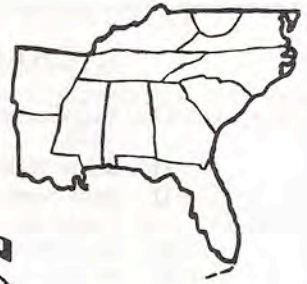




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FROM THE D.D.

Every year about this time I think I've probably seen the most unusual winter weather. This year is no different; just the opposite of last year. Have no fear, good skiing weather is coming.

We have just ended an outstanding Executive Committee meeting. A lot was covered and decided by a dedicated group of people. You will all be interested in the fact that we decided to split the Skyline Region into two regions. The new regions will be appropriately named the Virginia and West Virginia Regions and will be set up as follows:

Virginia Region — Keith Argow, Region Director
James River Section — Eric Engelbrektsson, Section Chief
Wintergreen — Carrol Harris, Vol — P.L.
Doug Molyneaux, Pro — P.L.
Homestead — Peter Steinfat, Vol — P.L.
"Salty" Schaltegger, Pro — P.L.
Shenandoah Section — Bill Watson, Section Chief
Massanutten — Bill Watson, Vol — P.L.
Kenny Hess, Pro — P.L.
Shenandoah Nordic — Paul Anderson — P.L.

West Virginia Region — Bob Bodamer, Region Director
Allegheny Section — Jan Starr, Section Chief
Silver Creek — Jan Starr — P.L.
Snowshoe — David Kennedy — P.L.
Blackwater Section — Randy Blackburn, Section Chief
Timberline — Dan Collins — P.L.
White Grass Nordic — Bill Olden — P.L.
Cranberry Nordic — Evelyn Hutchison — P.L.
Elk River Nordic — John Eilers — P.L.

Congratulations to all these new officers of the Southern Division. Please give them your cooperation.

Jim Underwood reports that the Divisional finances are in good shape. All patrols are registered as of this date so Jim is happy.

Our Division drawing is progressing well with 14,500 tickets distributed to date. Tickets are easy to sell because we've got a great prize. I ask each of you to fully participate in this program. If you do, we will all be better off and each of your patrols will have money for its own patrol use. Dee-Dee Bauer, our fund-raising advisor, has done an outstanding job and we need to support her in this great effort. As you sell tickets please send the money to Steve Waldrip at once, but hold your ticket stubs until February 14th when they should be sent to Bob Riddle. Remember the drawing is on the 28th of February.

Of interest to you all is the fact that there will be an election for a new Division Director on the 24th of March. I'm sure you will be hearing from the people who intend to run for this office. I urge you to express your preference to your officers who will vote on this. In the past we have had one of the highest percentages of participating voters of any division. There is no excuse for any officer failing to vote. Please insist that your officer votes. Also, remember that this should not be a popularity contest, but an election to pick a person to represent the Southern Division on the Board of Directors of a multi-million dollar Corporation. A Corporation that will keep our division progressing in a manner that will continue to make us proud to be members of the Southern Division and the National Ski Patrol.

During our Executive Committee meeting we attempted to bring our 1988-89 roster up-to-date on names, addresses and phone numbers of all Officers and Advisors. The new roster is included in this issue of the Southern Cross.

Jim Hunter reported on the WEC program's progress this year. We held 8 refreshers this fall and all went well. Patrollers continue to like the new OEC manual and enjoy the way refreshers are being run. We continue to solicit your ideas and concerns.

Everyone says that people start promoting Christmas earlier each year. I'm going to take a page out of that book and tell you about the plans for the Spring Convention. I would like to see as many of you as possible come this year. It will be held in Abingdon at the historic Martha Washington Inn. You may be sure that French and Mary Ann Moore will do their usual great job of setting up the meetings, getting rooms, and making you comfortable. Those of you who have been there know what I'm talking about. Those of you that haven't, try it, you'll love it.

I've been asked to remind you that Sylvia Talley needs pictures from you for the scrap books. I know you all enjoy seeing the books so help her make them better. Charlie Benbow reminds us that now is the time to begin thinking about awards. Get your thoughts together and get your nominations done in a timely and professional manner. We had a super year last year and won several national awards because you did an outstanding job of presenting your case. I sure enjoyed receiving the awards at the National meeting in Boston, but had even more fun presenting them to the winners.

Harry Stowe reminds us he still has a lot of surplus equipment to distribute. Let him know what your needs are and he'll get it to you.

