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## A New Website Is Launched By The Southern Division

*R. Morgan Armstrong, Division Director*

The Southern Division announces a new Website at the Fall Officers Meeting. **Kelly Drewnowski** was the Web Master who created this new site and you are referred to its new address at the following:

<http://www.SouthernNSP.org>

**NSP NEWS** – The National Ski Patrol has a new executive director, **Mr. Timothy White**. Formerly the Education Director of the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA), he brings to our organization a wealth of experience in the ski industry and with his history with NSAA, close ties to the resorts of the United States. During his introduction to the NSP Board of Directors in Lakewood, Colorado for the June Meeting he emphasized the direction he wanted to take the NSP. A focus on the patroller, the resorts we serve and also the community. He defined our community as a community that includes skiers, riders, outdoor sports enthusiasts and the general public. His goal is to have the NSP continue with programs for the patroller but to advance the programs offered to the resorts and the community in the areas of safety and education. Our new website has links to the NSP Website for additional information about Tim White and the other new appointments being made at the national level.

The NSP announced that the Southern Division had the fewest number of delinquent patrollers of any division in the system. We only had 22 patrollers who were not current on the rolls and each patrol with a patroller or patrollers will be working on

getting that number reduced to zero. It is very important each patroller is current so if your patrol representative contacts you as being delinquent, follow up immediately. It is probably a paperwork error rather than you not actually being current, but we have to get the problem solved, so help us out.

**DIVISION NEWS** – The last Southern Division Fall Officers Meeting was held August 18 & 19, 2007 in Kingsport, Tennessee. The meeting will ***no longer*** be for officers but will be a Fall Conference for ski patrollers as well as officers and instructors. This years meeting was changed in format and several programs were added for entertainment, education and to give the division a sense of our history. The instructors in the OEC Program came to the meeting and were able to attend sessions of the Board of Directors as well as take their 3-year instructor update for re-certification as OEC instructors. Thirteen proposals were introduced and passed and one of them was the change of the name of the meeting to a conference.

The meeting contained a program by **Dr. Keith Argow** our first Southern Division Director. He explained how the resorts began in our division, how the first patrollers arrived and how the division was carved out of the Eastern Division.

**Did you know** our division ran from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River and from Florida to the border between North Carolina and Virginia? That's right, in the beginning, we did not have Virginia or West Virginia and these parts were later added to the division but we ran clear to the Mississippi River just like the original southern colonies under the British. He also presented a slide show of old photographs of the resorts and the first patrol activities as the division was being created. If you missed this event, you missed a lot.

The meeting also contained a program of comments by three NSP Board members, who attended our meeting, **Barbara Dixon** (Idaho), **Mark Rees** (North Carolina) and **Larry Bost** (North Carolina). These three brought us up to date on recent events at NSP and what we might expect in the near future.

The National Awards Director, **Myer Avedovech**, attended the meeting and gave two programs. One presentation was to the Board of Directors, Instructors and patrollers present regarding the Awards Program of the NSP. **Peggy and T. Harris**, our Division Awards Supervisors, also gave presentations at this part of the program.

The ***New Officers Course*** was held Sunday, after the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, and Myer was kind enough to stay over and present his second program to the division and gave special information to the new officers attending this course. This meeting was for new officers and officers that would like an update on procedures and policies regarding the administration of the division. Topics included litigation and risk management by **Chuck Lollar** (Division Legal Advisor) and **Jim Underwood** (Treasurer), financial and registration by **Jim**

**Underwood** (Treasurer & Registration Coordinator), information on the Southern Cross and how the division is now able to handle your printing needs with its new printer by **Teresa Stewart** (Southern Cross Editor), end of year reporting by **Richard Boyer** (1<sup>st</sup> ADD), awards at the patrol and division level by **T. and Peggy Harris** (Division Awards Supervisors) and OEC issues by **Leslie Carter** (Division OEC Supervisor). A lot of information, samples and handouts went to the officers to help them transition into their new jobs or upgrade their quality in proceeding with their current assignments.

Awards were presented at the Awards Banquet along with a tribute to **Charles Benbow**, who passed away this year and will be missed by everyone who knew him as the patroller's patroller. This year the awards were plentiful and very, very significant. A special section of the Southern Cross is devoted to this special topic.

**COMMENTS FROM THE DD** – This past Fall Officers Meeting gave me, your new division director, an opportunity to let you know my thoughts and goals. Here is some of what I told your Board of Directors. I will administer your division for you, but I will not make the major decisions. That belongs to the representatives appointed or elected by the patrols. Together, these patrol representatives; the regions directors and the assistants to the division director make up the delegation that decides the major issues for the division. This group is known as your Board of Directors. I, as your division director under our bylaws, do not even have a right to vote at the meeting, except to break a tie vote. That is, as it should be!

I requested the Board make some changes to help patrollers let their voices be heard in the division. One change was in the Proposal Form – to make it a little easier to read and follow as it proceeds through the voting process. Any patroller may file a proposal for consideration by the Board of Directors at any time. If filed prior to the meeting it will be presented to the Executive Committee, but that committee may only make a recommendation to the Board to approve it or not approve it. The executive committee may submit a similar version of the original proposal for approval but may not change or kill the original proposal. This is the way our division has always operated but I wanted to re-emphasize this to each patroller. Every proposal goes to the Board for a vote. Proposals may be submitted at the meeting and by-pass the Executive Committee and that was done at this past meeting.

Once a patroller has presented a proposal to the Board, the Board will either vote on it or refer it to a committee (governance, finance or programs) for study and/or they may send it to the Executive Committee for their response. After a committee has studied it and reported on it, the Board of Directors will vote on the proposal. I see my job as your division director as the person who makes sure each and every proposal gets a fair hearing. Once your Board of Directors votes on the proposal and I have received its mandate on how to administer that issue, I will proceed to

make sure the wishes of the Board are carried out. The majority rules and with this democratic process, every patroller should be able to support the division. If someone does not agree with the decision of the representative body of our division, I have no problem with that. Your job, if you continue to disagree with the vote, is to continue to try to get your message to enough patrollers and their representatives so that your side obtains the majority vote at the next meeting of the division. I will try to make sure your minority view gets a fair hearing and if the idea is a good one, I believe it will eventually prevail. When it does, I will encourage every patroller to support this idea.

Another change this year was that all proposals were made to the Board of Directors on Saturday but were not voted upon until Sunday. That gave everyone time to discuss the proposals with each other and all patrollers at the meeting. Proposals that were filed early were sent to the members of the Board of Directors early and the Executive Committee also got to view and review them early. This gives the division time to consider each issue and make good decisions for the group. When we make a less than perfect decision, it can always be returned to the delegation for consideration the next year and changed by majority vote.

In closing, I agree with our new Executive Director, Tim White. I work for you, the patroller, the resorts and the general public. My job is to insure the Southern Division serves each to the highest standard possible. I am dedicated to each patroller, to make the programs run smoothly and insure the safety of the general public. We must stay valuable to the resorts and the general public, train to the highest standard possible but the most important thing for the health of the Southern Division and the National Ski Patrol – **have fun** patrolling. Together, we can accomplish our goals.

### *From the Assistants...*

Kelly Duke Drewnowski  
Division Webmaster, Secretary

### **Freeloading No Longer**

As classes begin and students across the nation move away from the shelter of their parent's homes, one can't help but think of the enormous step each child is taking towards independence and self-sufficiency. Eventually, there comes a point in every life where one must relocate out from under the wing of our parents. For Southern Division the time to quit freeloading has arrived! As of the 2007 Fall Officer's Meeting I'm proud to announce that the Southern Division is finally hosting its own website complete with a new and easy to remember web address:  
[www.SouthernNSP.org](http://www.SouthernNSP.org).

If you'll recall, the address for the old Southern site, [www.nsp.org/divisions/southern/](http://www.nsp.org/divisions/southern/) was concealed under NSP's site and we hosted

it there as well. This made finding the Southern Division site difficult and the actual web address impossible to remember. As a sign of our maturity and spreading our wings we now have an easy to remember address, we have secured our own hosting off of NSP's server and we threw in a shinny new site to go with it!

The new Southern Division web site provides members with a more streamlined approach to information sharing, updated content and an easy to use online marketing tool, all in a graphically pleasing package.



On the main page of our new site users will find important news and events as well as a link to login to your NSP account and the current Southern Cross. *(As a handy tip, it's good to remember that the Southern Division logo will always take you home and the NSP logo will take you to National's site.)* The **programs** section contains an overview of NSP courses and links to the corresponding areas on the NSP site. Under **forms** users will find files available for downloading, which will soon include the updated division bylaws

and the policy and procedures manual. Check out the **newsletter** section to find current and archived editions of the Southern Cross dating back to 2001. Click on **calendar** and you'll discover an updated calendar in .pdf format that is easily downloaded or printed. Under **photos** you'll find a gallery of images from events around the division. **Links** will guide you to patrol sites throughout the division as well as division ski areas and industry links of interest. The current division directory is located on the **staff** page in an Adobe .pdf format which users are able to download, or open and print from the site. And if you need to let Morgan know how handy the new site is, or if you have a great idea, the **contact** page contains useful information including the Division Director's and the Division Webmaster's contact information.

If you find that something is missing which you feel the division just can't live without it, have a great suggestion as to how to make the site more useful, or if you have a few photos you'd like considered for the photo gallery, shoot us an email. *(To get the address you'll have to check out the site and visit the contact page!)* In the meantime, update your bookmarks, download the division calendar and have fun browsing the photo gallery, but most importantly, please provide us with some feedback on the new face of Southern Division so we that may make it work for you! Why wait? Visit us now: [www.SouthernNSP.org](http://www.SouthernNSP.org)

Jim Underwood,  
Division Treasurer

Southern Division, NSP / Treasurer's Report For 7/01/06-6/30/07

Listed below is a summary of the Southern Division's Treasury report for last season. If any member wishes a detailed copy of this report please contact Jim Underwood, 865-483-3675, [jun@bellsouth.net](mailto:jun@bellsouth.net), or 109 Wildwood Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 for a postal mailed or E-Mailed copy.

	Beginning Balance 07/01/06	Closing Balance 06/30/07
Checking *	\$11,694.33	\$ 9,707.44
Savings *	\$42,592.34	\$44,629.95
Contingency	\$26,568.66	\$27,430.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,855.33</b>	<b>\$81,768.19</b>
<b>Junior Memorial Fund (Savings)</b>	\$ 3,855.65	\$ 3,400.02
<b>Mary K. Twomey Fund (Savings)</b>	\$ 2,807.45	\$ 2,845.76

\* Operating Account

Brent Bowman,  
*2<sup>nd</sup> ADD, Southern Division*



Well... We kicked off the ski season with a GREAT Fall Meeting in Kingsport, TN. We had some entertaining speakers and a TON of awards delivered to the patrollers and patrols in the region.

We are looking forward to a busy season in the Skills Department. Currently we are trying to still fill a couple of very important division positions. Still open is the NSP Ski & Snowboard School Supervisor and the Snowboard Supervisor. The Ski School Supervisor is in charge of the training and paperwork for the registration of the Ski School with Eastern Division PSIA. This person would coordinate a Ski School meeting sometime this season and get PSIA Demo team members in for some ski training. This training is invaluable for assisting the local instructors with training candidates, senior patrollers and everyone else on the local patrol. The Snowboard Supervisor is well...the Snowboard Supervisor. This is a great position for someone (a snowboarder, AASI certified) that would like to travel around the division and ski at every area in the division. There are many areas in the Southern Division that do not have a qualified snowboard patroller on the NSP Ski School roster. If you think that you are qualified (or want to know what is necessary) for either of these positions please send an e-mail to [brent2489@gmail.com](mailto:brent2489@gmail.com) . I look forward to skiing at many of the 'Northern' areas this season that I have not gotten to in the past. Hopefully I can ride a chair with some of you this season!!!

See you on the hill.....

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Richard Boyer,  
*1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director – South Area*



In August we held our annual meeting that had been called the Fall Officer's Meeting. It has become the primary meeting for handling most of the business of the Southern Division. This year we changed its name to the **Fall Patroller's Conference** in the hope we can get more patrollers to attend. The hope is we can attract more of the people for whom this division structure provides support in their day-to-day patroller activities.

The theme **Morgan Armstrong**, our new Division Director repeated for officers and non-officers alike was, *“Folks, this meeting is your meeting and we welcome all your input and involvement!”* We hope that in the future, patrollers, including their families, will feel welcome to travel to our Fall Patroller’s Conference and participate in the affairs of our Southern Division. A few do this already and we benefit immensely from their help. Thank you!

There are many things for the non-patroller family members to either, visit, partake in or otherwise occupy their time while our meetings take place. As we get more interest maybe we can organize some fun things for these important members of our greater NSP families.

I urge any patroller to take the weekend when we schedule this meeting, travel to Tennessee, Virginia or wherever we agree to hold the meeting and bring your family. You will be able to see how the Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol works and carries on business. This is not just for officers of patrols or the division, but is for everyone in the NSP.

A repeat of what I covered in the New Officers Class we recently held, directed primarily to the first time Patrol Representatives (PR’s) dealt with record keeping. One of my responsibilities as 1<sup>st</sup>. Assistant Division Director is to tally all End of Year (EOY) Reports from each patrol in the Southern Division and compile a Division EOY Report which is sent to National. Timeliness and Completeness are the watchwords of these important reports. In order to complete them, ALL PR’s must keep detailed records on a weekly basis to keep up with what the report requires. Anyone who has been lax in this important detail will tell you what a problem the compilation of the EOY Report can be. Check the report form so you know with what you have to keep up. If you need a copy of it let me know and I’ll get one into your email for you.

We all look forward to a great upcoming year! Thank you for being a ski patroller!

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### Notes From The North...

*Jan Starr*

*Assistant Division Director – North Area*

**It’s still warm out**, but I can see some touch of color in a few trees on the hillside that tells me that winter is not far off.

Everyone should be preparing for fall refreshers, marking dates on calendars, working on study guides. Instructors should have their



assignments, be working out a lesson plan, and getting ready to teach. This seasons calendar has had dates and events added to it since the fall patrol conference. It can be seen at our new division website (You rock Kelly! Great job.) [www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org). This calendar will be updated periodically and information will be posted on our site.

**Bill Smith** and **Mary Underwood** have done a wonderful job updating our PES program and putting it into a new format. I'm excited that the North end of the division will have the first class in the "Leadership Course". It was voted on by the board at the patrol conference to replace the PES program with this new course as a senior elective. So if you still have an elective to fulfill come join us in the pilot program and be a part of the future!

I would like to welcome the new folks to the northern team:

**Bill Kost** – PR Bryce Mountain patrol

**Ted Forbes** – Assistant Region Director VA

**Tom Wagner** – Assistant Region Director WV

I look forward to working with all this coming season.  
Let's hope we have a snowy one!

Jan

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Mike Harris,  
*Assistant Division Director – South Area*



We have new Region Directors in the Southern half of our division. Both of these individuals have served as Region Director previously. **E.B. Fox** will be very good for the Blue Ridge Region as will **Dennis Slagle** for the Dixie Region. Both of their region articles in this issue of the Southern Cross should have information regarding Fall Refreshers, planned activities, and needs for the upcoming season. Refreshers, seminars, and workshops should be featured.

Not wishing to be redundant, I would like to bring to your attention the desire of your Division Board of Directors to change the name of the Fall Officers meeting to the Southern Division Fall Conference. The hope being that it could be made enough of a fun experience to attract two hundred members. Your ideas and feedback through your Patrol Director and Patrol Representative would be appreciated.

On another subject, I was very disappointed to learn that our National Board of Directors had voted to cancel Powderfall for the 07/08 season. I understand that plans are to resume having Powderfall in April of 2009. Any of you that have attended this function know just how great it is to ski with a small number of patrollers with like skills and be coached by a member of the Alpine Demo. Team. If you haven't been fortunate enough to have attended, please consider signing up early next year when Powderfall is announced.

I am looking forward to skiing and spending time with all my friends in Blue Ridge and making just as many friends in Dixie this upcoming season. Don't forget to keep your E-mail address current with N. S. P. This is important for communications, the Southern Cross, and VOTING. See you at the refreshers and on the SNOW.

Mike Harris--Tyrone

### *From the Regions...*

#### **Virginia Region**

*Bill Smith*  
Virginia Region Director



#### **The Virginia Connection!!!**

Well here we are, its September again. I just don't know where the time goes.

Here in the north and with the summer almost gone, believe it or not, it's time to begin to start thinking about a new ski season as we all get ready to plan and schedule our refresher programs, spiffy up patrol rooms, etc.. I trust that each of you have had an opportunity to do some fun things this summer and maybe even get in a little vacation time somewhere delightful.

At the FOM out in Kingsport, you may have had a chance to meet some new folks and get reacquainted with old friends. We all had a great time there and the weather was delightful.

Here in Virginia, we will once again have a strong leadership team. In addition to me serving as the team coach, **Ted Forbes** will fill the role of Assistant Division Director. **Ron Dull**, will be the Patrol Rep at Massanutten. It certainly looks like he has things well under control there along with the ever-capable **Bartek Drewnowski**. Over at Bryce, **Bill Kost** will be the new Patrol Rep and along with **Bob Mecaughey**, will lead the charge. At The Homestead, **David Woods**, M. D. will guide the troops with help from **Jeff Kelly**. Last, but certainly not least,

Wintergreen's **Ted Forbes** along with **Tucker Crolius** will keep things under control there. Congratulations Bill and welcome back to everyone else. Of course I would be very remiss if I did not thank Carl Larsen, Ron Dull, Ted and David for the fine job each of them did for their respective patrols over the past year or so. My personal thanks to each of you!!!

Although we have just finished the FOM and this years awards were presented (and there were many), it is never too early to begin to start to keep notes on the good deeds each of your folks do so that when the time comes to prepare awards in April, all you will have left to do is to transcribe your notes to the respective awards form. Let's make this coming season the one where we "*catch someone doing something right*"!!!

With the coming of a new season, we know it is time to dust off the fanny packs, parkas and other equipment that is so important to what we do as patrollers. But what about you, have you gotten the cobwebs out and gotten yourself prepared for another great ski season? **Are you ready???** Have you signed up for any of the scheduled education programs that the Virginia folks asked for this year???. Have you heard about the brand new "Basic Leadership Development for the Ski Patroller" program that was announced at the FOM? As we go to press with this edition of Southern Cross it looks like two "pilots" will be offered, one in December at The Homestead and one in March down in Asheville, NC. We believe that you will find the program to be both rewarding and fun so take a few minutes to get signed up soon.

Based on your input earlier this year we have scheduled many other interesting and informative programs. Now, we are just waiting for you folks to write or call the instructor's and let them know which one's you would like to attend. So let's not put that task off any longer...pick up the phone and make the call or get on your computer and send your instructor an email to let him/her know you want to get in their class to improve your skills as a patroller.

