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Richard Boyer,  
*Division Director*

## Our NSP System is Working

We have several positions in the Southern Division which have been filled pending confirmation by our division Board of Directors. Thanks go out to **Byrd White** for stepping up to 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director; **Randy Trow**, Assistant Division Director - North; **Bill Smith**, Elections Coordinator; **Tom Wagner**, West Virginia Region Director; and **Scott Campbell**, Avalanche Supervisor. The board has already confirmed the appointment of **Joy Jucker** as our new Women's Program Supervisor.



When I was in Denver in June for the National Board meeting a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to me on behalf of **Trish Deane** for their appreciation of the Southern Division's website. We have led the whole system in improvement and the useful functionality of our website.

Our NSP system is working. Contrary to some few opinions I've been made aware of lately, the National Board of Directors is functioning and with patience and care is slowly making the adjustments to our system that are necessary. No, they refuse to be ambushed by a few, or to be bullied into improper and unwise changes by damaging legal maneuvers.

For those of you who don't know to what I'm referring, on the NSP website (NSP.org) is an explanation of fairly recent events by a few ill advised Board members filing suit against the NSP, and yes, therefore themselves, and ourselves. The NSP has answered the suit with a motion to dismiss on the grounds that information requested in the lawsuit had been made available for pick-up in the Denver Office (complying with Colorado law) and therefore the lawsuit is unnecessary. Yes—that's all YOUR contact information that they have demanded.

Requests that the group of 5 Board members, et al, drop their suit were

stonewalled because it seems if they dropped the suit they couldn't demand you and I pay their legal fees, reputed to be \$7-8K. This suit has now been dismissed by the judge.

So why do I say our system is working, you ask? Here is an example of a recent change to the process of choosing National Program Supervisors. An RFA (Request for Action) to change this process in the Policies and Procedures Manual to include more member and division input was introduced last year by Jim Woodrum, the Division Director from Central Division. There were some provisions of this original RFA which needed work to comply with either Colorado law, the Bylaws of the NSP, or for clarity and understandability. Several board members and the Southern Division's own **Morgan Armstrong**, an expert in organizations such as ours, worked diligently with Mr. Woodrum. Over a period of time a Request was put together which was passed out of the Governance Committee, then passed a vote by our National Board. This Selection Process is now in place and is being used for the first time to choose a new National Transportation Supervisor. So you see, with patience and by going through the proper methods, getting input from a broad base of members, both at the National level and the Division level, good change can be brought about to make our NSP system work better and more efficiently. This is how a democratic organization makes improvements.

I'll end this on a note of appeal, by requesting each and every Southern Division Patroller to participate in the future of our organization. You can do this in many ways, but beginning October 15 when our voting begins for 4 positions on the National Board, you can show we are still caring and want the best for this wonderful National Ski Patrol, by placing your votes. We have two from our division running, **Robin Griffin**, Sugar Mountain and **Keith Cassidy**, Wintergreen. Both are stellar candidates and I also think the world of Jim Woodrum, Central Division. Not that I'm trying to steer your vote, but please **VOTE!** The Southern Division can show it participates in the leadership of this great organization.

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### *From the Assistants...*

**Mike Harris,**

*Assistant Division Director – South*

Another ski season is just around the corner. I was privileged to attend Blue Ridge Instructor Refresher again this year at Appalachian Ski Mountain. I was lucky to be in the rotation with Blake Brown and E.B. Fox. We figured out that between the three of us, we had one hundred and ten years of membership with National Ski Patrol. Special thanks to Cammie Hale and the hard working group of instructors for a good experience. We are lucky to have the lodge available thanks to the Moretz family and Joe Donadio.

The Southern Division held the annual Fall Conference on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> again this year at the Meadowview Marriott in Kingsport, Tennessee. The Conference was very



Productive having available many updates, breakout sessions integrated with the board meeting. We again had a great hospitality suite and awards banquet. Local information should be in your Region Directors articles and I won't duplicate it. Again I am looking forward to visiting, skiing, and patrolling with as many patrols as possible this year.

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**Brandon Olson,**

*Dixie Region RD*

I hope everyone had an incredible summer time that was fun-filled with wakeboarding, kayaking, rafting, skydiving, hiking, camping, and whatever else that keeps the adrenaline pumping between snowflakes! And for those of you who understand this - I hope you had the chance to fit in some golf and ETOH!

The time is upon us for another ski season, and all of us have the fingers crossed that it will be much more promising than the last. I think almost all of us suffered with the horrendous temps and rainy days that made for a less than optimal year, yet we were still there and prevailed! During my travels, I had the opportunity to watch patrollers rise to, and often exceed, the expectations for obtaining their Senior S&T, Senior EMM, Alpine patroller, OEC technician, etc. I applaud all of your hard work and encourage you to continue to pursue your future NSP goals, as we all know there are many more out there to accomplish! For a list of new goals to accomplish, and for your reading pleasure, please visit the Southern Division's Website for all the up-to-date info, calendars, and contact information for just about anything. [www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org) A big shout out to Trish for going above and beyond for us to keep us in the know. You rock!

In the next few weeks, we will all be heading out to our OEC refreshers, and with that comes a lot of new skills that you must show competency. I ask that you please be patient with your instructors, IOR's and IT's as they have an exceptional amount of information that we have to cover this year. You will most certainly be ahead of the game by completing all your required reading of the 5th edition and study guide! Study up on all your new 5th edition skills!

I hope that everyone has an incredible start to the season and I look forward to seeing many of you on a hill nearby in a few months!

Think cold!

*Southern Division Webmaster .....*

**Trish Deane,**

*Webmaster/Board Secretary*

Recruiting and retention is a hot topic in our Division. The Southern Division web site now has several opportunities for patrols to advertise. First, on the join page, we have an email link to your Patrol Rep and a link to your web site, if available. In addition, I encourage all patrols to create a video about your patrol. If you send it to me at [yogagirl@comcast.net](mailto:yogagirl@comcast.net) (or send me a link to your YouTube video), I'll post it. Take a look at the video from Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol at this link: <http://www.southernnsp.org/Contact.aspx>.



Second, once you have recruiting events planned, please send them to me. We have a recruiting page, which will become available again once we have actual events to post. Your event will be there and on the Division calendar. If you have relevant photos, please forward those as well.

We're working hard to keep up-to-date information from National on the Southern Division site. If you're interested in knowing what's going on in the Division or at National, it's a great place to start. If you have a special anniversary or other event for your mountain, please let me know so the Division can honor your patrol by putting it on the web site.

Thanks!

## *Blue Ridge Region .....*

**Brent Rockett,**  
*Blue Ridge Region Director*



### **BLUE RIDGE REGION MESSAGE**

It has been a busy summer at all three mountains in the Blue Ridge Region as each has become more of a year round resort. Beech Mt continues to hold more mountain bike races which included hosting the National Gravity Races for the second year and held a music festival, Sugar Mt held a BrewFest and has their upcoming annual OctoberFest, and Appalachian has become a popular venue for weddings. Appalachian will also be holding their annual Tent Sale October 19 – 28.

But now as the summer days have begun to shorten, it is time to think about refreshing our OEC skills for the coming ski season. A tremendous amount of work has already gone into the preparation for these refreshers. The instructors have already gone through their refresher and are tweaking their stations to improve their product for you. A special thanks again goes out: to Cammie Hale and Richard Yercheck for organizing the refresher; to the individual station leaders; and to each mountain's IOR, Anne Donadio at Appalachian, Theresa Varner at Beech and Cammie Hale at Sugar. I hope all of you will thank all of the instructors as you go through your refreshers for all they do to make the refreshers a learning and enjoyable experience. New for this year will be the establishment of the Appalachian Mt Snowboard Club, which will be holding BoarderCross races at Beech Mt, Giant Slalom races at Sugar Mt and Freestyle Contests at Appalachian Mt. Also, mark your calendar for the Wounded Warrior Ski/Snowboard Day on March 9 hosted by the Appalachian Ski Patrol. There will be more to come about these events during the season.

See everyone at your refreshers and on the slopes soon.  
Brent

*From the Supervisors and Advisors...*

*Leadership Development ... Leadership Development ... Leadership Development*

Mary Underwood,  
*Leadership Development Supervisor*

**Dixie Region Holds Leadership Course**

Western Carolina University was the setting for the senior elective “Basic Leadership Development for the Ski Patroller” this August. Nine Dixie Region Patrollers participated in this interactive 8 - hour course that covers basic leadership and managerial skills, Communication, Coaching, Mentoring, Motivation Techniques and Risk Management are components of this course. If your area or region is interested in holding this course or if individual patrollers are interested in taking this course please contact **Mary Underwood**, Division Supervisor for this course, at [maryu@bellsouth.net](mailto:maryu@bellsouth.net) or 865-483-3675.



## *Outdoor Emergency Care ... Outdoor Emergency Care ... Outdoor Emergency Care*

**Bob Brewster,**  
*OEC Supervisor*



There's a nip in the air and the leaves are changing at higher elevations. But how do we really know fall is here? Refresher time of course. And many areas are about to, or already had their instructor refreshers. The National Refresher Committee has thrown us a changeup this year in the refresher format, making for some quick adaptations to the old refresher as usual mentality. In our study guides you will find many individual skill based requirements each patroller will be required to demonstrate on refresher day. In our initial instructor refreshers we've found that stations need to adapt to this new requirement with added manpower and equipment needs. Lectures, games and demonstrations have been scaled back to take into account the extra time needed to run everyone through each required skill. IOR's and instructors have done their best to prepare for these new changes, but it's up to every one of us to review the skills we'll be required to demonstrate in this year's Cycle B refresher prior to stepping through the door. Please be prepared for the material in Cycle B before you enter a refresher, this is not the time to relearn your skills, but to shake the cobwebs off of them.

As of this writing I've just returned from the National OEC Supervisors meeting and there's some exciting things going on. Since I talk about refreshers above, let me ask, how many of you would like to attend a four-hour refresher? I know our PD and PR's would, it would create more on the hill time. Beta testing for an **online didactic refresher** prep course has been a huge success. After doing the online portions patrollers have had to come in and demonstrate their skills at the actual refresher. Before all you old timers, non-tech gifted patrollers get upset there will be options offered.

There will also be a **new online OEC course** offered which will cut down actual class time to 3 – 6 class sessions (please contact me for more info). The **Outdoor First Care** course will also be rewritten in the next year. It will still remain a one-day class plus outside prep work. Many of the changes coming are designed to facilitate retention and recruitment while creating multiple means of teaching delivery methods. As with anything new I'm sure there will be some kinks to work out but I'm excited.

On the senior side of OEC, the new **Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluator manual** had some changes made to it, nothing major, but enough that you should refer to the new manual that should be available online as of this printing. We were certified in the new Sr. OEC T/E certification that was introduced at the meeting. This will be the three-year certification update for T/E's. The goal presently is to have every Senior OEC T/E updated by the start of the 2013/2014 ski season. Basically the Senior OEC program for candidates remains the same although there will be many new senior level scenarios available for you to be tested on. For seniors please look to the right and left of you and get your fellow patrollers involved in the Senior Program, it makes us all better for it.

Finally, please look to get involved. For many of us we got into the patrol to give back to the sport we love. The patrol in turn has given back in many ways as well. Not just here in OEC but throughout our division there is a shortage of good patrollers needed in all facets of training and administrative positions. Have you considered being an instructor? Many times we neglect to consider all the hard work that goes on behind the

scenes to make us who we are in the division. Are you already looking for the next challenge? Please consider getting activities beyond your normal patrol duties. Ask a PR or PD or Region Director how you might get to participate.

Ok, off my soapbox and back to tuning my skis for now. Less than 45 days until the season starts!

## *Transportation ... Transportation ... Transportation ... Transportation ...*

**Tony Tingle,**

*Division Transportation Supervisor*

Big changes at the top for the transportation program..... At the end of August, **Frey Aarino** decided to step down as the National Transportation Supervisor. The search is on for his replacement, and the deadline for applications is September 28 (which may be after this Southern Cross finds you). The notice has been up on the National and Southern Division

websites and I hope you have had a chance to look at it. The details and requirements for the position, if you are interested, are found on either website. Frey is a good guy, answered questions with common sense, and for that I will miss his leadership. I wish him the best wherever Patrolling takes him.



In more local news, I felt temps in the 40s this week, the autumnal equinox just passed, you can almost hear the chlorophyll coursing towards the roots in the trees, and I helped teach a CPR refresher this week....must be heading towards the first day of skiing. That brings to mind three things:

**Training Registration** – If you are going to train your folks, register a course so that you are covered by the NSP insurance. Nuff said. If you need help registering a course contact me.

If you register a course to cover your patrollers under the NSP insurance **please close the course** when it is done. Many Patrols register a toboggan enhancement seminar for all their patrollers at the beginning of the season and extend the course end date through the end of the season. If you register a course, PLEASE.....put a note on our calendar to close that course. It can be kind of deceptive because you can register them online, but closing a course takes paperwork sent to the folks in Denver. If you need help closing courses, don't hesitate to ask and I'll steer you in the right direction.

**Toboggan Refreshers** – It's a good idea to review your skills, and document that review before you haul that first patient down the hill. Refresh early in the season, start on easier terrain, and be careful!

As always, if you have questions about the Transportation program, give me a shout. I look forward to seeing you on the slopes. Think Snow!

Tony Tingle

Southern Division Transportation Advisor

*Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports*

Briggs Allen,  
*Snowsports Supervisor*



Hello everyone.... Hope you had a safe and productive summer and are getting excited about our upcoming winter. According to three independent weather sources and the NWS long-range forecast for this winter we are in for between 100-200% of our average annual snowfall. Of course these are the same folks that sometimes miss the forecast for tomorrow. We can only hope.

Plans are coming together quite well for our Snowsports School programs this 2012-13 season. They are as follows:

- **Train the Trainer/Skier/Snowboarder Improvement Clinic**  
**December 8-9, 2012 Cataloochee Resort**

This clinic is open to all trainers, patrollers and candidates in the Southern Division. This program has it all... whether you are a basic, senior or certified candidate, patroller or examiner wanting to improve your on the snow skills, an instructor that needs some new ideas or preparing for your PSIA/AASI upcoming exam. There is not a better way to start the season. Classes will be small and tailored to the participant's specific needs. All instructors will be PSIA/AASI certified and the clinic is registered with National. Video analysis will be used. Expect to have fun.

- **Women's Ski/Snowboard Clinic**  
**January 12-13 2013 Wintergreen Resort**

This clinic is jointly sponsored by the Division Women's Program and Snowsports School and is *exclusively* for our women patrollers. Skiing and snowboarding improvement will be taught by PSIA/AASI Level III instructors from the Central Division NSP. **Linda Barthel**, National Program Director for the NSP Women's Program will be present and an instructor. The clinic will also include an opportunity to improve your sled handling skills. Class sizes will be limited so early registration is a must.

- **PSIA/AASI Demo Team Clinic**  
**February 1-3, 2013 Timberline Resort**

This is the biennial Snowsports School clinic that is not to be missed!!! This year we are honored to have **Rob Sogard**, the current PSIA Alpine Demo Team Manager, as one of our instructors. Rob has done it all, serving several terms as an Alpine Demo Team Member, two terms as the Alpine Team Manager, Alpine Demo Team Examiner, chosen as a top instructor by *Ski Magazine*, and is presently Assistant

Director of the Snowbird Ski School. WOW!!!! At this time, we're working to secure our second Alpine Demo Team Member but be assured he/she will be amazing. For our snowboarders, back by popular demand, is AASI Snowboard Demo Team Member **Tommy Morsch**. Tommy instructed at our last Demo Team Clinic two years ago and received rave reviews. He is now starting his second four-year term on the Demo Team and is the Snowboard Supervisor at Bristol Mountain New York.

Registration for this 2 1/2 day program will be *limited*. There are very few skiers/borders that get the opportunity to clinic with the best snow riders and teachers in the world. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity. Timberline Resort in Davis, West Virginia will be our venue. If you have not had the opportunity to visit Timberline it is an awesome resort, in the "West Virginia snow belt" with all types of great terrain (even moguls). Very reasonably priced lodging is available with early registration.

- **Massanutten Snowboarder Improvement Clinic**  
**February 9-10, 2013** Massanutten Resort

This snowboarder improvement clinic will be taught by an AASI Level III instructor and is open to all NSP patrollers and candidates. This is a great way to sharpen your boarding skills whether preparing for a basic or senior exam or just wanting to improve. You are guaranteed to leave this clinic satisfied.

All of our clinics are registered with National. There is a \$25 participation fee with the exception of the Demo Team Clinic which is an incredibly reasonable \$180. You can register by contacting me at [briggsaln@aol.com](mailto:briggsaln@aol.com). I will need to know the name of the clinic(s) you are attending, your name, address, patrol affiliation and NSP and/or PSIA/AASI number. I will then send you a PayPal link for your submission of the participation fee. You will not be registered until the fee is received. Don't be disappointed.... register NOW.

Until next time remember, Snowsports are simple.... turn right, turn left and repeat as necessary.

## *Election Coordinator ... Election Coordinator ... Election Coordinator ...*

**Bill Smith,**  
*Election Coordinator*

### *Division Director Election Announcement*

This coming year, 2013, we will once again hold an election for our Division Director (DD). Currently **Richard Boyer** serves the Division in that important position and is eligible to be re-elected for two additional two-year terms.

In the summer edition of Southern Cross, **Lee Wittmann** (past Election Coordinator) outlined the Division Election Procedures. Please refer to that edition posted on-line at the Division website for details of the process.

The procedure calls for anyone interested in submitting a nomination for the Division Director's position, to do so before December 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the election year. With that in mind, now is the time for anyone interested in running for the DD position to prepare their submission and get it in. All nominations must be received by the Election Coordinator before the deadline date of December 1, 2012.

Electronic submissions are preferred and can be sent to the email address shown below.

The election procedure further requires that all nominations must be accompanied by a signed acceptance of the nominee. The nomination must also be accompanied by a one-page resume of the candidate's qualifications for office. The applicant also has the option to include a platform statement.

Specific qualifications for the DD can be found in the By-Laws that are published on the Southern Division website.

Each candidate's information will be published in the January/Mid-Winter issue of the Southern Cross and posted on the Division website for all to see. Ballots, resumes and platform information will be sent to all Patrol Representative's in January. Each Patrol shall have one vote to be cast by the Patrol Representative of record as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of election year.

