



# THE SOUTHERN CROSS

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## CHARLIE'S CHATTER

Welcome to the 1981-82 Ski Season. It's that time, regardless of the 80° days that some of us still have down in the flat lands. The fall First Aid Refreshers are on the calendar with the Section Chiefs and Instructors putting all the paper work together to have the finest refreshers yet. CPR will not be covered in the refreshers this year. **IT WILL BE EACH PATROLLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THEIR OWN CPR CARD UP-DATED.** Your First Aid Pack (Fanny Pack) usually needs some refreshing also. Check to see if your pack has all the supplies needed for the first snow fall.

An item of concern that came out at the National Meeting is "Patch-Covered" parkas. We need to get all of the patches that are not NSPS removed from our parkas. Each of us needs to take a look at ourselves in a mirror to see how we look to the skiing public and to our ski area managers. These are the people who literally control the future existence of NSPS. The "Patch Control" is going to be another unpleasant job that falls to the PL. The cleaning up of the parkas will not be a difficult job if we all get our own parka to the standards set in the Ski Patroller's Manual.

We now have two ski areas in Kentucky. General Butler Ski Area in General Butler State Park is slated to be open this ski season. At the present time it is not known as to whether the NSPS will have a patrol there. Robert Bodamer, WV/KY SC will try to work out the details of having a volunteer NSPS patrol.

I would like to solicit the help of all patrollers, PLs, SCs and RDs to implement Region and Section people to assist Division Advisors in the following: Auxiliary, Avalanche, Awards, Equipment, First Aid, Fund Raising, Historian, Junior, Lift Evacuation, Mountaineering, Nordic and T & T. We need to fill all these positions to have better communication from Advisors to Patrollers. Hopefully this will get better participation from the patrollers for many of the programs that are greatly needed. Also, it should make more of the programs available to the patrollers when the Division Advisor can not be at all places at all times. Most of the positions are in the field of training patrollers and are the life blood of the system. This is going to take some coordination between the RDs and Advisors and will give the region people a better opportunity to work closer with the patrols instead of the advisors trying to make themselves available over the entire division.

I hope to see all of you this season, either at the refreshers or on the hill at your area. We are looking forward to the best ski season ever! Our division may be small in numbers, but is very large in heart and has great patrollers.

Thanks to Sherry Perry and all those good folks at Sugar Mountain Resort for hosting the meeting, the luncheon and the "Sherry Perry Special." Thanks also to Murray Reed and all the other fine people of Westridge at Sugar for the afternoon "Social" and the tour of the condominium.

Charles T. Benbow, Jr. DD

1981-1982 CALENDER OF EVENTS

September 26-27 Self Evacuation Seminar  
Look Rock, TN  
Contact: Joy Slagle

October 9 CPR Course  
Sugar Mountain  
Contact: Bobbie Rupp

10 Charlottesville, VA First Aid  
Refresher — 8:30 a.m.

10 Sugar Mountain, NC — First Aid  
Refresher — 8:30 a.m.

11 On-The-Hill Refresher — Winter-  
green, Homestead, Lakewood  
Village, Sugar Mountain, Appa-  
lachian

17 On-The-Hill — Snowshoe

24 Asheville First Aid Refresher  
8:30 a.m.

25 On-The-Hill — Catalochee

25 On-The-Hill — Wolf Laurel

31 Cumberland Refresher — Cedar  
Cliff — 8:30 a.m.

November 6-7 Atlanta Ski Show — Chuck  
Latkoff, Show Director

6-7 Circle A & Circle M Bevard,  
Wolf Laurel, Sapphire Valley  
Contact: Chuck Benbow or  
Steve Waldrep

7 North Alabama Ski Swap at  
Holiday Inn, Huntsville, AL  
Contact: John Newton

7 Gatlinburg First Aid Refresher  
8:30 a.m.

7 Beech Mountain First Aid Re-  
freshers

8 On-The-Hill — Gatlinburg

8 Atlanta First Aid Refresher  
8:30 a.m.

8 On-The-Hill — Beech Mountain

November 13-14 Greensboro Swap Shop  
Four Seasons Mall, Greensboro  
Contact: Charles Benbow or  
Dave Dillard

18 Flex Session at Alpine Ski Center  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. (near entrance to  
Sugar Mountain)

