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FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

As I begin my final season as your Division Director, I am encouraged by the healthy stance of both the national organization and our Southern Division. As you read in the September issue of the National Patroller, Charles Haskins of California is our new National Director and pledges to continue the positive thrust of Harry Pollard. He will be assisted by a newly appointed staff.

Because of rising costs, National dues will rise from \$7 to \$10 this year. However, we have determined to hold our Division dues to \$3 making up any short-fall by donations. Our dues will not include a subscription to Ski South this year. The rate for re-registering patrollers will be \$13 and \$16 for new candidates (\$3 added for manuals).

By vote of the membership at the Spring Convention in Asheville, Circle A and Circle M Courses will be a prerequisite for the Senior Tests. Also new this year will be first aid exams given prior to the test weekend, and a Sunday schedule of exams so candidates can familiarize themselves with the slope on Saturday. New Division T & T Advisor is Tom Worley of Greensboro. We thank Pete Chamberlin for all his work as the past advisor.

We begin the 1976-77 season with a full schedule for first aid and hill refreshers, an approved exam schedule, a programmed budget for 7 advisor programs, additional Circle A and Circle M Courses plus a Mountaineering Patch Course and an Avalanche Patch Course (partly held in Montana). Although some of our ski area opening dates are indefinite, I am looking for a busy season of service to skiers.

See you on the slope!

T & T

ED ERICSON RESIGNS

Basic Tests:

December 11	Snowshoe
January 8	Cataloochee
15	Sugar Mtn.
16	Wintergreen
22	Gatlinburg
February 20	Appalachian
20	Wintergreen
26	Snowshoe
26	Wolf Laurel

Senior Tests: (skiing proficiency)

January 16	Sugar Mtn.
February 6	Cataloochee
13	Snowshoe

(first aid & administrative)

November 14	Harrisonburg
December 4	Asheville
11	Sky Valley

Candidates for the Senior Test must be recommended by their PL. The first aid portion will be written and practical and is scheduled from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Circle A and Circle M Courses are not required before the first aid test, but must be completed before taking the skiing part of the test. PLs should send names of those wishing to participate to French Moore, Jr., Box 516, Abingdon, Va. 24210 before the first aid tests are held.

SENIOR EXAMINERS CLINIC

January 8-9 Snowshoe

All examiners who wish to be active and participate this year must attend. All participants must be senior patrollers and recommended by their PL.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The 20-second NSPS radio commercials used last year will be available again this year. Hopefully we will have the same type thing for TV. Jim Underwood would like to know if anyone has an "in" for a TV spot as he will be sending them out for use. If so, please contact him (109 Wildwood Drive, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830).

Edward L. Ericson, executive administrator for the NSPS since 1967, announced his resignation from the organization as of June 21, 1976. Under his tenure the organization grew from 11,000 to over 24,000.



(photo by Don Rupp)

He will surely be missed, especially in the Southern Division. We are grateful for his guidance in helping us to form this division. He was with us for our first division meeting October 2nd and 3rd in 1971, and was available whenever we needed help or advice. We appreciate his efforts so very much!

Adele Ghiazza, controller, will take on the additional duties of Office Manager to supervise the service functions of the National Office.

NSPS AIDS BOY SCOUTS

On June 4-6 1976, The General Greene Council, Boy Scouts of America, in Guilford and Randolph Co. hiked over a 36-mile trail. It was the route the General covered to the site of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, a famous battle place of the Revolutionary War.

Over 600 Scouts and Scout Leaders participated in the Heritage Trek. NSPS members Charlie and Wes Benbow, Gary Delius, Bob Edwards, Dale Johnson and Tom Worley provided first aid that included bee stings, cuts and blistered feet.

SKY VALLEY

This area needs a full time patroller. If interested, contact N. C. York P. O. Box 178, Clayton, Ga. 30525. (404-782-4427).

