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FROM THE D.D.

Welcome to the 1988-89 Ski Season! Believe it or not, we've already had our Summer Executive Committee Meeting and the Fall Officers Meeting. You'll soon be going to your WEC Fall Refreshers and on-the-hill training and before long, we'll be skiing. We started earlier this year in the hope of getting information to you about things that will be going on this fall in a more timely manner.

In June, several of us attended the National Board Meeting in Boston. As you know, this meeting was billed as our 50th Anniversary Party. It was done in a grand manner and was a real tribute to our past, present and future. The board meeting was informative and a lot was accomplished. One of the most important things decided was that there would be NO national dues increase for the fourth straight year. Now that's good news! The national office has done an extra special job in controlling expenses while providing us, the patroller, with the best possible service. We should all be proud of our national facilities and its staff.

I was especially proud to go to the podium four times to receive awards on behalf of the Southern Division. You people did a truly tremendous job this past season. The following are the awards we received:

Outstanding Junior Patroller

Scot Wallace, Snowshoe Patrol - Gold Merit Star and Engraved Silver Platter

Runner Up - Outstanding Alpine Patroller

E.B. Fox, Appalachian Ski Mountain - Silver Merit Star

Runner up, Outstanding Alpine Patrol

Wintergreen - Carroll Harris, PL - National Unit Citation

Runner Up, Outstanding Nordic Patrol

Smoky Mountain Nordic - Andy Meacham, PL - National Unit Citation

This is an outstanding showing for your division. I'm already looking forward to what you all can do this season. Believe it or not, we had five or six patrollers in attendance at the meeting that each had 50 years or more of continuous service with the National Ski Patrol. All in all, it was a super celebration. I wish you all could have been there.

We held our Executive Committee Meeting on July 31st to prepare for the coming season and the Fall Officers Meeting. It was an important meeting because we were dealing with our recommendations for the 1988-89 budget. Each item was thoroughly discussed and individually approved. When all the items were put together, we voted to recommend the budget to the board of directors. An agenda was prepared and was sent to all officers and advisors along with the proposed budget with explanations of unusual items. This was an attempt to give the board advance information before the meeting.

The Fall Officers Meeting was held at the Abingdon, Virginia 4-H Center on the 25th, 26th and 27th of August. French and Mary Ann Moore did their usual outstanding job of preparing for the meeting. The Southeastern Medical Dental Society hosted our hospitality room for Friday and Saturday evenings. We certainly owe them a debt of gratitude. An Executive Committee Meeting was held on Friday evening to iron out any last minute problems for the Fall Officers Meeting. Saturday the meeting began with the introduction of new division officers and advisors as follows: Add/Staff, Neil Booth; Dixie Region Director, Rick Roberts; Professional Director, Lynn Pace; Wolf Laurel PL, Wayne Morgan; Cumberland Gardens PL, Dave Bjornstad; Sapphire Valley PL, Jim Holmbeck; Sky Valley PL, Tom Crosby; Homestead Pro PL, O.B. Schaltegger; Massanutten Vol PL, Bill Watson; Shenandoah Nordic PL, Cary Wilson; Nordic Advisor, Jim Reed; Proficiency Advisor, Ed Saleem; Fund Raising Advisor, Diana Bauer. These are all special people. Please welcome them and give them all the help you can.

We welcomed Steve Over, our National Executive Director, who told us how our national situation has improved over the past few years. His statistics showed we are in excellent condition nationally. He covered the changes in our insurance program. This is very important, and all of you should understand the new program thoroughly. Your patrol leader has all the information and is expected to cover it at your Refreshers. However, should you have any questions, please contact me. We will have an Assistant Division Director or Regional Director at each Refresher to answer questions.

We covered the budget in detail and all items were approved. One important budget item approved was a new Fund Raising Program. Diana Bauer gave an outstanding presentation on a division-wide drawing benefitting both the division and individual patrols. The grand prize is a one week ski trip to Aspen, CO. Donations will be accepted in increments of one dollar and the drawing will be held in February. Any income will be split 50/50 between each patrol (depending upon their participation) and the division. If we get full participation from everyone, this will be an outstanding program. National is observing us to see if it is successful. If it is, they may try it to reduce the mortgage on our national office. Fund raising advisors have been appointed in each region, under the direction of our Division Advisor, Diana Bauer. Please cooperate with each of them in every way. Let's show everyone we can make this work!

Another important issue discussed was the Junior Program, or more accurately, the National Junior Training Seminar. Many people stated how they felt and we got some good input back from Steve Over. In the end, we agreed to state our position to Marlen Guell, our National Chairman. We support the Junior Program and feel that an integral part of the program should be a well planned, well structured, well supervised and safe National Junior Training Seminar.

In addition to the awards I mentioned before, we presented certificates from Alpine Cablevision and the Weather Channel to the Hawksnest and Sugar Mountain patrols, recognizing their ongoing aid to the public. Fifteen year service awards went to Norris Woody and Ron Geist, twenty years to Charles Benbow and Bob Riddle, and twenty five years to Dave Dillard. Mark Rebs, Mill Ridge, and Bob Riddle, our Legal Advisor, received Yellow Merit Stars for their outstanding service to the NSP. In addition, Brandon Deane, Wintergreen, was awarded a well deserved national appointment.

Refreshers are coming up soon. Remember to read and fill out the WEC Section of the ski patrol magazine and take it to your Refresher. Also, you must have a current CPR card with you to present at the Refresher.

Remember, working together, we can make this the Southern Division's proudest year. Good luck and good skiing!

Farris Jackson, D.D.