Each patroller is encouraged to take an active part in this election by reviewing the nominee's position and qualifications and voicing your opinion to your respective Patrol Representative.

Nominations should be sent to:

**Bill Smith, Election Coordinator**  
6 Long Bridge Road  
Hampton, VA 23669  
(757) 810-1690  
skibill13@cox.net



*Avalanche ... Avalanche ... Avalanche ... Avalanche ... Avalanche ... Avalanche ...*

**Scott Campbell,**  
*Avalanche Program Supervisor*

## **Southern Division Avalanche Safety and Rescue Program?**

Yes, that program really does exist in the Southern Division. While avalanches of epic proportions do not happen on the sunny slopes of the Southern Division, they do occur on a smaller scale. Have you ever seen a snowpack slide off of a metal roof? Avalanche! Have you ever seen cracks form across the tops of your trails at the end of the season? That is creep and glide of a snowpack. Dangerous? Probably not! Can it make for a good story as to where the snow snakes live? You betcha! Do you have portions of any trails at your area with an incline of over 38 degrees? If you do, then the potential of a real live avalanche may occur on that trail if the proper conditions exist.



If you are planning to visit an area where avalanche terrain regularly exists, you may want to enroll in the eight-hour Introduction to Avalanche Safety and Rescue course to learn the fundamental principles of avalanche hazards, safety, and rescue. This is particularly true, if you are planning to ski/board outside of the controlled ski areas, where avalanches are more prevalent. This course also qualifies as an elective requirement for the NSP Senior Program.

The potential for avalanches exists wherever snow lies on steep slopes. It's not only an issue in "big mountain" areas. Avalanche problems are widespread in geography and degree of hazard. To meet the varying challenges represented by this avalanche danger, the NSP has established several avalanche training courses. The NSP's avalanche courses fulfill all of the requirements of the Level I and Level II curricula adopted by the American Avalanche Association with one exception; the NSP courses include additional topics related to organized rescue. Please note that actual avalanche control work and rescue operations are under the direction and control of ski area management or other authorized agencies.

The NSP program includes the following courses:

**Avalanche Awareness** (About 30 to 90 minutes): If sufficient students and an instructor are available, this course can be taught just about anywhere at any time of the year. The current limitation is the availability of qualified instructors. This course is designed to expose its audience to the nature of avalanche hazards and the kinds of things they need to know before venturing into avalanche terrain. It serves primarily to develop respect for avalanche hazards and to encourage people to enroll in an Introduction to Avalanche Safety and Rescue course. This course does not qualify as an elective requirement for the NSP Senior Program.

**Introduction to Avalanche Safety and Rescue** (About 8 hours). If sufficient students are available, this course is intended to be offered twice a year within the Division. Once at the Southern Division annual conference in Kingsport, TN in August and possibly at Massanutten or other northern patrol in the Spring of each year. This course introduces fundamental principles of avalanche hazards, safety, and rescue. This course does qualify as

an elective requirement for the NSP Senior Program, but it does not meet Level 1 avalanche course standards and does not qualify as a prerequisite for enrollment in the Level 2 avalanche courses.

**Level I Avalanche** (Minimum of 24 hours with at least 60% taught in the field). This course is typically not available in Southern Division, since we currently do not have the instructors or equipment to teach the full curriculum. Please see the Eastern Division (<http://www.nspeast.org/html/calendar.htm>) and Central (<http://www.nspcentral.org>) Division training calendars for training opportunities.

**Level II Avalanche** (Minimum of 28 hours with at least 60% taught in the field). This course is definitely not available in Southern Division, since this course can only be taught in terrain that is prone to avalanches. Please see the Eastern Division training calendar (<http://www.nspeast.org/html/calendar.htm>) for training opportunities, when it is held every other year at Whiteface/ Lake Placid, NY in an area appropriately called "The Slides". (<http://www.whiteface.com>)

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## What to do when you encounter autism?



The National Ski Patrol Magazine published my article on "*Autism Awareness: A Patroller's Guide*" in their Winter of 2005 edition. A copy of the original article is at [http://www.nsp.org/members/oms/SPM/SPM\\_W05.pdf](http://www.nsp.org/members/oms/SPM/SPM_W05.pdf).

Since then, the awareness of and intervention for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder continues to be a challenge for all first responders. The common signs and characteristics have not changed, and nor have the suggested techniques when treating or interacting with a person with autism. The biggest change has been in the prevalence of this condition. The national prevalence rate was 1 in 166 according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2005. An updated national prevalence rate of 1 in 88 was reported earlier this year. That is nearly a doubling of the national prevalence rate in only seven years. As such, it is not an issue of if you will encounter someone with autism at your ski area or community, but more likely a question of when. I would encourage you to read the article from 2005 as a primer on the best practices when working and treating someone with an autism spectrum disorder. I have been done nearly 200 autism awareness and safety presentations since 2005 in mostly Northern Virginia. As a member of the Virginia Public Safety Workgroup, I would be happy to provide that training for you and your patrollers, or other first responders. If you are interested, please call me at home at 703 241-2640 or email me at [campbellsservices@gmail.com](mailto:campbellsservices@gmail.com) to arrange some training.

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

**Teresa T. Stewart,**

*Instructor Development Supervisor*

The NSP Instructor Development course is an integral part of all the NSP Educational courses. This is a required step before the mentoring stage with an instructor within the specific discipline with which you are becoming involved (Outdoor Emergency Care, Toboggan and Ski, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, Outdoor First Care, etc). This is also a *SENIOR ELECTIVE*.

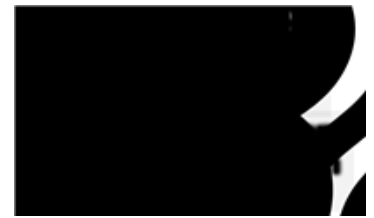
Interested students should look at the Division Calendar on the Division Website ([www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org)) for registered courses in their Region and contact the Region Instructor Development contact or drop me an email at ([stewart.teresa@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.teresa@gmail.com)).

*Historian / Archivist ... Historian / Archivist ... Historian / Archivist ... Historian / Archivist*

**Fred Wessels,**

*Historian/Archivist*

**Historian is sometimes a Job.**



I always try to write something for the Southern Cross. I may throw in some pictures, a video link, or just beg for small parts of our History. This rarely works. So it ends up that I sit down with a box full of pictures with no names and some newspaper articles and try to find something.

On 2/11/1994 The Atlanta Journal/Constitution had an article on page A3. "Alabama ski resort defies nature." With the quote "It's no Vail. Glamour is in short supply as golfers give the skiers right of way in the winter." If you have not guessed, I am talking about Cloudmont. Sometimes referred to as "The Mont." It 's the southernmost ski area in the Southern Division. It has a peak elevation of 1,800 feet, which makes it the second lowest hill in the east. No chair lifts. Just tow ropes. "The parking lot has more pickup trucks than Porsches. But there is skiing."

It has gone without notice, but from my understanding, Cloudmont has already turned 40. Cloudmont is the true spirit of Southern Skiing. We do it because we can.

Now to change Hats.

It was great to see everyone in Kingsport this year. As you know the Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol was created in 1972. This makes this our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had a number of Sr. Electives offered and several issues discussed which relate to the future of the National Ski Patrol.

On a separate area, I would like to thank the Banquet Staff of the Meadowview Marriott. They enjoy our visit each year. The food was exceptional. The Banquet Chef makes a special effort to make sure that all of our needs are met and exceeded. He even had me tasting things before dinner. And yes, the potatoes did rock. So if you have never been to the Conference in Kingsport, you need to go. Great people, great location, Resort Hotel, great food, and of course, the best Hospitality Suite you could possibly desire.

See you soon,  
Fred

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*Women's Program ... Women's Program ... Women's Program ... Women's Program*

Joy Jucker,  
*Women's Program Supervisor*

**ATTENTION ALL WOMEN PATROLLERS**

Have you seen the newest kid on Facebook? It's the NSP Southern Division-Women's Program Facebook page. The NSP Southern Division's Women's Program (SDWP) is alive and itching to get you aboard. Facebook is one of the latest techniques for the dispersal of material to a group. Your job is to get on Facebook and "like" the page. Now you will be connected to all that's going on and will receive up-to-the-minute facts from your division leader related to this program. As it develops, pictures, events, details, and posts from others will be available for viewing and comments. As the new program advisor, I have agreed to drive the bus; so to speak, it's your job to get on for *the ride!* Goals for the program include reaching and motivating women patrollers across the south east; find out what patrollers want the program to offer and produce it the finest way we can and assist women who want to increase their snow sliding skills and grow their sled handling abilities. Also inspire patrollers to become instructors; by teaching a skill you become more confident yourself. The Southern Division needs more teachers for PSIA, ASSI, and toboggan handling, especially women. I am learning about PSIA and plan to take a Level I course this season. Come join me, the more the merrier. I challenge you to contact the Southern Division Snowsports School and sign up too. We will learn together.



Next, the Southern Division Snowsports School has set up a Women's Enhancement clinic again at Wintergreen, VA. It was cancelled last year due to the lack of adequate snow. If you signed up last year, I encourage you to go ahead and try again now as spaces are limited. The dates are Saturday and Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Now, if there are any comments, suggestions, ideas, brainstorm, or questions concerning the SDWP, please feel welcome to contact me. This program is intended for you and needs your contributions to make it rewarding.

Thank you,

Joy Jucker, SDWP Advisor  
[dawnjucker@gmail.com](mailto:dawnjucker@gmail.com)

## National Ski Patrol Safety Team

This year some of the initiatives include Chair Lift Safety, Terrain Park Safety and 'Lead by Example' – through public safety announcements and social media (remember to 'like' the NSP on Facebook)

The initiatives of The Safety Team are most importantly conveyed by every patroller.

This year the Safety Team is focusing particular on Chair Lift Safety – through additional PSAs and initiatives in corporation with NSAA we want mountains to educate guests on general chair lift safety, use of the 'comfort' aka 'safety' bar – and particular for children to 'backs to backs and bottoms to bottoms'. We, as patrollers, can make this process a little safer – Do you always ride the lift with other patrollers? Do you look for smaller children riding together and ride with them? The Theme is “**Sit Back Hold On**” We determine to create cards (small baseball card size) that can be distributed to area ops, ski school and patrollers can carry them on their jackets. Cards can be distributed to children and adults. The slogan will be on the front with talking points on the back.



Terrain Park Safety focuses on Smart Style and knowing The Code...the four main components of Smart Style are: 1) **Make a plan** – Every time you use Freestyle Terrain, make a plan for each feature you want to use. Your speed, approach, and takeoff will directly affect your maneuver and landing; 2) **Look Before You Leap** – Before getting into freestyle Terrain observe all signage and warning; 3) **Easy Style** **It** – Know your limits and ski and ride within your ability level (look for progression parks or features to begin with and work your way up; 4) **Respect Gets Respect** – Respect terrain and others.

Finally, we are continuing The 'Lead by Example' initiative this year and sure every mountain, every employee, and every guest is looking for to do things safer. If you see someone doing something unique to make safer – they are leading by example – recognize them and give them a pin.



want to be opportunities our industry

National Safety week occurs every year in January. This year National takes place **January 19th to January 27<sup>th</sup> 2013**. Many Ski Areas across participate in Safety Week to educate skiers and snowboarders about being safe, and to use common sense on the slopes. For More information [http://www.nsaa.org/nsaa/safety/heads\\_up](http://www.nsaa.org/nsaa/safety/heads_up). Safety week the country

For questions you can contact Brett Henyon ([bretthenyon@gmail.com](mailto:bretthenyon@gmail.com)) or go to [http://nsp.org/slopesafety/slope\\_safety.aspx](http://nsp.org/slopesafety/slope_safety.aspx) or [www.NSAA.com](http://www.NSAA.com)

# Leadership Development @ Western Carolina University / August 25<sup>th</sup>

*Photos Submitted by Fred Wessels*



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## Southern Division Calendar & Staff Directory

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.

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Richard Boyer,  
*Division Director*

## Change

We all have change in our worlds and deal with it in varying degrees of ease or stress. Our Ski Patrols are certainly affected by this and we see it each year, so we know it is going to happen. Armed with this given, we all need to anticipate it and plan for it so the jobs or responsibilities with which we're tasked don't suffer as a result. Our Southern Division is no different, and we have some changes occurring. **Ted Forbes**, our First Assistant Division Director as many of you know has had some changes occur in his life lately, not the least of which is a career change and move to Chicago. For this reason and some others, he feels his platter has begun to overflow and will have to resign his Division duties. Other changes with which we need to deal are the following Program Supervisors, after very good jobs done and in some cases many, many years of service these listed hereafter have, for various reasons, found it necessary to step down.

Dave Quidort, Alumni;  
Mike Fisher, Avalanche;  
Lee Wittman, Elections; and  
Lisa Adams, Women's Program;

These represent change and a challenge to replace. I ask each of you in the Southern Division to put your heads to this challenge and let's find folks to carry these programs on and keep our Division operating at a level which is the envy of the ski patrol system. If any of these programs represents a "hot button" or particular interest for you, I invite you to let me or anyone in our division hierarchy know.



On behalf of all members of the division, I sincerely thank each of the above men and women for stepping up and helping make our Southern Division what it is today!

For those of you responsible for any of our many and important programs, committees, or other division offices, the watch words are “**succession planning**”, which works so much better than “**succession pandemonium**”. Let’s all put some work into planning for what would happen, if for reasons we cannot otherwise predict, change should come about in our lives. Our ski patrols warrant this precautionary endeavor.

I look forward to reporting on the business of our National Ski Patrol as the Board of Directors meets in June of this summer as it always does.

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**Ted Forbes,**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director*



## Summer Dreams

Well here we are in the heat of summer – and frankly it does not feel too different from the heat of this past winter. All across our industry everyone is saying “wait ‘til next year.” And like everyone across our industry, I sure hope next winter is better than this past one. If you have the time and money, the resorts in the Southern hemisphere are opening now, and maybe they will get crushed. That’s on my bucket list – I really want to ski the Andes in August.

And speaking of bucket list items, here’s one I hope you will all consider. NSP will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013. That’s right – **Minnie Dole** first dragged that open tib-fib down a Vermont hill 75 years ago and had the idea to start the organization we all know and love. The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be in Denver over the weekend of January 31 – February 3, 2013. It’ll be an action packed weekend with two on the snow days, an opportunity to attend the enormous SIA trade show in Denver, and a spectacular Saturday night awards banquet at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Denver. Please consider attending – and get your registration in early as we expect it to fill up. For more info, visit the website [http://www.nsp.org/About/75th\\_site/Events.aspx](http://www.nsp.org/About/75th_site/Events.aspx)

Finally, I’d like to let all of you know that I am stepping aside as 1<sup>st</sup> ADD. With my relocation to Chicago, it is simply not possible to do the job needed as a visible leader in the Division. So **Richard Boyer** has started a search for the next 1<sup>st</sup> ADD. I encourage you to apply – it is a great job and provides a real chance to lead and expand your network of patrol friends. It has been an honor for me to serve you, and I will continue to patrol at my home mountain Wintergreen.

See you out there,

Ted

**Brent Bowman,**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Division Director*

I am writing this from Sweden where I am a little sleep deprived. How come there is only about 4 hours of darkness here and I keep getting east facing hotel rooms!!!



Summer has definitely arrived in Atlanta. The pool is already at 80 degrees and I am afraid of where it will be in mid-August. Mid-August??? Isn't there a Ski Patrol thing in Mid-August? Yes, the annual Southern Division Conference in Kingsport, TN is August 10-12, 2012. This is really a great opportunity for everyone to see how the Southern Division of NSP is managed, network with other patrollers and have an all-around good time. The NSP Ski and Snowsports School will be meeting, S&T Instructors will have a forum, there is a hospitality suite and a really great dinner on Saturday night where awards are handed out for all patrols in the Southern Division.

OEC classes are up and running. Good luck to all of the new candidates and OEC challenge course folks. Remember that your local OEC class could use a little help occasionally. Give the Lead Instructor a call or drop them an e-mail and teach a class or stop by to assist a class session.

See you at Kingsport!!!!

*From the Assistants...*

**Byrd White III,**  
*Assistant Division Director - North*

What a year! The warmest year that I can remember and I've been around a while. We in the North were very lucky, well not really, we just have great snowmakers that allowed all of our resorts to open, a little late but open.

Thanks to **Tom Hughes** and crew the Senior program in West Virginia went off like clockwork. Likewise the Certified program and the Ski and Toboggan Enhancement clinics were great. While I didn't get to the Virginia resorts as planned I know from Randy that all went well in Virginia.

This year as my first as ADD North has been a learning experience, following **Jan Starr** is a little intimidating. Jan did this job so well for so long, she knows everyone and everyone knows her. She's a Certified patroller who was my go to person for many years. She always had the answer and taught me a lot. I thank her. I am really thankful to have **Tom Wagner** in West Virginia and **Randy Trow** in Virginia who do all the heavy lifting.

I am looking forward to next year and getting to know more of the patrollers in the region. I am also looking forward to and I'm excited about the opportunity to work with the Boy Scouts who are building a 10,600-acre recreation center here in West Virginia. Please see Tom Wagner's article for the details.

Have a safe Summer!

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**Mike Harris,**

*Assistant Division Director – South*

What a challenging season we all just had. Roll out of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition, getting instructors updated, and test question issues. All of this before an unusually warm winter. Blue Ridge and Dixie ski area management really worked hard at keeping the best conditions possible under the circumstances. Programs in both regions seemed to go smoothly with a minimal amount of switching dates and I will leave the reporting of that up to your respective Region Directors. NSP had another well attended PEC conference this year at Copper Mountain. One of the highlights for me was a presentation of NSP's involvement with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. I hope everyone will consider attending the Southern Division Conference in Kingsport TN at the Meadowview Marriott on August 10 & 11.



Mike Harris (AKA) Tyrone

*Southern Division Webmaster .....*

**Trish Deane,**

*Webmaster/Board Secretary*

Recruiting and retention is a hot topic in our Division. The Southern Division web site now has several opportunities for patrols to advertise. First, on the join page, we have an email link to your Patrol Rep and a link to your web site, if available. In addition, I encourage all patrols to create a video about your patrol. If you send it to me at [yogagirl@comcast.net](mailto:yogagirl@comcast.net) (or send me a link to your YouTube video), I'll post it. Take a look at the video from Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol at this link: <http://www.southernnsp.org/Contact.aspx>.