December 5-6 Circle A & Circle M — Seven Devils

12-13 Circle A & Circle M — Snowshoe

19 Basic First Aid Test — Wolf Laurel

January 2 Southern Cross deadline

3 Basic Test — Appalachian

9-10 Circle A & Circle M — Homestead,  
VA

9 Senior First Aid Test — Sugar  
Mountain

10 Testing and Training Clinic —  
Sugar Mountain

16 Testing and Training Clinic —  
Wintergreen

16 Testing and Training Clinic —  
Catalochee

17 Senior First Aid Test — Winter-  
green

17 Senior First Aid Test — Catalochee

17 Basic Test Sapphire Valley

January 23-24 Avalanche Patch Course Refresher

30 Basic Test — Wintergreen

30 Spaghetti Supper — 6:00 p.m.  
Seven Devils

30-31 Southern Division Junior Jambo-  
ree & Explorer Ski Safety — Seven  
Devils

February 31 Certified Pre-test — Snowshoe

4 Certified Pre-test — Seven Devils

5-7 Mountaineering Patch Course

6 Southern Cross deadline  
Mt. Rogers, VA

7 Mt. Rogers Basic Nordic Test

13 Senior On-The-Hill — Seven Devils

13-14 Basic Nordic Test — Great Smoky  
Mountains and Gatlinburg

14 Basic Test — Catalochee

14 Mid-Winter Executive Committee  
Appalachian

20 Basic Test — Sky Valley

21 Senior On-The-Hill — Wintergreen

21 Senior On-The-Hill — Catalochee

February 28-

March 5 National Junior Jamboree  
Boyer Mountain, MI

5-7 Certified Test — Snowshoe

7 Basic Test — Gatlinburg

13 Basic Test — Snowshoe

April 24 Spring Convention — Asheville

25 Southern Cross deadline

SELF-EVACUATION SEMINAR

The details for the self-evacuation seminar tentatively scheduled for this summer has been finalized. It will be held September 26 and 27 at Look Rock, TN, which is near Townsend. Equipment will be provided and camping facilities are near the seminar location. Attendance will be limited, so pre-register early! Contact Joy Slagle (615-581-5818 or 615-586-3240) for further details and pre-registration information.

CPR COURSE

I will be teaching a CPR course Friday night, October 9 at Sugar Mountain, pre-registration is necessary (phone or write).

Bobbie Rupp

PROFESSIONAL PATROLLERS NEEDED

Many positions are available this year. Contact the mountains listed or phone me. Each mountain offers something different, so check it out.

Catalochee	Sky Valley
Gatlinburg	Snowshoe
Mill Ridge	Sugar Mountain
Sapphire Valley	Wintergreen
Scaly	

Sherry Perry  
Pro Director

An Avalanche Advisors meeting was held this year during the National meeting in Helena Mt. The Southern Division was applauded for its Avalanche Training Program.

Considering that avalanche is not one of our main concerns in the south, our requirement of Circle A and Circle M for advancing to Senior classification was specifically recognized as encouraging a higher level of knowledge and practical skill for the patroller. This places our Senior Patrollers on the same skill level as seniors in those divisions where avalanche is a way of life for the patrol.

We were asked to emphasize avalanche awareness in our division to the general skiing public. This may indeed be a lifesaving effort for the many southerners skiing western mountains. Please accept or encourage any opportunity to present an avalanche story to organizations in your area. Contact me for films or information which you can use.

Rob Faisant was named the new national avalanche advisor replacing Bill Hotchkiss. Rob is from the Far West Division and will be assisted by Dick Epley of the Intermountain Division. Goals this year include upgrading the various avalanche training programs and improving communication lines within NSPS and also outside of NSPS with such groups as the Forest Service and the NSAA.

Ron Geist  
Avalanche Adv.

#### FLOATING PATROLLER

The Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol now has a patroller floating in the Patomac River in Washington, DC. When I moved to the capitol city in March, I found the cost of housing enormous. The price of an apartment was "big bucks" and you got no return on your money.

Trying to fulfill the life long ambition to own a yacht, I bought a 45 foot boat and moved aboard in June. The motor vessel "Maid Marion" is a seagoing houseboat with all the comforts of home; carpets, stove, refrig, color TV, central air, and a yard that doesn't need cutting!