CALENDAR

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| <p>Sept. 17 WEC Course Begins, Massanutten, VA
 17 WEC Instructor's Clinic, Blue Ridge
 24 WEC Course Begins, Deep South Section
 24-25 WEC Instructor's Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
 Oct. 8 Grandfather Section - WEC Refresher, Banner Elk, NC
 8-9 WEC Instructor's Clinic, Lake Monica, VA
 9 On-The-Hill Refreshers - Sugar Mountain
 - Hawk's Nest
 21-22 Circle A Course, Dixie Region, Mars Hill, NC
 21-23 Atlanta Ski Show/Swap
 22 Circle A Course, Wolf Laurel, Mars Hill, NC
 22-23 Circle M Course, Dixie Region, Mars Hill, NC
 22-23 Circle M Course, Wolf Laurel, Mars Hill, NC
 29 WEC Refresher, Snowshoe, WV
 30 On-The-Hill Refresher - Snowshoe - Silvercreek
 Nov. 5 WEC Refresher
 • Carolina Highlands Sect., Beech Mt., NC
 • Cataloochee/Scaly Mtn., A-B Technical,
 Asheville, NC
 On-The-Hill Refresher
 • Massanutten Resort
 • Wintergreen
 6 WEC Refresher
 Virginia Sect., UVA Business School,
 Charlottesville, VA
 On-The-Hill Refresher
 • Cataloochee
 • Beech Mtn.
 • Appalachian
 • Scaly Mtn.
 12 WEC Refresher
 • Wolf Laurel/Sapphire Valley, Asheville, TN
 • Ober-Gatlinburg, Knoxville, TN
 • Cloudmont Resort, Knoxville, TN
 • Smoky Mountain Nordic, Knoxville, TN
 • Sky Valley, Atlanta, GA
 13 On-The-Hill Refresher
 • Wolf Laurel, Mars Hill, NC
 • Ober-Gatlinburg, Gatlinburg, TN
 • Sapphire Valley, Fairfield, NC
 • Sky Valley, Dillard, GA
 15 Southern Cross Deadline
 19-20 Triad Ski Swap
 19-20 Circle M Course, Wintergreen, VA
 25-27 Patroller Short Course, Snowshoe, WV
 (reservations required)
 26 Circle A Course, Snowshoe, WV
 26-27 Circle M Course, Snowshoe, WV
 Dec. 2,3,4 Division Proficiency Workshop, Winterplace, WV
 3 WEC Senior Test, Wolf Laurel, Mars Hill, NC
 3-4 Circle M Course, Blue Ridge Region
 10 Back Country Navigation Training, Smoky Mountain
 Nordic
 10 Skiing and Toboggan Examiners Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
 10-11 Circle M Course, Dixie Region
 17-18 Patroller Skiing Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
 Jan. 7 Candidate Ski Off, Massanutten, VA
 14 Midwinter Executive Board Meeting,
 Beech Mountain, NC
 14 On-The-Hill Refresher, Smoky Mountain Nordic</p> | <p>14-15 Advanced Avalanche "Patch" Refresher
 14-15 Blue Ridge PSIA Clinic, Hawk's Nest, NC
 14-15 Skyline Advanced Patroller Clinic, Wintergreen, VA
 14-15 Dixie PSIA Clinic, Cataloochee, NC
 17 Southern Cross Deadline
 21 WEC Course Final Exam, Silvercreek
 21 Senior Examiners Clinic, Ober-Gatlinburg, TN
 21-22 Blue Ridge Advanced Patroller Clinic,
 Massanutten, VA
 22 Blue Ridge Certified Clinic, TBD
 22 Senior Clinic, Dixie Region, Ober-Gatlinburg, TN
 22 Basic Skiing and Toboggan Test, Hawk's Nest, NC
 28 Nordic Senior Clinic, Beech Mountain, NC
 28 Skiing and Toboggan Examiners Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
 28-29 Skiing and Toboggan Examiners Clinic,
 Hawk's Nest, NC
 28-29 Dixie Advanced Patroller Clinic, Ober-Gatlinburg, TN
 29 Senior Test Clinic, Hawk's Nest, NC
 29 Certified Test Clinic, Ober-Gatlinburg, TN
 Feb. 4 Senior WEC Test, Dixie Region, Wolf Laurel
 4-5 Senior Candidate Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
 5 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test, Dixie Region,
 Wolf Laurel
 5 Basic Patroller Test, Beech Mountain, NC
 11 Basic/Senior Nordic Test, Smoky Mountain Nordic
 11-12 Basic Patroller Test
 • Cataloochee
 • Ober-Gatlinburg
 • Wintergreen
 • Wolf Laurel
 11-12 So. Div. Junior Training Seminar, Snowshoe, WV
 11-12 Senior WEC Test, Snowshoe, WV
 11-12 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test, Snowshoe, WV
 12 Basic Patroller Test, Smoky Mountain Section
 • Cataloochee, NC
 12 Basic Patroller Test, Deep South Section
 18 Deadline for Certified Registration
 21 Southern Cross Deadline
 25 WEC Course Final Exam, Massanutten, VA
 25 Senior WEC Exam, Beech Mountain, NC
 25 Basic/Senior Nordic Test, Elk River Nordic
 26 Basic Patroller Test
 • Massanutten
 • Winterplace
 26 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test
 • Beech Mountain, NC
 Mar. 4 Basic Patroller Test, Timberline, WV
 4-5 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test
 • Wintergreen
 9 Back Country Navigation Course,
 Smoky Mountain Nordic
 10-12 Adv. Ski Mountaineering Course, Roan Mountain
 11 Basic Patroller Test, Silvercreek, WV
 17-19 Certified Patroller Test, Snowshoe, WV
 April 3 Award Applications Due to Advisor
 4 Line/Advisor Reports Due to DD
 28 Spring Executive Board Meeting, Abingdon, VA
 29 Southern Division Spring Meeting, Abingdon, VA
 Aug. 26-27 Fall Officers Meeting
 Sept. 2 Southern Cross Deadline</p> |
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RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships are important. Fundamental to a successful relationship, be it with a person or an organization, is understanding the nature of the relationship. Knowing what to give to and expect from the relationship is essential. Relationships can vary in complexity as they move from direct to multiple and indirect. They are generally dynamic in nature. What is the nature of your relationship with NSP? Is area management a party to that relationship? To whom should your loyalties belong? These are questions we all have or have had at one time or another. Since our Ski Patrol relationships are not static, it might be helpful to re-examine these questions.

A Ski Patroller is a volunteer who is trained in winter emergency care and sufficiently proficient in skiing skills to render first aid and rescue services to injured members of the skiing public. This definition necessarily suggests relationships. The first relationship springs from the question "How does one become a Ski Patroller?"

Let's look at the relationship created by affiliation with NSP. NSP is a national organization that provides an educational package for the individual who wishes to become a Ski Patroller. It began as a New York corporation which was later granted a national charter to enable it to operate as a not-for-profit corporation.

NSP provides this educational package through the network of divisions, regions, sections, and patrols. It provides training in first-aid care through its WEC course and an educational program in skiing and rescue to its membership. It also provides a nationally accepted certification of its affiliates that credentials them to perform the services of ski patrolling.

So the relationship between NSP and its membership is direct. The members buy the educational package and annual certification for a fee. NSP provides on-going educational material and re-certification for its members.

A second relationship arises from the definition of a Ski Patroller when that Patroller enters into the practice of his newly acquired skills. He must market those skills to a ski area. Now the individual, or in most instances a group of these trained individuals, enter into an agreement with a ski area to provide services to the skiing public at that ski area on behalf of that area.