Finally, if you haven't yet seen the brand new Southern Division's website that was launched at the FOM, you are really missing out!!! Go to [www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org) and see what Virginia's very own **Kelly Drewnowski** has developed for all of use to use. I personally believe you will find it will provide great information, is easy to use and is very appealing to look at. Great job and thanks Kelly!!!

Hope to see you on the slopes soon...



## Blue Ridge Region

E. B. Fox

*Blue Ridge Region Director*

### Exercise Your Right to eVote

NSP has entered into the electronic voting era. At this year's June Annual Meeting, the Board adopted Votenet as the election vendor for Board elections, bylaw votes, and surveys. Votenet's proposal will result in significant cost savings compared with our prior vendor, while improving the service provided to the membership.



As a member, in order to vote you need to insure that NSP has your valid email address on file. To update your address, go to [nsp.org](http://nsp.org) and log onto Member Services (if you have never logged into Member Services, follow the directions to Activate Your Account).

Electronic ballots for this year's Board election will go out on October 15. Voting will close on December 1. Sixteen candidates are running for four Board seats (three-year term).

Three of the candidates are Southern Division Patrollers: **Lisa Adams**, from Beech Mountain; **Charlie Lentz**, from Appalachian; and **Norris Woody** from Sugar. Thanks to all three for having the guts to run and the time to offer to NSP.

Please update your email addresses and please vote. Your vote makes a difference for the NSP

E. B. Fox



## BLUE RIDGE NEWS

Appalachian Ski Patrol participates at Blowing Rock, NC's EmergencyFest.



From left to right in this picture: Joe Donadio, Chris Martin, Mike Harris, Mark Cook, Logan Sumrell, Tony Ray, and Kent Graham. (Photo by Logan Sumrell)

*DixieRegion...DixieRegion...DixieRegion...DixieRegion...DixieRegion...DixieRegion*

Dennis Slagle,  
*Dixie Region Director*

Hello again to everyone in Dixie Region. I was at the Fall Officers' meeting and I will have to say that I was proud of showing in the awards department for Dixie Region. I hope we can keep that going for this coming year. I am really looking forward the skiing at Wolf Ridge this year (if I can find my way around there).

There are several events in Dixie that have not been settled yet. They are the EMM clinic and evaluation and the Senior S&T clinic and evaluation. Please keep an eye on the Division calendar for these events on the NEW Southern Division Web Site, as they will be added as soon as they are confirmed. I am looking forward to a good season, and hopefully with out a meltdown this year. See you on the slopes.

Dennis

## *From the Supervisors and Advisors...*

*Transportation...Transportation...Transportation...Transportation...Transportation*

Tony Tingle,

*Transportation Supervisor*

Here I sit in Tennessee in September. It was about 90 degrees today and humid, in the 80's and muggy now while I sit on my back porch and watch the moon rise. Hard to imagine that in just a few weeks, it will be snowing in the mountains and we will be back on skis and boards. I just wanted to drop a line and let you folks know what is coming down the road for the transportation program.

First, let me introduce myself. I'm Tony Tingle; I am a patroller at Hawksnest Ski Resort in Seven Devils, NC. I live in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, so I spend a lot of the winter months making the commute to the Blue Ridge Mountains. I'm a geologist in my day job. I'm married to another Hawksnest Patroller named Carla, and we have 5 dogs. I've been a patroller for over 20 years (a number that I have a hard time believing), and I have been the Division Transportation Advisor for a couple of years. I'm still figuring this position out, but I think we get a little better each season.

You are probably most familiar with your Region Transportation Advisors. They are:

- **Mike Fisher** - Virginia Region,
- **David Cline** – West Virginia Region
- **Brandon Olson** – Dixie Region
- **David Hall** – Blue Ridge Region

These guys do a lot of work for the transportation program and all deserve a pat on the back. I'm looking forward to the working with them again this season.

Now, looking ahead to when the snow flies.....

Toboggan check-off is an important beginning of the season activity. If you pull a sled during the season, it is recommended that you take a rig out for a spin, and get checked off. Different mountains have different protocols, so follow yours. Just a reminder, be safe!

Early in the season is a great time to have a Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (TES). If you need to know more about the TES, the new Transportation Manual has a course description, as does the NSP website. If those two sources don't get you the information you need, drop me an e-mail and I'll tell you what I know. I'll throw in a shameless plug for the events.....you get to spend a day with a bunch of

hands-on sled action. They are a lot of fun *and* they count as an elective for Senior. Other transportation program courses that can be taught during the season include: *Skiing Enhancement Seminars, Snowboard Enhancement Seminars, and Ski Trainers Workshops*. All are a lot of fun; see your local transportation instructor, Region Transportation Advisor, or me for more info.

If you have indicated an interest in becoming a transportation instructor during your instructor development class, I'll be sending out e-mails to you, your Patrol Reps and Region Transportation Advisors and let them know that we need to line you up with a mentor. There are some folks out there that indicated an interest last season and I didn't get a mentor assigned, for that I apologize, and you will be hearing from me this fall. Anyone interested in becoming a transportation instructor, I encourage you to hop in the program. You need to take an instructor development (ID) class, if you don't have it already. Once you have the ID class, and let someone (e.g. Patrol Rep, Region Transportation Advisor, or Me) know you have an interest, you will then be assigned a mentor. A mentor is a transportation instructor that will work with you on your toboggan teaching skills. Once your mentor thinks you are ready to get evaluated by an instructor trainer (IT) they will get in touch with an IT to come observe your teaching skills. If all goes well and you demonstrate good transportation teaching skills we get you set up as a transportation instructor.

I look forward to skiing with you this winter. Have a safe fall.

Tony

*Certified ...Certified Program...Certified Program...Certified Program...Certified*

Stephen Kuller,  
*Certified Program Supervisor*

Hello, it is that time of year for me to say thanks to our certified members for there contributions to the clinics and the exam. We continue to make things happen under extraordinary circumstances. Thanks to all of you that provided their time and effort to make last season a success. Congratulations to **Shane Bradley** of Silver Creek Patrol. Shane became our newest member last year.

Additionally, we received a nice contribution from The Brad Short Memorial Fund that was established after his passing (God bless his Family and Friends). These funds are to be used at the discretion of the active membership. I want to take a moment to say thanks to the Snowshoe Patrol for this blessing that was bestowed upon our organization this year. Thanks again.

I want to take a moment to provide you with a description of what I feel the certified program is. The Certified program is a group of committed patrollers striving to keep a level of participation ongoing for all that wish to attain a strong sense of professionalism. The program is designed to encourage the sharing of ideas and concerns among the more experienced members of the division while validating the skills set by National organization. The return flow of this knowledge back to the local patrols will enhance the training and skills of the local patrols, to the benefit of the area they serve.

Now having read what the program means to me and speaking for the other members of the program, I would like to ask you the reader a question. Could you see yourself becoming an active member of the Southern Division Certified Program? If you answered yes, to this question feel free to contact me for more information on how you could become a part of this great program.

This sets the stage for those of you who are still holding out on getting involved in a program that will enhance your knowledge, skills and overall management involvement at your mountain. We would love to hear from those of you in the division that have not traditionally participated in the program. We wish to expand this opportunity to all that have an interest.

Yes, the program takes a dedicated person with the eagerness to learn, a willingness to grow, and the time for development. This is your opportunity to let someone know that you want this program at your mountain. We have patrollers that are willing to talk to you, answer your questions, and share the process with you. Please step out of your comfort zone.

We currently have several candidates that have made the commitment to the program, they will be giving it their all. This is a three-year commitment and it will take most the entire three years. During this process these candidates will be sharing the strengths of the program at their home resorts. Some of you will want to know what they have learned, accomplished, and shared. Ask them and they will respond with eagerness and a willingness that only comes from hard work.

Thanks again for letting me stir your interest in this program.

Stephen Kuller

Rick Woodlee,  
*Telecommunications Supervisor*

### **Southern Division Telecommunications**

I hope everyone is enjoying a great summer and all is well. It is fall 2007, and ski season and patrolling will be here in a “skinny minute”; so, you may be wishing, I sure would like a new radio!

One of my jobs as your Southern Division Telecommunications advisor is to find FCC acceptable radios that are reasonable in price, and function well on the slopes. Well, you might have found a cheap radio that may be better than the expensive radios; but first, you need to know that all transceivers used in the US must be a type that is acceptable to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This acceptance is usually indicated by an id number on the radio. For example, I found a very reasonably priced radio called the Puxing PX-777 radio and it has a FCC id = *UBYQZPuxing02*.

You can find out if a radio is an acceptable type by going on the FCC internet site and doing the following:

1. Type in the FCC address [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) then press enter
2. Click on “Search” at the top of the page
3. Scroll down to “FCC ID Number Search;” then, left click
4. In the third line down (Applicant Name) type in the name of the applicant (for example; puxing)
5. Scroll down to the bottom; then, click on “start search”
6. After a moment or two the information should come up.

I have to thank my fellow patrollers at Hawksnest who put me onto finding these cheaper radios. You can find these radios by going to the Ebay internet cite; then, search for “Puxing.” Most likely you will get several hits for Puxing. Browse around and you will most likely find a Puxing VHF radio for about \$50 plus shipping. I think the high shipping amount is a rip-off; but, is still cheaper that the \$300 to \$500 type radios.

Some of the specifications for the VHF radio are as follows:

1. Transmit power = 5 watts
2. Receive sensitivity = .2 uwatts/12 db sinad
3. Both broadband (25 MHz) and narrow band (12.5 MHz)  
(this is important if you are using a narrow band repeater)
4. A Li-ion battery that lasts me 3 days on one charge under normal use.
5. 118 channels
6. Lots of other bells and whistles

7. Optional speaker/mic
8. Optional program cable plus software to program the radio with a computer.  
(you can also program the radio manually---good luck)
9. Very small size (about the size of a regular pack of cigarettes)

There are other radios from China (I think made in the same factory) with names like the following:

1. Quanzhou
2. Licheng (who knows what other names)

If you would rather me deal with the radio dealers, I can provide you a new radio, drop in charger, speaker mic, and programmed for about \$100.00 plus shipping. If you need more information, please contact me.

Now is a great time to prepare your radio for patrolling use. My suggestions are as follows:

1. Clean exterior of radio.
2. Open the battery compartment, take the battery out, look for corrosion; then, clean the battery compartment and the battery contacts.
3. Put battery back in the radio if it is not corroded; then, recharge the radio for 14 hours.
4. Cycle the radio by turning on for 8 hours; then, recharge back up for 10 hours.
  1. If the radio does not work OK, take it to a repair shop now, before the season starts. This gives the technicians time to order and receive parts and fix the radio to like new condition.
  2. Take the radio to someone who is certified to check the key operating parameters to verify that the radio is operating in accordance with the FCC rules and regulations Part 90, para. 201-217. You are still required to have the primary operating parameters to be in tolerance. If there is an incident involving your radio and found to be negligent in maintaining those parameters; then, you are responsible. (The primary operating parameters are as follows: frequency tolerance, spurious radiation, modulation, and power output.)

The operating requirements and procedures can be found in the FCC rules and regulations Part 90 para.401-449. A brief summary proper radio communications and operations are as follows:

1. Never use profanity or improper communications on the air.
2. Never interfere with other users of the frequency. (example, Rescue and EMS
3. units, ambulances, law enforcement, etc. This is the quickest way to get a pink slip from the FCC.)
4. Identify yourself by saying your call letters at the end of your conversation or every 30 minutes, which ever comes first.
5. Post a copy of your FCC license in the patrol room.

6. Be responsible to clean and recharge the radio after use.

One can use the NSPS frequencies during training, examinations, searches, intra-communications with other patrols, rescue and search teams, or anything in the special emergency realm. If you are using the Ski Areas' frequencies, I suggest you post a copy of the Ski Areas' license close to your base radio; so, there is no question about frequency authorization and use.

One of my goals this year is to visit as many ski areas as possible. I will bring my test equipment; and (time permitting) I will be happy to check as many radios as possible.

Please contact me if I can assist you in any of your telecommunications programs.

Rick Woodlee  
Phone: 828-693-1554  
[N4FAT@juno.com](mailto:N4FAT@juno.com)

*OEC Program...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC Program*

Leslie Carter,  
*OEC Supervisor*

Hard to believe how fast the summer flew by! The house is still not done....but we hope to be in by the middle of October. I have to wonder who names paint colors – I can understand “October Mist” but “Kitten Whiskers”? Meanwhile.....

***REFRESHER 2007 – CYCLE C:*** By now most of you have been notified of your local Refresher schedule so I have just a few reminders and requests.

If you have misplaced your copy of this year's Refresher Guide it is available on line simply by going to the NSP main page – no need to log in – just look for the icon on the right side of the page.

**If you are attending a Refresher other than the one being presented by your home area, please be sure to notify the Instructor of Record in advance – if there is no room you may be turned away!**

***OEC INSTRUCTOR RENEWAL OF STATUS:*** Teaching opportunities are available in abundance this time of year – sign up now!! In addition to teaching at your home area please consider helping out with classes in other locations. With the new testing requirements the final OEC Exams can be labor intensive and help would be appreciated by all! Check the Southern Division Calendar for dates and contact information.

Instructor Status must be renewed every 3 years - within each 3 year period (check your card for your renewal date) an Instructor must:

- Attend 1 Instructor Update
- Teach at 1 OEC Class
- Teach at 1 OEC Refresher

	2006	2007	2008
Attend Update	X		
Teach at OEC Class		X	
Teach at Refresher			X

OR

	2006	2007	2008
Attend Update	X		
Teach at OEC Class	X		
Teach at Refresher	X		

If you are not sure where you stand contact your Patrol Administrative IT for information.

### BLUE RIDGE

Appalachian - Debbie Lentz  
 Beech - Lisa Adams  
 Hawksnest - Teresa Stewart  
 Sugar - Patricia Woody

### DIXIE

Cataloochee - Steve McCarragher  
 Cloudmont - (see Sylvia Talley)  
 Sapphire Valley - Justus Baird  
 Ober Gatlinburg - Dennis Slagle  
 Wolf Ridge - Larry Erb

### VIRGINIA

Bryce - Jonathan Snow  
 Homestead - Greg Pence (Wintergreen)  
 Massanutten - Travis Dorman  
 Wintergreen - Greg Pence

### WEST VIRGINIA

Blackwater Nordic - Janette Bennette  
 Snowshoe - Dan Philippi  
 Silvercreek - Jason Hall  
 Timberline - Janette Bennette  
 Winterplace - Walt Watson

**UPDATE ON THE Updated "E" Class** – The five update sessions from the Annual OEC Update were taped and are currently being edited for transfer onto DVD. This program will be provided at the discretion of the Regional OEC Administrator, will have a fee of \$25.00 (to offset the cost of materials etc.) and will require completion of a 50-question test before credit will be given.

**ON THE NATIONAL FRONT:** Due to a variety of considerations, the release of the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the OEC Text and supporting materials has been delayed until 2009. Meanwhile, please use the opportunity to continue contributing your suggestions and thoughts to the Committee.

**AND FINALLY....have a great fall and keep your fingers crossed for a good snow year !!**

## SOUTHERN DIVISION PATROLLER SURVIVES NUCLEAR EXPLOSION

By R. Morgan Armstrong

It was very dark in the Nevada dessert. The tent city was quiet with a few scientists and security guards moving about. The cooks were the first to begin the day followed later by transportation staff and officers. Prior to dawn, the entire camp was awakened, fed and moved out to the testing site. Harry Stowe of the United States Air Force was to arrive at a point in the desert for a date that would make such an impression on him, he would be able to recount the event after fifty years with clarity and detail to his fellow patrollers at the Southern Division Fall Officers Conference in Kingsport, Tennessee on Sunday, August 19, 2007.

Members of the Southern Division awaited his account with anticipation. Not the intense anticipation Harry had felt on that morning some 50 years ago when he was about to face a nuclear explosion of 40 kilotons from a distance of only 4,000 yards. But we could hardly wait for Harry to start his part of the program. Then, as he started his talk, not a sound could be heard in the room except the soft voice of Harry Stowe.

He began with a brief history of the development of the atomic bomb during World War II and how he had received a short course on nuclear warfare from the United States Air Force. He told us how he had taken a non-descript course. Then, a couple of years later, he received orders to report to Nevada to participate in a nuclear bomb test. "I had no idea why they picked me, other than I had that one class in the military on the subject" Harry stated to the group of patrollers. I found myself in the desert, in this tent city with a whole bunch of other military personnel and there I was.

The Nevada test site conducted from 90 to 100 atmospheric explosions of nuclear bombs from 1951 until 1962. The clouds and explosions became a tourist attraction for Las Vegas, since the events could be seen from the city, which was about 100 miles from most of the tests. Harry was not exactly a tourist, he got to see the cloud and explosion, but it was not at a distance of 100 miles. It was not at a distance of 50 miles or 10 miles. He got a front row seat, courtesy of the United States Air Force and he was only 4,000 yards from the bomb itself.

He told us how the early bombs were very heavy. They had lead shielding around the nuclear material. That made the bomb about 6 feet wide, 12 to 15 feet long and very heavy. They put it up in a tower. They told us the lead shielding would stop

about 1/2 of the radiation from getting to the workers on the bomb. We really did not want to get any closer to it than we had to get.

The morning of the test we found ourselves in the desert behind a slit trench. It was about two feet wide and five feet deep. They had taken the dirt out of the trench and threw it up on the side facing the tower. "I thought that was good of them to put it on the side nearest the bomb," Harry said, "I wanted all the protection I could get." He explained how he could see the tower in the distance with the light blinking on top. It was about 4,000 yards away and the only thing between that tower and me was flat dessert. There were parked, military vehicles in front of us and behind us of various types. Live animals of various types were in cages placed around us, both in front of the trench and behind it. There were some trees behind the trench at some distance from us and we waited for the officers to tell us what to do.

We had been told after we got to the trench, prior to the blast we would climb down into the trench. When given the word we would crouch down and first a typical bomb would be detonated, which contained TNT. Then the atom bomb would be exploded. We were warned not to stand up or look at the atom bomb. While we waited, I heard a senior officer approach and stop to talk with an officer, who was standing a little distance away. I heard the officer, who had been with us for the pre-blast preparation, ask the senior officer about handing out dark glasses to help protect the eyes of the troops. The senior officer simply responded, "When that bomb goes off, they don't need dark glasses. I am betting they will close their eyes."

Now that all the technical problems had been resolved, we were ready for the test. First, was the explosion of a typical bomb. They lit the match and off it went. Harry said his thoughts about that explosion were "not much." No one even hunkered down in the trench for that one.

Next came the show. We got down in the trench and when the big bomb went off the light was so bright it hurt. "It hurt with my eyes squeezed shut. I had them shut just as tight as I could get them and I could still see the shadow of the man in front of me. Even through my eyelids with my eyes shut tight." The blast wave went right over us. After a while I stood up and looked. The atomic cloud had risen to over 100,000 feet in front of us in seconds. The colors in the cloud were pinks and blues - very strange. I looked around and the trees that were behind us were on fire. That blast of fire had gone over the top of us and lit up every one of those trees. Now the officers began to call us out of the trench.