We have a new Divisional Testing Coordinator in the person of Delores Crosby. She will be working closely with all regional testing advisors to make sure tests are run as scheduled and that we have the proper number of testors at the tests. Welcome aboard, Delores. Everyone please cooperate fully with her.

Finally, Susan and I will be leaving on the 19th of January to attend the Mid-Winter Board meeting in Lakewood, CO. I understand that Doug Carlberg, Rick Roberts and Neil Boothe are also planning to be at the meeting to help keep up with all the things that are going on. It is great that these guys are willing to spend their time and money to promote the business of the Southern Division. I wonder if they're taking their skis?

I hope you all have a great season and Susan and I look forward to seeing many of the 900-plus patrollers out there.

Farris Jackson, D.D.

CALENDAR

- Feb. 11 Basic/Senior Nordic CST, Smoky Mountain Nordic
 11 Senior WEC Test, Wintergreen, VA
 11 Basic Nordic Test, Smoky Mountain Nordic, Cataloochee, NC
 11-12 Basic Patroller Test, Wintergreen, VA
 11-12 So. Div. Junior Training Seminar, Snowshoe, WV
 12 Basic Patroller Test, Smoky Mountain Section, Cataloochee, NC
 12 Basic Patroller Test, Deep South Section, Sky Valley, GA
 12 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test, Wintergreen, VA
 21 Southern Cross Deadline
 25 WEC Course Final Exam, Massanutten, VA
 25 Senior WEC Exam, Beech Mtn., NC
 25 Basic/Senior Nordic Test, Elk River Nordic
 26 Basic Patroller Test
 • Massanutten, VA
 • Winterplace, WV
 26 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test, Beech Mountain, NC
- Mar. 4 Basic Patroller Test, Timberline, WV
 4 Senior WEC Exam, Snowshoe, WV
 5 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test, Snowshoe, WV
 8 Basic Patroller Test, Silvercreek, WV
 9 Back Country Navigation Course, Smoky Mountain Nordic
 9-10 Adv. Ski Mountaineering Course, Roan Mountain, TN
 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, Abingdon, VA
- Sept. 2 Southern Cross Deadline

SOUTHERN DIVISION DIRECTOR ELECTION

In accordance with Article III, Section 13.1 of the National Ski Patrol System By-Laws, we are entertaining nominations for the post of Southern Division Director.

All qualified candidates please apply in writing with a list of your qualifications to the Division Election Coordinator no later than February 15, 1989.

David P. Dillard

FUND-RAISING NEWS

The grand prize is a week of skiing in Aspen (includes lodging adjacent to the Silver Queen gondola, lift tickets and airfare) the first of April. Plus we have donations of ski equipment and ski weekends:

<i>Kastle RXTI Racing Ski</i>	<i>Massanutten Weekend</i>
<i>Solomon Binding</i>	<i>Wintergreen Resort</i>
<i>Elan Compresx-S Ski (Bair's)</i>	<i>Winterplace Ski Resort</i>
<i>Alpine Ski Center</i> (2- \$50 certificates)	<i>Scaly Mountain Weekend</i>
<i>Equipment from Wintersport</i>	<i>Fairfield Sapphire Valley</i>
<i>Ski Shop</i>	<i>Hound Ears (golf weekend)</i>
<i>Ski Accessories from Ski</i>	<i>Weekend at The Homestead</i>
<i>Barn and Wintersport</i>	<i>Season Pass at Cataloochee</i>

And the patrollers in each region selling the most tickets will have their choice of Nishizawa skis or a gift certificate from the NSP catalog; runners-up get a pair of Bausch & Lomb glasses. Our thanks to the National Office for this donation.

Also, don't forget to familiarize yourself with the new yellow information cards. These cards (and envelopes) should be an automatic "closing" to every accident or inquiry about NSP.

The Division Drawing Update:

- Over 15,000 tickets distributed
- Highest selling region — Dixie
- Highest individual sales — 650 to Jan Gooding/Silvercreek
455 to Sylvia Talley/Scaly

Any more candidates out there?

LAST DAY TO SELL tickets is **Valentine's Day**.

DRAWING and prize notification will be **February 28th**.

Only 8 of 26 patrols have made deposits to Wachovia Bank. Keep that money rolling into the division! Call me ASAP if you will need more tickets.

Dee-Dee Bauer
(404) 253-2721

CARDBOARD SPLINTS AVAILABLE

Get in touch with Charles Benbow. Splints cost \$20/100. Send money to Jim Underwood.



