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FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

Our thanks to Janie Bollinger, Doris Benbow, Mary Ann Moore and Mary K. Twomey for making our Spring Convention at Abingdon, Virginia an overwhelming success. We had almost a third of our division attending. Quite a tribute to our outgoing D.D. Keith Argow. The awards banquet had the finest selection of delicious food that we have ever seen. We had great music that was furnished by the fabulous Beech Mountain Boys, enhanced by a fine yodel solo by John Lawrence.

I thank you all for your support. We have much work to do to continue the fine record of service that we have established in the past. I assure you that I will do everything possible to see that this continues. The 76-77 season was the high point in the Southern Division's history. I am sure that we will continue to work together for the skiing public and the ski areas. They must continue to receive the highest quality service.

I would like to say that Lynn Pace truly deserves the honor of being the Patroller of the Year. Wintergreen received the honor for the Outstanding Patrol after a tough battle from another patrol at Sky Valley Ski Area. We are most proud of Lynn and Wintergreen.

Peter Chamberlin has been appointed A.D.D. (line), and Randy Avery is the new Atlantic RD. Chuck Hancock resigned as treasurer of Southern Division after serving for six years. He has done an outstanding job with a very tough position to coordinate. This position is now held by Jim Underwood.

FLs, SCs, and RDs be sure to send in accident reports for area before June 30th. All area registrations will go through channels as usual - before June 30th. All Pre-RMR and SMRs should be directed to the new treasurer, Jim Underwood, 109 Wildwood Drive, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830.

A.D.D. (ski area liaison), Harwell Dabbs, M.D. represented Southern Division NSPS at the Southeastern Ski Association meeting at the Homestead May 14-15. He presented a proposal for lift evacuation procedure to the group and they approved.

The National Meeting NSPS will be held in San Francisco June 9-12. I will represent Southern Division as the new D.D. Also planning to attend are: French Moore, Jr., First Aid Advisor; Keith Gray, Equipment Advisor; and Tom Worley, Testing and Training Advisor.



OUTSTANDING!

Photos by Susan Jackson

NATIONAL RECOGNIZES

The Wintergreen Ski Patrol is only two years old, but has proven that you don't have to be around a long time to excel. The Southern Division award for Outstanding Patrol was presented to their PL French Moore III. At the beginning of last season this neophyte group was indeed small, consisting of only one National, one Senior and five Basics. Through the efforts of the PL and Ron Smith, T & T officer, over 20 candidates passed the Basic Test and 2 Basics became Seniors. This ski area in Virginia may look upside down since the lodge is at the top of the hill -- a situation which has caused the patrol one of its biggest headaches; how to get the injured off the slopes. They have alleviated a large part of this problem by streamlining communications and vehicle operations, and by purchasing portable radios which put patrol, lifts, grooming and snow-making in direct communication. It is with admiration we can all look at this "Youngster" and say that we are proud!

Lynn Pace of Maryville, Tenn. was named Southern Division Patroller of the Year. He is asst. PL at Gatlinburg. Perseverance should be his middle name. Lynn has been registered with NSPS for 9 seasons, but during the 1976-77 season he became a Senior, took both Circle A and M courses as well as both Avalanche and Mountaineering Patch courses. In spite of this, he had time to carry out his duties with his patrol, never missing an assigned day, never leaving the area early once he'd signed on. He is a quiet man of strong determination, giving both physically and financially to assure the Gatlinburg Ski Area proper patrol protection, courtesy and diplomacy. We congratulate him!

Walter Eaton of Athens, Ga. is an asst. professor of Safety Education at the University of Georgia. He was the first Southern Region, Eastern Division patroller to pass the Senior Test. He was active on the Sky Valley patrol and is now the Ga/Ala SC. He is an instructor in Advanced First Aid and CPR and was responsible for the 1974-75 NSPS Southern Division Information Manual.