The "Maid Marion," Robin Hood's lady is located in the North channel of the Patomac River at the Gangplank Marina, about one-half mile from the Jefferson Memorial. If you travel to the city of monuments and jelly beans, drop in and get the sunset cruise of the capitol skyline. It's a great party!

Sam Bruce

#### T-SHIRT FUND RAISER

Any patrol interested in screen printed T-shirts, baseball jerseys, etc., send art work and ideas for price to:

Lynn Pace  
Rt. 2, Box 179  
Maryville, TN 37801

Individual Ski Patrols are always thinking of methods to raise funds for their treasury. This music festival idea of the Mt. Watatic Ski Patrol is one excellent idea.

A two-day music festival at Mt. Watatic attended by more than 10,000 people provided the Mt. Watatic Ski Patrol an opportunity for an extended summer practice and netted the Patrol treasury \$1,000.00 the weekend of July 11-12.

George Blotcher, who will begin his third season as patrol leader at the mountain this winter, said that the thirty members who volunteered for the weekend duty "performed with the same proficiency they do all winter long."

Despite the lack of snow, patrol members swept the hill after hours, checked for ticket holders and administered first aid, as they do in the winter.

"The majority of injuries was cut and bruised feet, stubbed toes and bug bites," Blotcher said. "There was only one medical emergency which we felt was from a preexisting condition."

"Things went so smoothly for the Town of Ashby, the mountain and the Ski Patrol," he continued, "the mountain's management is now considering having more concerts."

Upon learning that the concert's promoters, Music in the Air, were planning on holding the festival that featured performer, Arlo Guthrie, as well as arts and crafts exhibits, Blotcher contacted them. He suggested that Ski Patrol volunteers be used to supplement the town's police. His offer was readily accepted.

Blotcher had praise not only for the general conduct of the patrol but also for Assistant Patrol Leader, Jerry Brown, who, he said "did a yeoman's job and functioned as an intermediary between the promoter and the ski patrol."

The money earned will be used "for the general good of the patrol," said Blotcher.

Blotcher has been a ski patrol member at the mountain for eleven seasons. He is a senior and holder of Circle A and Circle M awards as well as a first aid instructor.

If you know of other unique methods, please forward such ideas to the National Office and we will see that distribution is made so others might benefit from it also.

Larry Morris  
Rocky Mountain DD  
National Board NSPS

#### CLOTH NAME TAGS

Tired of plastic name tags that break everytime you move? Get the great alternative, a cloth name tag, and never worry again! They are available in blue and yellow.

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#### PICTURES PLEASE

We are planning to print an informational brochure on Southern Division, and need pictures for it. They must be sharp images, either black and white or color, and depict patrolling activities, rather than your best flip or daffy. Please send me any you think might be usable, and put your name and address on the back of each picture so it can be returned.

Benning Garrison  
PR Advisor



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## TO ALL PATROL LEADERS

I have completed three scrapbooks of the past years of the Patrols, leaders, and other data of the Southern Division of the NSPS. I have been asked by several people to let them have these books to show to all members of their patrol.

I am now happy to offer to any patrol a chance for them to have these books for a week to view and show all their members as I realize most of them do not get to attend the Ski Patrol conventions.

I am asking that you take good care of them because I have put many hours of work into creating the past history of our patrols.

I would also like to ask each patrol leader to appoint someone to send me a few pictures of their patrol this year as I hope to again put together a scrapbook.

If you are interested in having these books, please send me an address where you would like them mailed as I will probably mail these via UPS. You can also send me a week date that you would like to have them and I will take these on a first come basis and try to work these dates out as closely as possible.

I am really hoping that this will create some inspiration in each patrol and cause more interest and more pictures to be taken for this year's scrapbook and history.

Patsy Harris  
Historian-Archivist

## A D D TRAINING REPORT — FALL 1981

We have a very full calendar of events for the 1981-82 ski season beginning in September and running through March.

Three Senior Tests are scheduled this year, one of which will be conducted on Saturday. Three testing and training clinics for test judges and patrol training advisors will be conducted. The certified program will consist of 2 pre-tests and a 3-day test conducted in March.

The Junior Jamboree is scheduled early this year to accommodate an early National Junior Jamboree.

