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CHARLIE'S CHATTER

Here we go again, Ski Season! I have been looking forward to the Season since the 4th of July. Hopefully this cool weather will get all of us to start getting ready for our Ski Season, physically and mentally. The summer has not been what I would call a slow one. Either the summer went faster or I am getting slower.

The Southern Division is growing, not in new areas but in the areas that we have. Appalachian, Beech, Snowshoe, Sugar Mtn. and Wintergreen have all made major improvements for this skiing season. Our Patrollers are also increasing in numbers. This year we should have an increase of about 10% up to something just over seven hundred (700) Patrollers. I hope that we never get to where we are looking at numbers only. I think that our first concern should be with the proficiency of our Patrollers and not with the number that can be signed on. The Southern Division has always had pride in its Patrollers and their capability and this is not the time or never will be to expect anything less.

One item from the National Meeting at Chicago that will come to every member of the National Ski Patrol this year. There is a dues increase for all Patrollers. The easiest way may be to say that everything is going up with the times, but I think those of us that voted to increase the dues need more of an explanation than that it's just time. We, all Patrollers, are getting more for our Dollars than any organization that I know of. The National Patroller and its new format is one of the finest publications to date. It has more information on First Aid, Ski Mountaineering and Avalanche. If any of you have done any building in the last few years, you know what expense there is in construction. The National office has had to have some major capitol improvements: room for the new (now working) computer; alarm systems; parking lot and others. Some of the others that, as Patrollers, we will receive from our dues: Liability insurance—increase of 30%; In-Out Watts Line; Endowment fund has been established; co-ordination of National Advertising program with E.I. DuPont; the possibility of additional reports from the new in-house computer; the American Motors program that any Patroller who purchases an automobile can receive \$500.00 cash extra with necessary papers; the new parka that will be available this season are the finest parkas that could be made. These will cost less than any parka of its quality on the market. New catalog with many new items for the Patroller. The other one thing that we as Patrollers will have benefit of is our Executive Director, Steve Over. Steve has and is working to make the National Ski Patrol System a truly nationally known organization. This I do not think we have had the past few years.

There will be a few that do not believe this will justify a dues increase. To those Patrollers, I can only say: you do not believe in the National Ski Patrol System as I do.

The one area that we need help on are Patrollers to work on Regional level with the Division Advisors. A few that need some regional people are: Auxiliary, Awards, Explorer Scouts, Historian, Junior, Lift Evacuation, Mountaineering, Public Relations and most of all Training and Testing. Please contact your regional advisor and volunteer to help in the area you desire.

Our Southern Cross is every Patroller's newspaper for news and Division information, but without your help Bobbie Rupp cannot have a good Southern Cross. We need Patrol, Section and Division news and/or information to be passed on to every patroller. The Southern Cross is the best way that this can be accomplished. We need news articles from every Section Chief and Region Director for each issue of the Southern Cross. The Southern Cross is your newspaper. Please let's every one support it with news items.

Again, my reason for being the Division Director is to serve the Southern Division. Patrollers, if you have problems, I need to know and see if I can be of any help. Small problems are much easier to solve than large ones. If I can help, please call on me.

We need everyone to think SNOW, and let's all have a great season.

