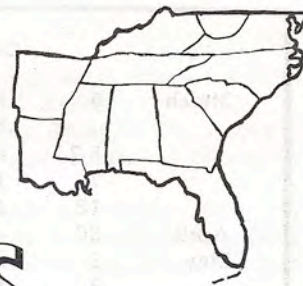




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CHARLIE'S CHATTER

It seems that our Ski Season has taken a temporary turn to unfrozen precipitation. Our weather is giving us about as much trouble as we have had trying to get the January issue of the Southern Cross to you. The Southern Cross was printed on time, but we were unable to get the address labels from the National Office. With all of the construction and remodeling at the National Office to get the space ready for the computer, and with the (so they tell me) normal problems of getting a new computer facility working properly, there was a delay of about a month from the promised date. I guess this is a long way to say that we are sorry if you did not get your January Southern Cross. Bobbie may have aged by twenty years after her trials and tribulations with the National Office while trying to get the mailing labels.

To the Juniors that did not participate at the Southern Division Junior Jamboree, you missed a great deal of fun and fellowship with twelve of your fellow Juniors from the Division. Six patrols were well represented by their Juniors. The three top spots went to Gena White, Wintergreen; Caron Owen, Beech Mountain; and Mari Poe, Appalachian Ski Mountain. My congratulations to these young ladies and their patrols.

To those of you that did not get to Seven Devils for the Spaghetti Dinner, you missed a great night and some fine eating. It may be just as well though since they served over 130 people, and for the first time there wasn't anything left to worry about taking home. Again, my congratulations to The Seven Devils Patrol for putting on a very fine Spaghetti Dinner and a very successful Junior Jamboree. Many thanks also to the management of Seven Devils for allowing us to use the mountain for the Junior Jamboree.

The Southern Division Spring Convention will be in Asheville, North Carolina this year and is now looking like it will be every bit as good as last year. Make your reservations to the GREAT SMOKIES HILTON as soon as possible. Any reservations after March 30, 1982 will be only if space is available. We would like to have every patroller in the Division attend the Spring Convention.

To date I have not visited five of our Ski Areas. Weather permitting, I will visit these areas within the next two weeks. Think snow! I hope to see you soon.

Charles T. Benbow, Jr. DD

CALENDAR

March	5	National Junior Jamboree Boyne Mountain, MI
	5-7	Certified Test—Snowshoe
	7	Basic Test—Gatlinburg
	13	Basic Test—Snowshoe
April	30-	
May	1	Spring Convention—Asheville
	3	Southern Cross deadline

SERVING BECAUSE WE CARE

In this new generation of more proficient skiers, we too often forget the basic Ski Patrol proposition, "Patrol on Skis, not skiing on Patrol." Today, the Gold Cross and Rust Parka has to be shown as helpful and caring to everyone on skis.

We must be seen on the slopes giving First Aid, compassion and help! Yes, Help. Try stopping and picking up the small child, the tangled beginner and anyone else needing help.

When was the last time *you* stopped to help a person put on skis, pick up a pole or pick up and dust off the snow covered child?

Just think of the PR and the Patrol image if just once a day each and every one of our 630 people stopped to help. This would truly be a step in the right direction, because we are serving because we care.

David Dillard
Past Division Director

OUTSTANDING AWARDS NOMINATIONS!

All Outstanding Awards 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 Award Advisor.
2. Use additional sheets when referring to specific questions as needed, up to a maximum of five (5) (8½x11) pages in addition to the printed form.
Your nomination 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 on or before MARCH 28, 1982.

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Charles T. Benbow
Awards Adv.



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The various programs are progressing despite the unpredictability of the winter weather. With the assistance of the regional advisors for testing and training, Richard Chadick, Gil Adams, and Roger Bollinger, three clinics for test judges were conducted, which were hosted by Wintergreen, Sugar Mountain, and Cataloochee. Several new senior test judges were certified.

A Senior on the Hill test was conducted at Seven Devils by Steve Benbow. The Senior test scheduled for Cataloochee was changed to Sugar Mountain due to weather. It was conducted by Rick Roberts.

A recertification for Avalanche Rocker holders was conducted by Ron Geist in January. Beech Mountain was the host for this weekend course.

The Junior Jamboree was conducted at Seven Devils—the top three Patrollers were young ladies!

Nordic patrollers have covered two telemark races at Canaan Valley and Cataloochee and plan to cover two more. The mountaineering rocker course was held at Mount Rogers. French Moore arranged for a Virginia Highway Patrol helicopter to participate in an exciting rescue mission.