We were told to get up and walk around. Men with Geiger counters were around us and told us where we could walk and when to stop. The animals in the cages were all burned. Some of them were still alive. We walked around for some time, looking and taking in the scene until they brought up the trucks and rode us back to camp.

Questions to Harry came pretty fast after his talk. He reported as far as he knew he never suffered any ill effects from the experiment. He turned in his radiation badge and has never been contacted by the government about its reading, no follow-up testing and no medical examinations. Harry commented: “We went to the test, watched it and that was that. I am fine as far as I know. I am still here.”

The meeting with Harry ended with one final question. Harry answered it as he turned off the microphone - “Nope, never have glowed in the dark.” There you have it. If you were at the Fall Officers Conference and heard Harry Stowe tell this story, you were present for a piece of ski patrol history. If you missed it, Harry just might fill you in with some of the details in his quiet, unassuming way. Those of us who heard Harry are betting, even if he starts to glow a little; he won’t admit to it.

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**SOUTHERN CROSS ARTICLE**  
By R. Morgan Armstrong

**THANKS FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR & THE DIVISION:**

There are times when a note or card is a sufficient “thank you.” There are other special, times when that is not nearly enough. This is one of the special times. We have two recent contributions by patrollers where the division needs to make a public acknowledgment of the service provided to the division.

**OUR NEW WEBSITE** at [www.SouthernNSP.org](http://www.SouthernNSP.org) is such an event that requires a division wide thank you. Kelly Drewnowski has spent a lot of time and given a great artistic effort into creating our new site. It has already come to the attention of the National Ski Patrol and they have requested permission to use parts of our design in re-working their own site. When ones work is copied, it is said that is the best form of flattery. Thus, I want to thank Kelly on behalf of the entire division on a great effort and a very pleasing and user-friendly product. I invite every patroller in the Southern Division to visit our new website at the above address and use it frequently.

**OUR RECENT CONFERENCE** held at Kingsport, Tennessee was a great success due in no small part to our Meeting Committee. The logistics of putting on a conference with the division officers going in one direction and the OEC instructors going in another is not easy. The Southern Division Meeting Committee pulled it off without a hitch. There were lights, sound and action and I mean that literally from the start to the end of the conference. The sound system, lighting system and room organization was excellent. It made the work of the instructors and officers so much easier. I would like to thank Rob Raff for chairing this committee and working tirelessly for us, and here are the people who made our last conference a real success:

**MEETING COMMITTEE:**

**Rob Raff** – Chair of the Committee  
**Fred Wessels** – Registration & Accounting Coordinator  
**Teresa Stewart** - Registration  
**Jo Ann Ehlinger** – Registration & Hospitality Suite  
**Jonathan Hale** – Hospitality Suite  
**Hugh Jernigan** – Hospitality Suite

A Sincere Thanks,

R. Morgan Armstrong  
Southern Division Director

*Awards...Awards...Awards...Awards...Awards...Awards...Awards...Awards...Awards...Awards*

Peg Harris,  
*Awards Advisor*

**Annual Southern Division Awards 2007**

My first full season as your Southern Division Awards Advisor was an eye opener. It was stressful, rewarding, exciting and yes very, very busy especially as it got closer to the annual awards banquet. I would like to thank all the patrol and region awards coordinators for all their hard work in pulling together the necessary information and ultimately writing the award nominations. Patrol Representatives; please ensure these individuals are recognized at your Fall Refreshers for the extra work they put in to help their fellow patrollers receive the recognition they so deserve.

This year the Southern Division had nominations for all the outstanding award categories with the exception of Nordic Patrol and Small Alpine Patrol. Remember, the more nominations submitted, the more chance of success and this year truly proved that point!!

Before getting to the listing all the awards, I would like to thank **Myer Avedovech**, National Awards Coordinator, for attending our meeting. He gave an in-depth talk on how the national awards process works and was very inspiring in his belief on awards and how they benefit us all. **Editors Note:** The individual award write-ups will be available on the website for your review.

### ***Service Awards***

#### **Appalachian**

Robert Barbour	10 years
Debbie Lenz	10 years
Mark Soule	10 years
Joseph Donadio	20 years

#### **Blackwater Nordic**

Ronald Alt	10 years
Gary Berti	15 years

#### **Bryce**

David Canon	10 years
Robert Lane	10 years
Lee Miller	10 years
Robert Meacaughey	15 years
Kevin Fagin	20 years
Kent Christian	25 years
Carl Larsen	30 years

#### **Cataloochee**

Robert Brewster	10 years
Brent Bowman	15 years
Keith Kiser	15 years
Richard Boyer	20 years
Thomas Raudorf	20 years
Randall Avery	40 years

#### **Massanutten**

Carol Bartus	10 years
John Davis	10 years
Jeffrey Salem	20 years
Robert Pusey	20 years
Harold Blacka	25 years
Charles Coleman	30 years
Robert Martin	30 years

#### **Beech**

Marc Chabot	10 years
David Hall	10 years
Mark Latendresse	10 years
Theresa Varner	10 years
Julia Adams	15 years
Dan Cheek	15 years
Tim Holland	15 years
James Moore	15 years
Bill Tuck	15 years
Richard Adams	20 years
Charles Handley	20 years
Greg Sowers	20 years
Douglas Whelan	20 years
Bob Mahoney	25 years
Charles Travis	30 years
Rodney Farris	35 years

#### **Cloudmont**

Ken Collins	20 years
Bob Palik	40 years

#### **Homestead**

David Woods	15 years
Robert Kolesha	35 years

#### **Ober Gatlingburg**

Glenn Campbell	10 years
William Mattison	15 years
Neal McKinney	20 years
David Bjornstad	25 years

#### **Sapphire Valley**

Ben Tholkes	30 years
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**Hawksnest**

Kirk Mangum 15 years

**Snowshoe**

Ronald Bailey 10 years

Michael Becker 10 years

Blaine Daniel 10 years

Mary Legg 10 years

Christopher Methvin 10 years

Susan Murad 10 years

John Carruth 15 years

Jason Hall 15 years

Marc Poore 15 years

Michael Cassis 20 years

Howard Gibson 20 years

Jerry Goldfarb 20 years

Jan Gooding 20 years

Claude Hylton 20 years

Jeffrey McKelvey 20 years

Nancy Tiffey 20 years

Daniel Vincent 20 years

Robert Humphris 25 years

Daniel Philippi 25 years

Jan Starr 30 years

**Smokey Mountain Nordic**

Linda Pace 30 years

**Sugar Mountain**

Meredith Phillips 10 years

Melissa Rees 10 years

Jane Boyer 15 years

Wayne Persons 15 years

Bryan Webb 15 years

Patty Woody 15 years

Clarence Ilderton 20 years

Dirk Krause 20 years

James Bolton 25 years

Joseph Chesson 25 years

Larry Fleming 25 years

James White 25 years

Mike Harris 30 years

**Wintergreen**

Robert Coleman 10 years

David Stolze 10 years

Paul Thompson 10 years

Peg Harris 15 years

Judith Kay-Monaghan 20 years

Robert Leavenworth 20 years

David Quidort 25 years

Doug Carlberg 35 years

**Timberline**

Joseph McNeer 15 years

Robert Poole 15 years

**Winterplace**

Grant Dragan	10 years
Dennis Kinsella	10 years
Nadine Watson	10 years
Walter Watson	10 years
Conrad Cooper	15 years
Byrd White	15 years
David T. Cregar	20 years
Stephen Finch	20 years
Thomas Wagner	20 years
Cynthia Boehling	30 years

**Wolf Ridge**

Lynn Poletti	10 years
Phil Bentley	15 years
Marc Jarvis	15 years
David Katterman	15 years
Rick Ligeikis	20 years
Lee Wilkinson	20 years
Julian Waldrep	30 years

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***Instructor Service Awards***

**Appalachian**

Anne Fox Donadio	12 years
Mike Fletcher	12 years
E. B. Fox, III	12 years
Cathy LaMarre	12 years
Charles Lentz	12 years
Gordon Sox	12 years
Eddie Winkler	12 years

**Cataloochee**

Chris Polhemus	6 years
Stephanie Crowe	12 years
Melanie Wolford	18 years

**Sugar Mountain**

James Bolton	12 years
Larry Fleming	12 years
Flynn Harris	12 years
John Tolbert	12 years
Ernie Whitner	12 years
Norris Woody	12 years

**Timberline**

Steve Cvechko	12 years
Robert Chatman	12 years
Janette Bennett	12 years
Joseph McNeer	12 years

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**Certificates of Appreciation  
for Outgoing Division and Region Personnel**

Morgan Armstrong	1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director
Richard Boyer	Assistant Division Director-South
Christine Myatt	Division Legal Advisor
Carl Larsen	Patrol Representative for Bryce
Thomas Raudorf	Patrol Representative for Cataloochee
Larry Bost	Patrol Representative for Hawksnest
Ben Tholkes	Patrol Representative for Sapphire

**Certificates of Appreciation  
for Outgoing Division and Region Personnel Continued**

Rick Sharp	Patrol Representative/Director for Snowshoe
Bill Boughton	Patrol Representative for Wolf Laurel
Mike Harris	Region Director for Blue Ridge
Brent Bowman	Region Director for Dixie
John Shaffer	Division Supervisor/Ski & Snowboard School
John Shaffer	Virginia Region OEC Administrator
Clark Bell	Division Snowboard Supervisor
Paul Calvert	Continuing Support of the Cataloochee Patrol

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**Merit Star Recipients:**

**Purple Merit Star:** Presented to **Michael Chaney** for Medical Assistance with a Motor Vehicle Accident, Route 32 North Canaan Valley, WV August 20, 2006.

**Blue Merit Stars:** Presented to **Janette Bennett, Darren Bennett** and **Dan Sullivan** for Medical Assistance with a Motor Vehicle Accident, Route 32 North Canaan Valley, WV August 20, 2006.

**Blue Merit Star:** Presented to **Kellie Kathleen Brohm** for Using Her OEC Skills on a Collapsed Gentlemen During a Class Field Trip.

**Yellow Merit Star:** Presented to **Dawn Joy Jucker** for Exceptional and Dedicated Service to the Ober Gatlingburg Ski Patrol.

**Yellow Merit Star:** Presented to **Grayson Cooper** for the Development of the Cataloochee Ski Patrol Web Site.

**Yellow Merit Star:** Presented to **Bob Brewster** for the Continuing Support of the Cataloochee Ski Patrol.

**Yellow Merit Star:** Presented to **Peg Harris** by Myer Avedovech, National Awards Coordinator, for Updating and Standardizing all the National Awards Nomination Forms.

**Patroller's Cross**

**Patroller's Cross** presented to **Sarah Moore** for Her Personal Sacrifice in Service to All Who Ski.

## **Leadership Commendation Appointment**

**Leadership Commendation** Appointment No. 8327 presented to **Byrd White** for His Leadership and Years of Service to All Who Ski.

## **Division Outstanding Awards**

Each recipient received a Division Outstanding Award Plaque and a Yellow Merit Star for being nominated by Southern Division in the National Outstanding Categories.

- **Outstanding Student:** Presented to **Brandon Landreth** of Hawksnest Ski Patrol.
- **Outstanding Division Student Runner-up** went to **Deidra Banks** of Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol.
- **Outstanding Professional Patroller:** Presented to **Thomas Katarsky** of Timberline Ski Patrol.
- **Outstanding Professional Patroller Runner-up** went to **Brett Henyon** of Wintergreen Ski Patrol
- **Outstanding Nordic Patroller:** Presented to **Joshua Saville** of Timberline Ski Patrol.
- **Outstanding Patrol Representative:** Presented to **Larry Bost** of Hawksnest Ski Patrol.
- **Outstanding Administrative Patroller:** Presented to **Dave Quidort** of Wintergreen Ski Patrol.
- **Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller:** Presented to **Fred Wessels** of Hawksnest Ski Patrol.
- **Outstanding Instructor:** Presented to **Gregg Bradley** of Wintergreen Ski Patrol.
- **Outstanding Instructor Runner-up:** Presented to **Teresa Stewart** of Hawksnest Ski Patrol.
- **Outstanding Alpine Patroller:** Presented to **Hugh Jernigan** of Hawksnest Ski Patrol.

- **Outstanding Alpine Patroller Runner-up:** Presented to **Darren Bennett** of Timberline Ski Patrol.
- **Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol:** Presented to Cataloochee Ski Patrol.
- **Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol Runner-up:** Presented to Hawksnest Ski Patrol.

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### **National Outstanding Awards**

Presented by National Awards Coordinator, Myer Avedovech.

- **National Outstanding Patrol Representative Award and Gold Merit Star:** Presented to **Larry Bost** of the Hawksnest Ski Patrol.
- **National Outstanding Alpine Patroller Award and Gold Merit Star:** Presented to **Hugh Jernigan** of Hawksnest Ski Patrol.
- **Silver Merit Star:** Presented to **Gregg Bradley** of Wintergreen Ski Patrol as National Outstanding Instructor Runner-up.
- **Distinguished Service Award:** Presented to **Neil Booth** for his service as our Division Director.

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This year was such an exciting year for awards as you can see after reading all of the names of the various award recipients above! What a great way to say thanks to all the deserving patrollers. Patrol reps/directors, region directors – you should already be thinking of who to nominate for next season’s outstanding categories, merit stars and all the other various awards available. Let’s keep the momentum going!!

## **Southern Division Calendar**

**Please refer to the Division Website for updated schedules!**

[www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org)

The calendar is flexible dependant on the weather – please check the calendar and/or with your patrol representative / Region Director for the most up-to-date changes.

## 2007-2008 SOUTHERN DIVISION CALENDAR

Rev 10-01-2007

<b>2007 DIVISION PROGRAM DATES</b>					
<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
11-16 – 11-18	Course – Mountain Travel & Rescue, Level I & II	Blue Ridge Region	Mark Rees	704-887-5603	<a href="mailto:mark.rees@conclusivemarketing.com">mark.rees@conclusivemarketing.com</a>
12-08	Senior – EMM Trainer/Evaluator Clinic	Cataloochee	Dave Quidort	919-363-7935	<a href="mailto:quidortd@us.ibm.com">quidortd@us.ibm.com</a>
12-08	Basic Leadership Development for Ski Patrollers	Homestead	Mary Underwood	865-483-3675	<a href="mailto:jnu@bellsouth.net">jnu@bellsouth.net</a>

<b>2008 DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE DATES</b>					
<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
01-14	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
04-01	DUE – Awards Nominations		Peggy Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
04-01	DUE – Patrol – Financial Reports DUE – Division Expense Reimbursements Requests (2007-2008)		Jim Underwood	865-483-3675	<a href="mailto:jnu@bellsouth.net">jnu@bellsouth.net</a>
04-01	DUE – Patrol – End of Year Reports DUE – Supervisor – End of Year Reports		Richard Boyer, Jr.	770-975-5875	<a href="mailto:richardboyer@bellsouth.net">richardboyer@bellsouth.net</a>
04-15	DUE – Budget Requests to Division for Ski Season 2008-2009		Jim Underwood	865-483-3675	<a href="mailto:jnu@bellsouth.net">jnu@bellsouth.net</a>
05-21	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
09-08	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>

**2008  
DIVISION PROGRAM DATES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
01-12	Certified – Clinic	Sugar	Steve Kuller	540-234-9108	<a href="mailto:sdk@juno.com">sdk@juno.com</a>
01-26	Certified – Clinic	Massanutten	Steve Kuller	540-234-9108	<a href="mailto:sdk@juno.com">sdk@juno.com</a>
02-02	Certified – Clinic	Massanutten	Steve Kuller	540-234-9108	<a href="mailto:sdk@juno.com">sdk@juno.com</a>
02-09 & 02-10	Certified – Clinic (Mandatory for new candidates)	Snowshoe	Steve Kuller	540-234-9108	<a href="mailto:sdk@juno.com">sdk@juno.com</a>
03-20 – 03-22	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Steve Kuller	540-234-9108	<a href="mailto:sdk@juno.com">sdk@juno.com</a>

**2007  
BLUE RIDGE REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
10-06	Refresher – OEC – Grandfather	Valle Crucis	Teresa Stewart	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
10-07	Refresher – on the hill	Sugar	Flynn Harris	704-366-5487	<a href="mailto:eflynnh@bellsouth.net">eflynnh@bellsouth.net</a>
10-07	Refresher – on the hill	Hawksnest	Brent S. Rockett	336-922-4317	<a href="mailto:Brent.rockett@ncmail.net">Brent.rockett@ncmail.net</a>
10-27	OEC Course Challenge* [* Pre-registration required]	Sugar Mtn.	Larry Fleming	828-437-8448	<a href="mailto:imfeyeski@bellsouth.net">imfeyeski@bellsouth.net</a>
10-28	OEC Course Challenge	Sugar Mtn.	Larry Fleming	828-437-8448	<a href="mailto:imfeyeski@bellsouth.net">imfeyeski@bellsouth.net</a>
11-02	CPR Refresher	Boone	Charles Lentz	828-264-5261	<a href="mailto:lentzcl@bellsouth.net">lentzcl@bellsouth.net</a>
11-03	Refresher – OEC – Carolina Highlands	Valle Crucis	Teresa Stewart	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
11-04	Refresher – on the hill	Beech	Tom Watson	423-636-1096	<a href="mailto:fishski@usit.net">fishski@usit.net</a>
11-04	Refresher – on the hill	Appalachian	Joe Donadio	828-297-5885	<a href="mailto:donagdioa@watauga.k12.nc.us">donagdioa@watauga.k12.nc.us</a>
12-02	S&T Examiners Clinic – Region	Appalachian	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
12-08	Senior – EMM Trainer/Evaluator Clinic	Cataloochee	Dave Quidort	919-363-7935	<a href="mailto:quidortd@us.ibm.com">quidortd@us.ibm.com</a>

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01-05	Senior S&T Clinic	Beech	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
01-06	Basic Patrollers S&T Test	Sugar	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
01-19	Senior EMM – Clinic	Beech	Lisa Adams	828-387-2892	<a href="mailto:pleasingmona@skybest.com">pleasingmona@skybest.com</a>
01-20	Basic Patrollers S&T Test	Beech	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
02-02	Senior S&T – Clinic	Hawksnest	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
02-03	Senior S&T – Clinic	Hawksnest	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
02-24	Basic Patrollers S&T Test	Hawksnest	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
03-02	Basic Patrollers S&T Test	Appalachian	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
03-09	Senior EMM – TEST	Appalachian	Lisa Adams	828-387-2892	<a href="mailto:pleasingmona@skybest.com">pleasingmona@skybest.com</a>

