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## HARWELL'S HOT LINE

### FALL OFFICERS MEETING

The Fall Officers Meeting at Sugar Mtn. went off smoothly Saturday, September 13. Reports from the two workshops, Leadership and T & T, are printed elsewhere in this issue and document the creative thinking and challenging dialog that went into these sessions. This format for the meeting, adopted experimentally last year, has proven quite good and will be continued. Also printed elsewhere in this issue is the schedule for the coming season, culminating in our Spring Convention at the Omni in Atlanta. Be sure to study the schedule and mark your calendars.

Awards are customarily given at the Spring Convention. We had several that "couldn't wait" a whole season and so at the luncheon meeting we presented the National Outstanding Professional trophy to Sherry Perry and the National Outstanding Junior to Jim Williams. An unexpected event was the presentation of National Appointments to five outstanding Southern Division Patrollers; Farris Jackson, Susan Jackson, Tom Moss, Lynn Pace, and John Newton.

Sherry "did herself proud" again with the arrangements and those who couldn't stay for "Sherry's Shugah Social" Saturday night missed a great time.



## THE NATIONAL MEETING

Steve Benbow and I represented the Southern Division at the National Meeting in Stratton Mtn., VT, June 13-15. It was a thrilling and inspiring meeting. First of all the tone of the meeting was much different from the previous ones I had attended as your representative. A new spirit of cooperation and determination to get things done seemed to have swept through the Board of Directors, cleansing it of much of the petty bickering which had characterized the two previous sessions. And a great deal *was* accomplished. I shall summarize these.

Awards: The new Awards Manual was approved and will soon be available. Nomination for a "National Appointment" *now* requires Senior status, circle A and circle M. This is a reversal of previous policy which allowed some exceptions to this requirement.

Policies: The Ski Patroller's Manual (Brown Book) is "the most authoritative source of all regulations" of NSPS. First Aid supply program will be continued another year on a trial basis by National office.

Manuals: (1) "NSPS Ski Mountaineering Manual" was approved and will be available in NSPS supply catalog.

(2) "Extended out of Ski Area First Aid for Ski Patrollers" by Warren D. Bowman was discussed at length because of certain legalistic problems. It was approved for continuation with certain disclaimers inserted.

Junior Program: A big boost to the Junior program was the decision to accept a proposal by the Junior Advisory Committee to fund the travel of all Divisional Junior Advisors to the National Junior Training Seminar *every* year. Steve Benbow discussed this with me and I supported it "to the hilt." This means the National Junior Advisory Committee will meet every year in conjunction with the training seminar. I was most pleased that this passed. The 1981 National Junior Training Seminar will be at Lake Placid, NY, March 22-27. Patrols that do not have viable Junior programs, "get on the ball." These "kids" are the wave of the future.

Insurance: Dick Soper has done an outstanding job in the insurance program. The cost of our liability insurance has actually come down. A Risk Management Manual has been developed by NSAA and he urges that each P.L. study this in conjunction with Area Management, since we "share" exposure with them. Each risk factor is analyzed. The single highest risk factor is Lift Evacuation!

First Aid: The results of the FAST Committee survey are being analyzed and will be published later. Gary Bunce has resigned as National First Aid Advisor. Mark Behan is a "Search Committee" of one to screen candidates for the position before Don Williams makes a decision. We have two announced candidates from Southern, French Moore, Jr., and Sam Bruce.

Honors for Southern Division: The final night Awards Banquet was a happy time for Steve and me and for the Southern Division. Steve was there to accept the unit citation for Seven Devils (Outstanding Patrol of Southern Division) and to accept for Jim Williams (Gatlinburg) a gold merit star for Outstanding Junior of the NSPS. I accepted the gold merit star for Sherry Perry for Outstanding Professional for the NSPS.

