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HARWELL'S HOT LINE

What can I say? This is the last time I'll be writing you as your Division Director. "Harwell's Hot Line" is growing cold as its demise approaches, and, with the final word of this column, will take its place alongside the pterydactyl, the mastadm and other extinct things.

What can I say? It has been a challenging and rewarding two years. I thank each of you for your support, your help and your dedication.

What can I say? It hurts too much to laugh . . . and I'm much too old to cry! But enough of sentimentality. What's going on in the Division?

I got off to a late start visiting patrols, what with a motorhome trip to Colorado in early December with John Newton and his Huntsville Tour, and all our kids (five) home for the holidays. By the end of January, however, I've visited thirteen areas (Appalachian, Beech Mtn., Cataloochee, Cedar Cliff, Cloud Mt., Gatlinburg, Hound Ears, Mill Ridge, Sapphire Valley, Scaly Mtn., Seven Devils, Sky Valley, and Sugar Mtn.) and have found good news everywhere. I have seen a lot of good training, enthusiasm, and strong, positive leadership.

This weekend is the annual Mt. Rogers Mountaineering Patch Course and Southern Division "Reunion." I shall again mount an attack on the North Face of the formidable fortress, and, God willing, return safely Sunday afternoon tired but happy.

During the rest of February it is my intention to visit the remaining patrols in the northern part of our division.

Bobbie Rupp did her usual fine job with the January edition of Southern Cross. The "Rogues Galley" of officers and advisors was her idea, and, I think a good one. A few were missing because they never sent their pictures. For shame!

The Junior Jamboree, February 21 & 22 at Seven Devils promises to be the biggest and best yet. Encourage your Juniors to participate and come yourself if you can. It is very impressive. Steve Benbow and the folks who've worked with him deserve a lot of credit for this fine program.

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

FUND RAISING

Mike Harris has done an outstanding job of getting Division Fund Raising off the ground. Direct donations total over \$2,000 and they're still coming in. Thanks again to Mike and his lovely help-mate Patsy (who's a candidate at Beech Mtn. by the way).

SURPLUS PROPERTY

One of the advantages of obtaining a Federal Charter, we were told, was the acquisition of eligibility to obtain surplus army, and other federal property. It seems the process is complicated. In North Carolina, at any rate, one must apply to a state agency to qualify. Bob Riddle is working on the mechanics of this. Anyone who has first-hand knowledge of the mechanism in *your* state, send the information to Bob Riddle who is coordinating this effort Division-wide.

AWARDS

Now is the time to do something about awards. There are a lot of fine people out there who don't get nominated because nobody takes the trouble to do so. Remember, the nominations have to come from *you*. The Awards Committee simply processes the nominations. The various awards are all described in The Ski Patrollers Manual (Brown Book) section 500 (page 29). Remember, Patrol Directors, *you* are responsible for NSPS service award pins which are awarded at 10 years and every five years thereafter. Division will stock and *pay* for these (change in policy as of 1/31/81), but it is up to *you* to get these from Charles Benbow. There are a lot of fine patrollers out there with ten or more years of service who have not been recognized (cat. No. 308 & 309).

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CALENDAR

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
March	21	Basic Test, Wolf Laurel
	21-22	Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils
	1	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Homestead
	1	Basic Test, Gatlinburg
April	1-6	Avalanche Patch Course, Bozeman, MT
	7-8	Circle A & M, Showshoe
	22-27	National Junior Jamboree, Lake Placid, NY
June	1	Deadline for Southern Cross
September	12	Fall Officers Meeting, Sugar Mtn.

SPRING CONVENTION
APRIL 25
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Enclosed with this issue of Southern Cross is your hotel reservation card. We would appreciate your reservation reply by March 15th if at all possible.

This year — a location with plenty of fun for the entire family; a streamlined format — to allow time to enjoy exciting Atlanta.

The Omni has reserved a limited number of rooms for April 23, 24, 25 to accommodate those who desire an extended stay in Atlanta — Uptown, Down South. Our banquet will be at Aunt Fanny's, a former slave cabin in the outskirts of Atlanta. Transportation to dinner will be provided.

If you want any further information — shows, shopping, tours, etc., do not hesitate to contact me.

Rick Roberts
692 Longwood Drive NW
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WHO? WHAT? WHEN?

What's going on out there? Have heard from no one concerning talks to ski clubs, film shows, etc. You are welcome to use the film, "Skiers Choice" any time. (We have three copies in Southern Division.) Remember you are our best promoters.

A sad note: the magazine, *Ski South*, was not published this year. Unfortunate for us and our "Outstanding Patrollers," since it had scheduled inclusion of an article about our own Jim, Sherry and Harwell.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor



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SPRING MEETING

Make plans now, and save your shekels to attend our Spring Meeting in Atlanta, Saturday, April 25. Rick Roberts has some exciting things planned. He has gotten a special rate at the Omni International so make your reservations early and let's have our biggest turnout yet. Patrol leaders, "talk it up!"