**2007  
DIXIE REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
10-13	Pre-refresher	Cataloochee	Wayne Morgan	828-926-0285	<a href="mailto:wmorgan@cataloochee.com">wmorgan@cataloochee.com</a>
10-13	Pre-refresher	Ober Gatlinburg	Adrienne Armes	865-617-7669	<a href="mailto:One_ton_cherokee@hotmail.com">One_ton_cherokee@hotmail.com</a>
11-03	Refresher – OEC	Cataloochee	Wayne Morgan	828-926-0285	<a href="mailto:wmorgan@cataloochee.com">wmorgan@cataloochee.com</a>
11-03	Refresher – OEC	Ober Gatlinburg	Adrienne Armes	865-617-7669	<a href="mailto:One_ton_cherokee@hotmail.com">One_ton_cherokee@hotmail.com</a>
11-03	Pre-refresher	Wolf Ridge	Bruce and Sue Estridge	828-689-2050	<a href="mailto:estRidge@earthlink.net">estRidge@earthlink.net</a>
11-04	Refresher – on the hill	Cataloochee	Wayne Morgan	828-926-0285	<a href="mailto:wmorgan@cataloochee.com">wmorgan@cataloochee.com</a>
11-04	Refresher – on-the-hill	Ober Gatlinburg	Dave Crawford	865-406-3638	<a href="mailto:dave@rapidexpeditions.com">dave@rapidexpeditions.com</a>
11-15	OEC Course Challenge	Cataloochee	Wayne Morgan	828-926-0285	<a href="mailto:wmorgan@cataloochee.com">wmorgan@cataloochee.com</a>
11-17	Refresher – OEC	Wolf Ridge	Bruce and Sue Estridge	828-689-2050	<a href="mailto:estRidge@earthlink.net">estRidge@earthlink.net</a>
11-18	Refresher – on the hill	Wolf Ridge	Phil Bentley	828-251-0604	<a href="mailto:philbentley@charter.net">philbentley@charter.net</a>
12-08	Senior EMM – examiners clinic	Cataloochee	Dave Quidort	919-363-7935	<a href="mailto:quidort@us.ibm.com">quidort@us.ibm.com</a>

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01-13	S&T Clinic	Ober Gatlinburg	Brandon Olson	865-471-5197 865-603-3045	
01-27	Senior EMM Clinic	Cataloochee	Bob Brewster	828-684-8100	
02-10	S&T Test	Ober Gatlinburg	Brandon Olson	865-471-5197 865-603-3045	
02-24	Senior EMM Test	Cataloochee	Bob Brewster	828-684-8100	

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VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

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10-20	Refresher – on the hill	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius	434-325-8060	<a href="mailto:tcrolius@aol.com">tcrolius@aol.com</a>
10-21	Refresher – OEC	Wintergreen & Bryce	Greg Pence	804-821-4309	<a href="mailto:gpence@flowserve.com">gpence@flowserve.com</a>
10-27	Refresher – on the hill	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski	540-289-4954	<a href="mailto:bdrewnowski@massresort.com">bdrewnowski@massresort.com</a>
10-28	Refresher – OEC	Massanutten	Will Drury	540-421-4890	<a href="mailto:mgb72wj@planetcomm.net">mgb72wj@planetcomm.net</a>
11-03	OEC Basic Course	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski	540-289-4954	<a href="mailto:bdrewnowski@massresort.com">bdrewnowski@massresort.com</a>
11-23	Ski Swap by Wintergreen Patrol	Wintergreen	Jim McCaslin	703-250-5193	<a href="mailto:mccaslin_jim@earthlink.net">mccaslin_jim@earthlink.net</a>
12-08	Basic Leadership Development for Ski Patrollers	Homestead	May Underwood	865-483-3675	<a href="mailto:jnu@bellsouth.net">jnu@bellsouth.net</a>
12-09	Transferring Patroller Orientation	Wintergreen	Ted Forbes	434-979-9354	<a href="mailto:Ted.Forbes@capitalone.com">Ted.Forbes@capitalone.com</a>

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01-12	Senior EMM Clinic	Bryce	T. Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
01-13	Senior S&T Clinic	Wintergreen	T. Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
01-26	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher	434-296-8485	<a href="mailto:heardmtn05@earthlink.net">heardmtn05@earthlink.net</a>
03-09	Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher	434-296-8485	<a href="mailto:heardmtn05@earthlink.net">heardmtn05@earthlink.net</a>
02-23	Senior EMM – TEST	Bryce	T. Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
02-24	Senior S&T – TEST	Massanutten	T. Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
03-08	Instructor Development Course	Massanutten	Cathy Riley-Hall	703-830-9520	<a href="mailto:Catherine.Riley-Hall@fairfaxcounty.gov">Catherine.Riley-Hall@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>

**2007**  
**WEST VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
10-09	OEC Course – Basic	Winterplace	Walt Watson	304-253-6963	<a href="mailto:dewawatson@msn.com">dewawatson@msn.com</a>
10-27	Refresher – OEC	Snowshoe	Dan Philippi	304-572-0535	<a href="mailto:dphilippi@carolinarr.com">dphilippi@carolinarr.com</a>
10-28	Refresher – on the hill	Snowshoe	Dan Philippi	304-572-0535	<a href="mailto:dphilippi@carolinarr.com">dphilippi@carolinarr.com</a>
10-20	Refresher – OEC	Timberline	Bill Cox	703-351-9747	<a href="mailto:Mountain.bc@verizon.net">Mountain.bc@verizon.net</a>
10-21	Refresher – on the hill	Timberline	Bill Cox	703-351-9747	<a href="mailto:Mountain.bc@verizon.net">Mountain.bc@verizon.net</a>
10-27	Refresher – mixed OEC & on the hill	Winterplace	George McMurray	304-252-3345	<a href="mailto:jorgemcmurray@gmail.com">jorgemcmurray@gmail.com</a>
10-28	Refresher – mixed OEC & on the hill	Winterplace	George McMurray	304-252-3345	<a href="mailto:jorgemcmurray@gmail.com">jorgemcmurray@gmail.com</a>
12-08	Instructor Development Course	Winterplace	Greg Rash	502-263-3323	<a href="mailto:g.rash@insightbb.com">g.rash@insightbb.com</a>
12-08	Basic Leadership Development for Ski Patrollers	Homestead	May Underwood	865-483-3675	<a href="mailto:jnu@bellsouth.net">jnu@bellsouth.net</a>

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2-3-08	Senior EMM Clinic	WinterPlace	George McMurray		<a href="mailto:jorgemcmurray@gmail.com">jorgemcmurray@gmail.com</a>
3-3-8	Senior EMM TEST	Timberline	Bill Cox		<a href="mailto:Mountain.bc@verizon.net">Mountain.bc@verizon.net</a>

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**SOUTHERN DIVISION STAFF DIRECTORY**  
 [10-01-07]

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Division Director – Morgan Armstrong (Chair) (X)  1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director – Richard Boyer, Jr. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Division Director – Brent E. Bowman Assistant Division Director – North – Jan Starr Assistant Division Director – South – Mike Harris  Past Division Director – Neil Booth Professional Director – Bartek Drewnowski  Secretary – Kelly Duke Drewnowski Treasurer – Jim Underwood  <u><b>ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (X)</b></u>  OEC Supervisor – Leslie Carter (X) Legal Advisor – Chuck Lollar (X)	Region Director – Blue Ridge – E. B. Fox, III Assistant RD – Blue Ridge – Jonathan Hale  Region Director – Dixie – Dennis F. Slagle Assistant RD – Dixie – Brandon Olson  Region Director – Virginia – Bill Smith Assistant RD – Virginia – Ted Forbes  Region Director – West Virginia – Byrd E. White, III Assistant RD – West Virginia – Thomas Wagner	Appalachian Patrol – Joe Donadio Ski Beech Patrol – Tom Watson Ski Hawksnest Patrol – Brent S. Rockett Sugar Mountain Patrol – Flynn Harris  Cataloochee Patrol – June L. Ray Cloudmont Patrol – Bob Palik Ober Gatlinburg Patrol – Brent Galloway Sapphire Patrol – Justus Baird Wolf Ridge Patrol – Phil Bentley Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol – Don Jones  Bryce Patrol – William “Bill” Kost Homestead Patrol – David Woods Massanutten Patrol – Ron Dull Wintergreen Patrol – Ted Forbes  Blackwater Nordic Patrol – Brad Moore Snowshoe Patrol – Becky E. Sharp The New Winterplace Patrol – Walter Watson Timberline Patrol – Janette Bennett
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## Times are A-Changing.....

*R. Morgan Armstrong, Division Director*

The Southern Division has a lot of changes going on at this time and so does the national organization. We hope these changes will improve the service to the patroller. The Southern Division elected me as your new division director and in turn I am starting to nominate staff positions for board approval. The National Ski Patrol is in the process of selecting a new national chairman, executive director and education director. Perhaps by the time this article is published all of these positions will be filled. Be sure to follow the news by signing on with the National Ski Patrol at [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org). The Southern Division is about to launch a new Web Site and believe it or not, the division officers are beginning work on next ski season.

We are in a time of reflection. This August at our Fall Officers Meeting we will have two historical presentations. **Keith Argow**, our first division director, will tell us how our division was created. **Harry Stowe** will give us an account of an event during his years in the military. One, which I found incredible, and I wanted you to hear as well, so he is going to have a part in the program.

The Fall Officers Meeting will be a time of fun. It is being held at the MeadowView Marriott, a resort and conference center and will be much more than just a meeting. We are putting a lot into the event with a great hospitality suite, OEC programs for instructors, a course for new officers and the location itself is a vacation spot. Kingsport, Tennessee has a lot to offer the family, so bring them along this year.

We are going to try to make this Fall Officers Meeting one to remember. An invitation is extended to every officer, instructor, supervisor, and every patroller. Invited are your family or significant other and for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00 each, everyone may enjoy all the refreshments, coffee, and hospitality suite each night of the meeting.

We are in a time of organization at the national, divisional and regional level. Each patroller's opinions and ideas about how we might better operate to serve the resort, the patroller and the public are invited and welcome. Now is a time to step forward and be a part of all that is going on. You can make a difference for the future. We gather together once per year at the Fall Officers Meeting and this gives all of the officers and program supervisors a chance to meet collectively and plan for the future. **However**, it is not limited to officers and supervisors but every patroller in the division is invited to participate in this process. The division director and executive committee have recommended to the Board that we adopt a new Proposal Form upon which motions to the Board of Directors may be made. We think it will make the process easier and we hope more proposals will come from patrollers, who will join us and watch the division at work. If you want a proposal to be submitted but are not able to attend, simply see one of the officers and ask that officer to submit it for you.

We are in a time of *introduction* of new people and things. I have submitted **Richard Boyer** as the 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director – Administration, **Brent Bowman** as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Division Director – Skills, **Jan Starr** as the Assistant Division Director – North and **Mike Harris** as the Assistant Division Director – South. The new Web Site will carry the full roster of new officers and this site will show in detail, how the division works and the way we are organized. This new format will not only give you the position but show you how the position fits in the structure of the division. When it comes on line, each of you will receive directions on how to access this new site.

We are in a time of **commitment**. A commitment of ourselves to the National Ski Patrol and to the resorts we serve. A commitment to the art of patrolling so we are valuable and necessary for the operation of the resort and a resource they will call upon out of necessity and in recognition of the benefit they receive from us. A commitment to the public so they will continue to recognize us as their protector and so the next generation will come to know us in the same way as their parents and grandparents. A time when not only skiers recognize the NSP cross but a time when it is recognized by snowboarders, tubing park riders, terrain park aficionados, bike riders and a whole arena of sports enthusiasts as they are brought into contact with us by the resorts we serve.

We are in a time of adventure. Come join us at the Fall Officers Meeting, August 18 & 19, 2007!

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE BYLAWS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION

This notice to all members of the Southern Division is to officially notify each member an Amendment is needed to the Southern Division Bylaws to conform Article V, Section 6, Assistant Division Director(s) to the National Ski Patrol Systems, Inc. Bylaws, Article III, Section 3.15 as mandated by Article X, Sections 10.1(a) and (b).

The current Southern Division Bylaws read as follows:

Article V, Section 6, ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR(S). Assistant Division Director(s) are appointed by the Division director and shall serve at the pleasure of the Division Director, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. The term of office shall be two (2) years and concurrent with the term of the Division Director.

The language underlined needs to be removed and the Bylaw amended to read as follows:

Article V, Section 6, ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR(S). Assistant Division Director(s) are appointed by the Division director and shall serve at the pleasure of the Division Director. The term of office shall be two (2) years and concurrent with the term of the Division Director.

The need for the change results from the following sections of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. Bylaws regarding the following sections:

Article III, OFFICERS, Section 3.15, Appointment of Assistants: A division director shall have complete authority to appoint such assistants as in his or her judgment may be necessary to carry out the objectives of his or her office.

Article X, NATIONAL AUTHORITY, Section 10.1 National Sovereignty:

- (a) The NSP shall be sovereign as opposed to divisions and subdivisions thereof. No division, region, section, or NSP patrol shall promulgate any bylaws, policies, rules, or regulations that conflict with, tend to be argumentative with, or otherwise interfere with the uniform application of the national organization's bylaws throughout the entire NSP.
- (b) Each division may prepare and adopt policies, rules, regulations, and bylaws to provide for the conduct of its own internal affairs on the condition that the same must be consistent with these bylaws and the purposes of the NSP as set forth in the NSP Articles of Incorporation or any amendments thereto.

## [International Federation of Ski Patrols](#)

The Federation Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski (International Federation of Ski Patrols aka FIPS) held a World Congress at Snowbird Resort, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 23 through April 28, 2007. The event was hosted by the Rocky Mountain Division of the National Ski Patrol and patrollers attended from the following countries: United Kingdom, Sweden, Japan, Korea, Chile, Canada, Australia, Switzerland, Australia, France and Italy.

Topics at the conference included a presentation by the world's leading surgeon, Dr. Duke Whan Chung of Korea, on hand reconstruction from frostbite; a discussion of the new skier law in Italy, which prohibits patrollers from realigning an angulated fracture; a presentation of the procedures in Australia, which permit administration of pain analgesics, and how to care for seriously injured patients when the nearest ambulance has a response time of two hours or more. Other topics included new equipment being developed in other countries and GPS location of accidents for reporting purposes and safety studies.

One presentation was a study of the history of the law as it applies to ski resorts and skiing. Presenting this part of the program were three supreme, court justices. Justice Denise Johnson of the Vermont Supreme Court, who gave an early history of the law and how it developed in the State of Vermont. Justice Michael Bender of the Colorado Supreme Court and he spoke about the recent case in Colorado involving the death of a skier by another skier and how the state prosecuted the reckless action of the skier in criminal court. Justice Stephen Markman of the Michigan Supreme Court spoke of his state law and recent immunity laws passed there. The Honorable R. Morgan Armstrong, a District Court Judge from Virginia and the Southern Division Director was the fourth member of the panel and spoke about recent cases in Virginia and the liability of resorts and patrollers. He also described the new immunity statute in Virginia and his opinion of future trends in the law and how they might affect ski patrollers, resorts and the public.

This World Congress is held every two years and the next meeting will be in Are Resort, Are, Sweden in 2009. Many of the NSP divisions are members of this Congress and an invitation to the Southern Division was extended by the FIPS organization to join. During this meeting the Snowbird Patrol joined the conference and many of the NSP members in attendance spoke of asking the National Ski Patrol to return to the conference as a member. The NSP had been a member but dropped the membership several years ago.

## [Southeastern Ski Areas Association Meeting](#)

The Southeastern Ski Areas Association (SSAA) met at Ski Hawksnest Resort, Seven Devils, North Carolina on Thursday, May 24, 2007. This Association is composed of the resorts in the Southern Division, three insurance representatives and resort suppliers. The Southern Division was represented by the Division Director, **Morgan Armstrong**, who informed the group of the various changes at the national office of the National Ski Patrol, a status report on the Immunity Project in progress within the National Ski Patrol, notified the group of the planning and initial work being done on the new OEC book and informed the group about the recent loss of **Charlie Benbow**. **John Cossaboom**, Ski School Director at Cataloochee, informed the group he is the newly elected representative for the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) for this area, which covers the Southern Division and gave a report on the status of that group. **Rob Holt** of Willis (a major risk management and insurance intermediary that operates on a worldwide basis) alerted the resort officials of certain risk management issues related to recent litigation in this country. Several position papers were presented on cleaning up carbon in the atmosphere and the implication of an increase in temperature on the ski industry in this country. These papers came from a prior meeting of the National Ski Area Association and were brought to the meeting by the SSAA President, **Brad Moretz** of Appalachian Ski Mountain Resort. Another report talked of the recent unusually warm winter in Scotland and the hardships which resulted to the ski industry in Scotland. This report confirmed a first hand account report given at the recent World Conference of the International Federation of Ski Patrollers by the patrol delegation from Scotland and a similar experience occurred in Australia this past year to that ski industry as reported by the Australian delegation. A final matter discussed was about the success of the “snow reports” projects on local radio stations throughout the southern states. The SSAA voted to continue this project of making snow reports during the ski season on radio, which was bringing in new skiers to the resorts. The resort owners voted to expand the project to include Spanish-speaking stations. Patrollers might need to brush up on their “hola” and “Buenos dias” expressions.

## *From the Assistants...*

Brent Bowman,  
*2nd ADD, Skills*



Well... Lots of changes in the Dixie and Southern Region in the past few weeks. A big THANK YOU to **Tom Raudorf** at Cataloochee & **Bill Boughton** at Wolf Ridge for past years of service as the Patrol Rep. Welcome to **June Ray** (Cataloochee PR), **Phil Bentley** (Wolf Ridge PR) and **Dave Crawford** (Ober PD). Thanks for stepping up and taking this position. I look forward to on-time reports at the end of the year ;-). **Neil Booth** has been replaced by **Morgan Armstrong** as the Division Director. Neil steered the Southern Division thru the troubled waters of the past few years, full of lawsuits and resignations from the National board. Hopefully, all of this turmoil is behind us. Also, Morgan has asked me to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> ADD Skills position. A new Dixie Region Director should be named by the time this go to print. I thank all of the PR and PD's in the region for the assistance I have received over the past 2 years as Dixie RD.

As always, looking forward to seeing you on the classroom this summer. We just held a great Instructor Development Course in Atlanta, GA and have another coming to Huntsville, AL or Cloudmont, AL during the summer and third in the fall in Asheville, NC. This fun class is only one day and will get you setup to teach OEC or any of the other programs that the Ski Patrol puts on during the year. We always need to have more instructors. If you are interested in teaching OEC, Skiing, Toboggan, MTR or Avalanche this is the way to get started. Thanks to **Ann Wood** and **Teresa Stewart** for making the drive to Atlanta and teaching the class.

Come to the Fall Board of Directors meeting Aug 18-19. This is a great opportunity to see how the Southern Division runs.

Brent

Richard Boyer,  
*1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director – Administrative*



Isn't it quite amazing how things work in one's life? I'm surprised to be writing you this article as the 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director of our Southern Division. I am honored to be asked to handle this position. Our Division responsibilities are as important as they can be to the success and survival of our ski patrol system. So you have my promise to do all I can to fulfill the job **Morgan Armstrong** as asked of me.

Bringing our patrollers together, to heal any fractures or bruises and continuing to operate our Southern Division efficiently and effectively is our immediate opportunity and challenge. We will perform this along with our primary responsibility of supporting and providing education and aid to the patroller in doing his job of serving mountain management and the winter sliding public.