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### CALENDAR

September	27-28	Lift Evacuation Seminar, Seven Devils	
October	4-5	Fall Refresher, Blue Ridge Region, Sugar Mtn.	
	24	CPR Refresher, ARC Asheville — 6 PM	
	25	Fall Refresher, ARC Asheville	
	26	On-the-Hill — Sapphire Valley, Cataloochee, Wolf Laurel	
	25-26	Lift Evacuation Seminar, Seven Devils	
November	1-2	Fall Refresher, Skyline Region, Charlottesville	
	2	Fall Refresher, Atlanta	
	8-9	Fall Refresher, Gatlinburg	
	19	Flex Session at Alpine Ski Center	
	22-23	Circle A & M, Brevard	
December	6-7	Circle A & M, Seven Devils	
	28	Basic Test, Appalachian	
January	2	Deadline for Southern Cross	
	17	T & T, Patrol Trainer Clinic, Wintergreen	
	18	Senior First Aid Test, Wintergreen	
	24	T & T, Patrol Trainer Clinic, Sugar Mtn.	
	25	Senior First Aid Test, Sugar Mtn.	
	24-25	Basic Test, Wintergreen	
	24-25	Nordic Basic Test, Smoky Mtn., National Bark	
	31	T & T, Patrol Trainer Clinic, Cataloochee	
	February	1	Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee
		1	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Sugar Mtn.
1		Deadline for Southern Cross	
7-8		Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers	
14-15		Circle A & M, Wintergreen	
15		Senior On-the-Hill Test, Cataloochee	
21		Basic Test, Wolf Laurel	
21-22		Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils	
22	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Homestead		
March	1	Basic Test, Gatlinburg	
	1-6	Avalanche Patch Course, Bozeman, MT	
	7-8	Circle A & M, Showshoe	
	22-27	National Junior Jamboree, Lake Placid, NY	
April	25	Spring Convention, Atlanta, GA	
	26	Deadline for Southern Cross	
September	12	Fall Officers Meeting, Sugar Mtn.	

### SMOKY MOUNTAIN NORDIC PATROL

Registration will be held at the Gatlinburg refresher November 8-9. Candidates must have the same qualifications as Alpine candidates.

Richard Weinberger, PL

### FLEX SESSION AT ALPINE SKI CENTER

This is for currently registered patrollers only! Bring your NSPS card to Alpine Ski Center, NC Route 184, Banner Elk (just outside the entrance to Sugar Mtn.) on Wednesday, November 19. Come flex the skis and try on the boots. Many items will be there and can be bought on the spot. We will be open 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. that day.

All major manufacturers will be there. Just to name a few: Head, Hexel, K-2, Rossignol, Volk, Olin, Atomic, Spalding, Kneissel, Kastle. Mark your calendars now!

### FUND RAISING

We didn't do too well last year on our fund raising but will keep trying. Mike Harris, Fund Raising Chairman, needs *your* help. He's already contacted a number of Ski Clubs and will be sending a letter out to others. If you have an entree into a Ski Club, call or write him to coordinate your efforts. Also send him the name and address of any "health professionals" you know who ski, to expand our mailing list.

### EXPLORER SCOUT PROGRAM

Norris Woody is "off and running" on organizing the Explorer Scout program in the Division. Harry Pollard was so impressed that he came down to Greensboro for the inauguration of the first Explorer post in the Division on August 20th. Keep up the good work Norris!

### THE COMING SEASON

Let's have good, stimulating first aid and "on the hill" refreshers, get the paper work done *on time* and have the best season ever! See you at the refreshers and on the slopes.

C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D., D.D.

### ADD-OPERATION 1980-81 Pre-Season Report

In attempting to establish a clear-cut goal for my new job as an ADD, I searched for a common thread that runs through the various advisorships in my charge. One link that ties together the Avalanche, First Aid, Lift Evacuation, Mountaineering, Junior, Nordic, Equipment, Certified, Safety, Search and Rescue, Testing and Training and the new Explorer Scout advisorships, is patrollers and their problems. I am setting a goal for the 1980-81 ski season of solving patrollers' problems. It is my job to give the patroller a clear, concise, and quick answer on anything from a scheduling conflict to a question of eligibility for a test. It is also my responsibility to aid our advisors, instructors, test judges, and trainers in meeting their commitments to the patrollers and patrols.

I am looking forward to working closely with our new advisors to insure a smooth transition in their various programs. If any patroller has a question pertaining to our programs or a suggestion for improving our programs' effectiveness, please feel free to contact me. Our job is to serve you, so you may aid the skiing public.

Tom Moss  
ADD T & T

### SPRING CONVENTION — 1981

The convention will be held at the Omni International Hotel in Atlanta. (See enclosed flyer.) We will be given a special price and it is guaranteed for this time next year — \$45.00 single and \$55.00 double. The meeting will be held Saturday morning, April 25th. The afternoon is free. A cocktail party will be held overlooking the Ice Rink in Omni at 5:30. We will travel via MARTA Buses to the Awards Banquet at Aunt Fanny's Cabin. Sunday morning — Fun Run through downtown Atlanta. Some of the extracurricular activities are: theatre, symphony, concerts, Braves, Hawks, Six Flags, Stone Mtn., shopping at Lenox Square and Phipps Plaza.