1982-83 CALENDAR

Oct. 17	Cascade—CPR Refresher	9	Snowshoe—Basic Test
23	Grandfather Section—First Aid Refresher		Cascade—Basic Test
	Beech-Ski Swap		Wolf Laurel—Senior First Aid Test
24	Grandfather Section—On the Hill	15	Blue Ridge Region (location to be
	Refreshers		announced)—Testing and Training Clinic
	Cumberland Section—First Aid	16	Beech Mtn.—Basic Test
14.4	Refresher-Huntsville, AL		Sapphire—Basic Test
29	Asheville—CPR Refresher—Red Cross		Blue Ridge Region (location to be
	Center		announced)—Senior First Aid Test
30	Asheville—First Aid Refresher—Red Cross	22	Snowshoe—Testing and Training Clinic
	Center	23	Gatlinburg—Basic Test
	Snowshoe—First Aid Refresher		Sky Valley—Basic Test
	Carolina Highlands—First Aid Refresher—		Snowshoe—Senior First Aid Test
	Beech Mtn.		Wintergreen—Basic First Aid Test
31	Cataloochee, Wolf Laurel, Sapphire,		Cataloochee—Basic First Aid Test
	Snowshoe, Cascade, Carolina Highlands	29-30	Southern Division Junior Jamboree—
	Section, Cumberland Section-On the Hill		Explorer Ski Safety
30-31	WV/KY Section Refresher—Snowshoe Ski		Seven Devils
	Resort	30	Wintergreen—Basic Test
			Cataloochee—Basic Test
Nov. 6	Charlottesville-First Aid Refresher-UVA		
	Appalachian—Lift Evacuation Seminar	Feb. 4, 5, 6	Mountaineering Patch Course-Mt. Rogers,
	Atlanta—Swap Shop	100. 1, 0, 0	VA
7	Homestead, Wintergreen—On the Hill	5	Mt. Rogers—Basic Nordic Test
	Refresher	9	Cataloochee—Senior Pre-test Clinic
12	Atlanta—CPR Refresher—DeKalb Red	6	Cataloochee—Senior Test
12	Cross Center	12-13	Mountaineering Patch Course (outdoor
13	Atlanta—First Aid Refresher—Dekalb Red	12-13	session) Dolly Sods, WV, Eastern Division
10	Cross Center	12	Wolf Laurel—Basic Test
		12	
1014	Gatlinburg—First-Aid Refresher	10	Wintergreen—Senior Pre-test Clinic
13-14	Appalachian—Circle A, Circle M	13	Wintergreen—Senior Test
4.4	Sapphire—Circle A, Circle M		Appalachian—Mid-winter Executive Com-
14	Sky Valley, Scaly Mtn., Gatlinburg-On	4.0	mittee Meeting
0.0	the Hill Refresher	19	Cascade—Basic Test
20	Cataloochee (tentative)—Lift Evacuation	7.54	Beech Mtn.—Senior Pre-test
	Seminar	20	Sky Valley—Basic Test
	Huntsville—Ski Swap, Carriage Inn, Hunts-		Beech Mtn.—Senior Test
	ville, AL.		
21	Cascade—Lift Evacuation Refresher	March	Avalanche Patch Course, Boseman, MT
			(firm dates by October 30)
Dec. 4-5	Seven Devils—Circle A, Circle M	4-6	Snowshoe—Certified Test
5	Mill Ridge—Nordic Basic	12	Southern Cross Deadline
11	Mountaineering Patch Course (indoor	19	Snowshoe—Basic First Aid Test
	session)-Laurel Mtn. PA, Eastern Div.	20	Snowshoe—Basic Test
18	Wolf Laurel—Basic First Aid Test	26-30	National Junior Jamboree-Crested Butte,
18-19	Wintergreen-Circle A, Circle M		CO.
19	Appalachian—Basic Test		
		April 30-31	Spring Convention-Virginia Beach
Jan. 2	Southern Cross Deadline		
8	Snowshoe—Basic First Aid Test	Aug. 27	Executive Committee Meeting
	Hound Ears—Basic Test		
	Wolf Laurel (tentative)—Testing and	Sept. 17	Fall Officers Meeting—Appalachian
	Training Clinic		The second secon

ADD TRAINING-FALL REPORT 1982

The upcoming ski season promises a great many opportunities for ski patrollers to participate in the various programs conducted at the patrol, regional, division, and national levels. Through these programs, patrollers may test their skills, expand their knowledge, meet other patrollers, share ideas, and participate in the development of new patrollers. Listed below are various opportunities available throughout the year for patrollers. Specific dates for activities are listed in the calendar of events. Any questions about participation in any of these programs should be directed to your patrol leader or me. I cannot emphasize enough how much your participation is needed.

CIRCLE A-Introduction to avalanche safety/1 day/senior requirement.

CIRCLE M-Introduction to winter mountaineering, search and rescue/2 days, 1 night/senior requirement.

LIFT EVACUATION SEMINAR—Mechanics of lift evacuation, self evacuation/1 day.

MOUNTAINEERING—Extended back country, winter survival and rescue/Circle M is a prerequisite/3 days, 2 nights.