Second, once you have recruiting events planned, please send them to me. We have a recruiting page, which will become available again once we have actual events to post. Your event will be there and on the Division calendar. If you have relevant photos, please forward those as well.

We're working hard to keep up-to-date information from National on the Southern Division site. If you're interested in knowing what's going on in the Division or at National, it's a great place to start. For instance, you can find information on the Division's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, NSP's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the Cascade Limited Edition Toboggan raffle. If you have a special anniversary or other event for your mountain, please let me know so the Division can honor your patrol by putting it on the web site.

Thanks!  
Trish

# Succession Planning... is it on your radar screen?

By [Bill Smith](#)

Well, here we are and it's spring/summer already once again. Often patrols are electing new Patrol Rep's during this time to get ready for a new season. It can be a trying process to go through for some patrols. Have you prepared those "on the bench" to carry on? Do you sense a lack of bench strength in your organization? Do you believe that when you head out the door, the excellence you insisted on during your watch will become a thing of the past? If so, you aren't alone in that; many leaders, wanting to pass on their legacy, turn toward succession planning as a means of selecting the future leaders for their team.

While succession planning is intended for a number of good reasons, many leaders see succession planning as only being necessary to ensure the continuation of critical processes once they and other senior leadership begins to vacate their positions. Replacing these individuals, however, is only one facet of succession planning.

And while there is value in saying, "This is the way we budget, schedule, etc." or "These are the deadlines we need to meet annually," a well-crafted succession plan is much more than that. A succession plan that's worth your effort is one that reinforces your faith in the most important asset you have: your people, the next generation of your organizational leadership.

In an article on succession planning in the Harvard Business Review, Marshall Goldsmith said, "Plans do not develop anyone—only development experiences develop people."

Considering only how we currently do things doesn't respect the valuable perspective a fresh face brings to the table. By insisting, "This is how we do things," we devalue others' ingenuity and creativity; much of what probably prompted us to consider them as candidates for advancement to begin with.

There's a very important part of mentoring these individuals while you're still there. By challenging them to fulfill the new roles they may undertake, you can allow them to engage certain organizational issues, to form independent hypotheses and to seek answers that may not have been considered before, all while maintaining some control over the outputs and focusing them on the desired core values.

Effective succession planning is even more important in volunteer organizations where the departure of key individuals may doom the further growth or even survival of a patrol. When an organization leans hard on one individual for certain integral parts of its operations or its administration, one hiccup can prove to be catastrophic.

Especially in these economic times, if an organization has been dependent on a certain person to always be there, guess what happens when they aren't? In a best-case scenario, someone else steps into that role. More often than not however, service to the resort falters or others struggle to fill the role and often fail. This can also cause turnover or, worse, the entire organization flounders or even collapses.

In any case, with the ensuing loss of confidence, especially if it's a public departure, much-needed support and funding can become problematic.

Again, bench strength should always be on your mind when considering the future. If you have someone you consider to be invaluable - so invaluable that they'll leave a gaping hole when they decide to hang up their helmet/hat - you'd better think now about developing someone to take their place before it's too late.

This scenario takes into account a planned departure; it's much worse when a tragic loss occurs prematurely. Could this happen in your organization? You bet it could.

If you truly care about the long-term health of your organization, looking at the people within makes solving that problem much easier. In addition to dealing with a known entity, if you want to develop loyalty to your leadership and buy-in to the patrol's mission, give your subordinates the opportunity to shine by challenging them and giving them a stage to prove their worth.

Even if a formal program is difficult to manage immediately, a great first step is to entrust certain projects to your charges, giving them the authority and responsibility to handle a portion of management. This may not be sufficient for an individual to ascend to the next level, but they begin to get their feet wet and understand the processes at work. And when they succeed, they're not only rewarded for doing a great job; they're also rewarded with experience and education.

Take a hard look at those you serve and understand that the greatest injustice you can hand them is the lack of confidence in their ability to go to bat when they get the chance. With you leading them and showing them where the hurdles on the path are, they'll see you in a different light. Likewise, you can pride yourself in knowing that you led them to that new view at the top.

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**Bill Smith** began his patrolling career with the Homestead Ski Patrol in 1991. He is currently a patroller with Wintergreen Ski Patrol in Virginia. Bill has served in a number of leadership positions and has taught and written extensively about organizational change, leadership and training.

**Brent Rockett,**  
*Blue Ridge Region Director*



## BLUE RIDGE REGION MESSAGE

Although, it was not a great winter weather year, all the resorts were able to manage due to all the improvements that have been made the last couple of summers. **Gil Adams** at Beech Mt reported that due to “their updated snowmaking system, we were able to turn things totally around in a twelve hour period, especially when the temperature dipped into the teens. We are adding six more automated, tower mounted Super Polecat snowmaking machines as well as moving some of our existing ones to more effective locations. Things look real good for the next ski season.” Likewise, Appalachian and Sugar Mt continue to make improvements so that they can deal with the fickle southern weather. Again, congratulations to Appalachian Ski Mt on celebrating 50 years, 1962-2012.

Well, it is June and we are now enjoying a pleasant cool start to the summer. Where was this weather pattern in early March to end the ski season? Beech Mtn. even recorded upper 30's over a recent weekend. It is time to enjoy the numerous summer activities on the mountains. On Beech Mt this summer, the Monster Energy MTB Race Series is being held on the weekends of June 16-17, August 18-19 and September 15-16. <http://www.beechmountainresort.com/media/news/87.html>. Also, the USA Cycling Mountain Bike Gravity National Championship is to be held again at Beech Mt on July 19-22. <http://www.usacycling.org/forms/natchamps/2012/2012-MTBCyclingGravityNatzSked.pdf>. This race is a HUGE event. Those of you who attended last year will remember the caliber of athletes and the scope of the event. They are expecting to see maybe three times the number of racers competing this year. **If anyone is able to help, please contact Gil.** Anyone who has a 4-wheeler is encouraged to bring it to help during bike races.

Another event that is happening at Beech Mt is a weekend festival of music and other activities that is promoted and managed by the folks at Gnarnia, <http://gnarniathefestival.com/>, the Festival of Gnarnia; <http://www.beechmountainresort.com/media/news/84.html>.

The Appalachian Patrol will again be manning a patrol booth at the local Emergencyfest on June 16 and in July will be having their annual Summer Patrol Board Meeting and dinner on Lake Norman at the Ray's Pavilion, courtesy of **Tony and Shari Ray**. What a great way for the Patrol and their families to get together for a day of fun after a time-consuming ski season.

In the fall, Sugar Mt will be holding their annual Octoberfest on October 13-14 and the patrol will be providing first aid and other support for the event.

As you can see the mountains are full of activities and I hope everyone will have a chance to experience some of these events this summer.

Even though the summer is just beginning, it is not too early to look ahead at our fall activities. The Region Instructor Refresher will be held in early September and the OEC Refreshers will be held at Sugar Mt on October 6 and at Appalachian and Beech Mt on November 3 with their individual On-the-Hill Refreshers the following day.

And don't forget the Southern Division Conference in Kingsport, TN on August 10 – 12.

Enjoy the summer.

Brent

*West Virginia Region .....*

**Tom Wagner,**  
West Virginia Region Director

Looking back at the winter in West Virginia, Mother Nature provided early season or spring conditions from early December through March. The benefit of this was that skiers didn't have to struggle to stay on a snow and ice covered roadway as they traveled to their favorite mountain. West Virginia resorts aren't foreign to mild winters or the sometimes, the lack of natural snow. If the natural precipitation doesn't show up in West Virginia the cold temperatures do. Over the years, WV resorts have invested wisely in snowmaking and current technology that allows them to take advantage of snow making opportunities on short notice. Fan guns with weather stations and computer controls have replaced the army of snowmakers who one time worked thankless hours in the dark pulling hoses, setting guns, and readjusting as the weather changed. The down side of the mild weather was that in the urban areas where the bulk of West Virginia skiers come from people were playing golf and riding bikes all winter long. For the skiers that did show up they found sunny days, snow covered slopes and few lift lines. In general the resort's attendance was down by 10% or more this season.

As for the NSP Patroller programs this past season all resorts reported good participation in the Basic Patroller Program. At the senior level Timberline hosted the Senior EMM clinic and did a great job of rolling out the red carpet to make visiting patrollers, candidates, patients, and VIP's feel welcome. The clinic was complete with a traditional Timberline cook-out lunch at the top of the mountain! Many thanks for everyone who helped to put this together. It's on the calendar for next season. Senior S&T and proficiency clinics were hosted at Snowshoe. As usual the level of instruction was outstanding and a lot of positive feedback was received from all who attended. Winterplace hosted the Senior EMM evaluation and the Certified EMM evaluation this season. This couldn't have been done without the support and efforts of Patrol director **Isaac Colvard** and Winterplace Risk Manager **Walt Watson**. Both Isaac and Walt were in constant communication with mountain management to insure that these programs didn't interrupt mountain operations. Training programs tax all the mountain systems, especially at the end of a season when usable terrain, staff, and resources are in short supply. This is a reminder to all of us to take a moment to thank each of our Mountain managers who are often on the receiving end of a complaint for supporting the NSP programs. Their continued support is vital to our success.

Summer is seeing an increasing number of patrollers participating as Mountain Bike Patrollers and assisting with summer resort operations. As resorts are looking at the 12 month calendar of business instead of the just the seasonal flow, West Virginia has a new player coming to town. The “Boy Scouts of America”. The scouts are constructing a high Adventure camp that will become the home of the National Jamboree every 4 years and will host the world jamboree in 2019. “**The Summit**” is a 10,600-acre high adventure camp currently under construction adjacent to the New River Gorge National River in Southern West Virginia. The NSP and the BSA have a lot in common. Both are service organizations, both have leadership programs, many patrollers have been scouts and many are currently involved with scouting. Just about all of our resorts have scout weekends and many of us have treated a few scouts during these times. Due to the commonalities of our groups, preliminary discussions are underway between the NSP and the BSA to explore the opportunities of the two groups working together. It’s still very preliminary but this could be an exciting development. I hope to provide a more detailed report at the fall meeting.

Hope everyone has a great summer!

Think Snow!

Tom

*From the Supervisors and Advisors...*

*Certified ... Certified ... Certified ... Certified ... Certified ... Certified ... Certified*

**Brandon Deane,**  
*Certified Program Supervisor*

Thank you to Cataloochee’s management and patrol staff for hosting the Certified Program clinic and to Winterplace’s management and patrol staff for hosting Southern Division’s 2012 Certified Exam. Both events were very successful.

Cataloochee is now an approved S&T exam site for the Certified Program!



The Certified Program is excited to welcome two new members. Congratulations to **Wayne Morgan** (CAT) and **Tom Gantt** (APP) for completing the certification process at Winterplace this spring.

**Steve Kuller** (ADM) was appointed to a three-year-term as National Certified Advisor by a committee made up of the Certified Advisors from each of the divisions.

If you are interested in continuing education beyond the Senior Program, you should consider participating in the certified program. Join us as we pursue excellence in patrolling. Now is a great time to start getting involved. Just email me at [cbdeane@comcast.net](mailto:cbdeane@comcast.net) .

Further information on the program is available through the Southern Division web site:  
<http://www.southernnsp.org/Library.aspx>.

Brandon

## *Leadership Development ... Leadership Development ... Leadership Development*

**Mary Underwood,**  
*Leadership Development Supervisor*



TO: All NSP Senior Candidates

Here is a quick over-view of Basic Leadership Development for the Ski Patroller.

We hope to hold this course this summer. We have reserved a classroom at Western Carolina University in August following the Fall Conference for either August 18 or 25th. If you are interested in attending, please let me know which date is more convenient for you. Also, if neither date works for you, give me several dates that you are available on weekends.

### **BASIC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SKI PATROLLER**

- One day (8 hr) course
- Each patroller is sent a packet of activities to be completed before attending class.
- There is no test to pass in this course, but completion of pre-class activities and active participation in class discussions and activities is required.
- Goals
  1. To help students sharpen leadership skills to a level of proficiency commensurate with their duties and patroller's and leaders
  2. To show students how to apply leadership skills in real NSP situations.
  3. To promote effective job performance by training patrollers to use leadership skills in creative problem solving.

#### **Components of Course**

1. Leadership 101: This unit will cover basic leadership/managerial functions. Students will learn how to apply concepts in everyday patrolling.
2. Coaching and Mentoring: This segment is designed for students to learn the characteristics of effective coaches, identify the similarities between effective coaches and effective leaders, identify

four critical coaching techniques and match coaching techniques with subordinate need and performance.

3. **Communication:** Students will identify types and purposes of communications, discuss major concepts of communication, talk about verbal and nonverbal barriers to communications, explain perception and its effect on communication, explore the process of listening, and identify techniques for improving general listening techniques.
4. **Risk Management:** Here the student will examine why the patroller should be concerned with preventing snow sports accidents, what the primary causes of skiing/boarding accidents are, examine types of unsafe acts, discuss resort liabilities, and look at what can be done to satisfy all parties.
5. **Leadership Opportunities:** This unit will help the student to understand the leadership and educational structure of Southern Division, gain knowledge of NSP publications/web sites, and identify appropriate paths to pursue an educational or leadership role within the patrol, region or division.

Mary Underwood, Div. Leadership Course Supervisor, [maryu@bellsouth.net](mailto:maryu@bellsouth.net)



## *Outdoor Emergency Care ... Outdoor Emergency Care ... Outdoor Emergency Care*

**Bob Brewster,**  
*OEC Supervisor*

Only about 140 days until opening day at Cataloochee, the countdown to a new season has begun. Actually in OEC we have less than a month to the new season as we start to roll out new OEC classes. In my last article I talked about change, for the new candidates coming into the division it's going to be more like evolution. Whether we like it or not, technology has come to the OEC program and particularly the OEC courses.



There are many reasons for the introduction of web learning to our OEC classes and refreshers, the ability to capture more recruits, candidate and instructor travel times and expense, instructor availability, etc. But the bottom line is we have too much material we now have to teach in too little time. So we are working on the development of a distance-learning program to supplement our OEC courses. Its biggest advantage is it's free to the division and the candidate. Its biggest disadvantage is that the candidate must now have access to a computer with built-in camera/microphone and the internet. National OEC has just raised the number of teaching hours to 100-120 per class, making for more required class time. With the added material in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition to teach, quality hands-on time was being sacrificed to teach chapters. Distance learning has been embraced by corporate America and universities throughout the United States. The convenience, increased learning opportunities of the program and cost savings far outweigh the disadvantages. In the coming months I will be working with ROA's, ITs, instructors and the course IOR's to rollout the program. Two classes starting in June in the Dixie region will be testing the new program.

Look for our refresher guides to require additional "homework" to work on prior to the refresher and bring with you. Studying material prior to arriving at your refresher means more time for the important hands-on skills that we as patrollers work with day-to-day. This year's refresher is Cycle B. The instructors guide will be available in instructor's resources at the National site on June 1. Refresher Study Guides will be included in the Ski Patrol Magazine mailed out later in the summer.

Neurological injury is one of the topics in this year's Cycle B. Concussions and traumatic brain injury have been in the news daily in the last year. I hope to work with our medical advisors both on the division level all the way through to the patrol level to create awareness and promote protocols when suspicion of a head injury is involved.

It's nice to take a big deep breath after last year's introduction 5<sup>th</sup> edition. All in all there were a total of 11 instructor updates completed including the Fall Conference in Kingsport. Of the approximately 360 instructors presently active in Southern Division we updated all but 53 instructors between June and November of 2011. Our fall refreshers were supplemented by many of the new skills found in the 5<sup>th</sup> with more to come in Cycle B. Be sure to thank an OEC instructor next time you see one. Their commitment to excellence is what makes our OEC program what it is.

Remember to come to the fall conference. There should be a little something for everyone. On the OEC side we'll be offering a clinic "101 Uses for a SAM Splint". Look forward to seeing everyone there.

**Russell Blakeley, MD, FACC**

*Medical Program Supervisor*

*“Wait...is it 15:2 or is it 30:2 and is it one shock or do I stack three shocks.....Oh man, why do they keep changing this stuff?!”*

It does seem that change is the only constant in life, and our ski patrol life is no exception. Rust and gold jackets change to red and white. Skinny, straight skis become fat and curvaceous. Feet side by side become feet spread wide. Some of life’s changes are born out of advances in technology or technique while others are the product of fashion or style. We embrace the change and move on.



But, the changes that occur in the care we give our patients on the mountain come from a completely different process and they certainly have a more significant impact on the patroller’s responsibilities. These changes come from scientific investigation and then clinical testing and then organized dissemination to those who provide the care. The CPR changes we have seen in recent years are a great example of this process.

Man has struggled throughout history to restore life to those from whom it has vanished and this quest has evolved into the science of resuscitation. It is a young science, as evidenced by the fact that the term “CPR” is less than 50 years old, and it battles a discouragingly persistent foe. In spite of all the effort, the overall probability of surviving an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest is only 6.4%. But, the odds are improving thanks to worldwide effort. In 1992, this effort organized itself and The International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) was formed (<http://www.ilcor.org/en/home/>). The committee is composed of a collection of the world’s authorities in resuscitation and they gather every 5 years to review the current state of the science and make their recommendations for treatment. These recommendations are then taken by the world’s medical care organizations (American Heart Association, American Red Cross, etc.) and are shaped into the CPR protocols we use today. Each country develops its own protocols based on local resources and cultural characteristics. So it was in 2000, that the ILCOR published its first recommendations for the use of the AED (*Circulation*. 2000;102(suppl);I1-I384.). The “ski patrol” is actually cited in the recommendations as an example of the type of organization that should have access to an AED. The American Red Cross and American Heart Association both added the AED to their CPR protocols immediately. These recommendations included a ratio of compressions to breaths of 15:2 and analyzing with the AED and delivering one shock and reanalyzing and delivering a second shock and a third if needed before restarting chest compressions. At the next meeting of the ILCOR in 2005, they were struck by the growing scientific evidence that chest compressions should be interrupted as little as possible. As a result, their recommendations were to change the ratio of compressions to breaths from 15:2 to 30:2 and to analyze with the AED and deliver one shock and then immediately restart chest compressions for two minutes before another shock is attempted.

