

## POOL REPORT

President Gets Awards  
December 29

President arrived at Ski Patrol Headquarters atop chair lift number 4. He was wearing his brown ski pants . . . coat etc. President accompanied by normal number of ski patrol . . . secret service men and ski instructors. Also with President was his buddies Jim Brown and Leon Parma. Congressman Robert McCrory also at President's side.

The ceremony took place outside the ski patrol headquarters building.

First award was presented by Robert Gagne, . . . Head of the ski school.

Was in recognition for parallel skiing. . . The award is called the Vail Parallel Pin. This means, according to Pam Conklin. . . "he's got them all together."

The Award Ceremony as follows:

Gagne: The ski school at Vail has initiated a program for parallel skiers. . . and from all the instructors I would like to present you with a Vail parallel pin. It was the first one cut for the program and we thought it was only right that the first man got it.

Ford: Well thank you very much. . . I never learned to ski parallel until I took instruction out here from the Vail ski school . . . if I can ski parallel.

Gagne: That has a magic . . . (inaudible)

Ford: Dennis and others have been trying to get me away from those 30 year aerobird techniques so he's made a little progress.

Next presentation was from Bob Dorff. . . President of Rocky Mountain Division of the Professional Ski Instructors Association and also Director of the Ski School.

Dorff: Mr. President on behalf of the over 9,000 professional ski teachers of the United States I take honor and pleasure to present to you this pin and plaque making you an honorary member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America. However, it is our fondest wish that you confine your honorary ski teaching to those members of the White House staff and Secret Service who so desperately need it. (Ford laughs.)

Ford: Well Bob. . . thank you very much. . . I will never parade under the colors of being an instructor I'll just admit that I am the beneficiary. . . Thank you very much.

The President also talked about just meeting a 75 year old woman who told me "I have many more years to ski. She's quite a challenge." Her name is Gert Gould, aunt of Dennis Hoeger, and a very good skier.

Quotes from McCrory. . . "Can I offer congratulations. "

Ford: "Sure Robert. "

McCrory. . . Here I went skiing with you all the time and nobody took a picture of us.

Ford: Did Kennerly get one?

After all this, they went in for elk steak luncheon (inside ski patrol.)

Hoeger, the ski instructor told the pool "he's in excellent shape and started out as well his first time this year as his last time last year. He is a good recreational skier and he is steadily improving, and we have been going on steeper stuff with more moguls. "

We were told that for the President's parallel test he was taken down the Prima slope which is an expert slope.