French Moore, Jr. of Abingdon, Va. is a dentist. He is the vice mayor of Abingdon and the first captain of the Washington County, Va. Lifesaving Crew. He has patrolled actively for 10 seasons at Beech Mtn. and has been the Division First Aid Advisor for 6 years. He has the distinction of being the first Basic Patroller ever to receive this appointment.

Robert Riddle of Leicester, N.C. is the Legal Advisor for the division, an Advanced First Aid instructor and a Senior Test Examiner. He has a great interest in people, the outdoors and the environment, evidenced by numerous backpacking and ski mountaineering trips into the Smoky Mountains and other National Parks. He is a former PL of the Cataloochee patrol.

Thomas Worley of Greensboro, N.C. is a salesman. He started skiing while in high school in Michigan, and 2 years later was a member of NSPS there. Tom is a Senior Test Examiner, Division T & T Advisor and Western Carolina SC. He is the past PL of the Cataloochee patrol, an instructor in Water Safety and Advanced First Aid and has been one of the most successful fund raisers for the division.

THANKS EXPRESSED

The more than 100 of you that attended the Spring Convention in Abingdon already know my profound surprise and appreciation for the gifts and mementos I received. We were already delighted with the superb attendance at the convention and the involvement of so many patrollers.

As I look back on 15 years with ski patrolling in the South, I can remember many challenges and happy times. However, none of them come to the magnitude of April 16, 1977. The 75mm avalauncher shell casing (the first one fired by patrollers from the Southern Division in Montana) is a superb lamp. It lights a corner of my office where the hand-crafted certificate of appreciation and the time-piece desk set serve as friendly reminders. As many days as I can, I ride the 10-speed bicycle to work and enjoy every mile of it. As many of you know, that is the exact bicycle I have long admired and am particularly proud of it. The only thing I haven't used yet are the monogrammed longjohns (with 87 Southern Division emblems), but I will next winter. I'll be sure to wear my Appalachian Ski Patrol Hat to be a well dressed ex D.D.

Again, my thanks to each and every one of you. The Southern Division is a service organization and Mary Lou and I are proud to be a part of it. We look forward to many years more on the slopes with all of you. I know you will give Dave Dillard the same fine support you have given me.

With warm regards,

Keith A. Argow

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED AT ABINGDON

To Frank Feeney for his work with the data processing of the division's registration. He patrolled at High Meadows and was asst. PL at Seven Devils prior to joining the Wintergreen patrol.

To Charles E. Hancock for his five years as Division Treasurer and Registration Coordinator. Central Division's loss was definitely our gain when he moved South in 1968. Chuck patrols at Beech Mtn.

To Roberta S. Rupp who has been Editor of this publication since its beginning in October 1971. Bobbie patrols at Sugar Mtn.

To the Washington County Lifesaving Crew of Abingdon, Va. for its assistance and hospitality during the past 2 years on Mountaineering patch courses.

ATLANTA: WOW!

A huge thanks is due to the Atlanta Ski Club for its substantial donation to the Southern Division NSPS of proceeds from the Swap Shop at the club's annual ski show last November. According to Bill Farrell who had charge of the booth and must have done a land office business that day, the amount turned over was \$668.92. The money was used to purchase two films on safety and ski patrol, and are available for patrols to show the public.

OUR NEW D.D.

David P. Dillard, of Summerfield, N.C., was recently elected D.D. and started his term of office after the announcement at the Spring Convention at Abingdon, Va. He has been active in NSPS since 1962 when he patrolled at Blowing Rock, one of the first ski areas in the South.



He has served as PL at Blowing Rock, Seven Devils and Sugar Mtn. He was a SC while we were the Deep South Region of Eastern Division. When the Southern Division was formed, Dave became Atlantic Region Director and held this position until he was appointed A.D.D. (line) in 1973. It has been in this capacity that he has served the division until the present time.