JUNIOR JAMBOREE—Divisional/competition between outstanding junior patrollers in first aid and on-the-hill skills/highest scores go to national.

JUNIOR JAMBOREE—National/competition between outstanding junior patrollers for all divisions/first aid and on-the-hill skills/this year's jamboree is scheduled for Crested Butte for 5 days.

BASIC PATROLLER—A patroller is required to demonstrate first aid and on-the-hill skills to a level necessary for ski patrolling.

SENIOR PATROLLER—A patroller is required to demonstrate superior first aid and on-the-hill skills/Circle A, Circle M, and patrol leader recommendations are prerequisites/1 day.

CERTIFIED PATROLLER—A patroller is required to demonstrate the skills and knowledge of patrolling at the professional level/pretest is necessary/2 to 3 days.

SENIOR TEST JUDGE CLINICS—To become a senior test judge/clinic includes how and why to test as well as requiring each candidate to demonstrate skills at an excellent level/1 day.

Thank you for your participation.

Tom Moss ADD Training

DIVISION SCRAPBOOK NEWS

The 1982-83 scrapbook is being compiled. Through the ski season, I hope everyone will keep this in mind and take lots of pictures of your fellow patrollers (training, testing, parties, etc.) or pictures of anything that pertains to your patrol or the division. For example, a patrol group picture is a beautiful suppliment to the scrapbook and a good way to make money for patrols. You may send your pictures to me or contact me and I will send you blank magnetic photo sheets to fill on your own. Your patrol will not be represented in the scrapbook unless pictures are passed on to me. Thank you for your help.

Joy Slagle Rt. 10, Box 692 Morristown, TN 37814

BOZEMAN ANYONE?

The Avalanche Patch course is being planned for March 1983. Anyone interested should notify Ron Geist as soon as possible. A minimum of 15 will be required to conduct the course. Firm dates will be established by October 30, 1982.

Ron Geist Avalanche Adv.

SENIOR PATROLLERS, SENIOR CANDIDATES, AND SENIOR TEST JUDGES

Our skiing and patrolling skills have been challenged. During the past year, the question of the level of our abilities has been raised. I believe this issue can be resolved by our actions; not by rhetoric, but by demonstration.

It is up to all seniors and senior candidates to demonstrate to the skiing public and to our fellow patrollers that we have the skills and abilities equal to or exceeding the senior requirement. This can be done through a program of practice, training, and open communications.

SENIORS: Practice those skills that are becoming rusty. SENIOR CANDIDATES: Practice the test. Practice patrolling skills to achieve a senior level. SENIOR TEST JUDGES: Practice excelling at your senior skills. Practice testing. Test.

Training must be performed. An organized program needs to be conducted by each patrol. Seniors have the responsibility to aid and participate in their patrols' training programs. Senior candidates, it is not only your patrol leader's responsibility, but yours as well, to see that you are properly trained. Senior test judges, your skills are sharpened by judging your patrol's trainees.

Open lines of communication between patrollers must be maintained. "Your skills look good, how is my skiing?" is one of the most effective ways to assess your skill levels. Open communications and consequently inviting constructive criticism between patrollers is a fragile step, but once taken on a patrol-wide basis could lead to a better patrol understanding and cooperation.

I believe in our senior patrollers and candidates and their abilities and skills. Let's participate in training. Let's demonstrate our skills. Let's show the doubters!

Tom Moss ADD Training

ATTENTION JUNIORS

The Southern Division Junior Jamboree will be held on January 29, 30 1983 at Seven Devils Ski Area. The Jamboree is a weekend consisting of good skiing, training, testing and lots of fun.

The Rocky Mountain Division will host the National Junior Training Seminar at Crested Butte, Colorado on March 26-30, 1983. This is the only event in the National Ski Patrol System where Patrollers and Juniors from all over the country compare techniques, ski together, and learn together; and you don't have to be a Junior to attend. We would like to have a good representation from the Southern Division this year so I hope to see you at Crested Butte this spring.

The National Junior Training Seminar in 1985 has been scheduled for the Southern Division. The Seminar is tentatively scheduled for Snowshoe in West Virginia. Dates will be set later.