Rick Roberts

### ATTENTION AUXILIARY PATROLLERS

There is now an Auxiliary Badge for your use. It is No. 106 and may be purchased through the National Office for \$1.50. Use order form 801.

Mary K. Twomey  
Auxiliary Adv.



## WORKSHOPS AT THE FALL OFFICERS MEETING

T & T

Tom Moss, ADD for T & T, was the moderator and the spotlight was on lift evacuation. Major credit was given to John Lawrence for the fine record our division has of no accidents despite numberable lift evacuations. For the past four years, John has taught seminars emphasizing safety, safety, safety — proper equipment, proper skills and “hands on” training. He has stressed that lift evacuation skills should be continually practiced and refreshed.

Tom Moss would like to take an in depth look at our lift evacuation program this year to discover why our record is so good, whether it is luck or proper training skills. He would like for this to be a year of monitoring these skills throughout the division with research into how the different ski areas approach their training.

The people in the chairs look at the Ski Patrol with confidence and utter faith. The Ski Patrol in return needs to justify this faith with the utmost competence and training possible. This will be a year to find our direction for future Lift Evacuation training.

Susan Jackson

### LEADERSHIP

Randy Avery, ADD for Line, presided over this workshop, with Rick Roberts as moderator. Rick said that the discussions would be directed into three areas: 1) organizational framework, 2) behavioral management aspects (at first I thought he said “haedrel management aspects” and asked how to spell haedrel), and 3) practical applications of leadership.

Rick talked about the importance of knowing rules and regulations set down by NSPS, found in the “Ski Patroller” and of having bylaws in each patrol for procedures and disciplinary actions which can be revised annually. Much concern was expressed about litigation. Rick suggested patrols go over all accident reports at the end of each day to check for accuracy, etc. and at that time bring to management’s attention any that suggest possible litigation.

Steve Waldrep led the portion on behavioral management aspects, pointing out that there are three types of patrols; democratic, autocratic and laissez-faire. Know the personalities and talents of those you work with and use diplomacy to get the most out of your patrollers.

Tom Thomas, our grade school principal, sat us in a circle for his session on the practical application of leadership, handed us a printed outline and rapped for attention. He said that good communication is a necessity and that you can delegate authority, but not responsibility. The place to start is with the candidate. Standardize procedures and put them in writing. Give the candidate a listing of what will be expected of him, what he will have to do for advancement, what positions he may advance to and how, etc. Each position in the patrol should have a job description written down and available for all to peruse. The overall theme of the workshop was that all aspects of leadership overlap and interplay.

Benning Garrison

### FIRST AID SUPPLIES

Attention all PLs! Appalachian Medical Supply Co. (see ad page 7) will gladly fill all your needs from band-aids to litters at lowest possible prices. They also carry all equipment necessary for oxygen use in the patrol room. Contact Bob Newton for prices on your needs.

Editor

## CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER EFFORT

The sub-committee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, committee on the Judiciary, met under the chairmanship of Congressman Danielson of California on July 28, 1980. In attendance at the hearing was myself and our National Legal Counsel, Walter Gregg, Andy Mills, an olympic downhill racer, and Congressman Kemp, testifying on our behalf. Patricia Shroeder of Colorado introduced Andy Mills. Jack Kemp of New York introduced various other dignitaries and guests appearing for and on our behalf before testifying himself and then he presented the petitions. There were many, many people from different, oriented ski industries in attendance.

It is my feeling that the hearings went extremely well and we are pleased with the outcome. However, the committee vote was not taken on the issue because Chairman Danielson desired a “mark-up.” Chairman Danielson felt it was necessary to get all of the testimonies and transcripts together first and then get a mark-up on the bill, prior to such vote.

It is our combined feelings, at this time, that it would be very beneficial if patrollers would now write to their individual Congressman, or call them, or visit them, expressing their desire that their respective Congressman assert whatever influence he or she may have in attempting to bring this matter to a vote at an early date. It should be pointed out that I am not now requesting you to write to Judiciary Committee members individually, nor to the sub-committee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, but rather to your own state representative in the House of Representatives. The one point that I feel that I should stress is that this vote must come up at a very early date if it is, in fact, to be finalized before the present session of Congress adjourns in October. If it is not finalized by Congress before the October 4th deadline, then the whole effort will be a dead issue for this session of Congress, so your early communication with your representative is urged at this time.