This second relationship creates what is known in law as "an agency". An agent who is someone who is performing an act or services on behalf of another. The term is often translated into employee. An employee acts for another for compensation. Being a volunteer seems to be incongruous with being an employee, however, we are compensated. That compensation takes the form of skiing privileges, in some instances meal tickets, family ski passes, discounts and miscellaneous other benefits. So, indeed, we are agents and employees of management and act in the performance of our skills, at their direction.

Let me hasten to add that although this common law relationship is created, management and Ski Patrol are engaged in an on-going tension to alter this relationship. Ski Patrollers, because they are volunteers and professionals, are struggling for autonomy. Management is torn between treating the Patroller as an employee to do its bidding and as an independent when it comes to defraying expenses normally associated with employment.

Now the plot thickens. Ski Patrollers are not provided with medical insurance often available to employees. Medical insurance coverage is not provided by NSP or by the area where the Patroller actually skis. So, in the event of an injury, the Patroller must look to his own independent insurance or personal resources.

Ski Patrollers are, generally, not provided with workmen's compensation insurance as would be the case for other management employees. So, an injury while performing patrolling services would, likewise, be the responsibility of the Patroller. Some states, like North Carolina, have specifically excluded Ski Patrollers from their workmen's compensation statutes while other states have dealt with the issue by case law. At least

F.E.D. EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Now that the ski season will be starting soon, there is still some F.E.D. equipment available. Let me know what you need so we can get it to you before the season starts.

- Raingear — two-piece (parka and pants)
- Lots of Strapping
- Sleeping Bags and Covers
- Shelter Halves
- Duffel Bags
- Barracks Bags
- Personal Clothing Bags (waterproof)
- Ensolits Pads
- Do you want more seat belts?

Harry Stowe
F.E.D. Adv.

one state, Wyoming, has held Ski Patrollers to be included under their workmen's compensation act.

The area which has caused the greatest uncertainty about the nature of our relationship with management is liability to others for our negligence in performing our services. As agents of management, wouldn't management be responsible? The answer is generally, yes. This area presented no problems initially since, as agents of management, we were covered under their liability insurance coverage. Additionally, our certifying corporation (NSP), as part of their service, provided us with liability coverage that came into play when management's insurance was not appropriate or where management had inadequate or no coverage.

The last decade has seen a dramatic increase in a disease known as "sue-itis" which has reached almost epidemic proportions. This phenomena brought about another phenomena described by the industry as the "insurance crisis". Liability premiums skyrocketed, ski areas were going uninsured, and the tension in the Patrol/Management relationship became exacerbated.

The insurance industry had a strong role in inciting this tension. The ski areas are required to provide a first-aid service to their customers and NSP, as the recognized provider, was viewed by both management and the insurance industry as a stabilizer. Skiing, being an unusual risk, also limited the market for available insurance to one or two companies. Initially, the coverage for area management and NSP was provided by the same company. The cost of this coverage to NSP was reasonable since it was, in effect, a secondary coverage for those areas insured and there was not great exposure by the few uninsured areas.

As the exposure increased, the premiums rose and the cost of liability insurance became a major part of a ski area's budget. Likewise, some conflicts developed between management and Patrol over liability in those gray areas, like injury to a Patroller during training. Issues like who was responsible for maintenance of equipment used by Patrols began developing. The ultimate end to this scenario is the NSP's inability to now purchase coverage while patrolling, due to the prohibitive costs and the unavailable market.

Although we have been able to purchase coverage, it only covers activities required and/or approved by the NSP Board for NSP membership. It does not cover actual patrolling activities at the area where we patrol. The rationale is that, as agents of management, we are covered by their policy.

What impact does this have for the Patroller? It is indeed significant since many areas have inadequate coverage and, in some instances, are running the risk themselves by self-insurance or going without coverage. Additionally, as coverage becomes more costly, areas are purchasing lower limits. There may be instances where a gap in coverage exists while an owner negotiates with carriers over premiums. So the Patroller is exposed to a risk and should evaluate and manage that risk accordingly.

You are still an agent of management and, of course, they would be responsible for your negligent acts, but you may also be liable where coverage is inadequate or not in place. The new NSP insurance will not cover patrolling activities. Many people are under the erroneous impression that good samaritan statutes insulate them from liability. Although these laws vary from state to state, generally speaking, these statutes do not insulate a Patroller who is performing a rescue service while in the employ of a ski area.

These comments are, by no means, intended to discourage the almost 2,400 wonderful volunteers who service the skiing public but rather that they might be totally apprised of the nature of their relationship in doing so.

Bob Riddle
Legal Adv.

ALUMNI NEWS

No dues increase for Alumni this year.

In Boston, National has approved a sweater pin. This will help the Alumni become more visible at the local ski area.

Thanks to all of you who gave me help and names of potential Alumni. We are most happy to have Slim Owen on our list; he was the founder of the Beech Mtn. patrol. He is now retired and probably hunting in Texas. I skied this year with Frank Facini, Natl. number 1384, retired patroller from Vermont. He joined the Alumni and we welcome him to the South. He lives in South Carolina. Welcome also to Joann Smith and Bob Edwards. We all will remember these two and thank them for all their years of service.

This year, don't forget the Alumni. We will continue to use the patrol lists of those who have become inactive.

David P. Dillard
Alumni Advisor

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

As of the Executive Committee Meeting on August 31, the following Southern Division Advisory positions were deleted:

- Explorer Scouts
- First Aid
- Professional Liaison
- SSAA Liaison

The position of Archivist will now be Historian/Archivist. Sylvia Talley will hold that position and Dottie Spencer will continue her efforts to conclude her project of documenting and recording the division's history. Any future developments pertaining to the Explorer Scout program will be administered by the Junior Advisor.

As of the aforementioned meeting, Lynn Pace has accepted the position of Professional Director. I am now the Dixie Region Director. Neil Booth has taken over as Assistant Division Director-Staff and Ed Saleem is the Division Proficiency Advisor.

It has been a privilege having the opportunity of working with the advisors, and I sincerely appreciate the cooperation and support that I have received. I am personally excited about the talents that Neil Booth brings to the position of ADD-Staff and am most certain that you will enjoy working with him. If there are any "dangling participles" pertaining to your particular advisory, please feel free to contact me. Neil and I will be working together on many of the advisor programs prior to the Fall Officers Meeting.

Rick Roberts, R.D.

ALLEGHENY SECTION

Hope everyone has had a great summer and that the thought of skiing soon is running through your mind. What's happening in our section?