Now, the big question.....do all these changes make any difference? Recent studies do show the new protocols are helping! In one study of patients who at the time of resuscitation had a rhythm that lead to a shock from the AED, it was found that using the new CPR protocol resulted in an 80% improvement in survival from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (*Circulation* 2009; 119:2597-2605). Even in patients who don’t have a “shockable” rhythm, there is a 50% improvement in survival if treated with the new CPR protocol (*Circulation* published online April 2, 2012). We would all agree that 80% better than abysmal is still awful, but for the patient you are treating with CPR, the new protocol is the best available care.

So, embrace the change and move on.....pump hard and pump fast!

Russell Blakeley, MD, FACC

## *Transportation ... Transportation ... Transportation ... Transportation ...*

**Tony Tingle,**

*Division Transportation Supervisor*



I just got back from fieldwork in North Charleston, SC. It was in the 90's, humid and I spent a good bit of time convincing my co-workers that we did actually have snow to ski/ride on last season. Thank goodness for cell phone photos with a time/date stamp. I hope all of you Patrollers are catching up on your To-Do list that accumulated over the winter. I'm still working on mine. One of my To-Do's is to come up with something for the Fall Conference in Kingsport. I think during this year's meeting, the Snow Sports School and Transportation folks will share a room, and the transportation meeting will follow the Snow Sports School presentation. It seems we always have a lot of folks who need to attend both meetings, and this year you can.

### **I've got a couple of ideas for the Transportation Roundtable:**

First, opening and closing courses. Every year there are some courses that get opened at the beginning of the season (Toboggan Enhancement Seminars to cover on the hill training for the whole patrol, for example) but don't get closed. Opening a course is easy. You can register them online. On the other hand, closing them takes some paper work, and there is no online option. We will go over the paper part of it in Kingsport. As a side note, I'll be sending reminders for folks to close courses that appear open on the NSP site. I'm here to help close them if you need me.

The other topic of conversation will be a preview of what I've seen coming down the pike for the updated Senior S&T Manual. I have commented on the Draft version, and it contains good information and clarifies some questions I've heard over the years. I figure there will be a couple of updates, edits, etc. over the summer so I won't bore you with details ..... Think Teaser for Kingsport .....

If there is some topic you want to see presented in Kingsport, some transportation questions you need answered, or just want to chat, my e-mail address is [geofolks@att.net](mailto:geofolks@att.net) drop me a line. I'm game for all suggestions.

Next time you are mowing the grass and it's two degrees hotter than Hades, think about that day last season when you were on the lift, passed through a running snow gun, and your cheeks were about to crystallize and fall off.....you will feel a bit cooler for a moment. Hope you have a good summer; I hope your To-Do list gets shorter; and I hope to see you in Kingsport.

Tony Tingle

Southern Division Transportation Advisor

*Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports*

**Briggs Allen,**  
*Snowsports Supervisor*



Hello everyone, as I sit down to write this on Memorial Day 2012 it's 91° in Southwest Virginia which is much, much too hot. Sort of like last ski season. But that's history and now time for us to focus on Winter 2012-13.

The Southern Division NSP Snowsports School is already planning some great clinics. Thus far, we are starting as always with our "**Train the Trainer**" clinic at Cataloochee Resort December 8-9. This clinic is open to all alpine skiing and boarding patrollers with classes being segregated into those preparing for a PSIA /AASI exam, patrol trainers wanting to refresh their skills for the upcoming season and of course, patrollers that just want to improve their skiing and riding. Additionally, this season we hope to be able to provide a special session on movement analysis which simply is watching an individual ski/ride while specifically describing their movements, determining the cause and effect relationships and then, prescribing a focus for positive change. We do it all the time whether we are instructors, examiners or just patrollers trying to help each other out. We all need more practice in this valuable skill. The "Train the Trainer" clinic is the perfect way to refresh and renew our talents at the start of the season.

In 2013 we are also planning a **Divisional Women's** clinic as well as a **Snowboard Improvement** clinic. Both of these programs were scheduled for last season but due to uncooperative weather had to be canceled. Also upcoming will be our much-anticipated **Demo Team** clinic. This biennial clinic will be our best yet!!! Hopefully this season we will have this clinic earlier than ever before which will give us time to practice our newfound skills. Stay tuned.

Now there is more great news with congratulations going out to Wintergreen patrollers and Division Snowsports School members **Matt Weitz** and **Debbie Gagon**. Matt passed his PSIA Level III Part One (skiing) exam in March at Stowe, while Debbie completed her Level II journey by passing Part Two (teaching) at Timberline in March. Climbing the PSIA/AASI ladder is a long, expensive, stressful and arduous task. These patrollers are to be complimented for their hard work and dedication. Also congratulations go to Cataloochee patroller and longtime PSIA Level II Snowsports School Instructor **Wayne Morgan** for his completion of the Certified Program.

By the way, don't forget the upcoming Southern Division Patroller Conference and the 40th Anniversary Celebration at to be held August 10-12 in Kingsport Tennessee. The Snowsports School and the S&T Program will be meeting together this year as many of our members participate in both. This will be a great, informative meeting so watch your e-mail for further details.

Finally, summertime is approaching and snow sports are in the back of our minds right? Nope! Want to expend almost no effort, money and very little time, yet the moment you are on the snow you will be instantly improved?

Impossible you say?

Nay! Nay!

One of the hottest topics in medical rehabilitation today is balance training. What a coincidence.... the first word in BERP (the PSIA mnemonic for: balance, edging, rotary and pressure) is BALANCE. It's really hard to be a good skier or snowboarder without mastering balance. But isn't this an innate quality that we just sort of have? Well yes and no...we can refine and improve our balance. Practicing this simple task 1 minute per day can make a dramatic effect in your skiing/snowboarding skills. I suggest finding a corner (if you stand in a corner it's easy to use your hands to steady yourself, if necessary) with your head facing straight, arms at your side, or fingertips lightly touching each wall, lift one leg and slowly count to 30. Then switch legs. When you get to the point that you can stand on each leg for 30 seconds without having any balance difficulty add this twist. Find your corner, head straight, close your eyes stand on one leg for 30 seconds and then the other. Finally, when you can adequately balance on each leg for 30 seconds with your eyes closed add a balance board (I like the 14 inch round Valeo Tri-level Balance Board about \$18 on eBay) to the equation. By the way, when you try the balance board, make sure you are on a hard surface, in a corner with your fingertips lightly touching the wall for support. As you progress you can put your hands in a skiing/boarding position for better balance. You will be surprised how this quick, simple task will improve your skiing/boarding skills for the upcoming season.

Until next time: Remember Snowsports are simple... turn right, turn left and repeat as necessary.

*Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior*

**Hugh Jernigan,**  
*Senior Program Supervisor*



## **Another Productive Year for the Senior Program**

All four regions in the Southern Division once again accomplished the task of conducting excellent Senior Program clinics and evaluations, producing well-trained new Senior Patrollers during the 2011-2012 ski season.

### **Region Tidbits:** **West Virginia Region**

Although the weather this season was not as cold and didn't produced as much natural snow as we would have wished for throughout the Southern Division, the Instructors/Evaluators for the Senior Program did an exceptional job! For example, the Senior OEC Clinic for the West Virginia Region at Timberline took advantage of a slope closed to the public to hold the clinic. Working on Senior OEC scenarios on an advanced slope, skiable from the top to bottom, in the snow (and, yes it was snowing) was a great learning event for the candidates, and was a fun experience. Well, at least being able to ski on an advanced slope with no public around was fun ..... *Many thanks to Tom Wagner, Byrd White, and Tom Hughes for their efforts and coordination of the Senior Program in the West Virginia Region.*

### **Virginia Region**

There were fairly large candidate classes attending the OEC and S&T Senior Clinics at Massanutten, the Senior OEC Evaluation at Bryce and Senior S&T Evaluation at Wintergreen. The preparation and planning of the Instructor/Evaluator teams showed in the efficiency and results of the clinics and evaluations. *Many thanks to T.*

*and Peg Harris for their many years of coordinating the Virginia Region Senior Program and the Senior OEC, along with Trace Higgins for his organization and directing of the Virginia Region Senior S&T.*

### **Blue Ridge Region**

As expected, after a couple of years of very large Senior Candidate classes, the Blue Ridge Region has reduced numbers of candidates this year, but the Region Senior Program remains strong. Congratulations to **Jo Ann Ehlinger** on her first year as Region Senior Coordinator, and **Patrick Benson** on his first year directing the Senior S&T. *Many thanks to **Toni Cheek**, the previous Region Coordinator and **David Hall**, Chief Senior S&T Evaluator, who retired from their positions after many years of dedicated service in the Blue Ridge Region.*

### **Dixie Region**

The evaluation team for the Dixie Region Senior S&T Evaluation did a terrific job planning and conducting a successful evaluation for a very large candidate class at Cataloochee. Congratulations to **Bill Clarke** on his first year as Region Senior Coordinator. *Many thanks to **Bill Clarke** for his direction of the Dixie Region Senior program and **Bob Brewster** for his many years of work and support as the previous Region Senior Coordinator and backbone of the Region Senior OEC.*

Special thanks to all the ski resorts and ski patrols who graciously hosted Senior Program events this year. And a very special thanks to all the evaluators and trainers to gave their time to make this program so successful.

## **Division Senior Information Updates**

1. Last December we received the new Senior OEC Guidelines from the national office. **Bob Brewster** in his position as Division OEC Supervisor will be in charge of assisting the Regions in implementing the guidelines. The basic premise of the program remains the same and Senior Candidates will notice little or no change. Most of the revisions in the program will be procedural and administration changes.
2. In response to the new Senior OEC Guidelines, a **Senior OEC Instructor Update** will be held at the Southern Division fall meeting in Kingsport, August 10-12. **All Senior OEC Instructors are encouraged to attend.** Additional updates may be held in the regions, as necessary.
3. The Southern Division is working on providing more accessible electives for Senior Candidates, and developing enhancements to the Senior Program to offer more learning opportunities to the candidates.
4. A **Senior Program Information** session will also be held during the Southern Division fall meeting for anyone wanting to learn more, or have input on the Southern Division Senior Program.

Plan on attending the Southern Division Meeting in Kingsport, Tennessee August 10-12, 2012 for updates on the Senior Program!

## *Election Coordinator ... Election Coordinator ... Election Coordinator ...*

**Lee T. Wittman,**  
*Election Coordinator*



### **Summary of the NSP Southern Division Election Procedure**

Elections are held every other year, on the odd number years. The election is for the Division Director who serves a two-year term with a maximum of three consecutive terms.

Every patrol in the Southern Division has one vote that is cast by the Patrol Representative of record. The Division staff appointments are made by the Division Director with the exception of the Past Division Director who automatically serves a two-year term concurrent with the newly elected Division Director.

The election procedure requires that all candidates must submit a resume of qualifications and have the option to include a platform. Specific qualifications for DD can be found in the By-Laws that are published in the Southern Division website. The candidate's information is published in the January/Mid-Winter issue of the Southern Cross.

All patrollers are encouraged to take an active part in this election procedure by reviewing the nominee's position and qualifications and voicing their opinions to the Patrol Representative. For more details refer to the Southern Division website.

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## What to do when you encounter autism?

By Scott Campbell (Massanutten Alpine Patroller)

Autism affects over a half million Americans today. The chance that one of them will be on your hill increases every day. This condition presents very unique challenges in communication and treatment. As the father of a 14 year-old son with profound autism, I started giving autism safety and awareness classes to other parents, law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's, and other first responders in 2005. Thus far, eight of these classes have been specifically for ski patrollers. I have taught nearly 200 of them, including eleven in national forums. Two web links to my "*Autism Awareness: A Patroller's Guide*" article from the Winter 2005 edition of Ski Patrol Magazine are at [http://www.nsp.org/members/oms/SPM/SPM\\_W05.pdf](http://www.nsp.org/members/oms/SPM/SPM_W05.pdf) and <http://www.poac-nova.org/pdfs/Autism%20Article-%20SPM%20Final.pdf>. As an alpine patroller since 1992 and an instructor in a number of NSP disciplines since 1995, I am well aware of how communicating and treating someone with autism will not be your usual day on the hill. I was selected in 2010 to join the Public Safety Workgroup for autism awareness by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Subsequently, I am one of only two parents certified to teach the parent training module, which was begun in the fall of 2012. I offer to provide this unique training to help prepare your patrollers for their next encounter with autism. Please call me at home at 703-241-2640 or by email at [campbellsservices@gmail.com](mailto:campbellsservices@gmail.com).



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

#### **Teresa T. Stewart,**

*Instructor Development Supervisor*

The NSP Instructor Development course is an integral part of all the NSP Educational courses. This is a required step before the mentoring stage with an instructor within the specific discipline with which you are becoming involved (Outdoor Emergency Care, Toboggan and Ski, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, Outdoor First Care, etc). This is also a *SENIOR ELECTIVE*.

Interested students should look at the Division Calendar on the Division Website ([www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org)) for registered courses in their Region and contact the Region Instructor Development contact or drop me an email at ([stewart.teresa@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.teresa@gmail.com)).

Fred Wessels,  
*Historian/Archivist*

### **“Long long time ago. I can still remember” - Don McLean**

The year was 1972. American Pie was released as a single. The XI Olympic Games were held in Sapporo, Japan. President Richard M. Nixon won his second term in a Landslide. The national average for a gallon of gas was \$0.36. It was the last year you could buy a Chevelle SS with a 454cid engine (about \$2,400). Michael Jackson sang a song about a rat. If you were canoeing and heard a banjo, you paddled faster. Marlon Brando made an offer you could not refuse. Oh, and by the way, **The Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol was formed.**

You may wonder why I left this for last. The answer is that with Google and a few taps of the keys, I can find out pretty much anything that happened in 1972. That is with the exception of the founding of the Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol. **That is why I need your help.** We would love to have a complete history of the Southern Division and just do not have the information.

Join us in Kingsport for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Southern Division August 10-12, 2012.  
Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday to The Massanutten Ski Patrol. Formed in 1972.

See you in Kingsport.

Fred Wessels ([Southerndivisionhistory@gmail.com](mailto:Southerndivisionhistory@gmail.com))

### **Trivia Questions – contact Fred with your answers ....**

- **The oldest Ski Resort in the South is still in operation. Name the resort.**
- **The First Chair lift in North Carolina was installed at this Lost Ski Area in 1964. Name the Resort.**

## *40<sup>th</sup> Division Anniversary (2012) ... 75<sup>th</sup> National Ski Patrol Anniversary (2013)*

**Robin Griffith,**

*NSP Finance and Fundraising Committees, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
Sugar Mountain Ski Patrol*

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The Southern Division will be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Southern Division as well as recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> National anniversary at the Division Fall Patroller Conference in August 2012 – stay tuned for updates from Robin Griffith, Teresa Stewart and Fred Wessels as plans progress and we ask for your participation.

We are looking for history, memories, thoughts and examples of patrol life to display at the conference as well as surprises! Need your memory jogged?

- One patroller remembers driving patients to the hospital in a Ford LTD Station wagon – what year was this?
- Another patroller remembers, “snow day tickets” (when schools were out for snow days) → they cost 50 cents at Beech and Sugar Mountains.
- Send your thoughts, memories to Robin at ([robingriffith@carolina.rr.com](mailto:robingriffith@carolina.rr.com)) and copy Fred Wessels ([Southerndivisionhistory@gmail.com](mailto:Southerndivisionhistory@gmail.com))

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Hi Everyone,

If you need an excuse to grab a few friends, take a few days and ski some of the best resorts in Colorado, I have a great one for you. This year the NSP is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a celebration in Colorado. Come to Colorado starting February 1, 2013, to enjoy some amazing steeps, long groomers and some fresh powder.

The party starts on Friday at National Ski Day at Cooper Mountain, an amazing Gala dinner party on Saturday (February 2, 2013), and finish up the weekend skiing at Winter Park. Grab a few friends, plan the trip to ski, attend the Gala and get over 50% off tickets to Winter Park. Want to stay longer...Winter Park is offering great discounts on extended stay packages.

Check out the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary section for prices and information on [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org) or give me a call to chat about the weekend ([704-906-4061](tel:704-906-4061)). This is a great opportunity to join some friends and patrollers across the nation in amazing activities celebrating 75 years as a remarkable organization. Enjoy the fun and even buy a table at the Gala (as groups of friends, a company or on your own) and promote your home patrol, company or say thank you to someone! Let's make sure the Southern Division is represented!

*Professional Director ... Professional Director ... Professional Director ...*

**Wayne Morgan,**  
*Professional Director*

“Summertime...and the living is easy...”

Easy, right? Let's see... build sled shacks, conduct annual staff training, start OEC classes, cleaning, store and repair gear, take care of issues that came up this season that may not have been resolved during the season. Also, what did we do well that needs to be incorporated into our protocol and procedures, what training do we need to plan for, what situations arose that we didn't deal with well and where are we going with it? How am I going to get all of this 'stuff' done and still keep up with my summer responsibilities? Oh yeah, I have a wife and family! I wonder if they know I really haven't deserted them! I'm alive! I'm alive!



I'm off to the Executive Committee meeting next week. What's going on in the division that needs addressing and how do these things affect my patrol, my region, and all paid patrollers? How will my area management and the division's area managements be affected?

I have been fortunate that my area manager provides the opportunities for me to attend the regional ski area's association meetings. By doing this, I am aware of the concerns of the ski areas and able to go to my home mountain and address the issues I am involved with or provide support and cooperation for other area resources involved.

This fall there are several opportunities available for enrichment. Two include the Southern Division Fall Conference and the NSAA Risk Management session. Check with the proper resources for times and registrations. Get out and get involved.

At the Fall Conference, we will have a Patrol Directors Round Table. This is scheduled for Friday afternoon at 5:00 pm. This timing will allow me to take issues discussed to the Executive Committee later in the evening and to the open Board Meeting on Saturday. I have been tasked with several matters to bring to the division. I will need input from you to properly address the following...

- Paid and volunteer relations
- Industry hot topics
- NSP training versus outside training (Do you have to go beyond NSP to get the training you need?)
- Professional growth

The NSAA Fall Risk Management session typically addresses the hot topics and case studies the NSAA has had to address throughout the season and across the nation. There are typically lawyers present from the Ski Area Association who offer legal opinions as discussed. A very worthwhile endeavor if you can attend.

Please plan to attend the Roundtable if possible. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to communicate. See you in the fall.