To make addressing easy it should be as follows:

Congressman John Doe  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Donald C. Williams  
National Director

### “JOURNAL OF WINTER EMERGENCY CARE”

This is published three times a year and is sent to medical advisors and patrollers registered by their PLs as First Aid instructors. Our DD, Harwell Dabbs, feels that a copy should be available in all patrol rooms. There is a lot of valuable information in each issue and you are encouraged to subscribe. It is available on a subscription basis to anyone, member or not. Subscriptions may be obtained by sending name, address, NSPS registration number (if member) and a check or money order payable to the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. for \$5.00 to: Journal of Winter Emergency Care, National Ski Patrol System, Inc., 5 Flintlock Ridge, Simsbury, CT 06070.

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### FROM OUR NATIONAL OFFICE

In accordance with policy recently adopted by the Board of Directors, after advice of our legal counsel, the National Office will sell goods only to its member patrols and patrollers.

“The National Office will not accept checks for goods ordered (parkas, radios, medical supplies, etc.) from any parties other than its currently registered patrols and patrollers.”

Adele Ghiazza  
Office Manager



## NSPS LOSS CONTROL POLICY

As we enter into a new ski season, we should review and adhere to the NSPS Loss Control Policy, which is:

- A. The Division Director shall be responsible for reviewing each skiing collision accident, chair lift evacuation accident, toboggan handling accident, and other patrol related accidents, any of which involve patrollers for the purpose of determining whether disciplinary or other appropriate action shall be taken with regard to a patroller, or patrollers involved. Such review may be administered by a committee appointed by the Division Director or by the Division Director himself. The finds produced from reviews shall be forwarded to the National Counsel, Risk and Insurance Management and the National Legal Counsel. They shall either accept such reports or may forward the same, accompanied by an opinion to the National Director for appropriate action as the National Director shall determine.
- B. All chair lift evacuation programs shall be subject to the following policies:
  1. All chair lift evacuation plans and procedures shall be formulated and conducted under the direction of area management.
  2. An annual on-the-hill chair lift evacuation refresher shall be conducted also under the direction of area management.
  3. The NSPS chair lift evacuation manual shall be minimum standard performance in all chair lift evacuation plans and procedures.
- C. In recognition of the fact that improperly adjusted bindings are one of the major causes of ski related accidents, and in recognition of the efforts of the NSPS to reduce binding/caused accidents through its binding check program, it is hereby restated and emphasized that if the binding check program is to be modified in any manner, then prior approval must be obtained from our insurance broker and the underwriting insurance carrier. Any anticipated changes prior to implementing a modified binding check operation must be cleared by the subject Committee handling the problem, as well as by the National Director; in addition, written approval must be obtained from the broker and the insurance carrier.

Bob Edwards  
Insurance Advisor

## MOUNTAIN HOME FOR SALE

It is located at Alpendorf, 1 mile west of Linville on NC 181 with a view of Grandmother Mtn. The house is a 12-sided roundette with redwood porch on 6 sides. One section of the porch is covered and has a picnic table. The siding is Western Red Cedar. The home is 927 square feet, is fully furnished and winterized. There are 3 bedrooms, large living room with fireplace, kitchen, bath and a half, all with baseboard electric heat. It is located on a private road and has a separate garage. Two lots are included with many trees and rhododendron and a small yard with swings. A new roof was put on in 1980. The price is \$37,500. If interested, contact Keith Argow (703) 281-7900 evening — 281-1100 day.

## HELP!

We need your help for the Junior Program. The Greensboro members of the National Ski Patrol will hold a Ski Swap Shop from the morning of November 7 until 9 p.m. Saturday, November 8.

Please help us with your support of the Ski Swap Shop. Bring any equipment you have for sale: boots, poles, mountaineering or hiking equipment. We will do our best to get whatever price you want. Ten percent of the selling price will go to send some worthy Junior Ski Patroller to the National Junior Jamboree in New York. We will also welcome any donations you may have.

David P. Dillard

## PR REPORT

A mental and physical lapse occurred in me during the past few months known as the summer blahs, but I did send articles to eight newspapers and one magazine on our very *outstanding* patrollers.