The Mount Rogers Mountaineering Patch Course is scheduled to begin Friday, February 5th. There is a Basic Nordic Test scheduled in conjunction with the Mount Rogers course, as well as the Great Smoky Mountain Basic Nordic Test.

The first Southern Division Avalanche Patch Refresher Course will be conducted this year. All patch holders should contact Ron Geist for details. There will not be an Avalanche Patch Course conducted this year, but a number of Circle A's and M's are scheduled.

There is plenty of work for everyone. If you have an area that appeals to you, contact your patrol leader or the appropriate advisor.

There are three Region T & T Advisors — Gil Adams, Blue Ridge; Roger Bollinger, Dixie; Richard Chadick, Skyline.  
Tom Moss  
ADD T & T

## SKI MOUNTAINEERING

In order to hasten the process of receiving your Circle M cards and patches, the money collected by the instructors of these courses *must* be sent directly to the mountaineering advisor. Until this money is received there will be no Circle M cards issued. Not doing this has slowed the process of getting these cards out immensely. If we can get this co-operation, we hope to have them to you much quicker.

We have the Ski Mountaineering Manuals in already. They are not required (but recommended) for the Circle M course. It is required for the Mountaineering Patch Course. The manual is extremely good to help prepare you for these courses. There will be a charge of \$4.00 for the manual. If interested in buying one, contact me. Instructors should get with me well ahead of time on this. The Mt. Rogers Patch M course this year will be February 5, 6, & 7. I'll be looking forward to working with you.

Chuck Benbow  
Ski Mountaineering Advisor

## ATTENTION JUNIORS!

The National Junior Training Seminar will be held at Boyne Mountain, MI February 28-March 5. The Southern Division Jamboree will be held January 30-31. This is almost one month earlier than last year, so get your Juniors trained as soon as possible. Anyone who has never been to a Junior Jamboree should plan to attend. It's fun!

Seven Devils Patrols will have its famous spaghetti dinner in conjunction with the Junior Jamboree. Don't miss it!  
Steve Benbow  
Junior Adv.

## TAKE NOTE

The 1981-82 ski season will be here before our muscles are ready. Our brains will be willing and able, so work on your body and get it ready to lift that toboggan.

Significant changes for the ski industry in North Carolina for 1982 that will help NSPS and area managers to bring responsible ski habits to skiers was the passage of the North Carolina Senate Bill No. 502. Please read and promote reading of this bill to skier groups, clubs and conventions (See insert in this issue). We need to promote this idea to skiers. The more care skiers exercise, the better we as NSPS patrollers have done our job.

Read the calendar of events on page 2 of this issue. Let your PL know of your interest in activities and those you would like to pursue.

Pete Chamberlin  
Blue Ridge RD

Are you a Division Mountaineering Instructor? If so, please contact me. We are trying to put together a list of all instructors with name, address and phone number for future reference. We appreciate your help. Thanks!

Charles T. Benbow, III  
Mountaineering Adv.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1981  
RATIFIED BILL

CHAPTER 939  
SENATE BILL 502

AN ACT SETTING FORTH DUTIES OF SKIERS AND SKI AREA OPERATORS AND LIMITATIONS THEREOF.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The General Statutes of North Carolina are hereby amended by adding a new chapter thereto to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 99C

“Actions Relating to Skier Safety and Skiing Accidents.

“§ 99C-1. *Definitions* — When used in this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) ‘Skier’ means any person who is wearing skis or any person who for the purpose of skiing is on a designated and clearly marked ski slope or ski trail that is located at a ski area, or any person who is a passenger or spectator at a ski area.

(2) ‘Passenger’ means any person who is being transported or is awaiting transportation, or being conveyed on a passenger tramway or is moving from the disembarkation point of a passenger tramway or is in the act of embarking upon or disembarking from a passenger tramway.

(3) ‘Passenger Tramway’ shall mean any device used to transport passengers uphill on skis, or in cars on tracks, or suspended in the air, by the use of steel cables, chains, belts or ropes. Such definition shall include such devices as a chair lift, J Bar, or platter pull, rope tow, and wire tow.

(4) ‘Ski Area’ means all the ski slopes, ski trails, and passenger tramways, that are administered or operated as a ski area enterprise within this State.

(5) ‘Ski Area Operator’ means a person, corporation, or organization that is responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of the ski area.