Wayne

## *Young Adult Program ... Young Adult Program ... Young Adult Program*

**Meggan Monaghan,**

*Young Adult Program Supervisor*

NSP members and patrol candidates must be 15 years of age to qualify as Young Adult patrollers. Young Adult patrollers (age 15 through high school graduation) must meet the same requirements and fulfill the same patroller training and responsibilities as any other member of the patrol with the same skill set.

NSP Young Adult programs at the local level must be conducted in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, school district policies and procedures, and the ski area's rules and regulations. Division legal counsel should be engaged to help identify and interpret the effects of these regulations on young adult programs. The NSP imposes no limitation on Young Adult patrollers' activities that are not common to all who participate in NSP programs.

**Young Adult Program Resource Center at [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org)**

This resource center is a one-stop-shop to help you establish a Young Adult Program at your resort, get recruitment help for a new program, or get assistance and support for an existing program. If you or your patrol are looking to establish a young adult program, you will find many of the documents, direction, and tips that you will need to get it off the ground and headed in the right direction. Get recruitment ideas and supplies from the resource center.

### **Existing Programs**

Have a current Young Adult program that needs support? The resource center can help. Program advisers can download program skill and check sheets to help organize duties of young adult patrollers.

- Self-Reporting Program Form - If you have a young adult program that is operational, please tell us about it. This form allows you to share your information with the National Office so that we may display it on our program locator. When interested young adults are looking for programs near them, they will be directed to our locator page.

### **Other Resources available on the YAP Resource Center**

- Program Start-Up Manual - This manual contains information on how to approach the ski patrol director, ski area administration, and establish basic rules for a new program. Ideas on recruitment and retention will be discussed. The manual includes information on working with local media to advertise your program. This manual is a must for anyone looking to begin a new program. [DOWNLOAD](#) manual here.

### **Adviser Job Description**

This sample job description is a listing of suggested roles and responsibilities of young adult advisers who will be working with the program on a divisional or regional level. [DOWNLOAD](#) form now.

### **Application**

The application is designed to be completed by new applicants to the program. It can be customized to fit the needs of your program.

### **Member Agreement**

The member agreement is designed to be reviewed by new young adult patrollers and their parents at an initial meeting. Once reviewed, it should be signed by all parties in order to clarify the roles, responsibilities and requirements of the program.

### **Skill Sheets**

Young Adult patrollers often need skill sheets and checklists to help keep track of their responsibilities. These skill sheets are designed to be customized to help fit your specific needs.

### **Event Release Waiver**

For all YAP sponsored events

### **Advertisements**

The advertisements can be used for recruitment and marketing for your young adult program.

### **Best Practice Program**

The Best Practices Recognition Program can help your young adult program reach the gold standard. It is not a requirement that all young adult patrollers or programs be a part of this recognition initiative. However, it is strongly recommended that advisers work toward achieving this recognition as it helps to ensure the skiing and riding public that your program is doing all it can to provide the safest and best organized patrol possible.

The program offers a series of “standards” that are meant to be achieved by the applicant. These standards require the creation and adoption of rules, regulations, and policies to help programs become as organized as possible and to help reduce possible liability. Furthermore, these standards help programs adhere to NSP rules and regulations.

### **YAP in the Southern Division**

It has been some time since the Southern Division has hosted a YAP Seminar. Our goal this year is to begin to develop and eventually facilitate a Seminar for the Young Adult Patrollers in the Southern Division. To begin this process a coordination committee shall be formed and tasked with ultimately producing a YAP Seminar in 2013-14 winter season. Volunteers who would like to join the YAP coordination team should sign up at the 2012 Southern Division Educational Conference. **Meggan Monaghan**, Southern Division YAP Coordinator, will also be available for questions regarding your Resort’s current or new Young Adult Program.

## *Articles from around the Division*

### **Patrollers' Journeys**

**By Chairman Russell Blakely – submitted by Neil Booth**

The following scenario is an honest situation that most Patrollers emotionally encounter at some point in their NSP career. Patrolling is made up of numerous opportunities to better one's self. It is our desire, our drive, to be the best Patrollers we can be. There are many challenges and tests that culminate in the ultimate journey of our patrolling careers. It might be recommended to share Chairman Russell's experience to those who do not accomplish their goals during a specific event. It gives evidence that good training and perseverance ultimately pay off and they will become the victors of their respective journeys.

### **Losers Club of the Ski Patrol**

It goes without saying that you newly minted Basics, Senior EMM's, and Seniors are awesome and we congratulate you! However, this email is directed mostly to those who did **not** pass the various evaluations that have been conducted this season. As the Chairman of the *Losers Club of the Ski Patrol*, I would like to welcome you to my club! You see, I didn't get to take my first Basic S & T evaluation because of scheduling problems. When I finally did take the evaluation in my second year, I failed it. Consequently, I was in my third year before I ever passed Basic. To carry on my tradition, I then failed my first Senior S & T test last year. I did ultimately pass Senior this year, but I am sure there are more failures in my future. After I bombed the Basic S&T, I assumed I was one of the rare patrol members to have ever failed an evaluation, and the shame of it all weighed heavily on me. However, several patrollers quietly reached out to me and I was shocked to learn there were many of us "losers" in the Patrol. Now, because of the latest round of evaluation failures, I am pleased to invite you "losers" to join our club! (I have certificates and secret decoder rings available for purchase for those who are interested.)

When I held the first meeting of the *Losers Club of the Ski Patrol*, I was the only member since I did not know about the other "losers" in the Patrol. I will enclose the minutes of the first meeting for those of you who are just now joining, so that you can come up to speed with the other members.

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The first meeting of the *Losers Club of the Ski Patrol* was called to order by the Chairman Russell.

Roll Call was as follows:

**Russell's Emotions:** (sigh, then with a sob) Oh, who cares. I might as well be here as someplace else.

**Russell's Reason:** Present!

**Chairman Russell:** Russell's Emotions, please present the new business.

**Russell's Emotions:** I am mad and tired and humiliated since I failed my evaluation today! Life is not worth

living, at least life as a ski patroller! (tears falling down the cheeks)

**Russell's Reason:** You are tired, and understandably so, because of all your hard work. But, that has only made you a better skier than you were. And you know that you were not much of a skier when you started. Besides, you may not be the only person who has ever failed “the test.”

**Russell's Emotions:** Yeah, but it's not fair!! Do you know how hard I have worked and how much time I have put in; how hard it was to change call schedules; how hard it was to make rounds in the hospital at 4 AM so that I could get out in time to make it up for S & T training all this season? And I still failed! (sobbing through the words)

**Russell's Reason:** I don't think the evaluation was about cosmic fairness. I think it was about whether or not you are a good enough skier to be charged with the responsibility of bringing a patient down the mountain in a toboggan. The skiers who are capable of doing that belong to a pretty exclusive club.

**Russell's Emotions:** Well, why can't they just take me into the club and THEN make it exclusive?

**Russell's Reason:** I know you don't really mean that.

**Russell's Emotions:** Well, I just might. Besides, I thought those evaluators were my friends. I've worked with them for several seasons. Together, we've put up fences and ‘boo and signs, and all that time they acted like they were my friends. Next thing I know, they failed me!!!

**Russell's Reason:** Yes, they have worked with you and they do like you. But, they are not going to let you do something that you are not currently prepared to do...something that you might later regret. That actually sounds like a pretty good friend to me.

**Russell's Emotions:** Yeah, but I know I ski well enough to be a Basic. I just had a bad day today.

**Russell's Reason:** History has shown that people are not as accurate and as impartial as we should be when we assess our own skills and knowledge. If we were, we wouldn't need tests in school; we wouldn't need a complicated process for admission to graduate and professional schools; we wouldn't need tryouts for sports teams.....why the Olympics would be really simple! The world's athletes would gather and look at each other and then three of them would, in a quiet and orderly fashion, ascend the podium, accept their appropriate medals and go home.

**Russell's Emotions:** (sniffing and choking back tears) Well, I don't care.....I'm done with this whole ski patrol thing. I'm not coming back next year to face more snow guns blowing wet snow on me while I'm cold and tired just to be humiliated by another failed test. They can take this patrol and shove it where the snow don't blow!!!

**Russell's Reason:** Those long days and wet snow have already made your skiing stronger than it was at the first of the season. Just think how much better you will be this time next season. You just might progress enough to pass the evaluation.

**Russell's Emotions:** I'm too tired to think about it anymore now. (a long sigh) I need a hug.....but I'll settle for chocolate. Do you have any with you?

**Chairman Russell:** You should remember that chocolate will make you fat and cause your face to break out.

**Russell's Emotions:** You know, I'm really getting' sick of you!

**Chairman Russell:** I think we should adjourn the meeting at this point.

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Well, I hope these minutes from the first meeting of *The Losers Club* help. To join, there is just one more thing...you have to promise to come back next season and work even harder on your S & T or OEC. A lot of us losers will be there and we will be anxious to help you. Just be mindful that each of us brings different gifts to the Patrol, which means there may be some evaluations we will never pass. But, we will be, individually and collectively, better for the effort.

Your Loser in Chief,

Russell Blakeley

### *Photos From Around the Division*

*Name these Patroller's and the year → send correct answers to Fred Wessels*



*Photos From Around the Division*

*Virginia Senior OEC Clinic, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 @ Bryce Mountain*



Senior Candidates- Virginia Region OEC Evaluation, Bryce Mountain, 2/25/12

Photos Submitted by Hugh Jernigan

Scenario in progress- bare ground- Virginia Region OEC Evaluation, Bryce Mountain, 2/25/12



## *Photos From Around the Division*

### *Virginia Region S & T*

Group shot at picnic table- Evaluators totaling scores- Virginia Region S&T Evaluation, Wintergreen, 2/26/12.



*Photos submitted by Hugh Jernigan*



Group shot at bottom of mountain - Senior Candidates- Virginia Region S&T Evaluation, Wintergreen, 2/26/12.

*Photos From Around the Division*  
*Senior OEC Clinic @ Massanutten, January 28, 2012*



Scenario in progress- on snow - Virginia Region OEC Clinic, Massanutten, 1/28/12.

*Photo submitted by Hugh Jernigan*

*Photos From Around the Division*  
*Senior - S & T @ Massanutten, January 29, 2012*

*Photos submitted by Hugh Jernigan*



Group shot- candidates and evaluators, start of day briefing for candidates - Virginia Region S&T Clinic, Massanutten, 1/29/12.



Snowboarder and sled - Virginia Region S&T Clinic, Massanutten, 1/29/12.

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**Here are the events scheduled for patrollers this year:**

- Annual Board of Directors Meeting
- Senior OEC Evaluator Update (Mandatory Update for all Senior OEC Evaluators)
- Adaptive Skier - OEC Clinics
- Introduction to the Senior Program
- Professional Director Roundtable
- Certified Program Roundtable and Introduction
- Mountain Travel and Rescue *Fundamentals* Course (8-hour) **SENIOR Elective**
- Avalanche Awareness Course (8-hour) **SENIOR Elective**
- Transportation and Snowsports Programs Meeting
- Young Adult Program
- NSP Educational Program Supervisor/Instructor Meeting
- Awards Banquet Saturday Evening
- Special Events Committee will be planning events for the family – information to follow

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.

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

**See you there!**

**Sincerely,**

**Richard Boyer** – Southern Division Director

**Rob Raff** - Southern Division Meeting Coordinator

**Teresa T. Stewart** – Southern Division Meeting Organizer



**Southern Division - NSP  
Patroller Conference  
Registration Form  
2012**



Friday, August 10, 2012; Saturday, August 11, 2012  
Please complete one form for each person attending:

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

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

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

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

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

Please register me for the following events: \*\*\*\*Schedule is subject to change – Final schedule available @ Conference

Please register me for the following events:	Friday	Saturday
Professional Director Roundtable (Wayne Morgan)	5:00 - 7:00 pm	
Instructor Development Roundtable (Teresa Stewart)	5:00 - 6:00 pm	
<b>Executive</b> Board Committee Meeting	7:00 - 10:00 pm	
<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> – Main Meeting Room		8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Senior Evaluator Update (Bob Brewster / Hugh Jernigan)		9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Adaptive Skier - OEC Clinics (Bob Brewster) multiple sessions		9:00-12:00/1:00-3:00
<b>LUNCH</b>		12:00 pm -1:00 pm
Introduction to the Senior Program (Bob Brewster / Hugh Jernigan)		1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Certified Program Roundtable (Brandon Deane)		1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Young Adult Program (Meegan Monaghan)		1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Transportation & Snowsports Program (Briggs Allen/Tony Tingle)		3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
<b>Mountain Travel &amp; Awareness Fundamentals</b> (Scott Krein) <b>SENIOR ELECTIVE</b> 8-hours (MUST HAVE 10-25 patrollers registered)		
<b>Avalanche Safety and Rescue Course</b> (Scott Campbell) <b>SENIOR ELECTIVE</b> 8-hours (MUST HAVE 10-25 patrollers registered)		
<b>AWARDS Banquet</b>		7:00 pm

	<b>Before Aug. 3</b>	<b>After Aug. 3</b>
____ <b>FULL Meeting</b> Conference Registration, Lunch, and Awards Banquet	\$74.00	\$84.00
____ AWARDS Banquet (7:00 pm) and Conference Registration	\$51.00	\$61.00
____ LUNCH (12 Noon- 1:00pm ) and Conference Registration on Saturday	\$41.00	\$51.00
____ Conference Registration (Hospitality Suite Included)	\$18.00	\$28.00

Total enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed form and check (made out to "Hawksnest Ski Patrol –So. Div. Fall Conference") to:**  
**Fred Wessels – Conference Registrar, 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 be your receipt.  
**Reservation Fees Must Be Received At Above Address By August 3, 2012 And Are Nonrefundable After That Date.**  
**Hotel reservations MUST be made separately to the hotel by July 13, 2012.**

## In Memory



Mars Hill – **Bruce Estridge**, 52, of Mars Hill, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 4, 2012, at his residence. Bruce became a patroller at Wolf Ridge in 2003. In 2004 he became an OEC instructor and had been instrumental in leading OEC courses and participating in refreshers ever since. His stations were never ordinary. He even built a lift tower out of a concrete form in order to make a scenario more realistic. It was not unusual for him to log well over 200 hours in a season, and Bruce won the first Lenoir Hartzler Most Valuable Patroller Memorial Award for top hours in the 2005/2006 season. He loved patrolling, and his ski patrol family. He was as honest as they come. He was always willing to lend a hand at anything; from putting up bamboo, to summer work days building a new warming hut, or doing building and equipment maintenance. He was a boy scout through and through, and was our own version of “McGyver”... if you needed it, he had it in his fanny pack, and if he couldn’t fix it, it was unlikely anyone could! His familiar call to “Let’s Spread The Red” was heard whenever there were too many gathering at the bottom of the hill, and he would be the first one back on the lift, no matter the weather or conditions.

Bruce attended North Carolina State University and graduated from Western Carolina University with degrees in biology and environmental health. Bruce lived most of his life in Western North Carolina, the past twenty years in Mars Hill. He worked for the United States Post Office as a Rural Letter Carrier in Candler, NC. Bruce was a devoted husband and father; he adored his family and was so very proud of his children. Bruce was an avid outdoorsman, intrigued by God’s creation and wonderment, seizing each and every day to the fullest. As a youth, Bruce was a very active member of Boy Scout Troop #8 of Asheville. He was an active member of the Flittermouse Grotto of the National Speleological Society and enjoyed leading caving tours and attending educational caving events. He also loved hiking, backpacking, fishing and studying the bible. He was a member of Biltmore Church of Christ in Asheville, NC.

Surviving are his wife of 26 years, Sue Scott Estridge, and children; Katie Elizabeth Estridge and son, Joseph “Joey” Denman Estridge.

A celebration of life service was held on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 2:00 PM at Mars Hill Baptist Church in Mars Hill.

In lieu of flowers, an educational fund has been set up for Bruce’s children through the NC State Employees’ Credit Union. Please make checks out to Sue Estridge c/o NC-SECU, PO Box 920, Weaverville, NC 28787.

Online condolences may be emailed to [www.blueridgefuneralservice.org](http://www.blueridgefuneralservice.org).

Contributed by Randi Lowery, Assistant Region Director, Dixie Region.

FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

We've come a long way in the past 8 years.....from two volunteer area patrols to a National Division (and not the smallest one either!). The best is yet to come. As we enter into the 71-72 season we have our largest team yet: 15 area patrols, 5 sections, 2 regions, and 400 patrolmen. Instead of the single fall refresher at Ashville, we will have five this year, with the finest text yet produced.

Here in the south we can justifiably look with pride upon our past service and fast rise within the System. We have built our reputation on the genuine friendship and cooperative spirit that has become known as the "southern way". It is a reputation worth keeping!

National Meeting

This June the Southern Division was the co-host to the Annual Meeting of Board of Directors at Arlington, Virginia. We welcomed them in a manner we hope they will remember. The major order of business was a reorganization study of the entire NSPS. Although not adopted as originally proposed by the study committee, a modified plan was accepted creating an executive board which will streamline National operations considerably. The new by-laws of the Southern Division followed these streamlined proposals.

Fall Registration

This year we hope to set new records in obtaining our registration cards (which shouldn't be too hard to do!). Upon completion of the first aid and hill refresher, and payment of dues, the registration forms will be forwarded directly to me (instead of through line channels) and sent directly to Denver. Any delays this year we can blame on the snail mail.

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FALL DIVISION OFFICERS MEETING

On October 2nd and 3rd all the Line Officers, Staff Advisors and Patrol Leaders met in Linville, N.C. We were most happy to have Ed Ericson, our National Executive Administrator, fly in from Denver to be with us.

Ed said that the national office strives to serve all of us as well as possible. We can help them to help us by ordering early in the season and being sure all orders have correct information and necessary signature. All items ordered on 801 forms are kept in stock and are usually shipped out within 48 hours (5,700 last year). This is real service, especially since there was a 43.1% jump in ordering! In spite of prices going up all around (including postage which amounted to \$14,000 last year), NSPS National dues will still be \$5.00 (Division and Region dues will remain \$1.00). Insurance has gone up this year. We were reminded to be sure we use proper first aid and complete carefully all accident reports including signature. This will help all!