Mike Harris and I are trying to get dates of all ski shows and/or swap shops, so that he can put on a donations pitch and I can be sure we have appropriate NSPS insignia, reminding people who we are. We also want personal representation at these shows. Can you attend one? So far we know about:

Atlanta, GA November 7-8  
Columbia, SC October 23-25  
Greensboro, NC November 7-8  
Huntsville, AL November 1

Do you know about any more? Let us know and we'll plan to set up a booth. Remember, I need information from *you* in order to put it out!

## TIP TOP TOPS

Bet you thought that heat wave we experienced this past summer was all brought on by Mother Nature, didn't you. Well, some of it may have been, but a large part was reflected happiness of all Southern Division for the awards that came our way this year.

At the annual NSPS meeting, held at Stratton Mountain, VT in June, Jim Williams, Gatlinburg Patrol, was selected Outstanding Junior Patroller in the nation, and received the Edward French Taylor Award; Sherry Perry, Sugar Mountain Patrol, the Outstanding Professional Patroller in the nation and received the Harry Pollard Award; and Harwell Dabbs, (need I identify?), runner-up for the Administrative Patroller in the nation and received the Charles W. Schobinger Award.

## NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Five very deserving Southern Division patrollers have received National Appointments. Presentations were made by DD, C. Harwell Dabbs, during luncheon ceremonies at the Fall Officers Meeting to John Newton, 5764; Farris Jackson, 5765; Susan Jackson, 5766; Lynn Pace, 5767; and Tom Moss, 5768. Farris and Susan may well be the first husband and wife with simultaneous appointments. Southern Division congratulates all these patrollers!

## JUNIOR PATROLLERS OF 19??

Who says having to learn emergency childbirth is a lot of Mickey Mouse? Not if you ask the Twomeys. When Regina got ready to present Bob Twomey (Cataloochee Patrol) with their second child she had to call on the First Aid skills of both Papa and Grandma Mary (Southern Division Auxiliary Advisor) who jointly delivered Kathryn Elizabeth at home on September 4th. According to Mary, this baby is the first girl in four generations of Twomeys.

Perhaps not so dramatic an arrival, but a baby girl was born to Lita and N. C. York, (Associate National and Area Manager at Sky Valley) recently. The details are sketchy, but one fact was certain: she weighed 11 pounds!

Benning Garrison  
PR Advisor



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## PATROL NEWS

### Sapphire Valley

Fairfield Communities Inc., who own and operate such resorts as Fairfield Mountains at Lake Lure in Tenn., bought Sapphire Valley, including the ski area. Jim Monteith, who has leased and operated the ski area for 3 years will stay on as manager. Fairfield Communities seems very interested in developing the ski area to its full potential so there may be more changes in store.

A new Thiokol 2100 snow groomer joins the maintenance force, improving skiing safety. Like all areas in the southeast, variable weather conditions and manufactured snow leave snow conditions less than ideal at times. A mechanical snow groomer like Sapphire's new Thiokol, can recondition a slope by chopping up ice, filling in slush, covering bare spots, and redistributing good snow. A newly groomed surface is a delight to ski on and easier on beginners especially at night when ice tends to form. The new groomer should also extend the season into late winter because man-made snow can be stockpiled and placed around the slope in lean areas.

Sapphire Valley's Ski Patrol is training and gearing up for a promising season and is looking forward to helping its new nearby neighbor Scaly Mtn. with its opening season.

Terri Sizemore

### Gatlinburg

Mr. & Mrs. Marcus E. Drewa of Jacksonville, Florida donated \$100 to the patrol. The money was used to send Juniors to the Junior Jamboree at Seven Devils in February. Our Junior Program has finally "come alive" thanks to Jim Williams, Junior Patrol Leader. We now have 10 Junior candidates and we are very proud of them.

Linda Pace

### Wolf Laurel Has 9 New Patrollers

Picture the scene — warm weather, blue sky, a warm gentle breeze. This scene was comforting to many people after a fickle winter, but a dreaded occurrence to skiers. This was the type of weather confronting Wolf Laurel the week before the Basic Test in late February. The phone lines between the test judges, patrol leader and ski area were buzzing with calls for weather reports, contingency plans and a final decision. Test day was spring-like and although much snow had melted, the base was intact from top to bottom. Ron Geist conducted the test, assisted by Jack Britt, Tommy Godwin, Don Thompson and me. Harwell Dabbs dropped by for a visit and found diminished snow, but high spirits and complimented the patrol on their attitude.