(6) ‘Competitor’ means a skier actually engaged in competition or in practice therefor with the permission of the ski area operator on any slope or trail or portion thereof designated by the ski area operator for the purpose of competition.

“§ 99C-2. *Duties of ski operators and skiers* — (1) A ski area operator shall be responsible for the maintenance and safe operation of any passenger tramway in his ski area and insure that such is in conformity with the rules and regulations prescribed and adopted by the North Carolina Department of Labor pursuant to G.S. 95-120 (1) as such appear in the North Carolina Administrative Procedures Act. The North Carolina Department of Labor shall conduct certifications and inspections of passenger tramways.

A ski area operator’s responsibility regarding passenger tramways shall include, but is not limited to, insuring operating personnel are adequately trained and are adequate in number; meeting all standards set forth for terminals, stations, line structures, and line equipment; meeting all rules and regulations regarding the safe operation and maintenance of all passenger lifts and tramways, including all necessary inspections and record keeping.

(2) A skier and/or a passenger shall have the following responsibilities:

- (a) To know the range of his own abilities to negotiate any ski slope or trail and to ski within the limits of such ability;
- (b) To maintain control of his speed and course at all times when skiing and to maintain a proper lookout so as to be able to avoid other skiers and visible objects;
- (c) To stay clear of snow grooming equipment, all vehicles, lift towers, signs, and any other equipment of the ski slopes and trails;
- (d) To heed all posted information and other warnings and to refrain from acting in a manner which may cause or contribute to the injury of the skier or others;
- (e) To wear retention straps, ski brakes, or other devices to prevent runaway skis;
- (f) Before beginning to ski from a stationary position or before entering a ski slope or trail from the side, to avoid moving skiers already on the ski slope or trail;

- (g) To not move uphill on any passenger tramway or use any ski slope or trail while such person's ability to do so is impaired by the consumption of alcohol or by the use of any narcotic or other drug or while such person is under the influence of alcohol or any narcotic or any drug;
  - (h) If involved in a collision with another skier or person, to not leave the vicinity of the collision before giving his name and current address to an employee of the ski area operator, a member of the ski patrol, or the other skier or person with whom the skier collided, except in those cases when medical treatment is required; in which case, said information shall be provided as soon as practical after the medical treatment has been obtained. If the other person involved in the collision is unknown, the skier shall leave the personal identification required by this subsection with the ski area operator;
  - (i) Not to embark upon or disembark from a passenger tramway except at an area that is designated for such purpose;
  - (j) Not to throw or expel any object from a passenger tramway;
  - (k) Not to perform any action that interferes with the operation or running of a passenger tramway;
  - (l) Not to use such tramway unless he has the ability to use it with reasonable safety;
  - (m) Not to engage willfully or negligently in any type conduct that contributes to or causes injury to another person or his properties;
  - (n) Not to embark upon a passenger tramway without the authority of the ski area operator.
- (3) A ski area operator shall have the following responsibilities:
- (a) To mark all trails and maintenance vehicles and to furnish such vehicles with flashing or rotating lights that shall be in operation whenever the vehicles are working or moving in the ski area;
  - (b) To mark with a visible sign or other warning implement the location of any hydrant or similar equipment that is used in snowmaking operations and located anywhere in the ski area;
  - (c) To indicate the relative degree of difficulty of a slope or trail by appropriate signs. Such signs are to be prominently displayed at the base of a slope where skiers embark on a passenger tramway serving the slope or trail, or at the top of a slope or trail. The signs must be of the type that have been approved by the National Ski Areas Association and are in current use by the industry;
  - (d) To post at or near the top of or entrance to any designated slope or trail, signs giving reasonable notice of unusual conditions on the slope or trail;
  - (e) To provide adequate ski patrols;
  - (f) To mark clearly any hidden rock, hidden stump, or any other hidden hazard known by the ski area operator to exist;
  - (g) Not to engage willfully or negligently in any type conduct that contributes to or causes injury to another person or his properties.

"§ 99C-3. *Negligence, Civil actions* — A violation of any responsibility placed on the skier, passenger or ski area operator as set forth in G. S. 99C-2, to the extent such violation proximately causes injury to any person or damage to any property, shall constitute negligence on the part of the person violating the provisions of the section.