My thanks to **Neil Booth**, his support staff and all the Patrol Representatives for a job well done. Looking forward, I know Morgan will deliver the leadership which will perform the necessary duties to carry out the requirements of Division Director of the Southern Division. Having known Morgan for some years I think we have just the right person to lead our Division. Thank you, Morgan for stepping up to this huge challenge and let us not forget our thanks to **Jo Ann Armstrong** for agreeing to our borrowing of some of her time with Morgan.

Let's get it done!

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### Notes From The North...

*Jan Starr*  
*Assistant Division Director – North Area*

Another ski season has passed and summer is upon us. It is time to reflect back to see what has been accomplished.

Southern Division has a new Director: congratulations to **Morgan**, we look forward to working with you.

To our outgoing Director, **Neil Booth**: Thank you for your hard work and patience in your past terms.



We again have two Southern Division patrollers sitting on the National Board; **Mark Rees** and **Larry Bost**. May you be blessed with wisdom in leading us forward. We know there are many changes and issues at the present time within our National system.

Congratulations to the new Basic and Senior patrollers in our regions. Those are great accomplishments that took a lot of time in training “on the hill” and dedication to this system.

Welcome to the new Certified candidates from both the “North” and “South”, have a great time working with this program as I have had. The experiences and knowledge that you will gain are worth the time you are spending in this.

**Bill Smith** and **Mary Underwood** are working to update the PES (Patroller Enrichment Seminar) program for it to go forward with the industry. This is a huge undertaking and time for a change.

I had time this year to get to some other areas, and enjoyed visiting with old friends and making new. Patrollers are unique individuals with all the same goals; SKI, help others in need, SKI, support our areas, SKI and have fun. What a great “family” we belong to!!

We are still looking for a few good folks to fill some of the positions that are vacant in our Division and Regions. Your Region Director would sure appreciate the time and welcome new faces and ideas. Please contact that person to inquire on the vacancies.

Have fun this summer, it will be over before you know it!

Jan Starr

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Mike Harris,  
*Assistant Division Director – South Area*



As the new Assistant Division Director-South, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Dixie Region. Having been a member of NSP for 30 years, a past Grandfather Section Chief, Blue Ridge Region Director, and a participant in many Powderfall events, I know a number of patrollers from Dixie. This years Powderfall had seventeen attendees from Southern Division. They were from Beech, Bryce,

Cataloochee, Ober Gatlinburg, Sugar, Snowshoe, and Wintergreen. If you have never signed up for this national conference, you don't know what you are missing. *(Mike Harris photographed with Debbie Armstrong-Olympic Gold Medalist Sarajevo and PSIA Alpine Demo Team Member at Powderfall 2007.)*

The upcoming refresher cycle should provide the opportunity to get to know many more members from Dixie. My goal is to represent the views of the majority of your patrollers.

It was amazing to see the ingenuity of our program supervisors last season, to get events successfully moved around the calendar with the intermittent cold weather. Please consider attending the Fall Officers Meeting August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> in Kingsport, TN. at the MeadowView Marriott. It is a good time to get to know the members of your Board of Directors and participate in the way your Division's decisions are made. This year's event should be great. I understand there will be a lot of the history of your Division on the agenda. I hope to see you there.

Think Snow!

### *From the Regions...*

#### **Virginia Region**

*Bill Smith*  
Virginia Region Director

#### **Virginia News**

It's May and I'm not sure about you, but I'm definitely getting spring fever. However, if the weather would just cooperate, I would be getting the itch to be outside and stay outside!!! Spring here in Virginia is such a pretty time, but generally signals the end of the usual ski season as we know it in the south. That however doesn't mean that ski patrol work is over for the year, it just takes on a new face. There are meetings and training sessions to attend, awards to bestow for hard work, planning to be done and many other tasks that signals the end of one season and the beginning of the next. Lately those tasks and seasons all seem to blend together.



Like so many areas in the "south", Virginia's ski season certainly had its ups and downs this year. But as always, our folks came through and made the best of a less than desirable situation. Hopefully with the coming season we will be treated to one that is colder and has more snow. (I know, be careful what you ask for)!!!

This year, we have made a couple of administrative changes here in Virginia. First of all, **Peggy Harris** will be devoting her full-time efforts to the Division Awards program rather than trying to serve as both the Assistant Region Director and the Division Awards Supervisor. Peggy thanks for all the hard work on your part while serving as the Virginia ARD!!! **Ted Forbes** from Wintergreen has agreed to step up to the plate and take on the task of Assistant Region Director. Thank you Ted !!!

During the past year, there were a number of great education programs presented in Virginia and the other regions. Many folks attended the programs and hopefully got some great new ideas and information related to the ski and snow sports industry. Thanks to everyone (students and instructors alike) for your support for these programs.

As I write this article, the Division Executive Officer's have just returned from what I consider a successful spring meeting in Wytheville, VA. As you may recall, **Morgan Armstrong** took the reins as the new Division Director in mid-April. He and his new team have begun the process of getting themselves organized and ready to take care of the business of the division.

Now that we (the division) have started down this new path we have encountered, we must remember there will always be change in our organization. Change is healthy and sometimes good. However, as the winds of change blow through our organization we must always focus on solving problems, and not resorting to trying to destroy people in that process. One doesn't have to sacrifice any part of ones self to achieve that goal. Let's all try to move forward on a positive note.

**Neil**, thanks for a great job in very trying times!!!

In the coming weeks we will be working to pull together a Virginia Region Calendar. If you have a specific program you would like to see presented this coming season please let me know right away ([skibill@widomaker.com](mailto:skibill@widomaker.com)).

Last but not least, let's not forget the Fall Officer's Meeting that will be held in Kingsport, TN on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the MeadowView Marriott. The meeting will begin on Saturday and continue for a half-day on Sunday. That session will be followed by the new PR/Officer training program on Sunday afternoon. There will be much to accomplish and a great deal of fun to be had by all!!! On Saturday evening the Awards Banquet will be held and hopefully there will be a lot of awards given out for all the hard work that was done this year by so many of you. Come one, come all!!! Don't forget these sessions are open to **everyone**.

In closing, treat yourself to an extra dish of ice cream for the great job you did this past season and start getting ready for the new season soon by thinking about how you can be a better and safer patroller. Guess that's about it for now. However,

please don't hesitate to contact me if I can help in some small way. Hope to see you soon!!!

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## NOTES FROM WEST VIRGINIA

Byrd White,  
*West Virginia Region Director*

It took a while but, as always, it got cold and we were ready. Being ready didn't just happen, someone did a lot of work. At Snowshoe, **Jan Starr** did her normal great job putting together another fine refresher, **Bill Cox** at Timberline was front and center organizing their refresher and at WinterPlace, **Jorge McMurry** did another fine job of having everyone and everything organized and ready to go. **Walt Watson** at WinterPlace finished running another OEC course and **Greg Rash** put on a great Instructor Development course. The Senior Emergency Management Clinic was led by **Bill Cox** at Timberline on January 27 with **Bud Frantz**, the Senior Coordination Administrator lending a hand. It was brutally cold but they pulled it off in great style.

Four people passed the senior Emergency Management evaluation and six passed the senior Toboggan handling evaluation. **Bud Frantz** and **Dave Cline** did a yeoman's job of putting on these two evaluations.

Without the leaders who put in the time and effort to get these things done, we are out of business. Many of the names that keep appearing as leaders are the same people who were leading things when I started 16 years ago.

Before you look around for the new leaders, check the mirror. We, your fellow patrollers, need you. Please, get involved.

The fall officer's meeting is August 18 & 19 in Kingsport, TN and all patrollers are invited. Held in conjunction with this will be an instructor refresher being led by **Leslie Carter**. Make your reservations, come on down and get involved.



## Blue Ridge Region

*E. B. Fox*

*Blue Ridge Region Director*

### MORE THAN AN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

*(Ed. Note: The opinions expressed in the following article are solely those of the author and may or may not reflect the opinion of the management.)*

In today's world, you can't do much without first taking care of the legal disclaimer. The current situation that the NSP is facing is a direct result of today's legal environment.

When **Minnie Dole** established this great organization almost 70 years ago, the very idea that someone might file a lawsuit as a result of a ski injury was ludicrous. In those days, if you broke your leg you were on your own. Minnie saw a need for a rescue organization and thus was born the National Ski Patrol System.

In today's world, all patrollers know that every day we encounter situations that might result in litigation. Area Managers need us to help them minimize and defuse potential legal losses, and in most cases we do a pretty good job of that. However, despite our best efforts, lawsuits are still filed; and in a couple of cases, NSP has found itself in the uncomfortable position of co-defendant.

So what should the NSP do to protect itself in today's litigation-filed environment? Some argue that we should become an "educational association", providing OEC training to anyone who wants it. Others say that the spirit of the NSP extends well beyond training and education. NSP members play a valuable part under the direction of area management in promoting ski safety and providing care to those who need it.

I come down squarely in the latter camp, and here's why:

When I think about the NSP, I see a ski patroller, working as part of a ski patrol, on a cold and snowy slope, providing safety, lift evacuation, first aid and comfort to the injured, toboggan transportation and rescue. Everything that we do should support that patroller because that patroller is you, and it is me. This is OUR organization and it is here to support us in that mission.

Perhaps the biggest question is, how can we reduce the risk for that patroller, and for the National organization? One possible solution is the National Immunity initiative that is being led by **Morgan Armstrong**.

Our current Mission Statement says: *The National Ski Patrol is a member-driven professional organization of registered ski patrols, patrollers and others, both paid and volunteer. The NSP supports its members through credentialed education and training in leadership, outdoor emergency care, safety and transportation services, which enables members to serve the community in the safe enjoyment of outdoor recreation.*

That sounds like a whole lot more than an educational association to me.



## BLUE RIDGE NEWS

Congratulations to new Hawksnest PR **Brett Rockett**, and many thanks also to his predecessor, **Larry Bost**. Larry has moved upstairs to an easier job.

Congratulations to new ADD- South, **Mike Harris**. For the past few years, Mike has served the Region well as Region Director.

Help Needed: Sugar Mountain is hosting a NORBA Mountain Bike Race July 27-29. Guest patrollers are welcome and help is needed. For information, please contact **Flynn Harris** at [eflynnh@bellsouth.net](mailto:eflynnh@bellsouth.net).

*From the Supervisors and Advisors...*

*Instructor... Instructor Development... Instructor Development... Instructor*

Ann Wood,  
*Instructor Development Supervisor*

There have been several Instructor Development Courses completed in the last few months. **Gregory S. Rash** completed Course 13155 at Winterplace in West Virginia on 9 December 2006 with six new instructors completing the course. **Ann Wood** completed two courses recently: Course 13615 in Boone on 14 April 2007 with six new instructors and one new ID instructor monitored, and Course 13751 in Atlanta with seven new instructors and four new ID instructors monitored.



*Instructor Development students and instructors using building blocks in Boone, NC @ Watauga Medical Center April 14, 2007 (Photos by Mike Harris)*



*Instructor Development class in Atlanta, GA (Roswell, GA) with students from Cataloochee, Cloudmont and Sapphire Valley. The Instructors were from Beech, Cataloochee, Cloudmont, and Hawksnest. Class was held at the Chattahoochee River Environmental Education Center. (Photos submitted by Teresa Stewart)*

**Morgan Armstrong** has a class scheduled at Wintergreen Resort on 2 June. **Bob Landin**, will be conducting a course in Knoxville, TN on 11 August. Another Instructor Development course is scheduled for this fall in Alabama, but the date has yet to be finalized.

With all the new ID instructors, and with the number of ID IT's that have been appointed, there should not be any problem setting up additional classes as needed.

Please contact me if you wish to have a class (preferably not during ski season!).

***This is also a Senior Elective!***



*OEC Program...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC Program*

Leslie Carter,  
*OEC Supervisor*

One of the interesting bits of information that I learned this year was that Gardening is a popular hobby among OEC Instructors. I was not surprised. Gardeners in general tend to be patient, nurturing, hard working, imaginative and optimistic – pretty much the same words I would use to describe OEC Instructors in general.

This past year I spent good deal of my time traveling to the various resorts in the Southern Division to observe and assess the needs of both Patrol Management and individual OEC Instructors. Based on information gained, as well as several National NSP directives, a prioritized plan has been developed and implementation begun this past Ski Season.

**STAFFING:** Each Patrol has been (or will be shortly) assigned an “*Administrative*” Instructor Trainer whose responsibilities are directly related to OEC Instructors on that specific Patrol. The primary responsibilities of this individual are to maintain the participation records of the OEC Instructor group, supervise the OEC Instructor Mentoring program, and submit names for service recognition awards at the appropriate time. In addition, “*Observing*” Instructor Trainers are currently being identified and assigned to OEC courses and Refreshers. “*Observing*” Instructor Trainers will be responsible for the “*Quality Assurance*” aspect of our OEC training programs. If you are unsure of who your Administrative IT is please contact your Regional OEC Administrator or me.

**OEC INSTRUCTOR UPDATE:** This is historically one of the most confusing and difficult aspects of OEC Instructor participation requirements. The charts below are a summary of the Participation Requirements to maintain status as an OEC Instructor.

**Instructor Status must be renewed every 3 years - within each 3 year period (check your card for your renewal date) an Instructor must:**

- **Attend 1 Instructor Update**
- **Teach at 1 OEC Class**
- **Teach at 1 OEC Refresher**

	2005	2006	2007
Attend Update	X		
Teach at OEC Class		X	
Teach at Refresher			X

**OR**

	2005	2006	2007
Attend Update	X		
Teach at OEC Class	X		
Teach at Refresher	X		

While it is the Administrative Instructor Trainer’s job to maintain these records it is the Individual Instructors job to be sure they have participated as required.

**WHAT DO I DO IF I CANNOT MEET MY UPDATE REQUIREMENT?** The following programs will constitute meeting the requirement for attendance at an OEC Instructor Update BUT may only be used ONCE as a substitution AND must be pre-approved by your Regional Administrator.

- Attendance at a Senior Emergency Management Evaluators Clinic – this course is administered through the Senior Program and is by invitation only for individuals who are planning to be Senior OEC Evaluators. Please check with your Regional Senior Program Supervisor for additional information.
- Become an Instructor Development Instructor – this mentor-based course is administered by **Ann Wood**, Southern Division Instructor Development Supervisor. Please contact Ann for information and requirements.
- Participate in an Update “E” Class – NEW this year, the five update sessions from the Annual OEC Update will be taped and made available for viewing on DVD. This program will be provided at the discretion of the Regional OEC Administrator, will have a fee of \$25.00 (to offset the cost of materials etc.) and will require completion of a 50-question test before credit will be given.

***ON THE NATIONAL FRONT:***

The development of the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the OEC Text and supporting materials is currently in progress. NSP National Board member, **Larry Bost**, will provide a status report on this undertaking as part of the upcoming Fall Officer’s meeting in Kingsport, TN. So, **NOW**, is your chance to contribute to this valuable resource. If you have suggestions etc please contact Larry and his Committee as soon as possible.

To assist current OEC Instructors in the conversion to the new text, a proposal was submitted to the Finance Committee requesting that Southern Division, once again, purchase 5<sup>th</sup> Edition materials for distribution when it becomes available.

Work has also started on a new training manual for OEC Instructor Trainers. The first draft is currently being reviewed and edited. Hopefully this new resource will be available sometime in the fall of 2007.

So ..... the soil has been tested and the seeds have been sown, lets plan on a great harvest for the upcoming year!

Special to the Southern Division  
April 24, 2007: Jack Melill, Advisor

### **IMPORTANT UPDATE**

## **TORINO, ITALY - SKI FLIGHT 2008** **DATE CHANGE TO JAN. 26-FEB. 3**

**Ski Flight 2008** dates have been changed because of a conflict with **Europe's** winter break. **Ski Flight** is moved to one week earlier or January 26 to February 3.

### **EUROPEAN WINTER BREAK CONFLICTING**

According to **Ski Flight Advisor Jack Melill**, suitable hotels, availability of European ski patrols and good pricing was not available during this extremely crowded period. It was also difficult for the European Ski Patrols to arrange any sort of exchange or meetings during this busy period.

### **SESTERE, ITALY OUR BASE AREA**

The group is based in *Serstere, Italy*; the center of the **2006 Winter Olympics and World Cup Races**. Our lodging the *Hotel Cavalari* has many rooms with kitchenettes, balconies and some triples or quadruples suites.. The hotel is close to the lifts and town facilities. All rooms have private baths, TVs and other amenities. **All breakfasts and all dinners will be included at the hotel.**

### **INCLUDED ITEMS IN TOUR**

Other included items are: three day Lifts tickets, a sightseeing *Torino* tour, or a tour to the medieval walled city of *Briason, France*. An optinal *Italian* Cooking class is possible. Another promising tour to a major ski manufacturer may also be scheduled.

Round trip air (Included in tour) will be on *Air France* or *Lufthansa Airlines* via *Paris* (from Washington D.C., New York Atlanta and other gateway cities) direct to *Torino*.

### **MEETINGS WITH ITALIAN SKI PATROL**

A special day meeting is planned with the *Italian Ski Patrol* and *Rescue Groups* for interested patrollers. Others may ski or take one of the offered tours.

### **EXTENSIONS TO CHAMONIX OR PARIS**

Exciting extensions are available to *Chamonix* for six days of skiing and *Paris*, for a three-day city tour. Other extensions are possible through our licensed travel agent. Request information on the form below.

**SIGN UP AND INFORMATION REQUEST FORM**

Sign up by completing the registration form below and mailing with you deposit of \$250 per person. Early sign up is recommended for this very popular tour.

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**Mail to:** Ski Flight Torino at 25406 SE 138<sup>th</sup> Street, Issaquah, WA 98027.

**YES!** Register me for Ski Flight 2008 to *Torino, Italy*; January 26 to February 3<sup>rd</sup>, enclosed is my deposit of \$250 per person.

Name (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\*Room mate \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol, if any \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\*If roommate is not family member, please submit another form.

Find me a room mate \_\_\_\_ or I want a single room \_\_\_\_ (Surcharge of \$250)

Send me information about extensions to Chamonix \_\_\_\_ Paris \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_.

**Just send me a free flyer on this trip \_\_\_\_.**

**Make all checks payable to Ski Flight PNWD. Questions “[jack.melill@Juno.com](mailto:jack.melill@Juno.com)” or 425 313 4632**

Ski Fight is the official fundraiser for the Pacific Northwest Division of the National Ski Patrol.

## TORINO, ITALY - SKI FLIGHT 2008



Bogus Basin, Idaho patroller Pam Mason in an avalanche dog rescue meeting with the Swiss professional Ski Patrol during Ski Flight 2007 at the base of The Eiger in Switzerland. Avalanche dog were by far the fastest method of recovering live victims from avalanches as compared to probing or transceivers.