As lift evacuation advisor, John Lawrence is currently reviewing a National Lift Evacuation Manual. He is looking for input from experienced persons.

Like all of us I am hoping for a few more weeks of winter so we can complete our training programs for 1982.

Tom Moss
A.D.D. T & T

Congratulations are due—seven out of seven candidates taking the patroller hill test at Scaley Mountain Ski Area on February 7th all passed. The new patrollers, including one Junior, are: Robert D. Burns, Bennett A. Hall, Chuck Latkoff, Jr., Jan K. Nesbit, Colin Pilling, Tim Ware and John P. West.

All examiners remarked that this was one of the best groups of candidates they'd had the pleasure of testing. The results speak exceptionally well for Scaley's training program (conducted by Steven Newall) and PL's Latkoff selection and approval of candidates to take the test. Roger and Janie Bollinger, Chuck Latkoff, and Rick Roberts conducted the examination. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Roger Bollinger
Dixie Region T & T Adv.

A Basic Test was held at Sugar Mountain on Saturday, February 20th. Those who passed are: Bobby Kanoy, John Ormand, Robin Waters and Jimmy White from Sugar Mountain; Kevin Bilodeau, Steve Clymer, Jimmy Harding, Chris Larson, Tom Moore, Joel Toates and Lori Trexler from Appalachian Ski Mountain; Barbie King and Caroline Tremblay from Seven Devils; Baxter Allen from Cataloochee. Bill Dachille was head test judge and Blake Brown, Ron Howko, Clark MacDonald and Sherry Perry assisted.

A Senior Test was held at Sugar Mountain on Sunday, February 21st. Rich Rucker, Sugar's PL; Margie Carroll from Wolf Laurel and Pete Knowland from Cataloochee are the new Seniors in the division.

Clark MacDonald was head test judge and Bill Dachille, Bob Twomey and Steve Waldrep assisted.

Congratulations to all!

CIRCLE M COURSES

With clear skies and temperatures down to 5°F the following patrollers tromped into the woods on cross-country skis to complete the basic mountaineering course at Snowshoe on December 12 and 13, 1981:

Jeff Olson, Hugh Bean, Jim Haas, Fontaine Boutwell, Ed Johnson, Rob Humphris, David Cline, Mike Owen, Alan Romine, Rick Sharp, and Jan Starr.

Nancy Shelhorse
Skyline Mountaineering Instructor

I think we have a new record low temperature for a Circle M Course! These four brave patrollers successfully endured -20°F temperatures with a windchill of -56°F at Homestead on January 9, 10. They are: Mary Stuart Dalton, Paul Hardy, Bill Pearson, and Bill Bowling. A roaring fire and tall tales from the two Bills kept us in great spirits.

Nancy Shelhorse
Skyline Mountaineering Instructor

Editor's Note: During the Circle M Course held at Snowshoe in January 1976, the windchill was -79°F. It was COLD! I know as I was there and remember it well.

NORDIC NEWS

Keith Gray has been named Assistant Nordic Advisor so that the division might have better Nordic coverage and that the training and testing could be on a much more attainable level for those patrollers interested.

Lynn Pace
Nordic Adv.

6TH ANNUAL PATCH MOUNTAINEERING COURSE



Evacuation of victim (Tom Moss) by the Virginia State Patrol helicopter.

As always, we had a great trip to Mt. Rogers with 48 survivors (including 2 dogs). By the time we got in Friday night everyone was wet from sweat. Camp was set up with no problems, and it didn't take long for everyone to hit the sack. By the time we got up Saturday to start breakfast, rain had turned to sleet and then to snow. We had enough snow to cover the ground and it looked like a Winter Wonderland. Groups were formed and everyone went to their classes. We had firebuilding, map & compass, rope work, and search & rescue. Sunday morning the temperature was 6 degrees at breakfast time. Just as we were finishing breakfast, we received a report (part of the course) that there had been a plane crash near Breyer Ridge, not far from our camp, with four people in it. By 9:20 the hasty party had gone out and by 9:30 the other three search parties were in their designated areas. By about 11:00 all four victims were located and were receiving first aid. The Virginia State Patrol brought in a helicopter to assist with the evacuation of the victims and to demonstrate a harness lift from the ground. Lynn Pace was the lucky victim in the harness exercise.

We had an extremely interesting course in which we had total participation and cooperation from our group. I think everyone attending any of these courses has learned a lot of important information that will be of real help in many circumstances. We had a variety of weather to be prepared for—from rather warm sunny weather to foggy cold and some snow. We all hated to leave. We hope you'll join us next year.