Send Address Change To: NATIONAL SKI PATROL® SYSTEM
 133 South Van Gordon Street Lakewood, CO 80228-1706

Name _____ NSPS Registration No. _____

Previous Address _____

New Address _____

REGION NEWS

New Region Formed

On January 14, the Executive Committee approved splitting the Skyline Region into the West Virginia Region and the Virginia Region. The reorganization reflects the growth of the former Skyline Region to 11 patrols.

Last Fall, dual WEC, Proficiency, and Training/Testing Advisorships were established in the two states, which helped pave the way for a smooth transition in January.

I was the former Skyline Region Director and will become the Virginia Region Director. Bob Bodamer will be the new West Virginia Region Director, and Randy Blackburn will take his place as Blackwater Section Chief. Jan Starr continues as the Allegheny Section Chief. For Virginia, Eric Englebretsson is the James River Section Chief and Bill Watson is Shenandoah Section Chief.

Keith Argow
Virginia R.D.

Patrol Leaders Named

Bill Olden, a Timberline patroller, has been named leader of the nordic patrol at the White Grass Ski Touring Center — located between Timberline and Canaan Valley Ski areas in West Virginia.

Paul Anderson, a certified patroller from California, is the leader of the Shenandoah Nordic Patrol which will serve Shenandoah National Park and adjacent areas in Virginia. He and his wife Cheryl are also patrollers at Massanutten Ski Area.

Keith Argow
Virginia R.D.

Blue Ridge Region

Happy New Year patrollers. We got off to a great start this year. Good refreshers and skiing. We are suffering our usual January thaw. As usual, patrol leaders are finding out which patrollers have rain gear.

I'm sure by the time you read this, we will be back to full open mountains and snowy weather.

As you will read elsewhere, the raffle is going good. Please put a final push to sell what you have and turn in to your patrol leader the stubs and money.

Around the region — Hound Ears has a great new patrol room. Appalachian, Sugar, Mill Ridge and Hawksnest all expanded their lodges and they look great. The Roan Mountain Nordic area is operational. All the lift houses are completed at the top of Beech as is the new skier bridge to the back slope.

Pete Chamberlin
Blue Ridge R.D.

NORDIC NEWS

A Senior Candidate Nordic Ski Clinic will be held on Sunday, January 29, 1989 at Beech Mountain. Dennis Slagle will be the main instructor for this clinic. The purpose of this clinic is to assist patrollers in understanding the skiing requirements to become a Senior in the Nordic discipline and have a chance to practice these skills. Pre-registration is required. Please pre-register with either Dennis Slagle or Jim Reed. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Ski Patrol room on Beech Mountain.

Jim Reed
Nordic Advisor

ALUMNI NEWS

It's time to remember the Alumni Association.

We are slowly getting new members. You will be a big help by passing the word along. Welcome to Warren A. Blye, from Georgia. He worked with the Scaly Mountain Patrol for 4 years.

Heiner Ehrlich is the new Assistant Alumni Advisor. Heiner is a past patroller with many years of service. He and his wife, Rosey, always work hard on the Greensboro swap shop, and have since its onset.

A special message and request to all you currently active patrollers . . . everyone must know someone who has retired or left the NSPS for some other reason. Turn in their names and I will contact these people. No one should be allowed to get away from the movement we all believe in. Let's get them back into the system.

David P. Dillard
Alumni Advisor

1989 PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget the contest this year! Prizes: \$\$\$!

Wanted: Good clear action shots showing parkas (new NSPS rather than area parkas, please). Enter either black and white or color division (or both).

Deadline for entries: I must have them by February 28th.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

RESORT AREA MINISTRIES

RAM is sponsoring a benefit barbeque dinner for the Ronnie and Sherry Woody Fund on Saturday, February 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Banner Elk Elementary School Cafeteria. Shadrack's Restaurant in Boone will be preparing barbeque, slaw, baked beans, bread, dessert and tea. Eat in or take out. Tickets are \$5.00 each. For advanced tickets, call Tom Moore at (704) 264-6605 or pay at the door.

Sherry was not only the outstanding professional patroller in our division, but also the outstanding professional patroller nationally in 1982.

Let's give this our full support!