Ed stressed that Denver headquarters is the "Coordinating Hub" of the whole system. They will welcome suggestions on how to serve better and especially would like tips on first aid that individual areas have found successful. If suggestions prove to be worthy, they will be passed on so others may benefit.

As part of the organizational meeting for the Southern Division, by-laws were approved. An executive committee was formed consisting of the Division Director and both Region Directors. The Board of Directors committee consists of the above three plus Section Chiefs.

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WELCOME TO VIKING MOUNTAIN!

Viking Mountain ski slopes, which some say are among the most challenging in the Southeast, will open with two chair lifts and rope tows December 15. Frank Kaehn is president of Mountain Venture Developing Corporation which owns Viking Mt.

Chair lifts are being installed on both the 1,000-foot beginners slope and the 3,000-foot advanced run which is "S" shaped with a vertical drop of 600 feet and has an 18 to 25 degree slope. Viking Mt. is almost 5,000 feet in elevation and had a total snowfall of 145 inches during the winter of 1969-1970.

The Patrol Leader of this new area is Gary Delius. We all wish him a great year!

SUGAR MOUNTAIN

Much has been done at Sugar Mt. during the "off ski season". Big Birch, which is the lower third of Flying Mile ski trail has been widened to accomodate more skiers, and therefore more room for sitmarks and toboggans. Also, the snow-making potential has been doubled so now the entire lower half can be covered with "powdered sugar" in one cold swoop. Now, if only Ma Nature will just give us a cool cake to frost! ! ! !

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## Southern Division Calendar & Staff Directory

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

[www.southernmsp.org](http://www.southernmsp.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.

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**Richard Boyer**,  
*Division Director*

We just finished our annual mid-winter NSP meeting in Denver, Colorado. It coincides with the National Board of Directors meeting and the Division Directors are asked to attend to give input to the business that comes before the Board.



The 11 Division Directors met on the day before the Board's two-day meeting. We have this chance to compare what we are experiencing in our respective divisions and go over the Board agenda, item by item, with an eye toward whether we wish to "weigh-in" on any of their agenda items to give our take or input from a division standpoint. This group is a very talented assemblage of men and women who are crucially important to our National Organization. They are tasked with the responsibility of delivery of all programs to membership. What the board passes strategically is then passed on to the Divisions to implement. Therefore, it is crucial the Division Directors have a say in these Board decisions.

**Burt Mitchell** of Pahquioque Ski Resort, Connecticut was elected Chairman of the Board for his second term. **Scott Marland** who started at Ober Gatlinberg and now patrols at Brighton Resort in Utah, was appointed Assistant Chair along with **John Lawson** of Hunt Hollow Ski Resort, New York. The three new Board members were appointed to the following standing committees, **Bill Hummer** from Squaw Valley, California to the Finance Committee (which is chaired by our **Norris Woody** from Sugar Mountain); **Gary Deaver** from 49 Degrees North, Washington, went to the Planning Committee; and **Ed Gassman**, outgoing National Supervisor of the Certified Program and formerly the Division Director of Rocky Mountain was appointed to the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee is where **Morgan Armstrong** and I participate in the Board process. Morgan chairs the Bylaws Oversight Subcommittee

of the Governance Committee, which is just one of the jobs he does for the NSP. We are very fortunate to have his continued involvement with us.

The finances of the National Organization continue to improve and are getting to the point of catching up where they should be. Hopefully this very good trend will continue. Detail of our financial progress is available on the National website.

We suspended the Board meeting and met with our respective Committee assignments. I'm very fortunate to have been assigned to the Governance Committee where we review requests dealing with the structure of our National Organization and give input into the rules and regulations that govern it. An example would be the current revision of our Policies and Procedures Manual, which governs the details of how we conduct our day-to-day affairs. Many of the RFA's are assigned to our Committee before the Board has to vote on them.

The following is a summary of the "Requests for Board Action" (RFBA's which in the future will be called "Requests for Action", RFA's):

1. The RFBA concerning implementation of an Educational Endowment Fund to aid in fund raising was passed.
2. RFBA 06-11 requesting video streaming of the two National Meetings was defeated. It was thought to be a waste of National funds when the meeting minutes or open meeting policy of the board allows adequate information to any members of our organization who want to have further detail on Board activities.
3. RFBA 07-11 requesting that all members pay the same National Dues (the professional ranks currently pay a lesser national dues fee) was defeated as the current set-up is appropriate to what each sector of the membership received in return.
4. RFBA 10-11 revisiting the change in the name from "auxiliary patroller" to "patroller" was voted down.

A discussion of NSP's 75th Anniversary Event revealed there will actually be two events: a kickoff event in October 2012 at Stowe, VT, and a capstone event in Denver February 1-3, 2013. The board recognizes that the 75th Anniversary presents a unique opportunity to raise money for the NSP, and agreed that any monies raised would go to the NSP Endowment Fund in support of NSP programs.

The Board ratified the Memorandum of Understanding between the NSP and the U.S. Forest Service. This has been 18 months in the making and is a good step for the NSP, the Forest Service and all who utilize many of our ski areas on public lands.

Visiting our meeting was Robin Griffith from Sugar who is serving on the NSP Finance Committee. Thank you, Robin, for taking your time and resources to visit our board meeting. Robin is a commercial real estate professional from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Joan and I left Denver after the meeting and traveled to Telluride in southwest Colorado for a few days of skiing. The 6-hour trip by car took 11 hours, due to a much needed snowstorm and the temporary closing of I-70. After we got there at 4am Sunday we had blue skies and great skiing for the remainder of the trip.

*From the Assistants...*

**Ted Forbes,**

*1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director*

Fellow Patrollers –



Welcome to the winter that wasn't. Across our entire industry, the resounding theme is "Where is winter?" We had a January thaw in November, in December, and in early January. As we approach the middle of the month, things finally seem to be changing. There was a lot of talk on Weather Risk (<http://www.wxrisk.com/>) about a big change in the high pressure ridge at 500mb over the Bering Sea was going to shift the warm air out .... But now they are hedging on that.

The mere fact that we have time to look at obscure weather forecasting sites is an indicator of how little skiing we are doing. But don't stop going out and don't lose hope. We may pull this one out of the fire (literally) yet!

On the national front – the **Patroller Enrichment Conference (PEC)** at Copper Mountain in April is shaping up to be a great event – so get out to Colorado and enjoy riding with patrollers from all over!



The **NSP Patroller Education Conference** is just around the corner. Check out the top 10 ten reasons to attend this year's conference at Copper Mountain, CO April 12-14, 2012. (see page 29)

### 75th Anniversary Celebration in 2013

NSP has reached a decision on the location for its 75th Anniversary Celebration Event, which will be held during the first weekend of February 2013 in Denver, the same weekend as the annual SnowSports Industries America (SIA) Snow Show event. The Celebration will be held at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Denver, four blocks from the Denver Convention Center. A variety of events are being planned, including a ski day at a local Colorado resort with transportation to the resort included, an exhibit recounting the history of NSP, and a grand gala dinner with silent auction on Saturday February 2, 2013. Stay tuned to the NSP website, the *Sweep*, and *Ski Patrol Magazine* for more details on this once-in-a-lifetime event.



See you out there,

Ted

**Brent Bowman,**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Division Director*



Sitting here in Atlanta at nearly 60 degrees and it is hard to think about skiing. This season has been a tough start for all concerned. Friends from New York, Wisconsin, Utah and California have all complained about the lack of 'white stuff'. One of my friends in Wisconsin is usually able to ride his snowmobile to work every day during January and February. This year he has yet to ride at all! Despite the low snow levels, NSP programs are up and running, looking for willing participants. Senior Ski & Toboggan and OEC events are on schedule. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Women's Clinic at Wintergreen (huge disappointment for everyone) but, the NSP Snow Sports School has more events upcoming and I am sure the Certified folks are looking for a few good men and women. See you soon on the hill. Get out there and slide.

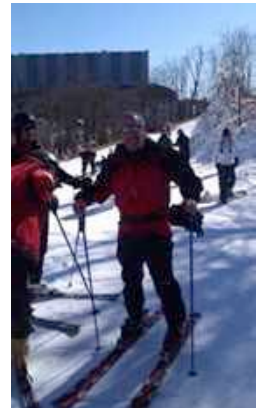
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**Mike Harris,**  
*Assistant Division Director – South*

### As The Bull Wheel Turns

Wow, what a start to a season. After the best of the best refreshers, that I was privileged to attend, thanks to great IOR's, Instructors, IT's, and the attending patrollers the weather just had a slow start. Due to some health issues, I have been limited to attending fewer events so far this season but hope to be back soon. I was able to sit in on the Senior EMM Clinic at Appalachian. **Toni Cheek** added so many organizational skills during her tenure; **JoAnn Ehlinger** used all those tools with great time management. **Joe Donadio**, **Lonnie Propst** and **Cathy LaMarre** had everything set up making Appalachian the most welcoming environment for such an event. I particularly enjoyed seeing JoAnn and Cathy working together, which brought back some very pleasant old memories.



I couldn't be more proud of your Region Directors and Assistant Region Directors. They are all ready to be of any help that they can to your patrols assisting your PR's and PD's.

I sure hope to be back out on the hill with you guys ASAP.

Mike Harris (AKA) Tyrone

## *Southern Division Webmaster .....*

**Trish Deane,**

*Webmaster/Board Secretary*

The Southern Division website (<http://www.southernmsp.org>) is full of information. It's where you can find information about what's going on within our Division, events in other divisions that are open to Southern Division patrollers, and NSP announcements all in one convenient location.



We advertise Division activities both on the calendar and on the home page. You can always find a wild array of banners promoting upcoming events or various programs. Currently, you can find information about ski and snowboard training opportunities, such as clinics at Massanutten (February 11-12), Ski Beech (January 28 & 29) and Winterplace (January 27). We have a brand new dedicated Snowsports School page, which can be reached via the Programs page. You can also find a WEALTH of information on the Certified Program on the Library page. Every region's Senior events are listed on the calendar.

From time to time, we also include information about events of interest to and training opportunities for Southern Division patrollers that take place outside of the division, such as avalanche or low-angle rescue clinics.

News on NSP programs, events or items that are available (such as the cookbook or the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition OEC Manual) is featured on the home page, as well. National Safety Week was recently featured. We have a link to the new NSP Women's program site/blog. There is a link to the NSP Safety Quiz, which is fun to take. PEC 2012 is almost here. Start on the Southern Division website home page and links will take you directly to the application and information on the NSP site. We have a link to a downloadable pdf of the current NSP catalog, as well as a link to ordering instructions for patrol candidates. We also have a list of NSP sponsors and information on the NSP credit card.

The Division is dedicated to making sure you have information readily available. Don't be shy about sending me information that you would like to see featured. We'd like to know what's going on at your mountain.

Watch for more information about the Division, including a history, to appear on the *About* page. Another new page will be an *Awards* page, which will track Southern Division awards by year.

Currently, I'm seeking pictures of patrollers in action (preferably in patrol parkas/vests): pulling sleds, skiing, snowboarding and performing first aid (if the picture doesn't violate the injured person's privacy). Please forward any pictures you have to [yogagirl@comcast.net](mailto:yogagirl@comcast.net) or send them to Trish Deane, 2085 Skylark Court, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

Trish Deane  
Webmaster

**Brent Rockett,**  
*Blue Ridge Region Director*



**BLUE RIDGE REGION MESSAGE**

The Blue Ridge Region and Hawksnest Patrol have lost a true matriarch, **Doris Benbow**. Doris was the wife of the late **Charlie Benbow** and also a patroller who spent countless hours in the First Aid Room. She was a strong supporter of patrolling and her family’s involvement in the ski patrol. Charlie and Doris raised four children, Chuck (deceased), Steve, Wes and Cindy, who all became patrollers and now two grandsons, Michael and Brandon, who have continued the tradition. Our thoughts are with the Benbow family.

Here in the middle of January, I’m preparing to patrol again as rain and mild temperatures continue to be the forecast. I’m still wondering when winter will arrive. I suppose we were spoiled the past two winters with all the snow and cold temperatures. Even though the warmer than normal temperatures have not cooperated, all three mountains have been able to survive due to all the recent snow making improvements and additions each has made. So far this year in the Region we have held a Senior OEC Clinic with six Senior candidates participating and a Basic Patroller Evaluation at Sugar Mountain which resulted in five new patrollers (two from Sugar and three from Appalachian). Congratulations to all of them and I look forward to continued success at the other clinics and evaluations the rest of the season. Compliments go to all of the training coordinators and instructors at each of the mountains for their effort in training and preparing their candidates. Good luck to all the candidates the rest of the year.

I don’t know if it is just me but I’m always amazed how good the snow and the skiing are during rainy weather. So enjoy the skiing but still think snow.

I hope each of you feel appreciated and rewarded for the invaluable service each of you provide.

Good patrolling,

Brent Rockett

*From the Supervisors and Advisors...*

*Certified ... Certified ... Certified ... Certified ... Certified ... Certified ... Certified*

**Brandon Deane,**  
*Certified Program Supervisor*

During the 2010-2011 season, the Certified Program welcomed two new members, **Susanne Ebling** (Wintergreen) and **Tony Tingle** (Cataloochee).



There have been several changes at the national level. First, the Certified Program mourned the loss of its founder, **George Wesson**. George was one of the original members of NSP and would have marked his 75th year of patrolling at the same time as NSP celebrates its 75th year in 2013. Second, National Certified Advisor **Ed Gassman** has stepped down from his position in order to serve on the

NSP Board. Division Certified Supervisors met via teleconference and elected **Steve Kuller**, a Southern Division patroller and former Southern Division Certified Advisor, as Ed's replacement.

The Certified Program seeks the highest level of proficiency from patrollers through training and testing and promotes a level of patrolling in which there is no compromise of excellence in skiing, first aid, patrol management, administration and leadership. We are seeking outstanding Southern Division patrollers to join our ranks. If you know of exceptional patrollers in your patrol, encourage them to contact me at [cbdeane@comcast.net](mailto:cbdeane@comcast.net).

**There is an upcoming clinic at Cataloochee on January 28-29. The Certified exam is at Snowshoe, March 16-17.**

Further information on the program is available through the Southern Division web site: <http://www.southernnsp.org/Library.aspx>.

Brandon Deane  
Certified Supervisor  
Southern Division

## *Leadership Development ... Leadership Development ... Leadership Development*

*Mary Underwood,*  
*Leadership Development Supervisor*



### Leadership Skills--A MUST HAVE in NSP

Are you an effective communicator? Are you able to break a project down into assignable parts so that you don't end up doing it all yourself? Communication, Organization, Coaching and Mentoring are essential skills that are taught in "Basic Leadership for the Ski Patroller". We developed this course in the Southern Division, and all activities are directly related to our NSP work. If you are interested in attending this course in your region, please contact Leadership Supervisor, **Mary Underwood**, at [maryu@bellsouth.net](mailto:maryu@bellsouth.net). Eight to 10 attendees are necessary to hold this 1- day course. This course is an elective for senior status and a core component for senior patroller. This course is in a classroom setting, so can be held anytime.

### **National Ski Patrol Leadership Development Program**

An integral part of patrolling and taking on patrol leadership opportunities are basic managerial/leadership skills that cover a multitude of topics. To be an effective patroller and serve in a patrol leadership capacity a patroller must be proficient in basic leadership skills. The program is designed to help better prepare patrollers to function in their many leadership roles within their respective patrols such as instructors, PRs, PDs, etc.

This course is designed to help individuals become more proficient at the everyday leadership activities and experiences encountered.

### **Overall Course Goals:**

1. To help students sharpen their leadership skills to a level of proficiency commensurate with their duties as patroller's and leaders.
2. To show students how to apply leadership skills to real, on-the-job situations.
3. To promote effective job performance by training students to use leadership skills in creative problem solving.

### **Course Overview - Units**

1. **Leadership 101:** This unit covers basic leadership/managerial functions. Students will learn how the concepts apply to everyday patrolling.
2. **Coaching and Motivating:** This segment is designed for the student to learn the characteristics of effective coaches, identify the similarities between effective coaches and effective leaders, identify four critical coaching techniques, and match coaching techniques with subordinate performance.
3. **Communications:** In this unit the student will identify types and purposes of communications, discuss

major concepts of communications, talk about verbal and nonverbal barriers to communications, explain perception and its effect on communication, explore the process of listening, discuss the five types of listening, talk about the major barriers to effective listening, and identify techniques for improving general listening effectiveness.

4. **Risk Management:** Here the student will examine why the patroller should be concerned with preventing snow sports accidents, what the primary causes of skiing/snowboarding accidents are, examine basic types of unsafe acts, discuss resort liabilities, and look at what can be done to satisfy all parties.
5. **Leadership Opportunities:** This unit will help the student to understand the leadership and educational structure of the Division, gain knowledge of NSP publications and websites, and identify appropriate paths to pursue an educational or leadership role within a patrol, region or division.

In teaching this course, the following instructional methods were employed.

1. A homework assignment prior to the course
2. In-class assignments
3. In-class discussion of assignments
4. Brainstorming to generate details
5. In-class evaluation
6. Exercises/Activities

This program is eight hours in length and has been approved by National as a *Senior elective*. If you are interested in taking this course or for further information contact:

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(865) 483-3675

*Basic Leadership Course Inaugural Class  
circa 2008 @ Watauga Medical center in  
Boone, NC*



## *Telecommunications ... Telecommunications ... Telecommunications ...*

**Rick Woodlee,**

*Telecommunications Supervisor*

Telecommunications:

Today is Saturday, 1/14/2012---In 352 days the FCC narrow-banding deadline happens. On January 1, 2013, all public safety and business industrial land mobile radio systems operating in the 150-512 MHz radio bands must cease operating using 25 kHz efficiency technology, and begin operating using at least 12.5 kHz efficiency technology. This deadline is the result of an FCC effort that began almost two decades ago to ensure more efficient use of the spectrum and greater spectrum access for public safety and non-public safety users. Migration to 12.5 kHz efficiency technology (once referred to as Refarming, but now referred to as Narrow-banding) will allow the creation of additional channel capacity within the same radio spectrum, and support more users. After January 1, 2013, licensees not operating at 12.5 KHz efficiency will be in violation of the Commission's rules and could be subject to FCC enforcement action, which may include admonishment, monetary fines, or loss of license. Hopefully, everyone has updated their radio systems to 12.5 kHz channel spacing; or, at least made plans for compliance on 1/1/2013.