Chuck Benbow
Ski Mountaineering Adv.



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What about the town? Akureyri—2nd largest city in Iceland, 13,000 inhabitants—shops—cafes, etc. However, this is a skiers' package and nightlife is limited. Hopefully, you'll be too pleasantly tired to worry about that. There is also a sizable industrial park where they manufacture shoes, boots, blankets (you know about Icelandic wool!), leather coats, beautiful sweaters, volcanic jewelry, etc., etc.—a shopping paradise!

A word about the Ski Hotel accommodations. Small 2 bed rooms, no private baths, excellent food like 3 meals a day, no problem about heat or hot showers, bring your own playing cards or chess sets, ski movies available, transportation to town available, large indoor pool available in town, Rotary Club meets Thursday noon.

What about the two days in Reykjavik? First day—recover from "jet lag" and wander around Iceland's largest city. What? no smoke or dirt or smog or etc., etc., wonder at the huge outdoor heated pool and steam coming out of the little shacks in the middle of parking lots. Second day a bus tour to Hveragerdi, where you'll see one of the island's largest industries: flowers and fruit growing in huge greenhouses, heated by stream from the ground!

THEN OFF TO AKUREYRI AND SNOW!!

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Who is the happy looking group? Left to right:
 John Clair, Jr.—former Olympic fund raiser; member USSA Ski Hall of Fame.
 Harry Pollard—former National Director; National Ski Patrol; member Ski Hall of Fame.
 Rudi Mattesich—former president U. S. Ski Touring Council.
 Ivar Sigmondsson—former Olympian and now a Res Manager.
 Jon Egilsson—owner F A Tours.

CERTAINLY A MIX OF KNOWLEDGEABLE SKIERS—
 BOTH ALPINE AND NORDIC—WHO CAN HEARTELY
 ENDORSE ICELANDIC SKIING!!

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February 9, 1982

Mr. Harry Jones
 Outdoor West of Tri-Cities, LTD.
 P. O. Box 1156
 Tri-Cities Airport Station
 Blountville, TN 37617

Dear Harry;

On behalf of the Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc., I would like to thank you and your company for the donation of the artwork and four locations for our "Ski Safety" poster. All of you have been extremely patient and cooperative with us. The posters are in good locations and we've had numerous compliments on them. I've seen all the ones you put up except the last one you were to locate in the Mountain City area. I've also seen one on highway 105 between Boone, NC and Invershield. I would appreciate it if you would send me a location list for the Mountain City board and for the ones put up by Naegele and Appalachian Outdoor. Also I'd like to have the addresses of the companies along with a contact person so we can properly thank them.

Harry, I hope you'll keep this in mind for the 1982-83 ski season also. We'll try to start earlier next year so we won't be so rushed.

Again, thank you for all your help.

Sincerely,
 Farris Jackson
 Assistant Division Director

1982 SPRING CONVENTION

The meetings will be at the Hilton. Room reservations should be made by each individual patroller; room rates are \$45.00 single, \$55.00 double. Please mail reservations directly to the Hilton, One Hilton Inn Drive, Asheville, NC 28806.

The convention will begin on Friday, April 30th at 5:00 p.m. with a get-together in a "Hospitality Room." The executive committee will have a breakfast meeting at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. All patrollers should attend the meeting held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The dinner and awards program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

We have in mind the following activities for Saturday afternoon and would like to have an indication of interest. We would appreciate having those who plan to attend checking their areas of interest and returning to Steve Waldrep, Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, 201 South Main Street, Hendersonville, NC 28739. Events that we are contemplating are: a river trip, Biltmore Estate trip, and a three-mile run.

Mary Kay Twomey will be handling registration and we would appreciate having advance registration sent to her at 29 White Pine Drive, Asheville, NC 28805. The registration fee will be \$12.00 and will include a cocktail hour and dinner at the Fireplace Restaurant on Saturday evening.

Reservation for Hilton Inn, One Hilton Inn Drive, Asheville, NC 28806
(Must be received by Hilton Inn by March 30th.)

Please reserve a room for Friday April 30th and Saturday, May 1st, 1982.

- Single, \$45.00 per night
- Double, \$55.00 per night

Signature

Address

"Activities Chairman"

Steve Waldrep, Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, 201 South Main Street, Hendersonville, NC 28739

I would enjoy doing the below Saturday afternoon, May 1st.

- Biltmore Estate trip
- A river trip
- A three-mile run
- Other (please specify)

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