Silver Creek has new owners again. The Rooms and the Lodge are getting a new look and worked on. Slope #2 outside the Lodge will get finished with Snowmaking this season. The refresher will be on October 29th & 30th.

Snowshoe has added more snowmaking power and snowmaking on Knotbumper. There will be a new beginner slope in the basin and the pool will be open for swimming this year.

Winter Place has been cleaning up and doing general maintenance. They have a new PL, Bud Frantz. Their refresher will be on November 5th and 6th.

Jan Starr
Allegheny, S.C.

ADVANCED PATROLLER CLINICS

Your Certified Program is offering an Advanced Patroller Clinic in each region this season. These clinics are open to all patrollers (basic or senior) regardless of whether they intend to participate in the certified examination process and will feature instruction by certified and professional patrollers from the host as well as other regions.

The purpose of this clinic is to offer training which will bring the patroller to a fuller awareness of various patrolling skills, patrol management, and the needs of the ski industry. While the clinic more directly addresses patrol leaders and professional patrollers, it will serve to give any patroller a more complete prospective on ski patrolling and his own role in the ski industry. The clinic is designed to optimize the sharing of ideas and techniques between participants as they address a wide range of topics to include patrol management, slope safety and risk management, lift evacuation (management as well as techniques), first aid, skiing, and advanced toboggan handling skills.

Registration will be limited and has a deadline of two weeks before the clinic to insure that the mailing is received by the participant well before the clinic. To register send your name, address, phone, home patrol, patrol status, a brief recommendation from your patrol leader or regional director, and \$5.00 to me.

Brandon Deane
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FROM THE BLUE RIDGE REGION

Welcome back. If winter will be as cold as summer was hot, we're in for some great skiing conditions.

Patrol leaders met in August and have worked hard to get ready for the season. In particular, the refreshers and continued implementation of the WEC program. Please come to your refresher ready with pre-test completed. Your skills will be reviewed and checked off. Welcome this! You will enjoy the refresher more and you will be more confident on the slope too.

We need to continue to develop the WEC Program on a geographical basis so future candidates can become qualified. If you know someone who wants "First Aid" (WEC), please call your PL and give them the person's name, address and phone number. We need to get a couple classes going this fall.

Have a good fall season. See you at the refresher. Remember that the Grandfather refresher will be held at the Banner Elk Elementary School.

Pete Chamberlin, R.D.

DEEP SOUTH SECTION

Two patrols in the section have new PL's: Tom Crosby, Sky Valley and Jim Holmbeck, Sapphire Valley. Congratulations to you both!

This will be a very busy fall for us. In addition to the usual refreshers, we are beginning a WEC Course on September 24th and should finish on December 4th, in time before the snows fall. Four of the seven weekend classes will be held in Atlanta and three at Sky Valley. Should you have any candidates to join us, be sure to notify me immediately to get them registered.

Last year and this year I started a program with the local Rabur Co. High School which was helpful for the Ski Patrol and you may wish to do the same with your local high school. Last fall and this fall I'm scheduled to put on a class for their First Aid Course dealing with the Winter Environment with emphasis on clothing and heat loss. What was particularly enjoyable was that four teenagers came up to me on the slopes and asked, "Weren't you the guy who came to our class"? At least it did my heart good to know a few youngsters got something from the effort.

This year our section has planned a training trip to Grey Rocks, Canada for December 11-17. Our objective is to go get some early training in for our Senior Candidates, but we have invited all other division patrollers who wish to join us to come along. We are limited to 20 people, so get your registration in early. The price is right and we are sure to have lots of fun as well as get our ski legs early. Phone Mark Randall (404-886-7493) or (800-342-8050).

All the Deep South Section Ski Areas are looking forward to that first frost so we can get started on an early and long season.

Bill Warner

SUPPORT AND HELP WANTED

As the upcoming season approaches, there is a lot of preparation work to be done by everyone. Therefore, I would like to extend to everyone, the assistance of all the Advisorships, from Division and Region, in helping you accomplish your tasks. One area which needs everyone's support is the area of fund raising. DeeDee Bauer, our Fund Raising Advisor, has put together a great program. Let's get behind this effort. It supports the entire Division and Patrols who participate! Please read her report for details.

Several of the advisorships need volunteers. They are Instructors for Mountaineering, Avalanche, Ski and Toboggan and WEC. We also need people who are interested in examining Basic and Senior Patroller skiing skills. We are a membership of roughly 950 people. To properly support our system, we need your help. If you are interested in greater involvement with your Region or Division, contact the respective advisor or myself. It can be a truly rewarding venture in that you can help other Patrollers increase their knowledge and experience through your leadership and concern. Please give us a hand!

Neil A. Booth
ADD-Staff

SKI THE NEW WOLF LAUREL

Sepp Gmunder, the manager of Beech Mountain has formed a corporation and purchased the Wolf Laurel Ski Area and a large block of adjoining land. The changes for the 1988-89 season are almost unbelievable to a patrol that is accustomed to significant changes being a new coat of paint. Sepp says that we will have the following improvements by Thanksgiving 1988: a new Quad lift from the base to the highest point on the summit, three awesome new trails 150' wide on a previously unopened section of the mountain, 10,000' of new air line, hydrants every 60' on the mountain, 130 new snow guns and greatly increased air and water capacity. There is a possibility of a new rental facility, picnic area and nursery. Future plans call for even more expansion and we'll let you know that news at a later date.

The new lift line for the Quad has been cut, cleared and the tower locations staked. The old Pomma lift has been dismantled. The new trails have been flagged, cut and the grading is almost complete. The Quad has been ordered. I'm beginning to believe this expansion might involve more than a new coat of paint.

Steve Waldrep, PL

GATLINBURG/CUMBERLAND GARDENS WEC REFRESHER!

We would like for this refresher to be a positive training opportunity for you. The refresher will be easier for you to complete if you do a few things: (1) Take the 1988 Refresher Study Guide that came in the last issue of Ski Patrol Magazine and study it. (2) Complete the open-book question worksheet at the end of the study guide, using the refresher study guide and your NSP Winter First Aid Manual. **BRING THE OPEN-BOOK QUESTION WORKSHEET WITH YOU TO THE REFRESHER!!** You cannot begin the refresher until you have turned in the open-book question worksheet. (3) **BRING YOUR WEC CARD WITH YOU TO THE REFRESHER!!**

Although it is not required for the refresher, it would be helpful if you re-certify your CPR card before the refresher. You must have a current CPR card before your patrol director can register you anyway. A valuable resource, while not required, is the new Outdoor Emergency Care textbook available through the NSP Winter Catalog (#551, \$19.50).