In closing, let me thank all of you — patrollers, officers, advisors and your families for your help in making my job easier as
your Division Director
Harwell Dabbs, M.D.

OUTSTANDING AWARDS NOMINATION

All outstanding award nominations are initiated at the Patrol or Section level and are to go through usual channels shown on the forms.

1. Three copies of all pages must be prepared to be forwarded to your division Awards Advisor.
2. Use additional sheets when referring to specific questions as needed, up to a maximum of 5 — 8½ x 11 pages in addition to the printed form. YOUR NOMINATIONS MUST EITHER BE TYPEWRITTEN OR PRINTED LEGIBLY WITH A BALL POINT PEN.
3. PORTFOLIOS, HANDBOOKS OR OTHER TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.
4. A glossy photo of the nominee must accompany each personal nomination.
5. All nominations must be received by the Division Awards Advisor by March 25, 1981.

- OUTSTANDING SKI PATROLLER
- OUTSTANDING JUNIOR SKI PATROLLER
- OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL SKI PATROLLER
- OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY SKI PATROLLER
- OUTSTANDING SKI PATROL
- OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR

Charles T. Benbow
Division Awards Advisor

JUNIOR JAMBOREE

Seven Devils Ski Patrol will sponsor the third annual Southern Division Junior Jamboree on February 21 & 22, and we hope to see all Juniors there! Registration will be at 9:00 a.m. There will be a written First Aid test immediately following registration. Other exercises will consist of a Practical First Aid Test, Ski & Toboggan Test, Lift Evacuation and some fun games and races. Hopefully there will be a mountaineering exercise also.

The winners of the competition will be taken to Lake Placid for the National Junior Jamboree Training Seminar in March. Applications for the National Seminar will be available at Seven Devils on the 21st.

Saturday night Seven Devils Ski Patrol will hold its famous spaghetti dinner with live Bluegrass following. All patrollers and their friends are welcome to come and have a good time together.

FORMER A.D.D. SKIS IN THE SOUTH AGAIN

Tom Worley, his "angel," and children came South for some good Southern Skiing. We all miss them and wish them well. Lucky Central Division!

New Senior Patrollers

Another rainy, sleeting day at Sugar Mtn. greeted the Senior Candidates as they prepared to challenge "Tom Terrific" for their rocker. The group prevailed and ten new Senior Patrollers join the division. They are: E. B. Fox, Appalachian; J. W. Eades, Rodney Farris, John Lawrence, Charles Travis, Gary White, Beech Mtn.; Wesley Benbow, Doug Hall, Seven Devils; Mike Silver, Melinda Waldrep, Wolf Laurel.

The head test judge, Steve Waldrep, was assisted by Gill Adams, Charles Benbow, Sam Bruce, Curley Lathrop and Sherry Perry. Dave Dillard, Past D.D., assisted and demonstrated the proper method for skiing "Tom Terrific."

Congratulations to the new Seniors for a great performance on a difficult day.

Sam Bruce
Carolina Highlands SC

Certified Patrollers

Overcoming man-made and mountain problems, Peter Brigham and Neal Rehberg from Snowshoe attained the highest skill qualification in the NSPS. Patrollers at the examination were: Peter Brigham, David Lilly, Mike Owen, Neal Rehberg, Chip Rettzo, Snowshoe; Ches and Mark Adams, Beech Mtn.; Steve Benbow, Seven Devils; Sherry Perry, Sugar Mtn., Sam Bruce, Southern Division Administrative; Robin Meyer, Brandon Deane, Wintergreen; and Tom Worley, Mt. Brighton. The thirteen patrollers completed various portions of the controversial Certified Examination. Though scheduled this year, there was no skiing and toboggan portion of the examination given, due to the lack of certified examiners. A comprehensive examination on first aid, CPR, hill safety, mountain management and lift evacuation comprised the test. Peter and Neal demonstrated outstanding skills on this year's phase of the examination, and combined with their previous completion of the skiing and toboggan examination, became the second and third certified patrollers in the Southern Division.

The examination was marred due to the lack of three qualified Certified Examiners and differing opinions on first aid problems. The division will continue to upgrade the infant Certified Program and strive to produce Southern Certified Patrollers. The examiners were Slate Altenburg, Eastern Division and Phil Birdsong, Southern Division.