There is a lot of online information on narrow-banding and telecommunications on the NSP web site:  
[http://www.nsp.org/about/nsp\\_programs/telecom.aspx](http://www.nsp.org/about/nsp_programs/telecom.aspx)

If you need help or more information, please contact me.

Richard Woodlee, Southern Division Telecommunication Advisor

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## *Outdoor Emergency Care ... Outdoor Emergency Care ... Outdoor Emergency Care*

**Bob Brewster,**

*OEC Supervisor*

Change, for good or bad, it's what life is all about. Patrolling isn't immune to changes. With the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, many changes at my own hill or the changing of the guard in my new position as OEC Supervisor we all make the best of it.



As new division OEC Supervisor I feel more prepared to face my new responsibilities than in the past positions I've held. For the last year and half I have been mentored for my new job by **Leslie Carter**, outgoing Supervisor. She has put in place for me a wonderfully skilled and dedicated staff of administrators, IT's and

instructors. As the division moves forward and faces new challenges ahead, I look forward to working with each and every one of you to make the Southern Division a model for other divisions to follow in the coming years.

Did I mention changes? The 5<sup>th</sup> Edition has introduced to us some new skills and a lot of new information, some valuable, some inconsequential for the duties we perform on the hill. But if you haven't purchased the new 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, have access to it or worse yet even looked at it, the time has come. Integrated, on-line learning has arrived. Access to OEC materials and training is available through the internet. What does this mean? For our new candidates, lessons, interactive teaching, games, quizzes and testing. For instructors, assigning work at home, lesson plans, designing and administering quizzes and tracking student progress. For all of us, refreshers will become multi-staged as we ask patrollers to do more review and assignments prior to area refreshers at home, so patrol refreshers can concentrate on more "hands on" skill stations.

Currently in the division we have completed a number of OEC classes. There are currently classes in session as well. Many of our instructors have made use of the numerous teaching aides that my NSPkit offers. I have heard and experienced firsthand many of the great tools available to instructors and students alike. The 5<sup>th</sup> rollout has not been without its glitches, including some issues with the final written exams, but I have no doubt we will be able to overcome these minor setbacks and move forward. I'm always willing to listen to the issues everyone may have.

This Year it becomes my duty to assist and help administer the Senior OEC program. As of this writing, training and clinics are well underway. This past December the new Senior Instructor Training Manual was completed and will be fully implemented in the 2012/2013 Season. The Dixie region will be using the new manual this season as a dry run trial for next year's introduction of the manual in all the regions. For the senior candidates the impact will be minimal and the program will remain vital to patrollers and patrols alike. For Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluators there will be an update offered at the fall conference.

Our training and education are becoming ever more important. Besides our priority with patient care, the importance of medical liability has reared its head as a major issue in our OEC programs and patrols. Standard of care in our division is all important. Each mountain's management may be developing their own protocols via oversight of a medical advisers and quality assurance of their patrollers. In spite of any local protocols your patrol may have in place we are still bound to maintain the standard level of care set forth by NSP's OEC program. My goal will be to see that those standards of excellence we've experienced during my predecessor's tenure are maintained, while implementing new methods of teaching and learning.

Finally, on behalf of myself and the entire division, I would like to offer our thanks to **Leslie Carter** for her tireless work and enthusiasm while leading the OEC program for the division. There are many in the division who work long hours for us to be able to go out and do our jobs on the slopes. Thanks Leslie for making our job a little bit easier. (see page 21 for photos )

## *Transportation ... Transportation ... Transportation ... Transportation ...*

**Tony Tingle,**

*Division Transportation Supervisor*



### **Transportation**

Looks like winter is finally here.....maybe. Here we are in January, and most folks are busy patrolling. Around these parts, Mother Nature has been teasing us with more glimpses of rain than winter and the snowmakers have been busy. Luckily, we are Ski Patrollers and we will have fun rain, shine, snow, deep drifts or thin coverage. I'd like to touch on a few topics in this mid-winter edition of the Southern Cross: toboggan check offs, covering your hind end, training, Senior toboggan questions, and a shameless plug for the Patroller Education Conference (PEC).

**Toboggan Check offs.** I hope you have had a chance to be checked off on your toboggan skills. If you haven't been checked off, grab a sled and have your evaluators confirm your skills in the handles and on the tail rope before you strap a patient in and bring them down the mountain. One of our primary responsibilities as toboggan handlers is the safe and efficient transportation of patients, and that begins with a confirmation of our skills each season.

**Covering your hind end.....**If you are training ski patrollers on the hill, to be covered by the NSP insurance the course needs to be registered. Many Patrols register a Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (TES) at the beginning of the season, include all of their patrollers on the roster, and extend the course until the end of the season (ending in March or April). This covers the training with insurance. If you have done this, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, remember to close your courses. If you need help registering or closing a course, give me a shout.

**Training.** I want to say "*Thanks*" to all the transportation trainers in the Division. I encourage you to get out there and teach and don't be timid about being trained by your peers. After all, we are all learning continuously. I learn something in every class I teach and every time I take a class. I encourage you to teach with folks you don't normally teach with. There is no better way to get new teaching tips for your teaching bag o' tricks than to teach with new Patrollers.

**Questions from Senior tests and evaluations last season.** Questions arose last season about handling the toboggan during the Senior Clinics and Evaluations for those folks riding a snowboard (specifically questions about where to place your hands on the handles and if a rider has to demonstrate both toe-side and heel-side skills). Local protocol at some resorts dictates specific criteria for their patrollers, and these folks concentrate training to meet these criteria. For instance, local protocol at one mountain says you will be on heel-side at all the times when in the handles of the sled. At our hills, we always follow local protocol. The discussion below is focused on questions from the Senior program, which reaches beyond your local mountain to expose you to more patrollers and what they have learned. When patrollers get together and what you have learned is different than what I have learned questions arise.

Because I didn't have definitive answers for the questions that arose, I began asking the questions, first to our peers, then to the National Transportation Advisor (Frey). As you can imagine lots of folks have an opinion and I've heard a lot. I expect to hear more after you folks read this.

So, I've gathered up the feedback and summarized it below. First let me offer a couple of caveats

1. These are not set in stone, and won't be until we get it in the Senior manual.
2. On your hill, the Local Mountain Protocol rules, but the Senior Program is designed to expand your skill set, so please approach this with an open mind and be ready to learn new things. With that in mind, folks training for the Senior and riding a snowboard, here's what I've got so far. For hands on the handles, there is no "one size fits all". Terrain, snow conditions, route selection and other factors make placement of hands on the handles when running a toboggan on a snowboard a fluid activity. The ultimate goal is to *safely and effectively run the sled* and to *select hand positions* that do not place the body in an awkward position, preventing proper stance and effective control of the sled. One example was given that in some Divisions people run a toboggan outside the handles. In this case the boarder has to have both hands on one side of the handles. Hmmmm something to think about. As for demonstrating toboggan skills on toe-side or heel-side the answer is YES. On the tail-rope can you go toe-side?...Yep, but I wouldn't stay there. Two of the primary jobs of a person on tail-rope are to monitor the patient, and provide an emergency brake if needed. Both of these are hard to do toe-side because you are not as stable in this position and your back is to the patient. So, heel-side is dominant on tail-rope. Tail-rope e-stops should be done heel-side only. The tail-roper should be able to effectively use a falling leaf to shed snow. In the handles of a loaded sled, on a snowboard, the operator demonstrating Senior skills should be able to demonstrate toe-side and heel-side traverses, toe-side and heel-side e-stops, transitions between toe-side and heel-side, and a falling leaf to shed snow. In addition the rider should be able to carve turns during their unloaded run.

Clear as mud...right? As I said, it's a work in progress. Because I don't ride and don't know all the answers, I welcome your comments and suggestions. But this is what I've gotten so far.

Lastly, The PEC is a blast and offers you the opportunity to train on the toboggan in terrain few of us ever get to play in. Frey has some great clinics planned, so if you go, sign up for one of the toboggan clinics and you will expand your horizons. Be safe! Think Snow! See you on the Mountain.

Tony

*Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snow*

**Briggs Allen,**  
*Snowsports Supervisor*



This far it has been an interesting but challenging and productive 2011-12 season for the Southern Division NSP Snowsports School. We began our programs December 3-4 with our "Train the Trainer" Clinic at Cataloochee Resort in Maggie Valley North Carolina. Until the last minute we were wondering if there would be any snow however with a few cold days just prior to the clinic, and Cataloochee's superb snowmaking ability brought the clinic to fruition. The Snowsports School provided 5 PSIA/AASI instructors that divided the group among their needs. Groups ranged from skier/snowboarder general improvement to PSIA test preparation. Over 22 patrollers from the Blue Ridge and Dixie region participated. Special thanks go out to Cataloochee Resort for once again providing a great venue and **Wayne Morgan** for arranging it.

Unfortunately, the weather was not as cooperative in early January causing the Snowsports School to cancel the Women's Clinic at Wintergreen and our Snowboarder Improvement Clinic at Massanutten. Everything was ready for both of these clinics however mother nature did not provide enough cold weather for the resorts to have the type and amount of terrain needed for both of these programs. We were able to reschedule the Massanutten Snowboarder Improvement Clinic for February however approximately one week before the clinic our instructor learned that his employment required him to travel to Arizona for the remainder of the month and he would be unavailable. Attempts to secure another qualified AASI instructor did not succeed, consequently we will try again next year.

On a better note, the Snowsports School's clinics January 27 at Winterplace and January 28-29 at Beech Mountain were incredible. 16 skiers/boarders participated at Winterplace with 23 joining at Beech. The skiing portion of the clinics were taught by PSIA level III instructors **Dan Moss** and **Jay Zedak** from the Central Division NSP Ski School, while the boarding was taught by our on AASI level III **Pete Jucker**. Patrollers attending these clinics represented Massanutten, Winterplace, Beech Mountain, Appalachian, Cataloochee, Wolf Ridge and Ober Gatlinburg. **Jay Zedak**, former Supervisor of the Central Division NSP Ski School and ski instructor to the U.S. Army Green Beret 10th Mountain Division, e-mailed me the Monday after the clinic stating, *"I can't thank you enough for the opportunity to teach in your division. This past weekend was wonderful and the participants seemed to share the passion about skiing. Hats off again for a well run activity!"* On Tuesday I received the following note from a clinic participant, *"First the instructor was excellent, his ability to analyze and teach was equal to the skiing ability. I have skied the last several days after the clinic and been working on incorporating the techniques taught into my skiing style. It is been interesting and I can see some big improvements already. Second and equally important, the entire event was a real benefit provided by the NSP and I appreciate it's efforts to offer and promote such programs. If you can get the clinic next year I will be there."* Thanks go to Winterplace Resort and **Walt Watson**, PR for all of their hard work in making the West Virginia Region clinic an outstanding success. Additionally Beech Mountain Resort and **Gil Adams**, PD are greatly appreciated for all of their efforts making the Blue Ridge event a stellar clinic.

And speaking of clinics, these would not be possible without the amazing dedication and hard work all of our NSP PSIA/AASI instructors. Their time, effort as well as monetary investment to become a certified

ski/snowboard instructor often goes unrealized. Next time you're in a clinic or just talking about snowsports let them know that they are appreciated. By the way, good luck to several of our patrollers that are taking their PSIA exams at Timberline the end of February.

Well here's hoping for snow or at least some sustained cold weather before the season ends. If you have any suggestions or questions regarding our program feel free to send me an e-mail.

Until next time: Remember Snowsports are simple turn right, turn left and repeat as necessary.

*Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior*

**Hugh Jernigan,**  
*Senior Program Supervisor*

### **Importance of Clinics for Senior Candidates**

The value of attending Senior OEC and S&T clinics is an important and integral part of the process for candidates. These clinics provide fundamental information and training key to the success of all candidates. Senior candidates should leave the clinics with:

1. Basic information on what will be required of them during evaluations,
2. Knowing what components needed to be completed (electives, S&T, OEC, paper work completion) for Senior status,
3. The format of, and how the evaluations will be conducted,
4. Being comfortable with, and obtaining the “mind set” to work effectively on OEC scenarios.
5. Understanding evaluation parameters for skiing, boarding, and toboggan handling, **and most importantly,**
6. **If something is not clear to you, ask questions for clarification!**

It is easy to understand why attendance at a clinic is required for participation as a candidate during Senior evaluations.

Observation of recent Senior OEC and S&T clinics showed how positive and productive the clinics can be for the candidates.... And they were fun!!

The *Blue Ridge Region* conducted an excellent Senior OEC Clinic at Appalachian on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The Blue Ridge Region Senior OEC evaluators under the direction of **JoAnn Ehlinger**, Region Senior Co-coordinator, provided very constructive feed-back to the candidates on their performance during the scenarios. A relaxed post-event debriefing answered questions from the candidates.

The *Dixie Region* hosted a large crowd of 13 candidates during the Region S&T Clinic at Ober Gatlinburg on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Dennis Slagle**, **Brent Bowman**, and the Dixie Region Senior S&T evaluators put together an

excellent clinic of instruction, demonstration of techniques, and interactive discussions. The Senior candidates left at the end of the day with positive attitudes and helpful insights on training to prepare for evaluation day. Many thanks to the instructors who volunteer their expertise and time, and the ski areas who host these events to benefit the Southern Division Senior Program.

As reported in the previous edition of the Southern Cross, the Senior Program had an exceptional year during the 2010-2011 season in both the number of participants and quality of the program. We are looking forward to another successful year in 2011-2012.

NSP has published new “Senior Outdoor Emergency Guidelines” (*See information in Bob Brewster’s article on Southern Division OEC*). General requirements for Senior Candidates will not be affected by the new guidelines, which are planned for implementation during the 2012-2013 Season.

Take advantage of your opportunity to upgrade your patrolling skills and increase value to your patrols by participating in the Southern Division Senior Program!!!



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

### **Teresa T. Stewart,**

*Instructor Development Supervisor*

The NSP Instructor Development course is an integral part of all the NSP Educational courses. This is a required step before the mentoring stage with an instructor within the specific discipline with which you are becoming involved with (Outdoor Emergency Care, Toboggan and Ski, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, Outdoor First Care, etc). This is also a **SENIOR ELECTIVE**.

There are a number of steps in the Instructor Development Program:

- All forms are now available also on the Southern Division Website.
- Course Registered with NSP by the Instructor Development Instructor through their Regional IT and placed on the Division Calendar by the Region Director.
- Course Completion Record is submitted to the Division Supervisor and NSP educational department.
- Instructor Application Form with each discipline the student is interested in becoming an instructor for (ie, OEC, MTR, S&T, etc) completed and sent to the Instructor Development Supervisor (IDS).
- Mentors are assigned by **or** through the Division Supervisor for that discipline.
- Senior Candidate Application Form filled in as needed. → Remember- this is an elective for the Senior program.
- Southern Division ID Observation Form - This is completed for each student in the course for each topic they taught and they are returned to that Supervisor- NOTE - some students may require more than two evaluations.

### ***Remember .....***

If the student is ONLY taking the course for a Senior Elective - (The IDS will need to know that AND the student will need the form for the Senior Candidate Application filled in and submitted to the ID Instructor)

Once the Student Application Forms have been submitted to the ID Supervisor – the ID Supervisor will copy and forward the form to the appropriate Educational Supervisor (OEC, S&T, MTR, etc) - then the Division Program Supervisor (DPS) for each discipline will assign the mentors for the mentoring phase. Once the DPS assigns the mentors and that phase is complete - that DPS will recommend that student for Instructor Status.

Interested students should look at the Division Calendar for registered courses in their Region and contact the Region Instructor Development contact or drop me an email at ([stewart.teresa@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.teresa@gmail.com)).

Fred Wessels,  
*Historian/Archivist*

## 2012 is a year of Landmarks

**Happy Birthday** to the Appalachian Ski area. Founded as the Blowing Rock Ski Lodge in 1962, they turn 50 this year. So, most patrollers, when asked their age can say “I am older than App”.

**Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the Southern Division!!** The Southern Division came into existence in 1972. Before that, we were the Deep South Region of the Eastern Division. It must have really been tough to go to the Division Conference in NY State. People complain about driving to Kingsport.

**Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the Southern Cross.** Right about the time this edition comes out, the Southern Cross will turn 40. Before the “Southern Cross”, we had the “Leafalanche”. The last edition of the “Leafalanche” was printed in October 1971 with a sub title “GOOD BYE “LEAFALANCHE”- HELLO “THE SOUTHERN CROSS”.

One article in the last edition of the “*Leafalanche*” was a welcome to Viking Mountain. Located near Greenville, TN. The Mountain had a vertical drop of 600 ft. and the advance run had an 18-25 degree slope. Sugar Mountain also doubled their snowmaking so that now the entire lower half of “Flying Mile” could be covered with “powdered sugar” in one swoop.

### “Come on tell me who are you”

“Cause I really want to know”, I currently have a backlog of scanning photos around 1,000. It is great to have the old pictures. However, I really want to know *who* is in the pictures. Email your pictures to me. Old or New. If we can identify the people, that would be great. Otherwise, we just have a bunch of very happy people with bad haircuts and worse mustaches. It is great to capture history. It would be even better to know the identity.

A special thanks to **Sylvia Talley**. She provided a box of history that greatly added to our collection.

See you soon!!

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## *40<sup>th</sup> Division Anniversary (2012) ... 75<sup>th</sup> National Ski Patrol Anniversary (2013)*

**Robin Griffith,**

*NSP Finance and Fundraising Committees*

*Sugar Mountain Ski Patrol*

**According to Retired COL. Ed Gassman**, a National Ski Patrol Board member and previous Joint Forces Commander, there is a long and well-known collaboration between the National Ski Patrol and U.S. military. For example, the NSP website states, "During World War II, (Minnie) Dole was responsible for the establishment of the famed 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army. Applicants for this remarkable military unit, which saw much of its fighting activity in Italy, were screened by the NSP. Many individuals who were responsible for the establishment of ski areas in the United States served in the 10th Mountain Division and contributed significantly to the sport."

Gassman has a special insight into the demands required for military forces engaged in high altitude winter environmental training. The need for this type of Special Forces diminished in recent years due to conflicts in desert climates such as those in Iraq and Kuwait. However the ongoing war on terror including fighting in the mountainous regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan had greatly increased the importance for such highly trained military personnel. Due to this, Gassman was approached to put together a team to help train elite American forces. Over the past two years Gassman has trained approximately 300 elite Special Forces men in enhancing their high altitude skills. These are groups of men who are trained at the highest level and some have been involved in missions to find Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden as well as other special operations.