"§ 99C-4. *Competition* — The ski area operator shall, prior to the beginning of a competition, allow each competitor a reasonable visual inspection of the course or area where the competition is to be held. The competitor shall be held to assume risk of all course conditions including, but not limited to, weather and snow conditions, course construction or layout, and obstacles which a visual inspection should have revealed. No liability shall attach to a ski area operator for injury or death or any competitor proximately caused by such assumed risk.

"§ 99C-5. *Exception* — The operation of a passenger tramway shall not constitute the operation of a common carrier."

Section 3. This action shall become effective October 1, 1981.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of July, 1981.

James C. Green  
President of the Senate  
Liston B. Ramsey  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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## PATROL NEWS

### Sky Valley's Talley

For years of service on Sky Valley's hills  
Watching others go through their uncertain thrills,  
May I give a salute  
To this little troop  
Helping skiers recover from their numerous spills!

For B. Garrison's years over *twenty*  
And Geist's years numbering plenty,  
*Thirteen* in all,  
From short to tall  
Their years of patrolling aren't empty!

At *fourteen* years each, twenty-eight in all,  
Mike & Peg Chandler have answered the call.  
They make a good team!  
Sometimes they beam!  
For a broken arm, they are on the ball!

For their training as Basics at Sapphire  
New candidates may they ever inspire!  
*Thirteen* each for the team  
Of Dromey and McLean;  
Do you think they could change a tire?

We have dentist named Farrell  
Who's sometimes less straight than an arrow.  
While racing a course,  
His design, of sorts,  
Found his *ten* years were over a barrel!

Moody (3), Warner (7) and son Peter Geist (2);  
Plus Hartzler (5) and Holton (2) working the ice;  
Randy Holton at *eight-ish*;  
Priep at first year basic  
Totals 122; Oh, Glory! What price?!

To the patrol at sunny Sky Valley,  
A slope in the Southeast Region, Dixie;  
May we all have fun  
In the snow and the sun  
And keep our spirits witty!

Author's note: In January 1980, I fell and broke my left arm in the shoulder area. Mike & Peggy Chandler, Bruce McLean and Lance Webb helped this 6-footer down the slope in a 4-foot Akja. A year later, I became a Basic. I am sincerely grateful to these patrollers and just hope I can hold up my part of this great team!

Karen Priep

### Seven Devils — Up & Coming

Again with new management this year, Seven Devils is looking better than ever for the upcoming ski season. Management has already begun widening most of the slopes plus grading down the large bumps and plateaus for a smoother run. The snow-making capacity has been increased by 50%. With the snow guns which were purchased last year, all we need now is cold weather. We are spending approximately \$50,000 to improve the lodge, which is long overdue. A permanent maze will be set up to ease the lift line problem and lessen the crowded slopes. Both chair lifts have been completely overhauled to insure safety and efficiency.

The ski patrol will have three pro patrollers this year. Chuck Surber returns from last year and will be pro PL. Rick (Wreck) Dixon and Wes Benbow will be working with him. The only difference in patrol operation is that anyone not registered with Seven Devils Patrol wishing to sign on as a visiting patroller **MUST** be a Senior Patroller. Anyone who is not a senior will be allowed to sign on in an auxiliary status until their skiing and toboggan handling skills can be observed.

I will be working as Assistant Manager in charge of making snow, grooming, lift operations and other outside operations.  
Steve Benbow, PL

### Snowshoe News

It's been a busy summer here at Snowshoe. New this year will be three miles of ski terrain connecting to Ballhooter. This includes an expert, advanced and two new novice trails. Also to service this area will be a new triple chair lift. One of the main deterrents to guest patrollers has been the lack of lodging at the mountain. This year an additional 116 condominiums have been constructed with varying price structures. If you want to guest patrol, call now for reservations and let me know so I can add to our log book the names and dates for the schedule.

A Basic Patroller will be allowed only to function at the capacity of an auxiliary patroller until a slope captain, assigned by me, has graded their toboggan skills. This is due to some past experience with new Basics from other areas that were not up to the demands of our area. We hope this will encourage Basics to improve to Senior and Certified patrol levels. If our roster is full, any registered Basic or above patroller may get a pass for chair privileges.

Have a good season.

Peter Brigham, PL

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