The day ended with the patrol hosting a dinner and tapping a keg to celebrate 5 new Basics, 3 Auxiliaries and 1 Junior. The new patrollers presented Mike Silver a plaque for his work as candidate training officer, and the candidates received satirical certificates for their endurance of the training process. The new Basic patrollers are Cliff Berry, Mike Evans, Patsy Maynard, Susan Thompson and Libby Wilson. Chuck Pfaff joins us as a Junior. New Auxiliaries are Deana Briggs, Stuart Cross and Susan Dierick.

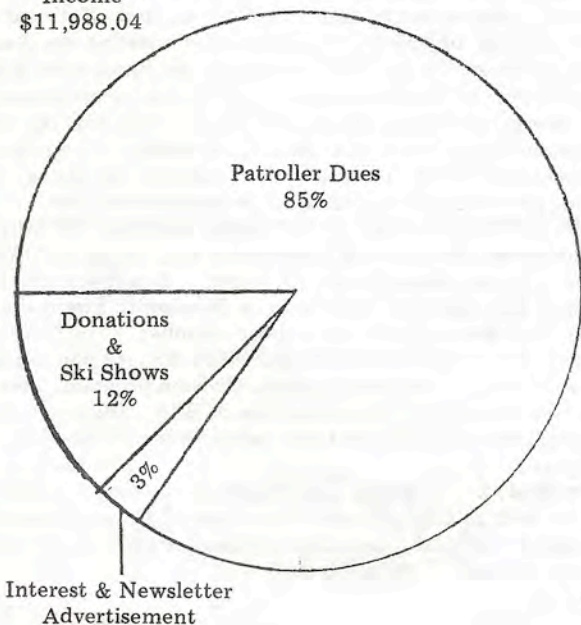
### Wolf Laurel Patrol Skis in June

Patrollers and friends gathered at Don Thompson's home on Lake Lure for an all day party, picnic and election in early June. The party consisted of a continuous variety of activities such as water skiing, cruising the lake, sailing, swimming and consumption of "chilled beverages." Late in the afternoon everyone feasted on a steak dinner. The day officially ended with elections. Officers elected for the '80-81 season are: Steve Waldrep, PL; Barney Pendleton, Asst. PL; Stuart Ray, Training Officer; Margie Carroll, Secretary/Treasurer; Melinda Waldrep, Equipment Mgr. The success of the day was directly a result of Don's efforts as organizer, recreation director and chef.

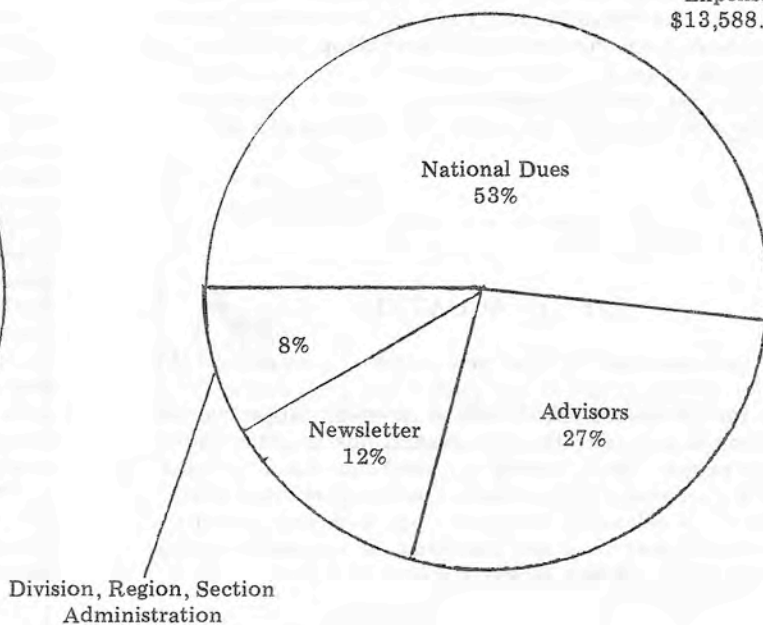
Steve Waldrep, PL

## TREASURERS REPORT

1979-80  
Income  
\$11,988.04



1979-80  
Expenses  
\$13,588.90





## AVALANCHE

Get your Airline reservation NOW! The Advanced Avalanche Course (Patch Course) will be held the week of March 1, 1981 in Bozeman, MT. You can save over \$250.00 on plane fare if you can book an excursion. Only a limited number are offered by each airline for a given flight so it is imperative that you make the reservation early. Plan to arrive in Bozeman February 27 or 28 or early March 1.