CONTRIBUTORS

Charles Benbow	Tom Worley
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NEXT DEADLINE - January 17, 1977!

AVALANCHE

Circle A Courses



(photo by Dale Johnson)

The above photo was taken August 21, 1976 at Morehead City, N.C. during a Circle A Course. Participants are (left to right): front row Mary Lou Moore, French Moore III, Phillip Hodges, Lilli Farrell, Dan Sullivan, Gary Delius, Wesley Benbow; back row Herb Johnson, Debbie Johnson, Lynn Pace, French Moore, Jr., Mary Ann Moore, Joanne Cornelius, Phillip Birdsong, Norma Walden, Doris Benbow and Charlie Benbow.

The next course will be held on December 5th at the Village Inn, Beech Mtn., N. C.

Avalanche Patch Course

The Southern Division will hold its first course at Bridger Bowl Ski Area, Bozeman, Montana, March 26th to April 2nd 1977. The class work will be held March 5-6 at the Village Inn, Beech Mtn., N. C. Round trip air fare will run approximately \$225. Lodging will be about \$70 for the week (4 to a room). All patrollers are invited as well as family and friends. Reservations will be filled on a first come first serve basis. To register, mail a photostat of your 1975-1976 registration card with your check for \$225 for the air charter, and send to Dale Johnson, 2326 Hiawatha Drive, P.O.Box 9613, Greensboro, N.C. 27408. Requirements for the course are Circle A and Circle M. Two days will be devoted to the course in avalanche control. (NSPS training trips are tax deductible.)

MOUNTAINEERING

Circle M Courses

October 9 Sky Valley
contact N. C. York
P.O.Box 178, Clayton, Ga. 30525

October 30 Mt. Rogers
contact French Moore, Jr.
Box 516, Abingdon, Va. 24210

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS



Four National Appointments were presented at the Fall Officers Meeting, September 8 at the Village Inn, Beech Mtn., N.C. The four are pictured above (left to right): Charlie Benbow, Division Awards Adv., PL at Seven Devils, an active member of the Avalanche and Mountaineering staffs as well as a Mountaineering instructor; Don Rupp, Carolina Highlands Section Chief, senior test judge; Dale Johnson, Division Avalanche Adv., Nordic PL at Snowshoe, Avalanche and Mountaineering instructor, senior test judge; Gary Delius, Tennessee/Kentucky Section Chief, Ski Safety Division Adv., Mountaineering Instructor, Nordic PL Great Smokey Mtn., past regional first aid adv., Heart Assn. CPR Instructor Trainer.

NSPS BINDING CHECK

November 12-13	Atlanta Ski Club Ski Show
November 19-21	Greensboro Ski Swap Carolina Circle Mall
December 1	Knoxville Ski Club Sequoia Square Apts.

FIRST AID REFRESHERS

This is the last part of the series of three to up-date patrollers in the new American National Red Cross Advanced First Aid & Emergency Care. Attending patrollers must have cards indicating they have taken the first two parts of the series to complete the requirements this way. Other qualifications are the current Advanced First Aid & Emergency Care or the 81-hour Emergency Medical Technician Course. Topics for the refresher include bone and joint injuries, emergency childbirth, emergency rescue and transfer and extrication as well as a review on examination, priority needs and shock. This material is covered in the AFAEC Manual, AFAEC Book, Winter First Aid Outline and the Winter First Aid Manual. There will also be a CPR Course.

October	23	Asheville, N. C.	American National Red Cross Chapter House
November	6	Boone, N. C.	Appalachian University
	13	Harrisonburg, Va.	
	20	Knoxville, Tenn.	

The on-the-hill refreshers will be given the day following the first aid refreshers in all sections except Virginia/West Virginia. Contact your PL to find out further information needed.

For those interested, the Circle A Course will be available the evening of all First Aid Refreshers (4 hours course time). If interested, contact Dale Johnson, Division Avalanche Advisor (919-288-9790).

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