If you have not received or have lost your 1988 Refresher Study Guide, contact your patrol director. If you cannot attend your patrol's refresher, you must contact your patrol director since you cannot just "drop-in" on another refresher. If you have any questions, contact your patrol director or Lynn Pace at 615-436-5423 or Brad Smallen at 615-354-3000, ext. 4339.

COMPUTER ANYONE?

As Records Coordinator, my initial job is to keep track of the Senior candidate's progress on their path toward this level of proficiency. At the Fall Officers Meeting in Abingdon, VA, it was suggested that a forum for record keeping be established. Through this discussion I know that there are many of you who use computers to keep up with the needs of your patrols. What I would ask is that any and every patroller who uses or sees a need for computers in ski patrolling share them through the Records Coordinator. The hope is to bring together the massive wealth of information for the betterment of the whole division. If you have found or developed a program which you feel has helped a need you have, please share it with the rest of us. Also, if you have a problem which you cannot solve, share it. I'm sure there is one patroller in our division who had a similar problem and has a solution. I do not profess to have all the answers, but with your help I'm sure we can take care of any need. If this sounds like a service you can benefit from, let me know how I can help you.

Ian K. Nesbit
Records Coordinator
1102 Wynbrook Dr., S.W.
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Any NSPS patrols needing a FCC radio license can now apply for one by first contacting me at P.O. Box 208, Mountain Home, NC 28758, or call me at (704) 693-1554. The cost for a NSPS patrol FCC license is currently \$185.00. Area managements may also contact me if they want to obtain a FCC business radio license. The cost for a business license is \$135.00. Remember — ski area managements are not allowed on special emergency frequencies. If you need a FCC radio license, now is the time to get it because the private coordination company will probably increase their fees at a later date.

I now have access to Motorola "Radius" series radios. There are several models to choose from; for instance, a two channel one watt, two watt, or five watt. There is also a five watt six channel available. The Henry five watt, 3500 channel synthesized unit for \$375 is still the best buy. The Motorola radios sell for \$235-\$555 retail.

Please contact me if I can be of service to you on your telecommunication needs.

Please remember:

1. Use your call signs at least once every 30 min. if you are using FCC granted radio frequencies.
2. Post a copy of your license in a conspicuous place.
3. Have your equipment checked out by a qualified radio technician.
4. Be cooperative and courteous when interference occurs.
5. Do not use profanity.
6. Do not use communications of a personal nature.
7. BE PROFESSIONAL.

Richard H. Woodlee (Rick)

ATLANTA'S GIFT

Those who worked got paid. That was the Atlanta Ski Club's idea this past year, when the annual Swap Shop monies were tallied.

Even though the club lost money on the Swap Shop this year — the first time that's happened — the organization still donated \$1500 to our ski patrol. Of that total, \$500 went directly to Southern Division; \$1000 was divided among the ski areas whose representatives helped with the sale. Rewarded according to the number of hours its patrollers put into the sale were: Beech, \$75; Sugar, \$125; Sky Valley, \$200; Scaly Mountain, \$250; Cataloochee, \$350.

According to Bill Dunaway, ASC spokesman, bad timing (Halloween weekend), location (World Congress Center, difficult to get items in and out of), and lack of publicity were blamed for the unprofitable year. Unfortunately, the 1988 Swap Shop will be in the same location; but a change in dates — to Oct. 21, 22 and 23 — should help. Let's hope so: The Atlanta Ski Club is one of our major supporters.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

SPECIAL OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The National Ski Patrol will be part of the Fourth International Special Olympics Winter Games to be held from April 1-8, 1989 in Reno, Nevada and at Lake Tahoe, California. Competition sites include Squaw Valley, site of the 1960 Olympic Winter Games, National's first Olympic participation for Alpine events, and Royal Gorge for Nordic competitions. More than 1,400 athletes, children and adults with mental retardation from the U.S. and more than 20 countries, are expected to attend and participate.

You can be a part of the NSP contingent at this event. All you need is to be a registered National patroller who enjoys working with special athletes, have the ability to be at Reno/Tahoe from April 1-8, 1989, provide your own transportation, room and board, and you're in. Both Alpine and Nordic patrollers are needed. Here's an opportunity for you to help these athletes challenge themselves to the fullest and to help recognize them on their successes. You can do this while being part of the Special Olympics Fourth International Winter Games Ski Patrol.

More about this in the November newsletter.

“PRES” IS IN KOREA

PATROL

However, earning the ski patrol jacket has always been, and will continue to be, a tough task.

Training for new members began in mid-October. Over the next two months, they learned first aid and winter emergency care while improving their individual ski skills.

To earn a place on the patrol, skiers had to pass Funkhouser's demanding evaluation on the first attempt. Most people did fine on the first aid but needed help in mastering their ski skills.

“It was tough, but I think it will be well worth it,” said Brigitte Junker, a senior at Seoul American High School.

“I was a lifeguard at the pool this summer and had taken CPR training and first aid before. Still this was hard, since the ski patrol's standards are very high.

“But if you like skiing and want to improve your skiing, I certainly recommend joining the patrol. I will do my best to promote good relations with the Korean skiers and help improve ski safety.”

Brigitte's mother, Gret, passed her final exam in early January while her daughter was patrolling the slopes.

Gret said the toughest thing for her was learning all of the medical terms in English, since she knows them by their German names. Born and raised in Switzerland, Gret and her family have resided in Korea since 1971.

“Even though I've been skiing more than 30 years, my daughter was a great help to me in passing the ski patrol tests,” said the mother. “Especially since she has grown up here in Korea

and attended the American high school.

“If I only help somebody once then all the training and effort will have been worth it. I will be a better skier, know first aid, and be able to help anywhere I ski in the future.”

The ski patrol's main goal is to put trained skiers on the slopes to provide emergency care — and to make people aware of its importance.

“We really hope that they will implement training and education programs for their patrols close to our standards,” said Bensen. “Hopefully, someday our services won't be needed.

“But as long as there are U.S. forces and Americans skiing in Korea and we see a need for professional ski patrols, we will serve on the slopes.”

**TSgt. Alen Dockery
KORUS**



Preston Funkhouser examines Alison Strugstad's leg for possible fractures during a practice “emergency” session.

PHOTO BY TSGT ALAN DOCKERY

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PATROL NEWS

Cumberland Gardens Patroller Exam

This is a small but energetic ski area overlooking portions of East Tennessee's beautiful Cumberland Plateau and Valleys which held its exam on January 24, 1988. It was preceded by a training clinic on Saturday afternoon during which all candidates participated (including Whit Sterling, a former world class ski racer, and now area manager). Enthusiasm, patience, and practice by the candidates made for an effective clinic.