SKI MOUNTAINEERING

There have already been several Basic Ski Mountaineering Courses held. The Advanced Course will begin on March 10 and continue thru March 12, 1989. The classroom work will begin Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Roan Mountain Rescue Squad, Highway 19E, Roan Mountain, Tennessee. The field work will begin late Friday afternoon. The skills for the Advanced Course will include snow travel, cold weather camping, map and compass, food planning and preparation, rope use, medical emergencies, equipment, search and rescue and team leadership. The course will end Sunday afternoon with a classroom critique. Contact any Mountaineering Instructor, or myself, for more information. All participants must be pre-registered (see application form). Any mountaineering instructor that would like to help with this course, please contact me.

Bobby Harbin
Mountaineering Advisor

OUTSTANDING AWARD NOMINATIONS

All outstanding award nominations are initiated at the patrol or section level and are to go through usual channels shown on the forms. The procedures for processing outstanding awards forms must be used. Forms should be xeroxed from the awards manual "Section 500 Awards" 1987 Edition.

Patrol leaders, section chiefs, and region directors were all given the new "Section 500 Awards."

All outstanding awards are due to the division awards advisor with a postmark by April 3, 1989.

Read the instructions very carefully. All nominations must be on the 1987 forms. Nominations on older forms will be returned and will not be considered.

Charles T. Benbow
Awards Adv.

**ADVANCED MOUNTAINEERING COURSE
1988-1989**

There will be an Advanced Ski Mountaineering Patch Course March 10, 11, and 12 at Roan Mountain, Tennessee. The classroom work will be held at Roan Mountain Rescue Squad on U.S. Rt. 19E.

The classroom section will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday morning, March 10. The field work will be Friday night through Sunday afternoon. All participants must pre-register using the form below with a signed recommendation from either their Patrol Leader or a Division Mountaineering Instructor. Send your application and course fee to Bobby Harbin by March 1, 1989. All information needed for the course will then be mailed to you.

This course is open to registered patrollers with Circle M and Circle A, Forest Service, Park Service and Rescue Squad personnel possessing the basic equipment (cross country skis and/or snow shoes required), knowledge, mental and physical stamina to take part in a survival-type winter weekend. The course is also open to alumni of previous courses. Course fee includes printed material to be mailed or handed out.

NSPS MEMBER (1st TIME PARTICIPANTS) \$10.00
PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS (BOTH NSPS AND OTHERS) 5.00



**NATIONAL PATROL SYSTEM, SOUTHERN DIVISION
APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED SKI MOUNTAINEERING COURSE**

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Office Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

NSPS Registration # _____

NSPS Patrol _____ Region _____

Circle A Card # _____ Circle M Card # _____ Year Attended _____

Evidence of winter mountaineering experience other than Circle M course. _____

Other general mountaineering experience including schools, etc. _____

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Division Ski Mountaineering Instructor or Patrol Leaders Recommendation:

I hereby approve and recommend the above patroller as candidate for the Advanced Ski Mountaineering Patch Course.

Signed _____

RETURN APPLICATION TO:
Bobby Harbin, Mountaineering Advisor
Route 2, Box 511
Caryville, TN 37714

**SOUTHERN DIVISION, N.S.P.S.
APPROVED BUDGET
1988-1989**

Income	Actual 1987-88	Proposed 1988-89
Member Dues	\$10,516.00	\$11,000.00
Donations	800.00	800.00
Interest	1,401.37	1,600.00
Southern Cross Adv.	300.00	300.00
Misc. Sales (splints)	423.50	500.00
PSIA Clinic Income	180.00	-0-
NSPS National Meeting	5,154.79*	-0-
	<u>\$18,775.66</u>	<u>\$14,200.00**</u>

* Non-recurring income

** Does not include income expected from raffle

**APPROVED EXPENSES
1988-1989**

Expense	Approved Travel	Total Approved 1988-89
Donations	\$-0-	\$1,200.00
Division Director	900.00	1,350.00
1st Assistant, D.D.		50.00
Ass't. Div. Dir. — Staff	410.00	550.00
Ass't. Div. Dir. — Line	900.00	1,140.00*
Professional Dir.	250.00	350.00
Newsletter — Printing		1,800.00
Postage		800.00
Labels		85.00
Treasurer/Registration Meetings (Divisional)		225.00
Dixie Reg. Director	55.00	350.00
Blue Ridge Reg. Director	100.00	250.00
Skyline Reg. Director	160.00	200.00
Carolina Highlands Section		50.00
Grandfather Section		50.00
Cumberland Section		25.00
Deep South Section	15.00	65.00
Smoky Mtn. Section	25.00	50.00
Allegheny Section	50.00	50.00
Blackwater Section	50.00	100.00
Virginia Section	50.00	130.00
Advisors (see below)	3,050.00	15,545.00
TOTAL APPROVED	\$6,015.00	\$24,685.00

