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Special Vote and Election of Officers: Your attendance is requested at the April Meeting. A special vote to suspend MHSP By-Law, Article V, Section 3-C for this election only (see page 4). Elections of Officers will also be conducted for the next season. Now is the time for each member to exercise their right to vote for the candidate of their choice.

General Meeting
Monday, April 14th, 2003
7:00 PM
Athey Creek School

I've been honored to be your president these past two years. Serving on the Executive Council is as rewarding in the long term as knee-deep powder is on a bluebird day. There are challenges, yes, but with a strong Council those challenges more easily become opportunities with a clear solution. So it has been with the fine group I've had the pleasure to work with these past two years.

Presidents Message

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Bill Boyd, as vice president took active roles in the committees and led the General Meetings that I had to miss. I thank him sincerely for his extremely thoughtful suggestions when challenges arose. His uncanny insight helped us focus and turn the proverbial lemons into lemonade. Our sustainability committee is moving in a very positive direction with plans for great things to come. Bill's selection and motivation of committee heads has made big jobs manageable. Thanks Bill!

Joel Stevens, Our Patrol Chief these past two years, has done an extraordinary job! He has devoted hundreds of hours to Patrol work and has tackled some very difficult tasks in creative ways. Our dispatch system is in dire need of repair, and Joel has taken the risk and spent the time to try some logical approaches to changing this fundamental part of our Patrol. His introduction of Patrol Teams and the huge new task of implementing a web-based and real-time dispatch system will hopefully make Patrolling more fun and efficient in the future. In addition, Joel was proactive in the search events that we've undertaken these past two years, and he's carefully researched and filled our new equipment needs. His chosen APC's have worked better than ever with our Areas, and our Area relations are very good as a result. You couldn't ask for a better Chief Operating Officer than Joel, and I thank you!

Terry Niedermeyer has been a delight to work with. He carefully analyzed our staffing needs and recruited enough new Associate members to fulfill our commitment to all of our Areas. Terry's participation on the Council has been highly professional and his every effort has been rewarded with success. My sincere thanks for all of your hard work, Terry!

Lisa Hargrave is a genius. She brought our books and finances into the twenty-first century and established a system to maintain them in perfect order for the future. Lisa's idea of an Audit Committee to oversee all future Treasurer's is brilliant, and will insure that our capital and operating funds are always balanced to the penny. Lisa is also an extremely creative problem solver. She always has a perfectly clear definition of a problem, and a workable solution to its resolution. Lisa has been an absolute pleasure to work with. Thanks Lisa!

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SAR: Many thanks to all of the Mt Hood Patrollers who joined in the search for Fred Frauenn during the first week of March. Although we were not successful, the efforts were appreciated by the family and the County Sheriff. One of my goals is to increase the SAR awareness and capability of the MHSP in the future. The unique skills of the MHSP could have a significant impact on some SAR events in the Northwest.

PC Notes

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COVERAGE: We still need more patrollers this module, both at Timberline and SkiBowl. Please contact the Dispatcher, or T-L Hill Captain, and volunteer for the short days. Use the E-mail list-server to respond to patroller's requests for coverage. If you "reply to all" other patrollers can see how the response is going. Thanks to all the Patrollers who have pitched in to help on short days.

Remember that you are responsible for finding a replacement if you can't make a commitment. This is especially important at Summit, since we usually only have one member of the MHSP assigned to Summit. If you don't make it, we will have no one there. Summit Patrollers, if you are not going to be at the Govt. Camp Dispatch before 7:30 am, please contact the dispatcher and let him/her know, so they won't be worried about having Summit covered.

Visit the forum area on the MHSP website, and give us your feed back on Teams, and Web Based Dispatch. We need your input.

GET INVOLVED: The value you get out of an organization is proportional to the work you put into it. You can make a difference! Our new PC is going to be looking for a lot of people to staff training and operational positions. If you are interested in apprentice or patroller training, or in other areas of operations, give me or my successor a call. There are lots of opportunities.

TRYOUTS: Thanks to the PR committee, the Ski Show and the Website, Try-outs went very well this Spring, with a reasonable turnout of very good candidates. Mike Peterson put on a great Try-out, and we took about 33 Hill and 8 Associate Candidates. With so many good people to chose from, it was easy to maintain our high standards. Thanks to all of the patrollers and spouses who helped make this a great Try-out. We are now beginning to get our current apprentices qualified, which means they will be joining the rest of us in patrolling duties soon. Please welcome them and make them feel at home. Thanks also go to all the coaches and trainers who have done a super job in preparing these folks to become excellent patrollers.

PATROLLING: Patrollers, be sure that you understand your opening and closing assignments. If you are not sure about all of the ropes, signs, sleds etc. involved in your opening, ask the Hill Captain before you go out. It is important that we do these jobs right.

Be pro-active in patrolling. Help by looking at the ropes, signs and equipment when you cycle though an area. Look for things that need to be repaired or improved. If you see problems, fix them, don't wait for someone else to do it.

Patrollers and Hill Captains, we are adding a selection of Clipper repair parts to the Sled Repair Kits in the areas. These include webbing, buckles, carabiners, bungee cord, pins etc. If you have a sled that is missing something, check to see if we have the parts to fix it and get it back out on the hill.