The exam got underway early the next day. It was readily apparent that all the participants were not only ready, but on top of it. Ten candidates took the exam and ten candidates passed — a rare treat indeed. Those passing included Tom Tryon, Whit Sterling, Tom Randorf, Charlie Henley, Joe Schorn, Nathan Seay, Tom Jenkins, Matt Thiesing, Bobby Banken, and Kerry Feder. Congratulations!

Roger Bollinger, Janie Bollinger, and Gary Riser conducted the clinic and exam. They expressed their appreciation to Brad Smallen for a well trained group and to Cumberland Gardens for their gracious reception. This is a neat place to visit whether you're skiing or testing the golf links.

R.W.B. & J.K.B.

Sapphire Valley

Sapphire had a reasonably successful '87-88 ski season in that we had a low accident rate and none too serious, due in large part to the resumption of routine snow grooming to the hill after a 3-year hiatus. We appreciate the fact that the new area manager recognized the importance of a well-groomed hill to skier safety and area marketing efforts. Because of our small hill, we normally have a low accident rate. The increased patrol emphasis is then directed to PR work so that family skiers, especially, will want to return to our "fun place to ski."

Candidate training showed an improvement last year as we had Tommy Dillard pass the qualifying tests and move up from Auxiliary status to Patroller. We begin the new season with three or four candidates who will be receiving attention from our ex-PL and new Training Officer, Jim Bradley.

At our annual dinner at the end of the season, Jim Holmbeck and Eddie Coleman were elected PL and Asst. PL, respectively. Our Outstanding Patroller award went to Jim Monteith and was well-deserved.

Jim Holmbeck, PL

Scaly Mountain

This past season has been very successful at Ski Scaly, not only profitable for management but also for the patrol. Gene Head, Ski Scaly owner and manager, is investing in more snow making equipment and a better snow groomer. We recognized many of our patrollers for their contributions this past season: Outstanding patroller is Chuck Latkoff. Chuck is our Assistant Patrol Director in charge of proficiency. Most Improved patroller is Mark Joseph. Mark showed a renewed enthusiasm toward patrolling, something we all need at times. The "Light of Scaly" award was presented to Clark Collins for his actions during the only blackout at Scaly. Clark used his flashlight to search the slope boundaries for skiers who may have skied off the slope during the blackout. Clark is our Assistant Proficiency Advisor for the 1988-89 season. Another point of pride is the 1988-89 candidate class where four basic and three auxiliary patrollers joined our ranks. Basic patrollers are Dick Boyer, Ken Collins (no relation to Clark), Terri Sizemore and Randy Young. Auxiliary patrollers are Ben Cowart, Rick Legakis and Bobby Thrasher.

We are looking forward to another successful season and another dynamic candidate class. If you would like to experience the best skiing in the Deep South, come visit us. Even if there is not enough snow, you will not have a bad experience at the "friendly family" ski area.

Ian K. Nesbit - Patrol Director

Sugar Mountain

I am proud of the job that the Sugar Mountain Patrol did during the 1987-88 season. This was the third season in succession that all of our patrollers skied their required number of days. The crowd control was excellent and I feel this resulted in a marked decrease in the number of serious injuries that occurred at our mountain.

Area management is aware of our performance, has continued to compliment it, and we anticipate a continuation of this very desirable relationship.

Training went well for us again this past season. The in-service on-the-hill training went smoothly, and as you can imagine, this attitude carried over into our candidate training program. We had three candidates pass their basic tests. Congratulations to Liz Poplawski, and Nancy and Clarence Ilderton who were rewarded for all of their hard work the past two seasons. Nancy and Clarence are our first husband and wife team who passed their tests the same season.

The lodge building at Sugar is undergoing complete renovation this summer and fall, and when completed will certainly be a big plus for our skiers.

We kicked off our 1988-89 season on August 13 with what has become a traditional mid-summer work day. Thirty of our patrollers attended the Basic Life Support CPR refresher course taught by Chuck Hancock, Jerry Ward, and Woody Hammett. It was good to see everyone again. We had an opportunity to renew friendships and lay the groundwork for the coming season. We all are looking forward to another year of doing what Sugar does best, serve the skiing public.

Flynn Harris, Volunteer PL

Wolf Laurel

The 1987-88 ski season was somewhat disappointing. The weather was variable and there was uncertainty in the direction and future of the area due to a change in management. A new management team leased the area for a trial season and their success or failure created an atmosphere of skepticism among all employees and patrollers. However, our patrollers maintained a professional attitude throughout the season and successfully completed our duties for the area, the patrol and the Dixie Region.

We had a challenging Senior Ski Examination for the Dixie Region and awarded Senior Classification for three patrollers. The new Seniors are Chris Wilde, Alex Filliss and Phil Critcher, all from Wolf Laurel. The Basic Patroller Examination was successfully completed by four of eight participants. Congratulations to Lee Wilkinson, Barry Penley, Lynn Bradley and Alen Lamberson. Wolf Laurel also provided test judges for ski examinations at Cataloochee, Ober-Gatlinburg and the Deep South Section.

Melinda Waldrep was awarded a plaque by the patrol for outstanding service to the patrol. Rick Woodlee, Division Communications advisor, successfully completed the very difficult task of assisting the granting of F.C.C. licenses for all patrols in the division.

PROS NEEDED

Hound Ears Ski Area is in need of a "Pro" patroller for the holiday season this year. Patrollers interested in this paid position should contact Laura Carter (Slope Manager) at 704-963-4321.

Lee T. Wittmann

Professional ski patrollers are needed at Beech Mountain Resort for the 1988-89 ski season. Patrollers must be at least 18 years old and a registered member of N.S.P. Five positions are available. If interested contact me.

Gil Adams, PL

Homestead Patrol is in need of a professional patroller. Room and board plus \$\$\$. Contact Peter Steinfatt (804) 357-7451.

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A PRESEASON TUNE-UP

In response to the preseason training needs expressed by professional directors who are preparing their staff for the season, the Certified Program is organizing a training opportunity at Snowshoe for November 25, 26, 27.

Participants may be professional or volunteer and three levels of instruction will be offered — entry level patroller (no previous patrolling experience), seasoned patroller (one or more years patrolling experience), and trainer. All participants must be registered with the NSP.