Advisors

National Advisors Meetings	\$250.00	\$250.00
Archivist/Historian		90.00
Auxiliary		35.00
Avalanche	400.00	715.00
Awards		1,800.00
Certified	100.00	800.00
Communications	100.00	330.00
Equipment (FED)		50.00
Fund Raising		1,900.00
Junior		250.00
Legal		-0-
Lift Evacuation		25.00
Medical		-0-
Mountaineering		50.00
Nordic	300.00	350.00
Public Relations		3,850.00
Records Coordinator		100.00
Ski Safety		200.00
Proficiency Advisor	1,600.00	1,920.00
Patroller Development Program		2,080.00
WECC	300.00	750.00
ADVISOR'S TOTAL	\$3,050.00	\$15,545.00

* Includes 1987-88 expenses

WEC COURSES

NSP Membership Requirements for Candidate Training

This breakout of WEC Trainee Packets has been used in many division meetings to explain candidate training requirements and costs.

The packets actually include two parts of the candidate requirements as specified in The Ski Patroller's Manual — so \$49.50 is not entirely for the WEC program. Also, note that the course administration fee of \$9.00 covers the issuance of the card following completion of the course and is not reimbursed if the candidate does not satisfy all WEC requirements.

1. WINTER EMERGENCY CARE

Outdoor Emergency Care Textbook.....	\$19.50
Winter Emergency Care Workbook.....	9.00
Course Administration,	9.00
Including WEC Technician Certification, Instructor Program Administration	

TOTAL WEC COST \$37.50

2. NSP ORGANIZATION AND HISTORY

The Ski Patroller's Manual	\$12.00
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WEC TRAINEE PACKET FEE \$49.50

3. CPR

ARC or AHA Fees

4. GENERAL SKIING PROFICIENCY

5. TOBOGGAN HANDLING PROCEDURE

6. LOCAL PATROL PROCEDURES

WEC PROGRAM

All of the Fall refreshers using the WEC format have been completed; and, for the most part, came through with good results. We are all still learning and promise to make next year's refreshers even better and more of a learning experience.

There are numerous WEC courses in progress and many that have been completed. I had the privilege of participating in the final test given at Sky Valley under the tutelage of Bill Warner. This was Bill's second group of WEC candidates and they all seemed well prepared. However, no one could quite understand how the extraction of a jeep from three feet of water in a creek constituted part of an on-the-hill practical. Bill seemed to be the only one interested in this exercise.

I have received numerous requests from patrollers requesting information on how to become an instructor or instructor trainer. Those wishing to become instructor trainers should have their names submitted by their patrol directors directly to the Regional WEC Administrators. They will appoint these positions as needed and advise you on your acceptance. The general guidelines are that you have been a WEC instructor for several years or have teaching experience in a first aid curriculum that would be beneficial to the WEC program. Those wishing to become instructors should submit their names by way of their patrol director or instructor trainer on their patrol to the Regional Administrator. Instructor clinics will be held this summer in each region and you will be notified and invited to attend. A WEC prerefrresher clinic will be held in early Fall that you will be required to attend.

In order to clear up any misunderstanding, I will state the following requirements for an individual desiring to register as a candidate:

They must be enrolled in a WEC course, or they must hold a current EMT or ARC advanced first aid card and be enrolled in a WEC course on a bridge basis, or be willing to challenge the WEC course at testing. This allows the interested individual, regardless of the availability of a WEC course in their area, to obtain from their local ARC or EMT facility the requirements necessary for registration as a candidate and to be able to bridge the WEC course on an informal basis with no time requirement as to attendance. An individual may not be classified as an auxiliary or basic patroller until they have completed the WEC program and have been certified by a WEC instructor as having passed.

It is hoped that each patrol has a training instructor for the WEC program and that an in-house or continuing education program has been started for all patrollers. I realize that trying to start this during an ongoing ski season is difficult. However, if just 30 minutes per week can be set aside for continuing education, the rewards can be greater knowledge, confidence and higher professional status.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the regional administrators and instructor trainers, instructors and those instructor trainers who served as the lead instructors at the refreshers for a job well done. Everyone at national has worked very hard at creating a super program. Warren Bowman has given us a textbook we can truly be proud of. Let all of these people know how much we appreciate their efforts when you talk or write to them. Your comments, good or bad, would be appreciated.

Jim Hunter


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