## Southern Division Calendar

**Please refer to the Division Website for updated schedules!**

[www.nsp.org/divisions/Southern/cross.htm](http://www.nsp.org/divisions/Southern/cross.htm)

The calendar is flexible dependant on the weather – please check the calendar and/or with your patrol representative / Region Director for the most up-to-date changes.

## Join us for Fun in the Mountains

### Southern Division Conference

- Awards Banquet
- Fall Officers Meeting
  - OEC Update

August 17, 18 & 19, 2007

**MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center**



<http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/tricc-meadowview-conference-resort-and-convention-center/>

Please reserve your room at the rate of \$89.00 and ask for the National Ski Patrol Conference  
Call (888) 632-3697 (Central Reservations) or (423) 578-6600 / (800) 820-5055 Meadowview direct

**Here are some of the things patrollers said about last year:**

*“I’m bringing my family next year”*

*“I’m coming in early to play golf”*

*“The sit down dinner was great”*

*“The hotel staff is so helpful, can we please come back here from now on”*

*“It was worth the extra hour of driving to be at this hotel”*

**This is a full service hotel and conference center that caters to the needs of its guests. There are two State Parks close by for outdoor recreation. The hotel has its own golf course, plus swimming pool and hot tub. The meeting facilities are first class, and the Hospitality Suite is now an experience.**

**I would like to add my official invitation to all members. This is your event! Please join us for a fun, informative, and educational experience deep in the mountains of Tennessee.**

**See you there!**

**Sincerely,**

**Rob Raff** - Southern Division Meeting Coordinator



*Southern Division*  
**2007 Fall Conference**  
**RESERVATION FORM**  
 Saturday - August 18, 2007, 8:00 AM  
 Sunday - August 19, 2007, 8:00 AM  
**MeadowView Marriott Conference**  
 Resort and Convention Center  
 Kingsport, Tennessee



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number you can be reached at: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Additional Persons in Party:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Meeting Registration: Total in Party: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$55.00/each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Lunch & Conference only: Total in Party: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$24.00/each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dinner & Conference only: Total in Party: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$36.00/each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**OEC Update/Conference only: Total in Party: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 5.00/each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*See reverse side for menus for lunch and dinner banquet*

**Mail completed form(s) and check (made out to “Hawksnest Ski Patrol –So. Div. FOM”) to:**

**Fred Wessels, 522 Jervey Road, Tryon, NC 28782**

For your convenience, you may pay your registration fee online using Paypal. Send your payment to [HNSPTRES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HNSPTRES@GMAIL.COM). Select "Service/Other". Your confirmation will serve as your receipt.

**RESERVATION FEES MUST BE RECEIVED AT ABOVE ADDRESS BY  
AUGUST 6, 2007 AND ARE NONREFUNDABLE AFTER THAT DATE.**

**OEC UPDATE / CONFERENCE Fee** for member and each guest = \$5.00

Note: If you do not eat lunch or dinner you still must pay the Conference Fee. This Fee is used to offset of costs of the Meeting Rooms and the Hospitality Suite. This **includes** OEC Instructor Update participants.

**LUNCHEON \$19.00**

Assorted Breads and Rolls with butter  
Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad  
Hearts of Romaine, Grilled Chicken Strips, Radicchio, Toasted Croutons, Fresh Parmesan and Creamy Caesar Dressing  
Assorted Brownies and Cookies

Iced Tea  
100% Colombian Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Specialty Teas

**DINNER \$31.00**

Assorted Breads and Rolls with butter  
Roasted Porkloin with a Pommerey Demi Sauce  
Mashed Red Bliss Potatoes  
Southern Style Green Beans  
New York Style Cheese Cake Served with Fresh Strawberries & Strawberry Sauce

Iced Tea  
100% Colombian Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Specialty Teas



2007 OEC Instructor Update  
Southern Division NSP



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2007**

As in previous years, the Annual OEC Instructor Update will run concurrently with the 2007 Southern Division Fall Officer's Meeting and Annual Awards Banquet to be held **Saturday, August 18** thru **Sunday, August 19, 2007** at the **MeadowView Marriott Conference Center, 1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport, TN.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE MEETING RESERVATION FORM, THE OEC UPDATE SESSION PREFERENCE FORM AND RETURN BOTH WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE ADDRESS INDICATED.**

If you choose to stay at the MeadowView, the negotiated room rate is \$89.00. **You must make your own room reservations by August 6th to obtain this rate.** Call (888) 632-3697 (Central Reservations) or (423) 578-6600 / (800) 820-5055 Meadowview direct for reservations, and ask for the special NSP rate.

**GENERAL SESSIONS - Held in conjunction with the Board of Directors Meeting**

- ❑ OEC Supervisor Report – *Leslie Carter*
- ❑ OEC Text 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Update – *Larry Bost*

**UPDATE SESSIONS – Held in separate, designated, meeting room**

- ❑ **MENTORING** – Mentoring is not a new concept. The goal of the NSP Mentoring Program is to produce competent and self-assured Instructors. Participate in an in-depth review of the responsibilities, evaluations skills and documentation requirements of both mentors and candidates. *Judy Kay-Monaghan*
- ❑ **INTRODUCING THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** – How we communicate with our customers, our staff, our managers and each other is of utmost importance for our individual success as well as that of our organization. This learning event introduces the Communication module of the Leadership Program currently under development by Southern Division members. *Bill Smith*
- ❑ **IOR / IT ROUND TABLE** – Open Discussion for Instructor's of Record and Observing Instructor Trainer of ANY OEC Course and other interested parties. Topics to include OEC Challenge Course Pre-Requisites and Syllabus, implementation of OEC Standardized Practical Test format, role of the assigned Instructor Trainer. *Leslie Carter, Nancy Dibenedetto, Hugh Jernigan, Sylvia Talley, Jane Poundstone*



*SOUTHERN DIVISION NSPS*  
*2007 OEC INSTRUCTOR UPDATE*  
**SESSION PREFERENCE**  
**Saturday - August 18, 2007 8:00 AM**



ALL participants at the OEC Instructors Update must pay the \$5.00 Conference Fee.  
ALL payments are to be placed on the Meeting Registration form

This form is ONLY for OEC Instructor Update – please submit both forms to the address below.

Name: _____
Patrol: _____
Please register for Three (3) Instructor Update Sessions:    Check-In Welcome 8:00 AM
<b>_____ I am required to attend the full day session of the Board Meeting **</b>
<b>** If you are a Patrol Representative, Patrol Director, Program Supervisor or other individual whose participation at the board of directors meeting is required, your full day attendance at the meeting will fulfill your OEC instructor update requirement.</b>
<b>_____ 10:00 AM    General Session 5<sup>th</sup> Edition OEC</b>
<b>_____ 11:00 AM    General Session OEC Supervisor Report</b>
<b>_____ 1:00 PM    Mentoring</b>
<b>_____ 2:00 PM    Introducing the “Leadership Program”</b>
<b>_____ 3:00 PM    IOR / IT Round Table Discussion</b>
<b>**NOTE: Session schedule subject to change</b>

**RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 06, 2007**

An additional late registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged to individuals registering day of the event. Please complete this form and mail along with the Meeting Registration form to:

**Fred Wessels, 522 Jervey Road, Tryon, NC 28782**

For your convenience, you may pay your registration fee online using Paypal. Send your payment to [HNSPTRES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HNSPTRES@GMAIL.COM). Select "Service/Other". Your confirmation will serve as your receipt.

**2007**  
**SOUTHERN DIVISION DIRECTORY**  
**[05-28-07]**

<b>THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION</b>		
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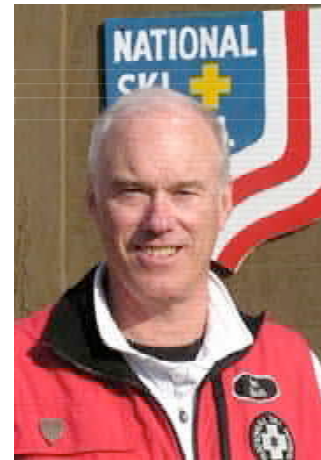
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## Remember Who We Are and What We Represent.

*Neil Booth, Division Director*

**Remember!** As I think back to 1973, and the personal interview I had with my first Patrol Leader (now Representative), I still remember as if it were today, what my response was to his question of “why do you want to be a patroller”. To me, it was a very simple response. “I want to help those that have unfortunately hurt themselves attempting to enjoy the sport of skiing, something I truly love.” I felt that then, and I feel the same way today. Well, I guess I would have to change skiing to snow sliding now! I joined the patrol unit on December 31, 1972 and began my career in patrolling.



As years continued, things began to focus more. Who we are was realized almost immediately. We are a group of individuals that work as a cohesive unit to provide a vital service to our consumers. We all come from vast backgrounds and experiences, yet when we sign in for duty, we are all patrollers, nothing more, nothing less. We are there to serve resort management and the consumers that make the industry vibrant. As time went on, I began to understand the role of NSP in greater depth. NSP was the source that provided programs allowing patrollers to become the qualified persons they are. My first involvement with NSP leadership began in 1985, and with the exception of a 4-year hiatus, I

have been involvement until today. I learned the importance of Sections, Regions and Divisions. What I personally learned, in all levels, was the association is there to provide programs to members. What I personally learned, is what I stated to you when I became the Southern Division Director in 2003. *First*, there will be change! *Second*, changes occurring should be seamless and transparent to members. Changes should have occurred whereby no one really noticed the changes. The end result should simply be improved, more efficient results. I believe we accomplished this during my four-year tenure at the Division level and below. The Division Staff has worked hard to make sure this seamless approach occurred. I have also learned a lot about the National organization, but will save these stories for discussions around the bar and fire!

When it all boils down, what we represent to our members, patrols and resorts is very simple. We represent quality emergency services which including OEC and transportation skills to our guests. We are a self-teaching organization which also monitors our skill sets on an ongoing basis. Education also exists for individual patrolling skill sets like Instructor Development and classification advancements, just to mention a few. These skills are the most obvious outcome of what we do every time we patrol. However, as the industry has grown and matured, we are drawn into the areas of safety and risk management. It is no longer just first aid and transportation. We are the people on the slopes who continuously ensure the slopes are safe for snow enthusiasts. The ongoing monitoring of slope markings, crowd control, monitoring hazards that might develop throughout the day are just a few of the varied tasks we do. With our eyes constantly open, we look for areas of risk and advise management accordingly. None of us enjoy the policing we do, but it is part of being a patroller, something management and the public require of us.

Perhaps the biggest issue to all members across the U.S. is the challenge of customer service and relations. The consuming public in our industry comes to resorts with disposable dollars and it is the charge of everyone representing the resort, to make sure our guests have the best experience possible. This puts patrollers in a peculiar position, requiring special talents on behalf of everyone. We potentially deal with people who are injured, hurting, frustrated, angry and perhaps disappointed their recreational activities may have come to an end. This can be the result of an incident they had, done completely by themselves, or, it could be the result of someone else causing them to become injured. We have to deal with our own members perhaps being involved in an incident while attending to an injured person. One of our family members may be the injured, caused by the public! Whatever the situation is, patrollers have to stay calm and keep foremost in their thinking, these are our customers, the people enabling resorts to exist, and for members to continue as a part of this wonderful organization, fulfilling the very important mission of care, with their skills. So, this is what we represent at the end of each day. We represent ourselves, the patrol, the resort and industry to our sliding consumers, our customers. Think customer, the people enabling this

industry to exist. Think customer, enabling your resort to exist. Think customer which enable you to be a patroller and member. Without our customers, we have no purpose or existence. Treat customers with your best services and ensure they have a memorably experience, within your control.

As I begin winding down my final days as Southern Division Director, I hope everyone will continue to support my predecessor. Please review the candidacy letter from **Morgan Armstrong** in this publication. Continue to give your support to each other, our members, and to the entire organization, of which we all belong to.

It has indeed been a pleasure being the Southern Division Director for four year. Like everything, it is time for change. The one thing that will not change is the many friends and relationships I developed over the many years.

I want to personally acknowledge the fine efforts and work the entire staff of Southern Division has done these four years. Thank you Staff! You have been a tremendous asset to everyone, especially me.

#### **Division Director comments as we move ahead:**

Congratulations to **Larry Bost, Mark Rees, Barbara Dixon** and **Terry La Liberte**, the newest members to the National Board, serving a three year term.

Everyone should be aware that the past few years have been filled with much turmoil, above the division level. We are undergoing radical changes with our organizational leadership. We still have another year before the National Board will be fully seated. There is a tremendous amount of work before the leaders of the organization. They will need your thoughts and prayers as they move ahead.

The minutes for the National Board meeting should be posted shortly on the NSP website. The minutes cover all the topics during the January 5-6, 2007 Mid-Winter Meeting. I would like to advise you of a few outcomes:

- **National Immunity:** Morgan Armstrong developed and presented a proposal to the board, to proceed legislatively with work towards obtaining national immunity for members, instructors and resorts. A committee was charged, of which Morgan is a member, to begin developing a strategy towards making this a reality. As plans develop, you will be hearing greater detail. This is perhaps one of the biggest values that NSP can provide members, if approved. It is not an overnight process. It is anticipated that it could take upwards of 4 years to complete. Congratulation to Morgan for this concept and the tenacity to move it forward.

- **Opportunities to expand your services beyond NSP:** The National Board is working with several organizations attempting to enable our members to offer their talents and services to outside agencies such as the National Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) , chartered by Homeland Security after 911; the National Association of State Emergency Medical System Organization (NASEMSO), working with states in areas such as wild fires and mind rescues; Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), also under Homeland Security. These are organizations that are learning what we do and understanding how we can integrate those who want to volunteer their services to these local community organizations in dealing with emergencies that need additional resources to call up during national disasters.
- **Liability Insurance for members:** The National Board is working with one of the major carriers to explore opportunities whereby the entire membership could obtain insurance through a national blanket policy. This is a work in process, but being studied as we speak. This would be a program offer that would require all members to participate. The fee, still to be determined, would simply become a part of every members annual dues.
- **First Responder National Registry:** Work is being done for those wishing to potentially bridge from OEC to this national registry. A proposal is in the works for this 2-year certification. It requires 12 CEU every two year, of which the attendance of annual refreshers would count toward these 12 CEU. We spend in excess of 6 hours per year with OEC refreshers. The cost would be \$60 for the two years. This again is an option to members who desire to do so. This is a program that is above the First Responder, but not at the level of EMT-B. You will see more information as this potential program develops.

*From the Division Election Coordinator...*

**National Ski Patrol / Southern Division  
2007 Division Director Election Qualification, Procedure & Schedule**

The following is from Lee Wittmann – Election Coordinator for the Southern Division:

The Election Coordinator received one nomination from the Division for Division Director – from Morgan Armstrong (currently First Assistant Division Director).

Ballots will be sent out electronically to the Patrol Representative for each Patrol to cast a vote electronically – directions will be sent to the PR's.

Attached are the following documents for the division patrollers:

- The nomination letter for Morgan Armstrong – from Richard Boyer with qualifications.
- The letter of interest from Morgan Armstrong.
- Acceptance Letter for Division Director Nomination

Any questions or comments can be directed toward Lee Wittmann at [lwittmann@skybest.com](mailto:lwittmann@skybest.com).

**Richard H. Boyer, Jr.  
4559 Collins Avenue  
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October 1, 2006

Lee T. Wittmann, Election Coordinator  
Southern Division, National Ski Patrol  
104 Rainbow's End  
Beech Mountain, NC 28604

Dear Mr. Wittmann,

It is with considerable honor that I request the name of Morgan Armstrong be placed on the upcoming ballot for the election of Division Director, Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol.

I have known Morgan Armstrong for more than 10 years and have had the privilege of serving with him on the Southern Division Board of Directors for the past 5 years. He has an impeccable reputation and an uncanny life's balance. More than once he has served as the voice of reason and source of leadership in times of turmoil, confusion and in simple day to day situations.

Attached are two documents, one of which serves to confirm that Mr. Armstrong has agreed to run for this position and the other to outline his abundant qualifications for same.

Some of his accomplishments are:

1. Serving National Ski Patrol 25 years
2. OEC (and WEC) Instructor, Ski & Toboggan Instructor, Phase I & II Instructor, OEC and S&T Evaluator, Senior S&T Evaluator, Instructor of Record OEC
3. Leadership positions include:
  - a. 1988 & 1989 Chief of the Hill, Wintergreen
  - b. 1993 Patrol Leader Wintergreen
  - c. 1989-1994 Board of Directors Wintergreen Ski Patrol
  - d. 1995-1996 Section Chief
  - e. 1996-1999 Region Director
  - f. 2000-2006 1<sup>st</sup>. Assistant Division Director
4. Numerous Outstanding Leadership Awards, Certificates of Appreciation, Outstanding Patroller Awards from the patrol, the region, the division and national levels. Recipient of the Yellow Merit Star in 1994 and again for the ski season of 2002-2003
5. Attended many Powderfalls since 1995
6. Legal Advisor to Wintergreen as well as several Virginia Search and Rescue Squads and the Henry County SWAT Team
7. Former attorney and presently State of Virginia Judge for General District Court
8. College Professor, Patrick Henry Community College for 15 years

Morgan Armstrong really knows this Division from the ground up and it is with great confidence in his abilities that I request the placement of his name for nomination to the very important position of Division Director of the Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol in the elections to take place in 2007.

Sincerely,

Richard Boyer, Patroller  
Cataloochee Ski Area  
Maggie Valley, North Carolina  
Assistant Division Director – South  
Southern Division, National Ski Patrol

Attachments: 1. Letter of interest in the Division Director's position  
2. NSP detail of accomplishments, classes, offices and awards

## Letter of Interest

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My name is Morgan Armstrong and I am interested in the position of Division Director for the Southern Division. I have been an active patroller for 25 years. I am a patroller at heart. I will continue to patrol to some extent if elected to this position, just as I have patrolled while serving in all of my previous officer positions. I believe patrolling for a certain number of days each year makes me a better officer.

I will however, be required to devote most of my time to the Division Director position. I will perform the duties to the best of my ability and I realize I will have to reduce (but not give up) patrolling. I will gladly make this sacrifice for as long as I believe the division needs my services and we are together accomplishing the work of the division and the National Ski Patrol System.

If you want me as Division Director, I ask from you two things. First, I request you commit your time and effort (as you are able) to make your patrol, your region and the division better. We need your help. Second, I ask you make your voice heard. Voice your opinion on any and all issues that concern you and of course be willing to listen to the solutions others present. I believe we can and should make division decisions as a unified group despite differences of opinion. Consider this carefully and if you agree with me I would appreciate your support not only for this vote, but your commitment and support throughout my term of office. If you do not agree with me on these two issues, you will favor me by not electing me as your Division Director.

