR Advisor

## JOB FILLED

In the last issue of Southern Cross there was a "HELP WANTED" article. Our D.D. asked for someone to be Historian-Archivist for the division. We are most grateful this position has been filled and hope that YOU will do your best to help her with this enormous task. She asked that the following letter be printed.

"Dear Fellow Patrollers,

I answered the help wanted ad in the September issue of your Southern Cross, the job and task of Historian-Archivist for the Southern Division. Guess what, I was officially appointed this duty by Mr. Harwell Dabbs on November 10, 1979. Now I need each and everyone of you to HELP me.

I am just a candidate for the ski patrol at Beech Mtn. this year and a "greenhorn" to the organization but I am willing to work and learn about it.

What I need from you are pictures, slides, newspaper articles, old memos, or anything that has to do with our Southern Division patrols and patrollers. I would like to put together a scrapbook starting from 1971 when the division was founded and going through the 1979-80 ski season. Without your help this will not be possible. Please date your pictures, specify patrol, area, and year if possible. Dig back through your old files and let's see what all you can come up with. I will accept anything!

I hope to collect and compile all the information and data that I receive from you throughout this winter ski season and by spring I plan to start putting it together in scrapbook form. I also hope to publish a history portion of the Southern Division as soon as possible but as you all know, a great deal depends upon the support and help I get from fellow patrollers.

I plan to attend as many ski patrol functions as I can and although I do not know you, I would appreciate your introducing yourself to me and giving me any ideas that you may have for this project. After all, it's for your division too.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and to receiving your pictures and other information about your patrol; so let's get the ball rolling and get things started NOW!

Patsy Harris  
Rt. 4, Box 362  
Granite Falls, N. C. 28630  
Home Phone — 396-2475  
Work Phone — 396-1741"



### SKI MOUNTAINEERING IS FUN!!

Instructors from the Wolf Laurel Ski Patrol conducted the courses Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at Brevard and the Pisgah Nat'l. Forest. Over 30 people originally signed up for the course but a cold wave sent temperatures, and interest, plummeting. The Friday night classroom portion of the (M) included winter clothing, heat and water management, caloric needs, topographic map study, and winter camping techniques. Eight participants attended the (A) conducted by Ron Geist and 7 participants plus the instructors hit the trail on a cold, crisp afternoon for a 3½ mile walk to camp.

Temperatures the night before had reached 10 degrees and a new cold wave was approaching, but spirits were high and "Butch" Godwin was leading the way with his newly acquired topographic skills. ("I'm not lost . . . the map is!"), Eddy Coleman was wearing bells on his pack to keep the bears away ("You don't see any bears, do you!"), and Carl "Bear" Mimms was wearing bells on his pack to keep from being mistaken for same and being shot by hunters. After establishing camp, Steve Whitmire and Butch prepared a dinner of baked bread, wild rice, and steak, while the remainder of the group choked down freeze dried food. Mike Breiner made all of us happy it was cold talking about his hobby . . . snakes! Melinda Waldrep modeled the latest in winter fashion by wearing everything in her pack as the evening grew colder. Randy Flynn tried the mind-over-matter method of coping with the cold, but had to concede when his brain froze. Mike Silver demonstrated the fine art of digging hasty latrines many times during the night. On Sunday the group hiked out over an extremely rugged trail involving rock to be climbed, heavy brush to be negotiated, and trail sections with a 60 percent gradient. One rock section was covered in sheet ice and involved members physically lifting and pushing each other in a human chain. The group reached the high point of the climb to be treated to a magnificent panoramic view. The remainder of the trip involved a simple ridge traverse and descent via a creek drainage. The highest temperature for the walk out was 25 degrees recorded at mid-day. The group completed the loop by 2:30 p.m., having walked a distance of 9½ miles during the course.

Steve Waldrep  
Registered Nat'l. SMI

Lance Webb, Sky Valley's PL, claims his patrol held "the world's first ski safety refresher" on Nov. 3.

In line with our division's emphasis on ski safety this year, Lance made the refresher a registration requirement for this season. This, of course, was with the approval of his SC Walter Eaton, who is also Division Ski Safety Advisor.