We will need at least 15 participants in order to hold the course. More information will be available in the near future. Meanwhile, send me your name and address if you are planning to take the course or need additional information.

Ron Geist  
Avalanche Advisor

## CERTIFIED

This year we are planning to get the certified program "off the ground." Dates and places have not been set as yet, but all PLs who were at the Fall Officers Meeting should have copies of the application form. If you are interested, contact your PL. I must have all applications before January 1. For more information, contact me.

Steve Benbow  
Certified Adv.

## JUNIORS

As you probably know by now, Southern Division has a terrific Junior program. For the past two years we have had sixteen Juniors attend the division Junior Training Seminar. In 1979 three Juniors attended the National Junior Training Seminar and in 1980 two attended. Jim Williams, Gatlinburg Patrol, has been the Outstanding Junior in this division for the past two years, and this year he is the Outstanding Junior in the nation.

The 1981 National Junior Training Seminar will be at Lake Placid, March 22-27. In preparation for this event, the division will hold our seminar (Jamboree) February 21-22 at Seven Devils Ski Area. All Juniors and Junior candidates wishing to attend should start making reservations and practice your skiing and First Aid skills now. The top two or three people will go to Lake Placid for the National Jamboree in March. The proceeds from the Greensboro Swap Shop, November 7-8 will be used to send Juniors to Lake Placid. If you, or anyone you know, has some equipment they wish to sell (or donate), please be sure to get it to Greensboro for the Swap Shop.

Steve Benbow  
Junior Advisor

## LIFT EVACUATION

It's that time again! To all new patrollers (and patrols) the need for careful attention to equipment and ski area requirements for lift evacuation should be stressed. No actual lift evacuation is any safer than its *weakest* link in either equipment or people. Both training and good equipment are essential. Two pre-season lift evacuation seminars are being offered this year (see calendar). Interested patrollers should contact Keith Gray. Any questions regarding lift evacuation policy or procedure should be directed to me.

John Lawrence  
Lift Evacuation Advisor

## TESTING AND TRAINING ADVISORS REPORT PRE-SEASON 1980-81

This year there will be three regional advisors assisting me with the T & T calendar: Harold Tilley in the Blue Ridge Region, Ron Smith in the Skyline Region, and Lynn Pace in the Dixie Region. These experienced and highly capable patrollers will be available for clinics and tests in their respective regions as well as providing assistance to local patrol training programs.

There are three T & T clinics scheduled for the month of January. Their purpose is to certify new associate test judges, recertify current Senior test judges, and provide a workshop for patrol training officers. Three Senior on-the-hill tests are scheduled in February. Test candidates must have completed all prerequisites prior to the start of the on-the-hill test. Check with your patrol leader if you have questions concerning requirements for any tests or clinics. Our Senior Test Judge program will also be providing judges for the Junior Jamboree in February.

By completing the implementation of an associate test judge program this year, it will be possible to improve our support of Basic tests. If patrol leaders will contact me as soon as possible with their Basic test dates, it will be greatly appreciated and aid in our assigning judges.

Finally, I will be examining the possibility of incorporating a Lift Evacuation exercise into our Senior Test.

Tom Moss  
A.D.D. T & T

## NSPS EXPLORER SKI SAFETY

The National Ski Patrol System has joined with the National Exploring Division, Boy Scouts of America (BSA), to promote the organization of NSPS Explorer posts and ski safety programs for all Explorers. Our purpose is to provide an exciting, service-oriented and worthwhile training program for young men and women interested in the National Ski Patrol.

The NSPS Explorers Ski Safety committee for the Southern Division has done a lot of work this summer on this new program, on both the division and national level. We have been in close contact with both Forist McVickers, National Explorer Division BSA, and Mark Lackey, National Jr. Advisor, NSPS, to see that this program got off the ground.