Gassman considers it an honor and fun to train these men who are extraordinary athletes with a can-do attitude reaching out to increase their level of high altitude skills. Gassman believes that the military has relied on the advice and training of those involved with National Ski Patrol because they have some of the best avalanche, mountaineering and back country skiers in the world. It is hardly surprising then the National Ski Patrol was recognized with a Federal Charter by the United States Congress in 1980 because it is a patriotic organization.

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The Southern Division will be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Southern Division as well as recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> National anniversary at the Division Fall Patroller Conference in August 2012 – stay tuned for updates from Robin Griffith, Teresa Stewart and Fred Wessels as plans progress and we ask for your participation.

We are looking for history, memories, thoughts and examples of patrol life to display at the conference as well as surprises! Need your memory jogged?

- One patroller remembers driving patients to the hospital in a Ford LTD Station wagon – what year was this?
- Another patroller remembers, “snow day tickets” (when schools were out for snow days) → they cost 50 cents at Beech and Sugar Mountains.
- Send your thoughts, memories to Robin at ([robingriffith@carolina.rr.com](mailto:robingriffith@carolina.rr.com)) and copy Fred Wessels ([Southerndivisionhistory@gmail.com](mailto:Southerndivisionhistory@gmail.com))

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*Professional Director ... Professional Director ... Professional Director ...*

**Wayne Morgan,**  
*Professional Director*

It sounds like everyone is off to a somewhat slow and inconsistent start to the season. Thank goodness for state of the art snowmaking in the Southeast!

We (Cataloochee) are finally open to the top of the mountain on a consistent basis and have been busting it to get all of our S&T proficiency taken care of while still covering the hill and keeping the red and black visible.



A Patrol Directors' roundtable was held at the Southern Division Fall Conference with several PDs and some of their staff attending. The main issue discussed was opening a line of communication and becoming a voice within the Division. A thought was to create a blog that PDs could access and discuss best practice issues that arise at the respective areas throughout the year. I have received permission from Richard Boyer to use the Division website as the source of this blog. I will be contacting our Division webmaster to coordinate the creation of this site.

We want the Pro side of the Southern Division to become an integral voice within the Division, so let me here how we can best meet your needs. Feel free to give me a shout-out at any time.

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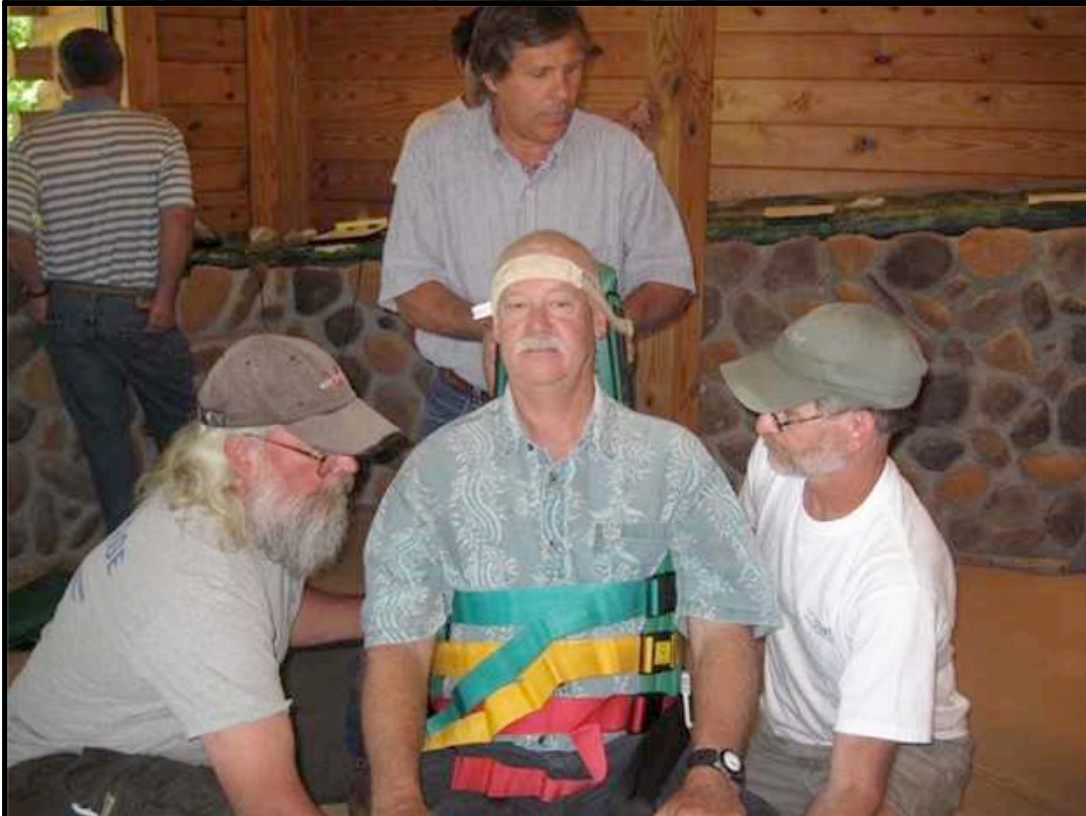
I am planning a trip north in a couple of weeks to complete a re-certification and hope to stick my head in a couple of your doors just to say hello on my way home.

In closing, I'd like to leave you with a couple of tips on skiing in the South and if you think a little deeper these tips work with life as well. From "Skiing" magazine (Jan./Feb. 2012) "The Skiing 100: Rules for skiing in the South" and perhaps life. By Scott Chandler, Sky Valley, GA.

- 1- "Stay on the white strip."
- 2- "If you hit dirt, keep the momentum moving forward. Try to run in your skis. If you double eject, tuck and roll".

Wayne Morgan  
Southern Division  
Professional Director

*Photos From Around the Division*  
*OEC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Updates (Atlanta and West Virginia)*



## *Photos From Around the Division*

*Dixie Region S & T Clinic at Ober Gatlinburg on January 22, 2012*  
(Photos submitted by Brent Bowman)



*Photos From Around the Division*  
*Beech Mountain S & T Clinic*



Beech Clinic  
left to right are:  
Alexis Santi,  
Margaret Rees,  
Collin  
Waldron, Pete  
Jucker and  
Jamie  
Hardeman

(Photos  
submitted by  
Briggs Allen)

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Zedak, Rick  
Laws, Chris  
Haley, Lindsey  
Strohschein, Ann  
Blakely and Pete  
Jucker. Back row:  
Jamie Hardeman,  
Mark Pipkin,  
Mark Needham,  
Dennis  
Alexander, Ashley  
Laws, Adam  
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*Photos From Around the Division  
Winterplace S & T Clinic*



*Dan Moss reviews video of students*



*Listening to Jay Zedak  
(Photos submitted by Briggs Allen)*

*Photos From Around the Division*  
*Senior OEC Clinic, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ Appalachian Mountain*



*(Photos submitted by Cathy LaMarre)*  
*Photos From Around the Division*

*2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike Gravity Nationals  
Beech Mountain September 23-25th*



More photos and official information can be found at  
<https://www.usacycling.org/events/2011/mtbgravity/>



(Photos submitted by Patrick Benson of Sugar Patrol with Randi Lowery of Wolf Ridge Patrol)



*Photos From Around the Division*  
*What Patrollers do while waiting on Winter*



Hugh Jernigan will ski on anything!



Patrick Benson goes rafting with international friends.



Patrick Benson at the Whitewater Center in Charlotte



Patrick Benson climbing in shorts in the winter

## Patroller Education Conference At Copper Mountain April 12-14, 2012

The NSP Patroller Education Conference is just around the corner. Check out the top 10 ten reasons to attend this year's conference at Copper Mountain, CO April 12-14, 2012.

10. Refresh! Stay up to date and get your Level 1 Avalanche Rescue Refresher.
9. Fatten your wallet. Save on everything, from 50% off ski and board rentals, to \$109 spring lodging rates, and discounted airport transportation if you book through Roberta at Copper!
8. Toboggans, toboggans, and more toboggans. This is the place to hone your skills with our women's clinic, as well as our alpine and Nordic toboggan clinics.
7. Take the fifth! And practice *Outdoor Emergency Care Fifth Edition* scenarios, ask questions of the authors, and test out brand new products. You name it and we'll be covering during these three days.
6. Get answers to life's most demanding questions, such as... where did the toboggan come from? And, why did NSP start using it? Join us for a breakfast buffet while Cascade Rescue owner Dana Jordan takes us back in time to where it all began.
5. Hawaiian Shirt. Flip Flops. Dinner. Drinks. Do you really need any other reason? Join us for dinner on Saturday night and be ready to relax in your shorts, flip flops and Hawaiian shirt. Bring a grass skirt too if you're feeling island-ish!
4. Get scientific and learn why altitude sickness affects many of our guests at ski areas. Learn from Dr. Phil Freedman, Copper Mountain's clinic doctor, who has done numerous tests in Colorado and on Mount Everest. Learn all about altitude sickness and how you can help your area's guests feel better this season!
3. Get your learn on. Attend new PEC courses and clinics, such as an Instructor Development clinic, Nordic clinics, Intro to MTR, and Risk Management.
2. 2012's "Alexander the Great" – Listen and be inspired by guest speaker Eric Alexander as he speaks about climbing Mount Everest, mountaineering, and shares stories of teamwork, trust, courage, faith, and integrity.
1. Get this, plus a whole lot more, for only \$259.00. **REGISTER NOW AND JOIN US!!**



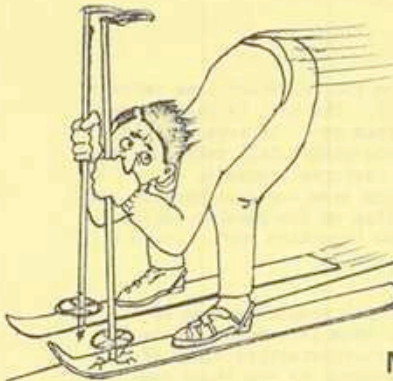
Registration is available online at [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org) under the Patroller Education Conference Tab. Call or e-mail Christine Albertson with any questions, 720-963-2621, [calbertson@nsp.org](mailto:calbertson@nsp.org).

## 75th Anniversary Celebration in 2013

NSP has reached a decision on the location for its 75th Anniversary Celebration Event, which will be held during the first weekend of February 2013 in Denver, the same weekend as the annual SnowSports Industries America (SIA) Snow Show event. The Celebration will be held at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Denver, four blocks from the Denver Convention Center. A variety of events are being planned, including a ski day at a local Colorado resort with transportation to the resort included, an exhibit recounting the history of NSP, and a grand gala dinner with silent auction on Saturday February 2, 2013. Stay tuned to the NSP website, the *Sweep*, and *Ski Patrol Magazine* for more details on this once-in-a-lifetime event.



Objects from the Past ..... Leafalanche → Southern Cross Circa 1971




# LEAFALANCHE

## Newsletter of the DEEP SOUTH REGION

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FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

We've come a long way in the past 8 years.....from two volunteer area patrols to a National Division (and not the smallest one either!). The best is yet to come. As we enter into the 71-72 season we have our largest team yet: 15 area patrols, 5 sections, 2 regions, and 400 patrolmen. Instead of the single fall refresher at Ashville, we will have five this year, with the finest text yet produced.

Here in the south we can justifiably look with pride upon our past service and fast rise within the System. We have built our reputation on the genuine friendship and cooperative spirit that has become known as the "southern way". It is a reputation worth keeping!

National Meeting

This June the Southern Division was the co-host to the Annual Meeting of Board of Directors at Arlington, Virginia. We welcomed them in a manner we hope they will remember. The major order of business was a reorganization study of the entire NSPS. Although not adopted as originally proposed by the study committee, a modified plan was accepted creating an executive board which will streamline National operations considerably. The new by-laws of the Southern Division followed these streamlined proposals.

Fall Registration

This year we hope to set new records in obtaining our registration cards (which shouldn't be too hard to do!). Upon completion of the first aid and hill refresher, and payment of dues, the registration forms will be forwarded directly to me (instead of through line channels) and sent directly to Denver. Any delays this year we can blame on the snail mail.

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FALL DIVISION OFFICERS MEETING

On October 2nd and 3rd all the Line Officers, Staff Advisors and Patrol Leaders met in Linville, N.C. We were most happy to have Ed Ericson, our National Executive Administrator, fly in from Denver to be with us.

Ed said that the national office strives to serve all of us as well as possible. We can help them to help us by ordering early in the season and being sure all orders have correct information and necessary signature. All items ordered on 801 forms are kept in stock and are usually shipped out within 48 hours (5,700 last year). This is real service, especially since there was a 43.1% jump in ordering! In spite of prices going up all around (including postage which amounted to \$14,000 last year), NSPS National dues will still be \$5.00 (Division and Region dues will remain \$1.00). Insurance has gone up this year. We were reminded to be sure we use proper first aid and complete carefully all accident reports including signature. This will help all!

Ed stressed that Denver headquarters is the "Coordinating Hub" of the whole system. They will welcome suggestions on how to serve better and especially would like tips on first aid that individual areas have found successful. If suggestions prove to be worthy, they will be passed on so others may benefit.

As part of the organizational meeting for the Southern Division, by-laws were approved. An executive committee was formed consisting of the Division Director and both Region Directors. The Board of Directors committee consists of the above three plus Section Chiefs.

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WELCOME TO VIKING MOUNTAIN!

Viking Mountain ski slopes, which some say are among the most challenging in the Southeast, will open with two chair lifts and rope tows December 15. Frank Kaehn is president of Mountain Venture Developing Corporation which owns Viking Mt.

Chair lifts are being installed on both the 1,000-foot beginners slope and the 3,000-foot advanced run which is "S" shaped with a vertical drop of 600 feet and has an 18 to 25 degree slope. Viking Mt. is almost 5,000 feet in elevation and had a total snowfall of 145 inches during the winter of 1969-1970.

The Patrol Leader of this new area is Gary Delius. We all wish him a great year!

SUGAR MOUNTAIN

Much has been done at Sugar Mt. during the "off ski season". Big Birch, which is the lower third of Flying Mile ski trail has been widened to accomodate more skiers, and therefore more room for sitmarks and toboggans. Also, the snow-making potential has been doubled so now the entire lower half can be covered with "powdered sugar" in one cold swoop. Now, if only Ma Nature will just give us a cool cake to frost! ! ! !

1971 ANNUAL FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSES

In conformity with NSPS and Southern Division policy, emphasis this year will be on head, neck, back and nervous system. First Aid Refresher Outline #4 will be available for every patrolman at the refresher courses - cost \$1.00.

Carolina Highlands: November 13th, Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.  
Room 135, Science Building

Registration will be from 8:00 to 8:15 A.M. (\$7.00). Bring Red Cross Handbook, "Drugs and Their Abuse" (Red Cross Supplement), current Red Cross first aid card, paper, pencil, and patrol belts.

The "On-Hill" refresher will be on Sunday, November 14th.

Georgia-Alabama: October 22nd & 24th - 7:00 to 11:00 P.M. Bring Red Cross manual, paper, and pencil. The "On-Hill" refresher will be held later at Sky Valley. For further information, contact N. C. York, Apt. P-10, 2515 N.E. Expressway, Atlanta, Georgia (phone 634-8807).

Tennessee-Kentucky: October 31st, University of Tennessee Memorial Research Center and Hospital, Main Hospital Auditorium, 1928 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, Tenn. - 8:00 A.M. This is for those previously registered with NSPS, not for new candidates or recruits. Preregistration, including the Preregistration test, is required. In addition to the American Red Cross text, three new publications are involved: "Drugs and Their Abuse", First Aid Refresher Outline #4, and "Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured". Wear work clothes. Bring: texts, manuals, notes, pencil, paper, first aid belt and supplies (including 4 cravats).

Virginia: Contact Norman Katzenburg, 74 Raleigh Road, Newport News, Va. 23601  
(phone 703-245-3238)

Western Carolina: November 6th, Ashville Area Red Cross Center, Kenilworth Road Section 8:30 A.M.

Bring patrol belts and Red Cross first aid book.

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November 4-6: An "E.M.T." (Emergency Medical Technician) course will be given in Johnson City, Tennessee. If interested, contact Dr. Sam W. Huddleston who has charge of the course. Registration fee is \$50.00. The course is limited to 200.

ATTENTION JUNIORS

Since our publication for Junior Ski Patrolmen, the Junior Jangles, goes only to Patrol Leaders at present, we will try to provide news for you through our Divisional publication. Although I intend to visit and discuss the items mentioned below with Junior Ski Patrolmen and their Patrol Leaders, you should know about them right away.

If any of you have served as Junior Ski Patrolmen and are going away to college in another division, and if you wish to patrol near your school, please get a recommendation from your Patrol Leader and send it to me. (Forms will be provided at a later date for Patrol Leaders to do this.) Be sure and give your college address, and I will forward the recommendation to the Junior Advisor in the division in which your school is located.

Over next Easter holidays, our first National Junior Jamboree will take place at Bridger Bowl, near Bozeman, Montana. This will be something well worth attending for four of our best-qualified Junior Ski Patrolmen. Complete details will be given to your Patrol Leader in a forthcoming FOB. Costs will be about \$30.00 plus transportation, the major expense. In the meantime, be saving your pennies; we want the Southern Division to be well represented.

Finally, if any Junior Ski Patrolman or Patrol Leader has questions about these or other matters, don't hesitate to call or drop me a line. That's what I'm here for.  
Cloyd Beasley, Jr.

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COMMENTS FROM YOUR EDITOR

Hopefully many of you will send me items of interest that others may know what and how you are doing. Our Division covers a large area and this is a good way to "keep in touch". We plan to have future issues printed and to use pictures (perhaps the next issue). Deadlines will be the 1st of the following months: December, January, February and March. If an issue will be printed during the summer, it will be announced in the March issue. Please send me your new address if this had to be forwarded to you or if you will be moving shortly. We plan to send future issues as bulk mail and they will not be forwarded. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you! Meanwhile - THINK SNOW ! ! ! !

"Bobbie" Rupp

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## Southern Division Calendar & Staff Directory

Please refer to the **Division Website** for updated schedules!  
[www.southernmsp.org](http://www.southernmsp.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.

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