The program, taking up the better part of one day plus an evening, was a patrol effort. Beginning with a pre-test, which was to be answered and returned ahead of time, the actual refresher included Walter's 15-point Guidelines to Ski Safety and a discussion of implementing them; a 30-minute film, "Skier's Choice," produced by NSPS and Safeco; conditioning exercises oriented towards patrollers; what to say and do with raw beginners, i.e. pre-ski school, bus groups, etc. Twenty-three "ski do's" . . . dress, equipment, ski courtesy, etc.; a search and rescue exercise; safety tips; safety check lists; the "Challenge of Skiing" brochure. The final item: a night lift evacuation.

Participating in various portions of the program were Bill Warner, Bill Moody, Peggy Chandler, Mike Chandler, Bill Farrell, Bruce McLean, Norm Bishop, N. C. York, Walter Eaton and Lance Webb.

Copies of the pre-test are available from Lance Webb. Copies of the film, "Skier's Choice," suggested for ski clubs, area management, etc., can be gotten from our DD, ADD, Ski Safety Advisor or me.

Benning Garrison  
PR Advisor

### NATIONAL SKI PATROL TRAINS AT SAPPHIRE

Reprinted from *The Highlander*, Thursday, Nov. 1, 1979, pg. 6



ATTEMPTING A SIMULATED EVACUATION, these members of the Ski Patrol are using a sliding basket to get passengers down from a stopped ski lift. The Patrol practices these procedures in the event the lift should break down or the power fail and other safety operations can not be carried on.

## PATROL NEWS

### *Appalachian Ski Mountain*

Would you have been ready? The mountain is open, the second day of the season. Great snow, 18 degrees, a sunny Sunday afternoon. The day is almost gone. The lift stops, must be taking the sled back to the top, we ran practice today. There's one of the Junior Patrollers moving faster than I have ever seen him move before, heads for the patrol director and the mountain manager . . . the bull-wheel's broken . . . EVAC!

Minds racing . . . grab the evac plan . . . start to assemble . . . make announcements . . . two patrollers at the top when it happened, good . . . lift evac packs out and getting deployed . . . teams assembled . . . 4 wheel drive ready to take teams to the top . . . crowd controlled . . . deploy teams . . . time gone: 8 minutes. Announcements to reassure passengers again . . . evacuation underway.

Clockwork, the teams look great . . . and we need it now, still 18 degrees and getting colder . . . every chair full but one, starting to get them out faster now. Time flies, it's almost over . . . hot chocolate and coffee in the lodge for the cold ones . . . maybe some frostbite . . . all clear, check equipment, get inside.

Super job, sixty-two minutes, sixty-nine people evacuated, no injuries, management very satisfied. Those who were there with me: Blake Brown, Ingrid Brown, Tracy Bumgarner, E. B. Fox, Carolyn Harper, Paul Harper, Butch McLean, Mary Ruth Martin, Malcolm Roberts, Mike Spencer, Chris Wilcox, Mark Wilks, Wythe Wilson. You had to have been there to know we were prepared.

Sam Bruce, PL



### *Cataloochee*

Bill Dunaway is the only Southern Division patroller selected to serve on the Olympic Patrol at Lake Placid for the 1980 Games. Congratulations!

The patrol has just purchased two more radios for on-the-hill communication. We now have 4 radios available for use.

Robert Newton has organized a number of fund raising activities for the patrol. The newest is a "Ski Watch." For a fee of 25 cents, a skier can put their skis on the deck and be sure they are safe while having lunch. Volunteers man the "Watch."

Some major alterations were made in the patrol room to make it more functional. This has been a "rainy day" patrol activity. Special thanks to Roy Davis, Don Jones, Pete Knowland and Mary K. Twomey.

Rick Roberts, PL

### *Sugar Mountain*

Tim Tumbiola, Asst. PL and I attended the Lift Evacuation Seminar at Seven Devils, October 27th and 28th along with the following Pro Patrollers: David Childs, Steve Clymer, Doug Groce, Stace Horine, Jack Thompson and Will Thompson. Joe White, a Junior Candidate, Tom Peterson, an instructor and Bob Kunhardt, Sugar's Asst. Manager, also attended.

We would all like to publicly thank those at Seven Devils who made it possible and the instructors, Keith Gray and John Lawrence who gave their time and some outstanding instruction. Everyone showed a very enthusiastic attitude for the 79-80 ski season.

Sherry Perry, Pro PL

On Sunday, January 6th seven candidates from Sugar Mtn. Patrol passed their Basic Test at Seven Devils Ski Area. We congratulate the following patrollers: Charley Causey, Steve Clymer, Mary Sheryl Horine, Beth Johnson, Tim Tumbiola, Joe White and Hank Wilkinson.