Sam Bruce
Carolina Highlands SC

Testing at Wintergreen

On the weekend of January 17-18 a T & T Patrol Trainer Clinic was conducted at Wintergreen. Six Associate Senior Examiners were certified: Pat Barnes, Tim Carwile, Jim Kneas, Greg Richardson and Nancy Shelhouse from Wintergreen and Glen White from Homestead. Mike Niver and Brandon Deane, Wintergreen, were re-certified as Senior Examiners. The instructors for the clinic were Doug Carlberg, Skyline RD, French Moore III, Phil Birdsong and Richard Chadick. Also attending the clinic were Bob Bodamer, WV/KY SC who certified as a Basic Test Judge and Randy Pugh, VA SC.

The topic of discussion during the morning session was the Senior Test Administration Manual, NSPS Southern Division 1979. This manual provides an excellent guide for all testers by stating standardization of all the testing procedures in Southern Division. Following the in-house training session, the group conducted an on-the-hill self-examination of each other through a side-slip course, a snowplow course, stop in the box, free skiing, and toboggan handling. Scores were compared after lunch and an evaluation of the scores was graded accordingly. Skiing in the afternoon ended a successful clinic. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the manual.

The weekend of January 24-25 provided excellent weather for the Basic Test conducted at Wintergreen. Ten candidates successfully passed their Basic test. The new Basic Patrollers are: Peter Albert, Fontaine Boutwell, Mary Stuart Dalton, Tom Gainey, Bill Kirchner and Scott Prysi from Wintergreen; Bill Kirchner and John Treier from Homestead. The new Juniors are Steve Bassham from Beech Mtn. and Gina White from Wintergreen. Maggie Dyer and Randy Pugh conducted the First Aid Test on Saturday. The on-the-hill test not only passed 10 candidates on Sunday, it also certified Pat Barnes, Tim Carwile and Mike Niver as Associate Basic Examiners and French Moore III and Nancy Shelhouse as Senior Examiners. Doug Carlberg and Richard Chadick were the certifying test judges.

On Sunday the test was observed by the new Explorer Scout group from Lynchburg, VA. Joe Clark is the group advisor from Wintergreen. Also on the hill Sunday were familiar faces to Southern Division — Keith Argow and family.

Congratulations to new Southern Division patrollers and test judges.

Richard Chadick
Skyline T & T Adv.

T & T CLINIC — SEVEN DEVILS — JANUARY 3, 1980



"General" Sam Bruce reviewing his troops



Sherry Perry carries the load for PL Steve Benbow

On Saturday, January 17th, Cataloochee Ski Patrol's patriarch, Roger Bollinger, connived with area management to stage a chair lift failure. As the patrol made ready for sweep and "Miller Time," the drama began to unfold. The conversation between area management and the lift operators was monitored on the ski patrol radios, and with the call for a Code 10 (lift evacuation) the patrollers methodically took their positions.

They located the stranded skiers and evacuated them in an orderly and professional manner. Only after the exercise was complete did they learn it had been staged. Cataloochee's manager and patrollers jointly lauded Roger Bollinger's hand in training the patrol for such emergencies.

Rick Roberts

VIRGINIA SECTION NEWS

Although old news at this point, the Virginia Section of the Skyline Region got off to a big start in early November with the annual Fall refresher in Charlottesville. Among the almost 100 in attendance were the ten new candidates that make up the Lakewood Village Patrol. On Sunday the Lakewood Village folks went to Wintergreen for a joint on-the-hill.

Wintergreen began operation in mid-December and by January had all slopes open. The Volunteer Patrol has added extra coverage this season as they now handle Sunday nights.

Homestead's new full-time Pro-Patroller is former Volunteer Salty Schaltegger. The reports I have gotten tell of a wonderful season with lots of snow and skiers.

On January 17, Wintergreen hosted a T & T Clinic conducted by French Moore III and Doug Carlberg.

On January 18, six people turned out for the Senior First Aid written and practical test.

On January 24 and 25 the first of two basic tests was held at Wintergreen. Out of eighteen candidates, ten passed.

Sunday the 24th also brought special guests to Wintergreen. Keith & Lou Argow along with their three children came to patrol with us. It's always nice to have help with a test going on.

We still have a first-ever Senior Ski test to be held at Homestead on February 28 and March 1 (note date change), plus we hope to send several Juniors to the jamboree at Seven Devils.

You Patrollers come on up North to see us.

Randy Pugh
Virginia SC

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The Basic Nordic Test started at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, January 24, 1981 at Park Headquarters in Gatlinburg. There were 8 candidates attempting the test, one guest (future candidate) and four test judges.

The group of 13 moved to the top of the Smokies at Newfound Gap to start the field work. Saturday's field work included: a seven mile round trip roving patrol tour out the Clingmans Dome Road, demonstration of the candidates abilities to do Nordic School Functions, route finding and map reading, toboggan building and transportation, toboggan belaying, and weather data collecting. Sunday's field work included: several types of climbs on cross-country skis up the slopes at Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort, continued school functions, several descents using step, stem, snowplow turns and pole drag for speed control. Toboggan ascent and descent was also scored. The test was completed in time for lunch and the scores were tabulated.