We had the honor of Harry G. Pollard, Assoc. National Director, at our organizational committee meeting on August 20th in Greensboro, NC. He shared the experience gained with the post he formed last year. Their program was diversified into many interesting and active areas: first aid, ski skills, mountaineering, search and rescue, ski safety, ski equipment maintenance, NSPS administration, history of skiing, map reading and orientation, avalanche, winter survival, etc.

The meeting focused on two areas, finalizing the program developed by the division committee and the actual organization of the Greensboro, NC post. Requirements were finalized for a post in the Southern Division to award the Explorer Ski Safety patch to a post member. They are proficiency in ski skills, first aid and NSPS history and administration as set forth in the Southern Division program. Meeting with this group were representatives of BSA. The post advisor accepted the challenge and asst. advisors were named for the new post.

On Sept. 24, 1980 the organizational meeting for this post will be held at the offices of the General Greene Council in Greensboro at 7:13 p.m. This program is open to all people ages 15 through 20 years of age.

Norris R. Woody  
Explorer Ski Safety Adv.



## WHO NEEDS TO KNOW SEARCH AND RESCUE ANYWAY?

Well, as a matter of fact, we do and we did! Last season Gatlinburg had two Search and Rescue operations.

The first SAR occurred Dec. 26th with Jim Williams acting as search leader. Cheryl Katzon didn't know the location of her sister, Norie. Cheryl was hypothermic and was treated for this. Finally, Norie was established at the hotel they were staying at 1 hour and 15 min. after the SAR began.

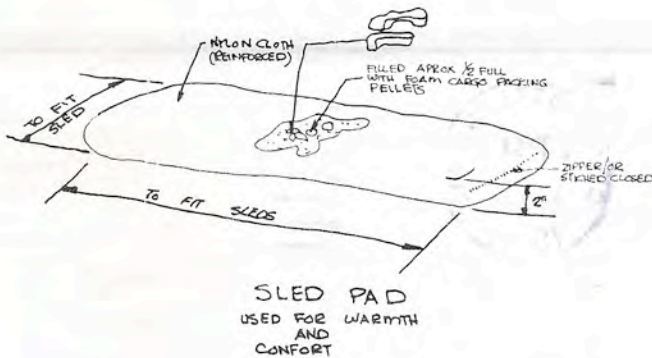
A high school group of approximately 70 from Mobile, Alabama were visiting in Gatlinburg for a weekend. On Sunday, January 27th, they were starting to leave when a young girl, Julie Hinton age 17, discovered her purse was missing. She felt it was at the Ice Skating Arena where she had been the night before. The chaperones gave her permission to go get her purse and come right back to the motel. Julie didn't return for sometime so the group leaders asked for help from the police. Since the police couldn't help until she had been missing for several hours, the group leaders approached us and immediate action began. Richard Weinberger was the search leader. The entire mountain at the Ski Lodge was searched thoroughly, but no sign of Julie. About three hours later, at 6:00 p.m. we received a phone call from the motel saying Julie was there. What a relief! The group leaders were very appreciative as we were the only organization that would assist them in their time of need.

Linda Pace

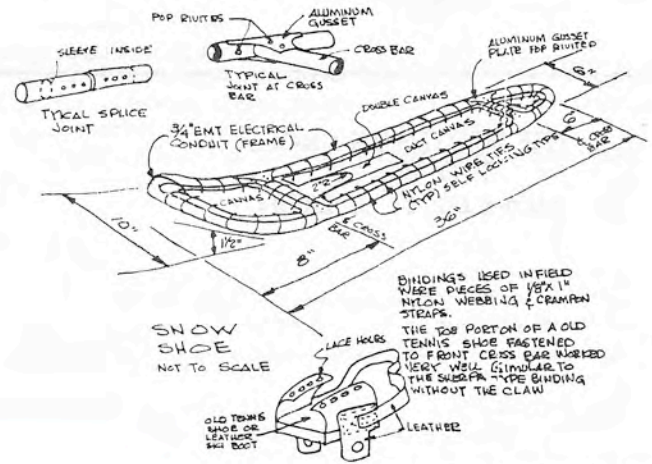
MY NAME IS LAURA MEGAN AVERY AND I ARRIVED AT 11:39 AM ON FEBRUARY 20, 1980. I WEIGHED 8 POUNDS AND WAS 20 INCHES TALL. MY PROUD PARENTS ARE RANDY AND MARTHA AVERY.



Laura is being brought up as an active patroller. She attended both the Spring Convention in Greensboro and the Fall Officers Meeting at Sugar Mtn.



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