### *Wolf Laurel*

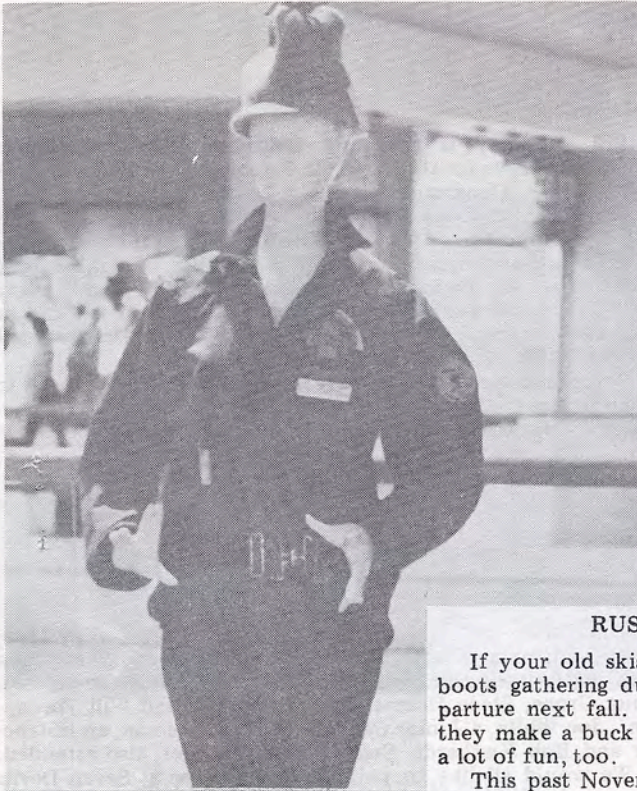
The season for the Wolf Laurel Patrol began in October with the Candidate Training Program.

In order to insure a quality future patroller, we conducted an average of 4 day-long pre-season sessions which included NSPS policy, first aid instruction with role play, and physical fitness.

Our fall patrol meeting concluded with several exciting changes. We divided the patrol using the team concept. One team will cover for an entire weekend, then rotate off duty until obligated again. Members of non-scheduled teams are encouraged to attend through liberal patrol policies. A work weekend was organized to re-design the patrol room and lounge for function. A close working relationship with the ski area resulted in the supply of building materials, first aid supplies, and another cascade. Patrollers and candidates volunteered time and materials to do the actual construction. Changes included a more efficient quick splint, the construction of the latest design in backboards, first aid storage, ski and equipment storage, and professionally prepared NSPS and Southern Division signs. A new SOP manual is being prepared to include all eventualities likely to be incurred at or near the ski area.

Equipment and facility changes are not the only changes worthy of recognition. The patrol now has a Nationally Registered Ski Mountaineering Instructor, as well as a new Division Mountaineering Instructor, 2 Advanced First Aid Instructors and 1 CPR Instructor. According to nationally supplied statistics, Wolf Laurel has 2% of all EMT's registered as patrollers in the NSPS.

Steve Waldrep, PL



### RUST AND DUST . . . GOODBYE

If your old skis are getting rusty edges and your tired ski boots gathering dust in your attic, make plans for their departure next fall. Take them to a swap shop. Not only can they make a buck for Southern Division . . . but you can have a lot of fun, too.

This past November I accepted an invitation to attend the Greensboro Swap Shop. (Did I say "attend?" That's Greensboro-ian for "work!"). But fun it was, and profitable too. Not only for Sou Div NSPS, but for the customers. Over \$5000 worth of used ski equipment and clothing changed hands at what had previously been dubbed "the step child of swap shops." One Saturday customer said, "I buy all my kids' stuff here, and sell their old stuff too." She had just bought \$218 worth of "new" equipment, plus the happiest purchase of all: a pair of "so comfortable!" leather buckle boots for herself, for the nifty sum of \$3.00.

Southern Division's representative to the Junior Jamboree in Alaska this year will be travelling courtesy of the Greensboro sale. A check for \$520.85 was mailed to Treasurer Jim Underwood earmarked for this purpose, thanks to the sales efforts of Charles and Doris Benbow, Cindy, Chuck and Steve Benbow, Dave and Madge Dillard, Bob Edwards, Frank Feeney, Heiner Erlich, Don Horn, Sherry Perry, Fritz Marquardt, and I hope I haven't forgotten anybody.

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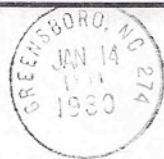
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