Dave was awarded National Appointment No. 3556 in 1970. He is a Senior Test Examiner, an EMT, and an Advanced First Aid instructor. He has served as T & T Advisor for both Region and Division, has represented the division at a National Meeting and served on the Nominating Committee for National Director. He has taken the Avalanche Patch Course.

Not only has Dave given much time for NSPS, but has been active in the community as Past President of Greensboro Ski Club; Dir. Nat Green Ski Club; Y-Indian Guides; Boy Scouts of America - Merit Badge Counselor for First Aid, Safety, Skiing, Shooting, Aviation; Greensboro Jaycee "Key Man" Award 1962 & 1963; Greensboro Jaycee "1,000 Point" Club; Comm. for G.G.O.; Chairman for N.C. Junior Golf Tournament; Guilford Wildlife Club; United Fund Captain and Director of Red Shield Boys Club.

We are most fortunate to have such a qualified and dedicated director for the Southern Division!

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Refreshments:

Coca Cola - Abingdon, Va.
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Knoxville, Tenn.

CIRCLE A

The date has been changed to August 13 - 14. It will be held at the Salterpath Campgrounds, Salterpath Road, Salterpath, N.C. It is located near Atlantic Beach, Morehead City. The course will start at dark over shrimp and beer. Camping sites and motels are available. Kids are welcome - bring the whole family. To register, write Dale Johnson, 2326 Hiawatha Drive, P.O. Box 9613 Greensboro, N.C. 27408.

T & T

A Senior Test was held at Cataloochee on February 6th. Those who passed are: Bill Dunaway, Tommy Godwin and Jim Welborn, Cataloochee; Gary Riser, Renegade; Susan Jackson, Administrative; Greg Walczynski and Ron Geist, Sky Valley; Igor Nabelek, Sugar Mtn.

A Senior Test was held at Snowshoe on February 12th. Those who passed are: Jim Underwood, Renegade; Frank Gordon, Wintergreen; Fritz Marquardt and Cloyd Beasley, Snowshoe.

Basic Tests were held at Cataloochee, Gatlinburg, Snowshoe, Wintergreen and Wolf Laurel. Those who passed are: Bill Cecil, Pete Knowland, Jim Talbot, Lynn Harrill and Jim Moore, Cataloochee; Jim Scott and Margaret Green, Gatlinburg; Lenoir Hartzler, Sky Valley; Robert Bodamer, Snowshoe; Genell Britt and Nancy Deason (Juniors), Chuck Latkoff (Aux.), Randy Flynn, Marsha Remington, Chuck Wagoner and Rick Young, Wolf Laurel; Tom Farrell, Woody Jay, Gloria Perry, Steve Forrest, Bob Rogers, Marcy Hall and Warren Griffen, Wintergreen.

SOUTHERN DIVISION TAKES AVALANCHE PATCH COURSE

If 21 Southern Patrollers seem to be skiing with their heads in the clouds from now on, it could be a result of this experience. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to William R. Hotchkiss, National Avalanche Advisor, who led the impressive and informed list of instructors, Clarence Serfoss, Northern Division Avalanche Advisor, who was the instructor instrumental in setting up the course, and the Bridger Bowl Ski Patrol who made the area available and assisted in all facets of the course including letting us work in the most realistic circumstances! All who attended and learned to much have a special gratitude to all who made it possible.

The following patrollers took the course: Charles, Chuck, Doris, Steve and Wes Benbow, Philip Birdsong, Randy Blackburn, Bill Blakely, Mike and Peggy Chandler, Gary Delius, Dave Dillard, Benning Garrison, Ron Geist, Frank Gordon, Igor Nabelek, Lynn Pace, Brian Riel, Jim Scott, Lance Webb and Dale Johnson, Southern Division Avalanche Advisor.

Next Avalanche Patch Course

There will be a trip planned for March 1978 to Montana (exact dates will be announced later). The course will be limited to 30 patrollers. If interested, contact Dale Johnson.

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