A video cassette filmed at Bridger Bowl Ski Area in Bozeman, Montana is available to any interested Patrollers. This cassette is a promotional film for the Junior Program and the National Ski Patrol. Cassettes may be purchased for \$40.00 each or there is one available for Divisional use. If interested contact Steve Benbow for more information.

Your support and hard work has made the Junior Program as successful as it is today and this year your efforts will help make the Junior Program better than ever!

Mari Poe Appalachian Jr. Adv.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Ron Geist received his National Appointment at the Fall Officers meeting: No. 5954. Finally! The presentation was supposed to have taken place at the Spring Convention, but Ron wasn't there. (Those of you alert to such things may remember a gap of one digit between the national numerals of Doug Carlberg and Keith Gray.)

Ron, who is Southern Division's Avalanche advisor and second National Avalanche Instructor, has conducted numerous Circle A courses throughout the Division, as well as Patch courses in Montana. Last January he taught the Division's first Avalanche Patch/Instructor Refresher. He's an instructor of both First Aid and CPR, and as such has the major responsibility for the Atlanta Fall Refresher. He's also a senior tester and senior patroller. He began patrolling 12 years ago at Sky Valley, and served that patrol as its leader for three consecutive years.

In his spare time he serves as treasurer of an Atlanta Little League group of 900 children; teaches part-time in the MBA program Mercer University—Atlanta, and is a management consultant.

Benning Garrison PR Adv.

PROFESSIONAL PATROLLERS NEEDED

Many professional patrol jobs are available this year at:

1. Beech Mtn.

5. Snow Shoe

2. Cascade

6. Sugar Mtn.

3. Hound Ears

7. Winter Green

4. Mill Ridge

Contact me or the area where you would like to patrol. Act now to enjoy a winter of Pro Patrolling at the area of your choice.

Sherry Perry Professional Adv.

MY SUMMER LIFE

What do I do in the summer? If you were at Sugar Mtn., you could see me doing any of the following:

Running white water Pounding nails up on the roof top Guiding canoe trips Skiing on a lake

Being mother hen to kids at summer camp and would you believe unemployment!!!

Sherry Perry Sugar Mtn. Pro. PL

HOT OFF THE PRESSES

Our Public Relations brochure on Southern Division is now ready for distribution. With full color pictures and factual prose, we hope it will inform the uninformed and do away with the nagging question we all are asked: "Ski Patrol? What's that?"

This has not been an easy process. The initial run of 4000 copies was completed in late July. Unfortunately, an error too gross to overlook occurred on the first run. Since it was the printers fault, the error was corrected and all 4000 copies were replaced at no additional charge to us. Because the paper was donated both times, and because the printer kept his costs really low, our cost was truly minimal. (An after the fact estimate from another printer for the same number of copies was 2½ times more!)

My thanks to our printer, Charlie Yountz of Greensboro, NC. I think the brochure is beautiful. I hope you agree.

Now we need to distribute it: to newspapers, TV stations, ski clubs, ski shops, etc. Please let me know how many you can use; I'll put them in the mail to you immediately.

Benning Garrison PR Advisor

MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE

There will be an advanced Ski Mountaineering Patch Course February 4, 5, 6, 1983 at Mount Rogers, VA. The classroom work will be held at the Mount Rogers Rescue and Fire Station on U. S. Rt. 58 near the White Top, VA post office. It will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 4th. 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 your Patrol Leader or a Division Mountaineering Instructor. Send application and course fee to me by January 22, 1983. 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. All Southern Division Registered Ski Mountaineering instructors should make every effort to attend.

Course fees include printed material to be mailed or handed out.		
NSPS members (1st time particpants - includes patch)	\$10.00	
Others (1st time)	5.00	
Previous Participants (Both NSPS & others)	5.00	
		French H. Moore, Jr

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

NAME		HOME	_ OFFICE	
		Telephone No.		Telephone No.
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	_ STATE	ZIP
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PATROL NEWS

Hound Ears Is A Good Deal

If you have wondered what Hound Ears is all about, pay attention! It's worth the effort.