Each participant will receive a day of skiing instruction from a PSIA instructor, a day of sled handling instruction, and a day of first aid instruction. Topics such as slope safety and risk management will be addressed throughout the course. Electives will be offered during the evening which may include skier awareness strategies, risk management, use of ropes in patrolling, maintaining your personal gear, what is new in first aid equipment, etc.

The instruction for the entry level patroller will focus primarily on preparing first year professionals to transfer their first aid knowledge to the snow with an approach which minimizes exposure and error as well as on developing their skiing and sled handling abilities. We feel strongly that this training must be carefully followed up at their home area, so we will fully scholarship one trainer from each participating patrol.

Trainers will attend workshops oriented toward developing their knowledge and skills as trainers as well as receiving detailed suggestions on how to develop a continuing education program for their professional patrol. Team teaching with experienced trainers will provide participants with down-to-earth training experiences.

Seasoned patrollers who wish to sharpen their skills before the season is upon them will work to refine their approach to accidents on the slope as well as on developing more sophisticated sled handling skills.

The cost of the clinic will be \$90.00 which will include one dinner, lift tickets, PSIA instruction, publications and materials. Register by November 7 by sending your name, address, phone, patrol, patroller status, whether you wish to share a room with someone else, and \$50.00 to Brandon Deane (Certified Advisor). I will send you information on accommodations, who is attending, a tentative schedule, and materials by November 10th. First come, first serve.

Brandon Dean
Certified Adv.

SOUTHERN DIVISION-NSP SKI TRIP

Attention Senior Candidates

We are getting a small group (about 20) of patrollers together for a week at Gray Rocks Ski Area in Canada. Because our ski season in the South is so short, we feel that we will greatly benefit from a week of pre-season training with one of the best ski schools in North America. Gray Rocks is renowned as a teaching and training area. We will depart December 11 and return home December 17.

This trip package includes:

- Roundtrip airfare Atlanta/Montreal via Delta Airlines
- Accommodations in two-bedroom condominium units
- Twenty-two hours of ski instruction
- Ground transfers from Dorval Airport in Montreal
- Lift tickets
- Three meals per day (fine French cuisine)

Gray Rocks is a complete resort, and also offers complimentary use of their spa (swimming pool, hot tubs, sauna, mini-gym); planned entertainment in the Snow Eagle Lounge each evening; and shuttle bus service at the ski area.

6 persons per condo	\$897.00/person
5 persons per condo	\$920.00/person
4 persons per condo	\$957.00/person

Trip price is based on departure from Atlanta. The airfare is deductible if you wish to arrange your own transportation.

For more information on this trip, contact Mark Randall of Sky Valley at (800) 342-8050; or Sylvia Talley at Scaly Mtn. at (404) 984-1999.

Sylvia Talley

BE PREPARED FOR YOUR REFRESHER

The past four months have seen a lot of activity among WEC instructors as they prepare for the upcoming refreshers. All instructors have participated in a pre-refresher clinic to prepare themselves for testing and have been assigned responsibilities. All patrollers should have received their copy of the summer issue of the patrol magazine with the refresher study guide and test. Please complete your test prior to your arriving at the refresher. Don't wait until you get there!

Stations will be set up at the refreshers and will be manned by WEC instructors. Each patroller will be expected to complete all stations in a satisfactory manner. Failure to pass a station will require repeating it at the end of the day. Repeated failure will mean having to enroll in a WEC Course on a bridge basis and passing the deficiency in order to be signed on as a patroller.

The WEC regional administrators are:

Dixie, Sylvia Talley 700 Huntington Ave., Marietta, GA 30067
Blue Ridge, Bernie Smith 1317 Dayton Street, Greensboro, NC 27407
Skyline (Eastern), Greg Bradley 530 Washington Place, Norfolk, VA 23517
Skyline (Western), David Caudell P.O. Box 1599 Huntington, WV 25716
Skyline (Western), Asst. Bob Bodamer, 114 Columbus, South Point, OH 45680

Address any questions or requests regarding WEC to the above. Patrol Directors should now have their WEC Patroller list from last year and should turn this over to the lead instructor for their refresher. The lead instructor should complete their records and send them to National within two weeks of the completed refresher. If you plan to attend a refresher out of your designated area, please secure a letter from your PL requesting authorization to take the refresher at another area along with a return envelope to them so that confirmation of attendance can be recorded by the PL where the patroller is registered. I would encourage all patrollers to order their own copy of the WEC Manual from National. This is now available at a cost of \$19.50. See order instructions in the summer issue of the Patrol Magazine. Let's all get our body and mind tuned up for a good year of patrolling.

Jim

FUND-RAISING NEWS

It's true. The Southern Division is planning a raffle. Starting the moment you get your tickets (at the fall refreshers) and going until Valentine's Day.

The grand prize? Aspen in April . . . a week of skiing for 2 (airfare, hotel and lift tickets). Plus each region will have prizes of ski equipment or ski trips.

Patrollers are eligible to win, and the top-selling patrol and patroller in each region will receive a special bonus.

So, let's start selling tickets! By the way, the first ticket is sold . . . to NSP's Executive Director, Steve Over.

P.S. If you need more tickets, contact Dee-Dee Bauer at (404) 253-2721 or your regional fund-raising advisor (see below).

Clarence M. & Nancy Ilderton	Blue Ridge
Maryanna Clemmshaw	Dixie
Jack Shields (John W.)	Skyline

FAME AND FORTUNE!!

The second annual Southern Division Photography Contest will be held this year with a deadline of February 28, 1989.

As the winners of last year's contest will tell you, this can mean fame and fortune. In addition to Wayne Yoder, Massanutten, and Lee Wittman, Hound Ears, collecting respectively first and second prizes of \$25 and \$10, their entries will appear in Southern Division's ad in the 1988-89 issue of SKIERS SOUTHEASTERN COMPANION, an annual hardback guide to skiing in our part of this country.

Two categories again: full color and black and white. We are looking for sharp photographs of NSPS patrollers, in uniform, in action; vertical and horizontal shots.

Get your cameras dusted off, loaded with film and ready for the first snowfall. Entries can be mailed any time prior to the deadline — February 28 — to me at 756 Lancaster Road, Augusta, GA 30909.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

“JOIN THE CERTIFIED PROGRAM”

The certified program has been created to meet the following objectives:

To promote a good working relationship between the ski patrol and area management.

To encourage a high level of proficiency in both professional and volunteer patrollers through training and testing of both certified and other patrollers.

To promote a level of active patrolling in which there is no compromise of excellence in skiing, winter emergency care techniques, patrol management, administration, and leadership, and to use these talents to promote safety in the sport of skiing.