Southern Division now has eight new Nordic Patrollers. They are: Jan Delano, Ann Gassman, Ed Gassman, Keith Gray, Cindy Irwin, Farris Jackson, Susan Jackson and Linda Pace. The Division also has two new Associate Nordic Test Judges: Cindy Irwin and Keith Gray. Judges for the test were: Jim Reed, Brian Reil, Lynn Pace and Richard Wienberger.

The New Nordic Patrollers and Judges worked very hard to make the test a success, and Southern Division should be very proud of the group. After all were informed of their new ratings and lunch was under the belt, the group got back together on the hill for a Telemark Clinic. It was given by Don Getty, a Nordic and Alpine instructor at Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort.

The next Nordic test will be given February 6, 7, 8, 1981 at the Mountain Evening Rocker Course at Mt. Rogers. The test will only be offered to those repeating the Rocker Course because of the amount of time needed in each program to become qualified. If another Nordic test is needed in the division, please contact Tom Moss or Lynn Pace for scheduling.

EXPLORER SKI SAFETY

There is a new post in the Southern Division. Dr. Joe Clark, Wintergreen Patrol, is the Advisor for this Lynchburg, VA Explorer Post. He has been doing a great job of training these Explorers, and has about 35 young men and women enrolled in the program (about a third are women). The Post is sponsored by Wintergreen Patrol and the area is supplying them with complimentary lift tickets. We would like to thank Dr. Clark for his help with this new and exciting program.

Post 713 in Greensboro has been hard at work training on the slopes. Many of them spend every weekend with their training advisor, Doug Gilstrip, at Mill Ridge and others with Charles Benbow, RD at Seven Devils. We would like to urge all ski areas to help out with support of this program.

All Explorer posts have an open invitation to the Southern Division Junior Jamboree at Seven Devils on February 21 & 22. Explorers will be competing against each other for "Explorer of the Year," and hopefully a trip to the National Jamboree at Lake Placid on March 20-28. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Norris Woody
Explorer Ski Safety Adv.

PRO PATROLLERS

As professional Director of the Southern Division, I serve on the Board of Directors and act as the voice of the pro patrollers at the Executive Board Meetings. The next meeting is scheduled just before the annual Spring Convention in Atlanta. If pro patrollers have any input let me know.

Sherry Perry

A TRIP WITH HARWELL

Saturday, December 6, a motorhome with three skiers from Huntsville, picked up Harwell in Nashville and headed for the Colorado slopes. We picked up a friend, Mike, from Salt Lake City at the Denver Airport. Then we traveled into the mountains, dodging snowflakes to find good snow at Vail.

Each morning as we rode the first few lifts, we were greeted with cold, dry air that sparkled like diamonds in the sunlight against a deep blue Colorado sky. The first day on a couple of inches of new powder, we found that Doc was a good skier — for the first couple of runs, after which his “quads” forced him to take a break. Throughout the week, we kept telling him “rest on the lift, not on the slopes.” Alas, after a couple of days, Doc did acclimate to the thin, crystal clear mountain air; he then made three runs before exhaustion.

Harwell was usually the first to make the Apres’ ski scene (damn those quads!) We could depend on him to have a big table with popcorn and Coors reserved at our favorite watering hole, Bart and Yettes.

After skiing, drinking, eating, and usually a little more drinking, we would flop into the rack by 10 p.m. Doc didn’t seem to have any trouble keeping up in these activities. Although one night, we played our annual game of RISK (12 of the last 13 years) and Harwell really got involved. I think

because the game deals with conquering countries with armies/national guard. After four hours, Doc and Mike were still battling it out; the rest of us hit the rack.

Friday was most memorable — Harwell invited us for a superb lunch at the Stube, a restaurant at the top of the Lionshead gondola. After 1½ hours of wining and dining, we noticed everyone had left and the waiters were hinting for us to leave. It was difficult to leave such a setting, good friendship and a panoramic view of several mountain ranges clearly visible in the “deep blue.” It was 3:00 as we attempted our last runs for the day. Here, Harwell lived up to the true reputation of a gentleman Southern Patroller assisting many of the fairer sex (whether needing it or not) to the bottom. Our last call at Bart and Yettes was fun — it was also difficult to leave.

What a great trip! Doc promised to have his “quads” in shape for our trip next December.

Harwell, a good companion, a good friend — you can not find better.

John Newton
Cumberland SC



Harwell and friends — high in Colorado



Harwell in great form at Vail




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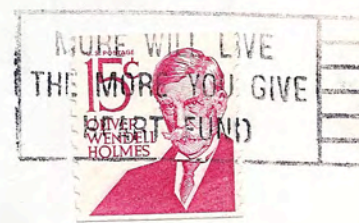
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