Signed this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006,

R. Morgan Armstrong

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Post Office Box 699  
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October 24, 2006

Mr. Lee T. Wittmann, Election Coordinator  
104 Rainbow's End  
Beech Mountain, NC 28604

RE: Acceptance Letter for Division Director Nomination

Dear Mr. Wittmann:

This is to confirm that if nominated I would run for the office of division director and if elected would serve as the Division Director for the Southern Division. Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,  
R. Morgan Armstrong

## *From the Assistants...*

R. Morgan Armstrong,  
*1st ADD, Southern Division*

**IMMUNITY PROPOSAL PASSES STEP ONE:** The National Ski Patrol Board of Directors has approved the Immunity Proposal and has set up a work committee to begin preparation for submission to Congress and we hope having the bill passed. A great deal of legal work and checking how best to word the act so this will help the membership has yet to be done but we are hopeful that some day each volunteer member, instructor and the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. will enjoy a type of immunity for their charitable work. If you would like to become involved or might know a member of Congress, let me know.

**END OF YEAR REPORT:** Each Patrol Representative is reminded that March is the month for submission of your End of Year Report on how the patrol has done this ski season. It would seem the “days patrolled” might be short this year but if the weather returns to a normal cycle, we could have a fairly typical year. If you are not familiar with the form and how to submit it, please give me a call or send me an email and I will walk you through the steps. Last year every single patrol filed a report and we hope this year we can have 100% compliance for two years in a row. Please check your math so the totals are accurate. We have had reports in the past that said 5 candidates, 10 basics and 5 seniors equal 25 total members. I will need to give you a call to figure out what needs to be corrected if the totals do not add up. Help me out on this one and the reports will get into the division and home office much quicker. ***Remember the final deadline is April 1, 2007.***

Each Program Supervisor is reminded you also should send in an End of Year Report on what your goals for the ski season were and if you accomplished your goals. We would also appreciate a brief summary on how you accomplished your goals or if they are still considered by you to be “work in progress.” Program Supervisors should send in your reports in March and the final due date is April 1, 2007.

**ADMINISTRATION CHANGE:** The Division Director is about to change and when that happens it gives officers a chance to change and try new jobs. It also is an opportunity for patrollers who desire to get more involved in the region and division to let their desires be known. If you would like to take on a leadership role in the region or division in a line officer or program position, please let me know and also copy any of the Southern Division Assistant Division Directors or Program Supervisors. This will get your name in front of the people who are looking for help in any of the given areas. We have many jobs and are always looking for help to make the division better.

**MY OPINION OF THE NSP:** There has been a lot of concern over the past several years on the health of the National Ski Patrol. I attended the Mid-winter Meeting in Lakewood and was very happy to see how the Division Directors from each of the divisions worked in concert with each other. The Board and Directors are involved in the three areas of NSP life. The three areas are reflected in the committees on governance, planning and finance. Each committee is comprised of three board members and the committees have direct conference meetings with the division directors. Any patroller is welcome to sit in on all board meetings and make comments with one exception (the closed executive meeting). All organizations have the need for this type of closed meeting but it was used only once while I attended. The meetings are open and ideas are exchanged freely. The Southern Division is blessed with **Larry Bost** and **Mark Rees** on the National Board and our division should be very proud of our leadership role in forming the new direction of the National Ski Patrol. I believe we are about to see a great opportunity for the NSP to excel in many areas of charity work and each of us should be proud but also ready to take on the work we feel is so important. The only thing that will hold us back is the limit of our imagination.

**CHANGE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Comcast has purchased Adelphia Cable so my email has changed slightly. Please note the new address: [rmasp@comcast.net](mailto:rmasp@comcast.net).

R. Morgan Armstrong,  
1st Assistant Division Director

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Richard Boyer,  
*Assistant Division Director – South Area*

North Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama are well into our 2006-2007 ski season and the skiing is great. Cataloochee was one of the first ski areas (if not the first) to open East of the Mississippi in November of 2006. Although weather has made staying open a challenge for many of our areas, the season is in full bloom and crowds have been plentiful.

This refresher segment was successful and reports I got were appreciative of the NSP refresher program, as usual. I have been watching the ski patrols in Colorado as they care for injuries during the popular X-Games being held in Aspen this year. It is with considerable pride that I look on as they tend to the hurt competitors right on national TV. I am proud of our organization and all it does off screen that the public doesn't see each day of the winter ski season year after year. We perform a very important function so that many millions are able to enjoy winter sports, knowing if they get hurt the NSP will get them to proper medical help. The management of many ski mountains are dependant on our levels of service.

To that end, I'd like to comment on substitution. Most of us have other lives besides that of being a NSP first responder. These lives sometimes mandate that we cannot serve when we're scheduled and it is necessary to make arrangements for someone to take our place. I'd like to remind all of us that when this happens it is absolutely necessary in most of our areas that the patroller find who is going to stand in their stead and communicate this to their team leaders prior to their duty day. On weekends, management depends on us to be there for their customers. If we cannot be there a call by email or telephone asking just anyone available or who just happens to be at the area to substitute for them is not enough! A specific and equal substitute is necessary and that must be lined up, committed to and communicated to your team. Not doing this is a severe breach of our responsibility and is unacceptable! If you cannot be there when scheduled you must find someone who can be, or you will be letting down your fellow teammates and possibly the management of your ski mountain. Please adhere to this with no exceptions.

Let's make this a stellar year and continue the great service the NSP performs to our fellow snow sports enthusiasts.

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### Notes From The North...

*Jan Starr*

*Assistant Division Director – North Area*

I am looking out the window on one of the few days this season so far that it is snowing! Global warming has been upon us this season thus far with sunny days in the 50's but cold enough most nights to make snow. Our blessings on the snowmakers that have made it possible for us to slide down the hill.



Even with the mild weather, we still have a commitment to ourselves, new patrollers and to our guests to make our best better with training. Check the calendar in this issue (*on the web-site*) to see when there is a training seminar near you. Even better, participate in one at another area other than your home area. First aid seminars don't need snow to happen. Skiing/riding in a training seminar at another area will give you an opportunity to learn new procedures that other areas use. In both of these disciplines you meet new people that have the same interests that you have – skiing/riding and the love of the sport that gives us all a common ground.

Congratulations to the new National Board representatives from our Division. Their goal should be the same as all patrollers. To better themselves and our system. We have an organization we should be proud of.

Let's hope winter is going to visit us all in February and March with lots of cold and snow to get us through the season. Hope to see you on the hill soon.

Jan

## *From the Regions...*

### **Virginia Region**

*Bill Smith*  
Virginia Region Director

### **Virginia News**



Since early December, Mother Nature has tried to get the best of us here in Virginia by sending warm weather and rain our way. As I write this article, our areas have mostly survived the thaws and are finally beginning to recover with the arrival finally of some cold weather.

This season, a great deal of emphasis is being placed on training throughout the region. There are many great opportunities for patroller's to gain new knowledge and skills in order to better serve their patrol and area.

Four refresher programs were held in Virginia this year giving everyone an opportunity to complete that requirement in a convenient manner. Between **Peg Harris** and myself, we managed to get to each of them and I must say the folks involved in putting those programs together and those assisting in conducting them, did a really GREAT JOB!!! My personal thanks to each of the IOR's and Instructor's that were involved.



**Smith and Booth were on hand to present Bartek Drewnowski his recently awarded National Appointment.**

At the Massanutten Refresher in October, **Bartek Drewnowski** was surprised and honored with a National Appointment for his hard work within their patrol, the region and the division. A hardy "CONGRATULATION's" to Bartek!!!

Candidate classes are progressing nicely with final evaluations scheduled a little later in the season. Out of these classes, a whole new crop of patrollers will have been grown.

The Virginia Senior program appears to be very strong this year with at least 6-8 candidates scheduled for the various clinics and evaluations that will be held in late January and late February. This year, Bryce Mountain will host the Senior Emergency Management Clinic and Wintergreen will handle the S&T Clinic. Then in late February, evaluations will be held at Massanutten. **“T” Harris** is the Shepard and contact person for the Virginia Region program this year. Please see the Regional Calendar for contact information.

Additionally, several other educational programs will be offered in the coming weeks. They include: a Toboggan Enhancement Seminar on January 27<sup>th</sup>; a Skier Enhancement Seminar on January 28<sup>th</sup>; the Certified Clinic’s that include: Operations, OEC and S&T on February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at Massanutten; a Skier Enhancement Seminar on February 11<sup>th</sup> at Massanutten; and finally a Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue course, March 10<sup>th</sup> at Wintergreen. Check the calendar for further information on these and the programs mentioned above and be sure to sign up early. Also, don’t just show up at a Clinic or Exam if you have not signed up ahead of time. This is very important as we need to have the appropriate resources and staff on hand to handle the number of personnel we are expecting. Your cooperation with this request is greatly appreciated.

Under the leadership of **Meggan Monaghan**, and with active support from recent candidates **Paul & Debbie Gagon**, and **Britton Wood**, Wintergreen has revived its **Youth Patroller** program for the 2006-2007 season. Open to strong skiers and riders ages 10 - 14, the program is designed to give interested kids a real flavor for all the different aspects of patrolling. The Youth Patrollers are recognized by arm bands, and are accompanied on the hill by members of the Patrol. They'll spend eight weekends learning about the history of the NSP, some first aid skills and CPR, as well as spending time with our lifts department, snow-making and groomers. And when conditions are appropriate, they'll come out early and learn about opening the mountain and about snow safety. We're excited about this program as a way to get our local kids interested early in patrolling!

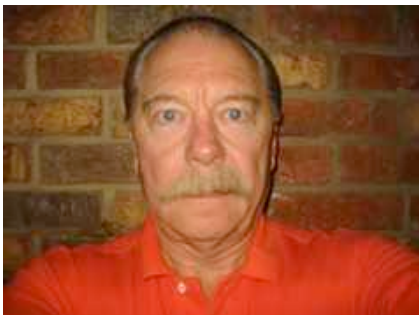
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## Blue Ridge Region

*Mike Harris*

*Blue Ridge Region Director*



**After a few** fits and starts at our instructor refresher, Grandfather and Carolina Highland Sections had two of the best refreshers ever. I was proud for our first Assistant Division Director, **Morgan Armstrong**, to witness first hand the interaction and camaraderie of our four patrols working together. In spite of the slow start to this season and the postponement, **David Hall**

and Beech Mountain hosted an enthusiastic and informative Toboggan Enhancement Seminar December 17<sup>th</sup>. Eighteen patrollers from all four mountains had a great experience. At the writing of this article other postponements loom on our calendar. Cold weather is arriving in the High Country. **Lisa Adams** and **David Hall** are working hard to get the senior clinic, basic and senior evaluations coordinated, snow conditions permitting.

What a region we have. We have two members on the National Board of Directors. Congratulations to **Mark Rees** and **Larry Bost**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Beech, Appalachian, Hawksnest and Sugar Mountain Patrols for the opportunity to represent you as Region Director. You have all made me a part of your own patrol over the past few years. That is something I will never forget. With the election of the Division Director, there will be a new regime and I hope we will all give them our full support.

Mike Harris



## Dixie Region

*Brent Bowman*  
*Dixie Region Director*



Well, I guess my comment in the last newsletter about hoping for an Early Ski season was on the mark for some of the Dixie Region. Cataloochee was off to a great start with an opening date of Nov 4. Others opened for a short while in December until the 70-degree temperatures hit around Christmas. Now that winter is back, everyone is making snow and we are gearing up to “start” our season.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel some of the early January clinics. These are being re-scheduled as I write this. The Senior EMM program will be holding a clinic January 21 at Cat and by the time this prints we should have held the Senior S&T Clinic. Remember it is NEVER too late to sign up for the Senior program. This is a GREAT way to hone some of the skills that those of us who are not in the medical profession do not usually use. Also, coming up in April is PowderFall. If you have never gone then you are truly missing out. There is no better way to ski Snowbird, Utah then with 8-10 patrollers from around the country and a PSIA Demo Team Instructor for 3 days of VERY personalized instruction.

See you on the hill..... BRENT

*From the Supervisors and Advisors...*

*Instructor... Instructor Development... Instructor Development... Instructor*

Ann Wood,  
*Instructor Development Supervisor*

There will be an instructor development course at Appalachian Ski Mountain Area Saturday, 14 April at 9:00am. Everyone is asked to bring a sandwich for lunch. The **INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE** covers the various areas of instruction and how instructors can apply them to create a positive learning experience for their students. It helps build a strong foundation of educational knowledge for use when planning and delivering lessons. The general information covered in Instructor Development is applicable for all potential NSP instructors, regardless of instructional specialty. Students should order their own book, #502: [Instructor Development, Training the Adult Learner](#). For those wishing to attend, please contact [awood@ptcog.org](mailto:awood@ptcog.org) to register.

***This is also a Senior Elective!***

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*Senior ...Senior Program...Senior Program...Senior Program...Senior Program...Senior*

**GO FOR IT!!!**

Dave Quidort,  
*Division Senior Coordinator*

Snow and Cold weather have arrived, Yeah..... Most of us are trying to get our ski legs back and working at our own areas. There is also another item that we all need to work on and that is improving ourselves as patrollers. Most of us attend the refreshers, get out and run a few sleds for check off or as part of our normal duty. We all as patrollers should be looking for ways to advance our skills. One of those opportunities is the Senior program.

I just finished this past weekend attending two Senior events, I can say that everyone had a great time, laughed some, worked very hard and learned from each other. I think that last comment is one of the driving factors within the Senior program. Since Senior is a Division program we all get to work with other Patrollers from areas outside of our own. It is this interaction that we all grow and

expand our skills, not only those that are working on Senior; the Instructor Trainers also gain exposure to new ideas.

I have said this before and I will continue to say, Senior is something that is earned over time. There is a wealth of ideas and experiences that we all can tap into by working with others from different areas. The Senior program offers that opportunity to everyone. I encourage everyone to seek out opportunities.

We have been working very hard to unify the Senior EMM portion of the program, by having additional training for the Instructor Trainers. They have been attending clinics and exchanging their own ideas learning from each other. The learning never stops.

If you are a Basic or Auxiliary, I encourage you to go for Senior. We all will benefit from the learning and interactions that occur when working with others outside of our own area.



*Transport ...Transport Program...Transport Program...Transport Program...Transport*

Tony Tingle,  
*Division Transport Supervisor*

Well it looks like old man winter has finally decided to visit the Southern Division and stay for a while. As a result of the late start (or intermittent start) to the season, training, evaluations, and clinics have been juggled in the schedule and the transportation folks in your Region are adapting, as ski patrollers do. I would like to commend the transportation folks and the mountains for working with an already full schedule to fit in clinics, training, and evaluations as best they can.

Senior Ski and Toboggan tests are a-comin'. And I've had a lot of questions raised by patrollers on the changes in the transportation program, as it relates to this evaluation. I'll try to answer some of them here. If you have a question, that I don't get to or if you need further clarification, please drop me a line. Here we go!

***How does the Transportation program support these tests?*** The short answer is, by providing a set group of instructors (ten in each Region) to the Senior Coordinator in each Region.

***Why the change?*** The responsibility of putting on the Senior Evaluation is placed in the hands of the Senior Coordinator. That way, one person knows who all the Senior Candidates are and can track them through the emergency management, ski, and transportation parts of the evaluation. As a result, the Senior Evaluation is no longer solely put on by the Region Transportation Administrator. This person now is responsible for maintaining a core group of evaluators, from which, ten are selected to grade the Senior Evaluation.

***Why Ten evaluators?*** We pulled that one out of the air and it seemed like a good number to start with. This number can be adjusted up or down as necessary.

***Is this group of ten evaluators set in stone?*** Absolutely not, these folks are looked at by the Division Senior Coordinator, Region Senior Coordinator, Region Transportation Administrator, Region Director, and Me each season. I do not foresee the entire group turning over every year, but people need a break, for one reason or another, so I'd expect to see some new faces in the group of ten each year. Actually, the Region Senior Coordinator is the catalyst to create change in the group. This person actually runs the show for the Senior Test. Evaluators will be asked to rotate in and out of this group as the time goes by.

***If I'm not in the group of ten evaluators, does that mean that I can't help with the Senior Evaluation?*** Not being in the group selected to grade the evaluation means that you are not grading and providing feedback on the scores. Other help is usually needed so check with the Senior Coordinator in your Region to see where you can help.

***If I'm not in the group of ten evaluators, does this mean that I'm not an evaluator anymore?*** Absolutely not! If you are not among evaluators selected to grade the Senior Test, you are still an evaluator. There are Basic Tests (if your Region or Mountain does them) and you are still in the pool of folks that are tapped to staff the group used for the Senior Test. AND Please remember as a transportation instructor your PRIMARY function is TRAINING of candidates and members and (if you choose to do so) your SECONDARY function is examination. Think of it as 95% training and 5% examination. So, in that time you are not one of the ten senior evaluators, Train, Train, Train. We all get better because of your work!

I hope this answers some of the questions about the changes for the Transportation folks involved with the Senior Program. If you have any questions or comments, drop me an e-mail.

***Think Cold.....Think Snow!***

*Ski..Ski-Snowboard..Ski-Snowboard..Ski-Snowboard..Ski-Snowboard...Snowboard*

John Shaffer,  
*Ski and Snowboard Director*

The COLD and snow god's have not been good to us this season, but I hear that the ski and snowboard instructors/trainers have still been working hard to get candidate training done. It's hard to master new turns when you have to jump from white spot to white spot. But it's just got to make you better, right?

Just who is it that is training you or assisting you in your skiing and snowboarding improvement? Your local patrol trainer in most cases is also a member of the NSP Southern Division Ski & Snowboard School. These instructors have gone thru training and testing by the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) or the American Association of Snowboard Instructors (AASI). The division's goal is to have all instructors at level II. It normally takes a minimum of 3 years to reach level II, with many hours of practice and preparation and a minimum of 3 two day tests (both skiing and teaching).

Several instructors have signed up to continue their certification progression with level II ski testing to be done at Wintergreen in March. We wish them the best as they continue to improve their skills and learn how to better work and teach you.

Think COLD, Think WHITE.

*OEC Program...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC...OEC Program*

Leslie Carter,  
*OEC Supervisor*

Southern Cross Article.....HMMM... where to start.....For those of you who don't know me I feel an introduction is in order:

#### SKI PATROL HISTORY:

- Learned to ski in Massachusetts when I was 8 (participated in local "Learn to Ski Program" held every Wednesday after school). Leather lace up boots, cable bindings, ski pants from Sears Roebuck – you get the picture.
- Joined NSP 1973, while I was in High School - parents did it – not really a choice – wore solid blue coat with gold cross – tractor PTL's hauling rope tows, T-Bars & Poma Lifts.
- Hung in there through college, marriage, graduate school, kids, corporate transfers...
- Passed Senior in 1989

- Invited to try my hand at Certified in 1990 – passed in 1993 – knew more than I thought I did. Asst. Program Supervisor 1999-2002, Program Supervisor 2002-2005. Wrote Southern Division Certified Policies & Procedures Manual currently in use.
- Paid / Volunteer Experience – Volunteer 1972–1986, Full-time Paid 1986-1995, Paid/Volunteer 1995-present. Currently part-time paid with Massanutten Ski Resort, VA .
- OEC Instructor Experience –American Red Cross Instructor in mid 1970’s, OEC Instructor 1989 – present, OEC Instructor Trainer 2001-present

#### PERSONAL:

- Husband – Glenn (non-skier)
- Children/Step Children – Erin (23 & patroller), Conor (21), Wes (29), Gretchen (27)
- Grandchildren – Piper (2), Lily (3 months)
- Job that pays the Mortgage – Office Manager , Glenn R. Carter Plumbing LLC
- Fun things I like to do – gardening, off-shore fishing (we have a boat), reading, sewing
- Things I REALLY enjoy - Single malt Scotch, a warm fire, friends to share the Scotch with!