There is a rope tow and a chairlift and a vertical drop of about 100 feet. Snowmaking and grooming are outstanding; rentals and lessons for all ages are available; the day lodge, with a wood burning fireplace and all other facilities have benefitted from continuity of management and are extremely well maintained. The area is especially good for children or the beginner skier, since it is never crowded. Hound Ears is open continuously from mid-December until after the first of the year, then on weekends only.

For visiting patrollers: sign on is at 9:15 and you probably will not need to stay until closing. All jacketed patrollers receive one complimentary lift ticket and a gournet meal. Additional lift tickets are available at a reduced rate. The regular patrol is growing and currently consists of 2 jacketed patrollers and 4 candidates.

So, the next time you can't stand any more crowds, or are skiing with a child, or with a friend who is learning—or are debilitated from debauching activities the previous evening and looking for an easy ski day, come ski with us at Hound Ears.

Charles R. Martin Patrol Leader

Mill Ridge Has New Face

Mill Ridge will open with a new face this season, especially the Patrol Clinic, featuring new carpet and paint, a new toboggan, and most importantly, new radios for use in the event someone gets lost in our mass of back-country skiing! We will have a number of new candidates, along with an expansion of our training program which will be held every weekend. We welcome any visitors and interested participants. For any of you who feel we are too small, we invite you to guide a loaded sled down Go-For-It (Runs under the chair lift)!

We will be pleased to host those candidates, advancing patrollers, or advancing auxiliaries that have a problem practicing at overcrowded resorts; please call ahead so we can plan for increased attendance.

Congratulations to Sam Painter who passed his Basic Exam late in last season. Many thanks to Bert Hayes who faithfully put in many preseason hours helping me sand, paint, and rebuild our patrol room.

We are happy to announce that Al and Ross will be returning as Mountain Managers and they have informed us that we will be receiving a new snow groomer in the next week. So this year, Mill Ridge will be finetuning its slopes. Don't judge this resort without a visit!

Doug Gilstrap, PL

Wanted

Sapphire Valley, known for its friendly atmosphere and fun loving slopes, is looking for patrollers—both permanent and visiting.

Amenities are expected to include a lift ticket, lunch and a discount on rooms. Since the Fairfield Inn will be closing for renovation, accommodations will be either elsewhere on Fairfield Sapphire Valley property or in the nearby community.

For further information contact me.

Davey Mallet, PL

WEŞT VIRGINIA, KENTUCKY SECTION REFRESHER

There will be a Training and Registration Session held at Snowshoe Ski Resort on October 30 and 31, 1982.

The agenda is as follows:

Saturday, October 30, 8:30 A.M.—Registration and 8 hour American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Refresher.

Please renew your C.P.R. prior to this date.

Sunday, October 31, 8:30 A.M.—On the hill refresher and chairlift evacuation practice. Interviews for new candidates. Mountain Top Lodging will be available.

These events are sanctioned by the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. We will be grouping at the Ski Patrol Room in the Shaver's Center at 8:30 Saturday morning. Please be prompt.

Chip Rettzo, Director Snowshoe Ski Patrol

September 13, 1982

Charles T. Benbow, Jr. 3914 W. Friendly Ave. Greensboro, NC 27410

Dear Mr. Benbow.

I will be running a mountain patch this year in Southwest Pennsylvania and West Virginia. This area butts onto your region and you may have some patrollers close to us who could save considerable traveling by taking our patch.

The indoor session is scheduled for December 11, 1982 at Laurel Mountain which is on Rt. 30 East of Ligonier, PA.

The Outdoor weekend will be February 12-13, 1983 at Dolly Sods, WV which is in the Monongahela Forest off WV Rt. 32 below Thomas, WV (Blackwater Falls State Park).

If anyone is interested have them or your mountaineering advisors contact me directly. I will see that the proper paperwork gets back to them.

Yours truly, M. David Shaeffer Mountaineering Instructor #N-194

PICTURES NEEDED!

Once again we are going to have pictures of all members of the Executive Committee and Division Advisors in Southern Cross. This will be in the next issue (Jan. 1983), so look for your best "mug shot" and send it off to yours truly. Please send me your photos by the end of December. (Better to send them now before the Christmas rush!) Thanks!

Bobbie Rupp Editor—Southern Cross COMPLIMENTS AUO



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