To encourage and promote direct relationships and the exchange of techniques and information between professional and volunteer patrollers.

Are you a seasoned patroller in the Southern Division? If so, please consider participating in the certified program (either the Advanced Patroller Clinic and/or the Certified Examination process). While the program provides a structure for growth and development of our leadership, its life's blood is the wide range of ideas brought into the program by its participants. This is an excellent opportunity to share in an exchange of ideas and concepts with experienced patrollers (both professional and volunteer) from all over the division as well as from outside the division.

You can get more information by contacting your regional certified representative or me:

Dixie	Lynn Pace (Professional Advisor)	Gatlinburg
Blue Ridge	Steve Benbow (Junior Advisor)	Hawksnest
Skyline	Brandon Deane (Certified Advisor)	Wintergreen

The Certified Exam will be held at Snowshoe on March 17, 18, and 19. Registration must be completed by February 18th to insure that you receive the materials needed to complete the take-home portion of the exam before you arrive at Snowshoe as well as to make possible the scheduling and equipping of the ten-part exam process.

Brandon Deane

MOUNTAINEERING

The Ski Mountaineering program is gearing up for an action packed season with four Basic Ski Mountaineering Courses and one Advanced Ski Mountaineering course on the schedule. A brief description of these courses is described below. The four Basic courses are at Wintergreen on Nov. 19, 20 (Doug Molyneaux, coordinator), Snowshoe on Nov. 26, 27 (Bob Bodamer, coordinator), Blue Ridge on Dec. 3, 4 (Mark Taylor, coordinator) and Dixie on Dec. 10, 11 (Milt Triplett and Andy Meacham, coordinators). NOTICE: In order to better meet the needs of the Southern Division Patrollers, the Advanced Ski Mountaineering course has been scheduled for Mar. 10-12 in the Roan Mountain area. Ski Mountaineering instructors, we are trying to update our instructor list. Please send your name, address, telephone number and instructor rating (trainee, divisional, or national) to Bobby Harbin, Rt. 2, Box 511, Caryville, TN 37714. A tentative instructor meeting is being planned for the Spring Convention next April.

Bobby Harbin
Mountaineering Advisor

NORDIC NEWS

On behalf of all the Southern Division Nordic Patrollers, I want to thank Milt Triplett for his excellent leadership of the Nordic program during the past three years. I ask everyone's help in carrying on the tradition of excellence in the Nordic program. This year's plans are underway to conduct a Senior Nordic Ski Training Clinic. This year the clinic will be led by Dennis Slagle with a tentative date of January 28, 1989 at Beech Mountain. There are two Basic/Senior Nordic ski exams scheduled for Feb. 11-12 and Feb. 25-26. (See the calendar of events.) Senior candidates don't forget the bivouac requirement. The best time to meet this requirement is at the Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course. Nordic patrollers, I would like to get your ideas and comments on how we can make the Southern Division Nordic program even better and stronger than it is now. We also want to welcome two new Nordic patrols to the Southern Division: the White Grass Nordic at White Grass Touring Center and Shanandoah Nordic in the Shenandoah National Forest.

Jim Reed
Nordic Advisor

SKI MOUNTAINEERING

Basic Ski Mountaineering Course

The purpose of the Basic course is to introduce the patroller to the skills of living in the outdoors in a winter setting and an introduction to the skills for finding and caring for the customers who may have strayed from the ski area. A short overnight camping trip is included in the course (a trip of approx. 1-1½ miles). Most ski mountaineering instructors, fellow patrollers, will be more than willing to lend you equipment for this trip. You might even try your local Boy Scout troop. In this course, classwork is typically conducted in the morning and early afternoon, then a hike in to set up camp before dinner time. After some field work on Sunday morning, you are generally back to the classroom for critique and the trip home by noon. Check the calendar of events and come join us for some FUN in November and December.

Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course

The purpose of this course is to expand on the outdoor skills learned in the Basic course and to practice search and rescue (SAR) techniques. This is a three-day course with classroom work being conducted on Friday. The field work begins late Friday afternoon with a return to the classroom for critique of the course late Sunday morning. Typically, a SAR exercise is conducted Saturday afternoon after the morning learning sessions are completed. In this exercise, the students fill the SAR leadership positions. The skills included in this course include travel in the wilderness, camping, map and compass, food planning and preparation, rope use, medical emergencies, equipment, search and rescue, and team leadership. Contact any mountaineering instructor for more information. Come join us at Roan Mountain for some fun and a unique learning experience.

Jim Reed
Dixie Region
Mountaineering Advisor

AVALANCHE COURSES

Advanced Avalanche "Patch" Refresher

The Avalanche "Patch" refresher will be held the weekend of January 14-15, 1989 in the Beach Mountain area. Specific location and times will be provided later. Be prepared to locate and rescue the victim(s). All current patch holders are required to refresh in order to remain current. All division avalanche instructors will also be required to participate in order to remain active.

See you all at the big "Avalanche".

A Western Adventure

Or Advanced Avalanche "Patch Course"

The Southern Division will conduct an advanced avalanche "patch" course during the '88-89 ski season if sufficient participation can be generated (10 or more). This is a great opportunity to gain a deeper insight into and an intimate relationship with the environment which provides the winter sports enthusiast with such thrills and enjoyment. Translation — you have to be good and a little crazy to go to those areas where you will wallow around in thigh-high powder with a 12-foot probe pole in hand or dig a six-foot snow pit in order to climb into it to look at snowflakes and take the temperature of the snow.

We are considering two dates for the course — February 4-11 or March 11-18. Please contact Ron Geist or Kevin Minix to express interest and a preference for February or March. Please contact us by December 1st in order to ensure that a course can be organized.

Ron Geist
Avalanche Adv.

ATTENTION ALL PATROL DIRECTORS

As some or several of you may know, I now keep our scrapbooks for the Southern Division. When you plan your Fall Refreshers, please ask your Patrollers to bring their parkas to the Refresher for a group photo (each patrol has at least one shutterbug). Please send a copy of your group photo to: 700 Huntington Place, Marietta, GA 30067. Also, please include two or three copies of your area brochure. Thanks!

Sylvia Talley
Division Archivist/Historian

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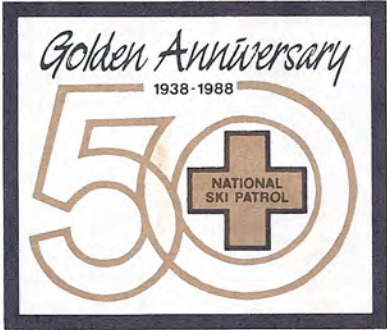
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