REASON I AGREED TO TAKE ON THIS POSITION: One of the things that has made my various jobs in NSP challenging is a lack of “task specific” information – what do I do, when do I do it, and who gets the paperwork ???

#### GAME PLAN:

- Develop Organizational Chart for Southern Division OEC Program (**DONE**)
- Assign accountability to specific positions on Organizational Chart (**DONE**)
- Staff (**IN PROGRESS**)
- Train (**IN PROGRESS**)

#### CURRENT STATUS SOUTHERN DIVISION OEC PROGRAM:

- All Cycle B Refreshers and “make-up” Refreshers complete
- OEC Classes – on going
- 1<sup>st</sup> Draft “training” manual developed for Regional Administrators(ROA) and Instructor Trainers (IT) including previous Instructor Trainer Draft Material and specific forms for various IT tasks
- Regional Administrator (ROA) Positions – **FILLED**
- Instructor Trainer – Primary Assignments made in all Regions, ongoing assignments being re-visited as season progresses. Training provided in VA

Region, WV Region (except Timberline), schedule pending for Timberline, Blue Ridge Region and Dixie Regions.

#### PENDING PROJECTS:

- Complete Staffing and training prior to 2007 Refreshers
- 2007 Instructor Update – topics so far: Power Point Presentations, How to be a Mentor, Risk Management, Build-a-Scenario, IOR Round Table- would like to have 1 or 2 more so email your ideas to me at [CARTRPLMBG@aol.com](mailto:CARTRPLMBG@aol.com)
- Plan “B” for those Instructor’s who are required to attend the Officer’s Meeting and cannot attend the break out sessions (more on this in the Spring Edition of Southern Cross)
- Plan “B-1” for those unable to attend Instructor Update (more on this in the Spring Edition of Southern Cross)

AND ON THE HORIZON... A new OEC book is in the works, due 2008. Currently seeking input regarding content – see email address above & put OEC Book in the subject line.

So that’s a pretty good summary of where we stand at the moment. I want to remind everyone of our commitment to a “Standard of Training” and to let you know that I perceive my job as providing YOU with the information and resources to do your job.

And finally, don’t try to reach me on Tuesday until the end of March – I’ll be skiing....feel free to join me.

Leslie Carter

### [Annual Southern Division Awards](#)

Peg Harris,  
*Awards Supervisor*

This article is being written to honor the Southern Division awards recipients who were unable to attend the annual awards banquet held back in August. The recipients are not announced in the fall edition of the Southern Cross in order for them to be presented with their award without prior knowledge of getting the award. So without further discussion, here they are along with their letters of nomination.

#### ***Judith Kay-Monaghan***

#### ***Meritorious Service Award***

*The strength of the National Ski Patrol lies in its members and their dedication to each other, and to the skiing public they serve. Having made this statement, I can affirm without question that no patroller lives this commitment better than the individual I now support! From the day she joined the NSP, this nominee has demonstrated an energy and responsibility rarely matched by others in our organization.*

*Using her imagination as a first year patroller in Europe in 1987, she developed a pilot program for the then new Winter Emergency Care curriculum that earned her a Yellow Merit Star. She moved back to the US in 1988, joined the Wintergreen Patrol, and immediately assumed a full weekend patrolling role. Her efficiency, dependability and people skills were soon recognized, and she was placed in patrol leadership roles early on. In 1989, this individual became an OEC Instructor, and soon after, a Division OEC Instructor Trainer, all the while establishing herself as an award winning “Chief of the Hill” at Wintergreen. While an OEC IT, she participated with several other instructors in her region to form one of the most dynamic Phase I/Phase II instructing teams the NSP has known! Her dedication to her fellow patrollers moved up several notches in 1999 when she became the OEC Supervisor for the Southern Division. In this demanding position until 2006, her creativity, determination, and hard work have brought our division NSP flagship program to prominence across the country. This nominee always has a set of clear cut goals, and moves toward them with a singleness of purpose. She has the professional competence to know what to do, the tireless conviction to decide to do it, and the dynamic leadership qualities to inspire others to get it done. A single mother working as a fitness administrator, this devotion to the search of excellence has been carried out with a continued full commitment to her two patrolling children and her local patrol.*

*Service was not this individual’s only motivation. She also supported the NSP through frequent attendance at the National Education Conference Powderfall, volunteering as a CPR Instructor/Instructor Trainer for multiple disciplines, and volunteering as an Olympic Patroller in 1996 in Atlanta. She inspires the skiing public and her fellow patrollers with an infectious enthusiasm that elicits the cooperation and support of others. Her desire for self improvement culminated when she became a Senior Patroller, and was eventually recognized with a National Appointment in 2001!*

*Patroller, Instructor, Supervisor, Marketing Executive, and Mother – this woman has done it all – and with enthusiasm and excellence. It is with great pride and admiration that I nominate her for a Meritorious Service Award!*

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## **National Appointments Recipients**

*Since joining the NSP as a candidate, it has been evident to all that the individual recommended for this National Appointment has displayed an enthusiasm and willingness to learn and teach that was something special! After only two years of patrolling, he entered the Certified Program and became the youngest patroller in the Southern Division to attain certified status.*

*His hard work did not go unnoticed by his resort patrol staff and area management, and within the same two years, this dedication resulted in his promotion to Assistant Patrol Director. Given the new and more demanding responsibilities, his leadership skills flourished. This individual has always, without question, jumped in whenever the resort or patrol needed help. Whether it was teaching OEC, toboggan, lift evac or snowmobile safety, or actively making snow or slope grooming, his heart has always been directed toward helping his resort be the best it can be.*

*These efforts were further rewarded six years ago when he became the Patrol Director at his area. Later, from 2003 to 2005 he took on the additional responsibilities of becoming his patrol’s NSP Patrol Representative.*

*This patroller's growth however has not only been channeled locally. His energy and enthusiasm for the Division Certified Program is evident at the many clinics and evaluations he has participated in as the program assistant supervisor. The Division certified program director stated to me that "Bartek has been very active in the program, clinics and exams ever since becoming certified. He is truly an asset to the program."*

*His appointment as Professional Director of the Southern Division in 2003 recognized the respect he has garnered from the Division leadership and his industry peers*

*In 2004, the Southern Division was proud to honor **Bartek Drewnowski** as its Outstanding Paid Patroller. Adding to that honor, he went on to become the runner up as the National Outstanding Paid Patroller and was awarded a Silver Star for that accomplishment.*

*Since becoming the Virginia Region Director several years ago, I have always found Bartek to be a very personable, high energy and helpful individual. His dedication, passion and joy of skiing and what it brings for his patrol and the skiing public is very evident to all that interact with him. Over these past years he has consistently assisted me with the delivery of educational programs for the region while still finding time to perform his day to day responsibilities to his patrol and local ski area. Bartek's leadership at all levels has indeed been a model for others to follow*

*Finally, it is indeed my sincere pleasure and I am extremely proud to recommend Bartek Drewnowski for a National Appointment.*

*Sincerely,*

*Bill Smith  
William C. Smith  
National Appointment #10268*

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*Attached for your review is a National Appointment Nomination for **Cathy LaMarre**. It is my pleasure to nominate someone so deserving of recognition by her peers. During this nominee's 16 year ski patrol career, she has consistently served NSP in leadership roles, both to her home patrol and to the Region/Division. As an OEC Instructor, she has:*

- taught 10 OEC courses as Instructor of Record*
- certified over 100 Blue Ridge Region Candidates in OEC*
- served as IT 4 years*
- served as Regional Supervisor 2 years*
- named Regional Outstanding Instructor 3 times*
- named Division Outstanding Instructor in 2000*
- named NATIONAL Outstanding Instructor in 2000*
- served on the NATIONAL OEC 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Re-Write Committee*

*Her OEC activities alone makeup a nice resume, but Cathy does not stop with OEC. She has also served:*

- as Assistant PD*
- as PD*
- as Division Archivist Historian*
- as Toboggan Instructor/Examiner*
- as Patrol Basic Candidate Coordinator (the worst job on the patrol and she does a stellar job of it).*

*The above speaks volumes about her dedication to the NSP. Cathy freely volunteers her time to NSP and deserves recognition for her hard work. Considering the National impact of her career (served on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition OEC Rewrite Committee AND was recognized as National Outstanding Instructor), she more than meets the qualification standard.*

*I have always heard that a National Appointment should not be handed out easily, or given prematurely. In the case of this nominee, she exceeds the qualification standard and an award is well overdue. NSP is fortunate to have an individual of Cathy's caliber who is willing to devote countless hours to an organization she loves.*

*Sincerely,  
Ben Fox, Jr., National # 10264*

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### ***Blue and Yellow Merit Star Recipients***

*On Saturday March 4, 2006, Catalooche ski patrollers **Ric Lavallee** and **Frank Cooper** were summoned from their patrol aide room to the resort office, to evaluate a man with chest pain. Upon arrival, Ric immediately recognized the signs of cardiac stress in the patient -- a 65yo male, sitting in a chair – profuse sweating, pallor, extreme difficulty breathing, weak rapid pulse, and the symptom of severe chest pain. EMS was called immediately, and high flow O2 started by non-rebreather mask. Vital signs at this time were: BP--160/120, pulse--128 and thready, and respirations labored and shallow. The patient was moved to the floor as his condition appeared to deteriorate. Ric Lavallee grabbed the AED from its location adjacent to the resort office, and the pads were applied as a precaution. O2 was maintained and the vitals monitored. Patroller Joan Boyer arrived to assist, and was positioned at the patient's head to observe his breathing pattern and check the carotid pulse. About four minutes later, the patient suffered a cardiac arrest, demonstrated by an unobtainable pulse, a cessation of breathing, and a purple/red/blue skin color. The AED was activated, and after the first rhythm analysis, a shock was advised and administered. Over the next minute the patient was somewhat combative but slowly began to respond. The AED leads were left in place, and the vital signs and patient's general condition monitored continuously. Approximately five minutes passed, and the man slowly became verbally responsive as his O2 saturation gradually improved. EMS arrived about 20 minutes after the cardiac arrest and the patient's care was transferred to the ALS team. While in the ambulance on the way to the hospital, the patient arrested several more times and was successfully converted, but eventually died before reaching the hospital.*

*Patrollers **Ric Lavallee**, **Frank Cooper** and **Joan Boyer** acted in the finest tradition of the National Ski Patrol that Saturday afternoon. I am therefore proud to present Ric Lavallee and Frank Cooper with Blue Merit Stars and Joan Boyer with a Yellow Merit Star in appreciation for their outstanding use of emergency care skills on March 4, 2006 at the Catalooche Ski Resort, Maggie Valley, North Carolina!*

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### ***Ric Lavallee Outstanding Alpine Patroller***

*The next patroller we honor transferred to the Catalooche Patrol in 2001 from Thredbo Australia and Lake Louise Canada. He obtained his PSIA Level III certification in 1990 and had been an Alpine Canadian Level I Race Coach since 1988. He has completed the Senior S&T and Senior OEC, and Instructor Development programs since transferring to our patrol. He has taught toboggan and ski enhancement courses at his home resort as well as at other ski resorts in the Southern Division (Wolf Laurel and Gatlinburg). This year he organized a Snowboard Enhancement Seminar in*



refresher cycle. All this makes the nominee a total asset to the division. This is an extremely important administrative function for the entire NSP system. Yes, someone has to do it and this someone is the Nominee!

Last, and in closing, Nominee is a confidant to me, and others within the division. It simply does not end here however. If there is something that needs a person with attention to detail, this is the person that can be relied upon. If you want to assign a project to someone and be totally confident that the project will be handled from start to finish, and on time, this is the person that can be relied upon. When division administrative manuals need to be printed and bound, this is the individual that does all the work to get it done. I am sure I have forgotten other accomplishments, which make this nominee deserving of the National Outstanding Administrative Award in our system.

I request the national awards judges consider this nominee as the best of the best. I hope this nominee receives this award, not because I want it, but simply because nominee has earned it.

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### **Michael Benbow Outstanding Paid Patroller**

The individual we honor next completed his third year as a paid ski patroller this season. His commitment and dedication are highly commendable. He is a full time college student, majoring in Business Management, and is on track to graduate with a bachelor's degree this spring.

Our honoree was a member of our volunteer patrol for several years before he became a paid patroller. When he decided to further his education in the mountains, he was a natural to move into the paid ranks of the patrol. During his tenure as a paid patroller he has become a senior level patroller and consistently contributed to the training of volunteer and paid patrollers. This season he acted as my assistant training officer to aid in the ski, sled and OEC training for the entire patrol. He would come in on the weekends to patrol as a volunteer and aid in the scheduled training. When we adopted a training model that required the training staff to be on the mountain prior to opening he was there. Numerous times he was on the hill prior to 7:30 to set up for training or other events taking place at the mountain that day.

As a member of the paid staff, he has continually set the example by being on time, watching for areas that needed attention and taking the appropriate action. This patroller is the type that does not wait for someone to direct him but seeks out areas that need attention. He demonstrates leadership by examining the methodology used to operate the mountain and the ski patrol, and communicates his suggestion to the appropriate person. He always looks for better ways for the patrol to meet management's expectations. He continually fosters better interdepartmental relationships by trying to understand the operations of all areas of the mountain.

It is a pleasure for me to present the 2005 Southern Division Outstanding Paid Patroller Award, along with a Yellow Merit Star, to **Michael Benbow!**

**Chuck Quillian** of Wolf Laurel received the Runner Up Outstanding Paid Patroller award.

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### **Chelsea Baker Outstanding Student**

It is indeed a pleasure to honor this student as the Southern Division Outstanding Student Patroller. In only her second year of patrolling, this individual was actively involved this season in her area candidate training program. She attended forty-two ski training sessions and a toboggan

*enhancement seminar. Her peers have found her to be an outstanding professional, and a great supporter of the National Ski Patrol. Her Patrol Rep's observations have revealed that this young woman is a very caring patroller -- one who wishes to see every candidate succeed while learning to provide the very best emergency care possible. She demonstrates a real eagerness to continue her training and enhance her own Outdoor Emergency Care skills. To do this, she attended and helped teach almost every OEC class last fall. She spent extra time outside of regular patrolling hours to work with individual candidates who needed help. This individual is always the first patroller on the mountain when she volunteers. With so much enthusiasm, she grabs the drill and is first on the hill to do all the work.*

*It is with pleasure that I now present the 2006 Southern Division Outstanding Student Patroller Award, along with a Yellow Merit Star, to **Chelsea Baker!***

***Jessica Butler** of Wintergreen received the Runner Up Outstanding Student award.*

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***Jay Matula** of Wintergreen received the Runner Up Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller award.*

***Chris Cuthbert** of Wintergreen received the Runner Up Outstanding Instructor award.*

It is such a pleasure to present these awards to such deserving patrollers. I am hoping that the upcoming awards season will once again be just as exciting.

**LOST SOUL ON THE SLOPE**

As I look down from on top this slope,  
My face is pale; I have no hope.  
The ice is blue, the moguls clear.  
I would jump right in, except for fear.

So here I wait as I freeze to death,  
Afraid to move – can only watch my breath.  
Now I bow my head and quietly say,  
“Lord help me down, that’s all I pray.”

My prayer is done so I continue the wait,  
No answer received; I’m resigned to my fate.  
My life is over, no saving grace,  
This icy slope will be my final resting place.

Hypothermia over me now does creep,  
My limbs won’t move, I want to sleep.  
When suddenly I hear a patroller say,  
“Don’t stand on the bunny slope, you’re blocking the way.”

Dedicated to RCA  
Christmas 2006 by  
Morgan Armstrong

## Southern Division Calendar

**Please refer to the Division Website for updated schedules!**

[www.nsp.org/divisions/Southern/cross.htm](http://www.nsp.org/divisions/Southern/cross.htm)

There have been many changes in the schedule due to weather – please check the calendar and/or with your patrol representative / Region Director for the most up-to-date changes.

### *Sapphire Valley News*

To all Patrol Reps:

We want to welcome **Justus Baird** as the new Patrol Representative at Sapphire Valley. Justus has been a member since 1994 and been a member of Scaly Mountain, until they closed; Sky Valley, until they closed and has worked with the Sapphire patrol for the last two years before assuming this role as PR. Welcome and congratulations to Justus.

Neil

PS: Don't worry, Sapphire has a contractual obligation to provide skiing to property owners so this resort should not close. Justus has the advantage of knowledge with three patrols and how they function. This is something most do not have.

Here is his contact information:

Justus Baird  
5305 Skidaway Drive  
Alpharetta, Ga. 30222

(H/O) 770-343-8990

[jbaird@mindspring.com](mailto:jbaird@mindspring.com)

## Notes from NSP.org / eNews from 12-04-06

<http://www.nsp.org>

### Avalanche Transceiver Battery Warning

**Mike Laney**, national Avalanche Program director, would like to remind all owners of avalanche transceivers to use only battery types specified by your transceiver manufacturer. Not all batteries deliver power the same way, and new battery technologies have emerged for the electronics market, especially for digital cameras and other high-drain devices. Using one of these new battery types in your transceiver may result in irregular performance. It's just common sense not to tinker with something when your life depends on it.

### New CPR Certification Approved for NSP Members

Each member of the National Ski Patrol is required to be currently certified in professional-rescuer level CPR. Another provider has been added to the list of approved certifying agencies. Welcome the Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI), brought to you by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) and American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)! Please visit their website at <http://www.ecsinstitute.org> to find out more.

### Call For Nomination Committee Member

The nomination committee formed at the NSP Mid Winter Meeting seeks a member to participate in selecting candidates for the next board of directors election. Go to <http://www.nsp.org> for more information.

### Medical Reserve Corps

At its recent meeting, the NSP Board of Directors unanimously showed its support for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and in growing the relationship between this group and the NSP. The MRC was founded post 9/11 and is dedicated to establishing teams of local volunteer medical and public health professionals to contribute their skills and expertise throughout the year as well as during times of community need. Individual members of the NSP who are currently certified in Outdoor Emergency Care may join their local MRC and help out when able. To find out more, go to <http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/HomePage>. Don't be a "spontaneous unaffiliated volunteer (SUV)!"

### Last call for Powderfall!

The registration deadline for Powderfall has changed, and you only have until January 31 to get those reservation forms into the national office. Those of you who have been "snow starved" this winter shouldn't miss the great spring skiing we're sure to find in Snowbird, Utah, April 18 to 21. Ski with the PSIA and AASI team members each morning, and enjoy a variety of afternoon electives, from tail roping to big-mountain avalanche wrestling. Go to <http://www.nsp.org> for more information. See you there!