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Both Abe Stores and Jim Trett have done a fine job as First Aid Chiefs with the help of their many and able OEC instructors and assistants. Our supplies and equipment have never been of higher quality and our skills are more professional than ever before. Thank You Abe and Jim!

Presidents Message

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Our Secretaries have been great too. Though all have had challenges in their personal lives to preclude a full two-year commitment all have given their best to the betterment of your Patrol. Mike Grant filled in the first few months, then Royal Henkle and now Julie Kindall. In the middle, when we were without a Secretary for three months, Gina Malamphy came to my rescue all the way from Pennsylvania! Ah, the wonders of email! Thank You all for your fine work!

In two years we've had four trustees on the Council: Paul Podett, Mike Allen, John Malowney, and Daniel Dean. The mission of the trustees is to maintain continuity on the Council and offer guidance from the past and for the future well being of our organization. These gentlemen have gone the extra mile in every case to give more and do more than has ever been expected of them. I thank you all for your support and for your carefully thought solutions when challenges arose.

Jeff Hepler has grown our Nordic Patrol to its current status and is largely responsible for its success. Our Nordic Patrol was named the Outstanding Nordic Patrol in the Pacific Northwest Division last year, and is in the running for the Outstanding Nordic Patrol in the Nation this year! Jeff set the standard and has passed his knowledge on to his team. Jeff is a model in the National Ski Patrol system and I was proud to work with him and to support he and his team in all that they do. Thank you Jeff!

To each and every member of our Committees, to all of our Instructors, to our very capable APC's, to all who help with the Golf Tournament and Ski Show, and to our Area Professionals with whom we have the honor to work, I THANK YOU ALL! You're the Best!

For those of you who have never served on the Council, all I can say is *Just Do It*. Make it your goal. Run for an office. Be an instructor. Work on a committee. Come to all of the Patrol meetings. Get involved! You'll love it...I promise!

I'll see you in the snow!
Mac Sheldon

BOWL: The area really appreciates the extra help we have given them during this abnormal snow year. Thanks for the good work on the Tube Hill.

PC Notes

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The closing of winter operations at the Bowl and Summit are not yet etched in stone. We will keep you posted. If you are dispatched there after closure, please contact the T-Line hill captain or associate supervisor. They probably need you.

TIMBERLINE: Operations are going great, but we are short on the predispatch, so please come up and ski on the light days. Go though the HC or Dispatcher as always. We are still sweeping the trails, so some of you get to leave early and beat the rush to Charlie's or the Rat.

FUN DAY AND THE BANQUET are also coming up soon and we're still interested in hearing about award nominees. Let me know if you have someone in mind that deserves recognition.

See you at Fun Day --

At the March General Meeting it was moved and seconded that we temporarily suspend MHSP By-Law, Article V, Section 3-C when we conduct our elections at the Annual Business Meeting on April 14th. The bylaw now reads as follows:

Motion To Suspend By-law

Nominees will be qualified to serve by actively patrolling for three (3) consecutive years and presently being an Active Member in good standing.

The temporary suspension would allow any Active Member to be qualified to serve by actively patrolling for two (2) consecutive years and presently being an Active Member in good standing.

This means that any so qualified Member could run for any Council position. If you are so inclined and feel qualified for a Council position, please contact the Nominating Committee and submit your name and the office you'd like to run for. You need to submit your name in writing, signed by two Active Members in order to be considered in advance of the April meeting. At the April meeting the Nominating Committee will conduct the election and they will call for any additional nominations from the floor. At that time any Active Member so qualified as defined above could be nominated for any Council position.

Every year there is a question about absentee ballots and voting by proxy. Our by-laws do not allow for either of these methods, so please come to the meeting to cast your so very important ballot.

The Nominating Committee:

Mike Allen – Chairman
Dave Hornibrook
Mark Larson
John Malowney
Gordy Winterrowd



Our Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 10th, at Timberline Lodge. This is the evening that we recognize our best Patrollers and reflect on the year's successes and poke a little fun at ourselves. So OK, the snow sucked, but we still did some great first aid and we performed our jobs in an exemplary manner, so let's celebrate a little!

MHSP Annual Awards Banquet

We will mail invitations before the middle of April, so when you receive yours, please, please, please put a check in it the envelope and mail the RSVP card back immediately! By the way, we won't deposit the checks until after the banquet. This will greatly assist us in getting the numbers to the Lodge so they can order and prepare the proper amount of food.

Thank you all for your part in making the Mount Hood Ski Patrol the best Patrol On The Planet!!!

Ode to the Patrol

***There once was a Golfing Committee,
Who searched high and low in this city.
What donations they got,
Helped us all a great lot,
And contributed much to the kitty.***

***Now they can't do it all, all alone.
They just want you pick up the phone.
Ask your boss (it's so easy!)
To sponsor a tee (see?)
And his name on a sign will be shown.***

***Your courage is up and you go
To that wonderful restaurant you know.
You say "Wouldn't you please
Donate two dinners? Geez!
It's a worth while cause, don't you know?"***

Golf Committee

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Bad poetry aside, we do need your help with donations and sponsorships. Check the members only site on the web page for copies of both the verbal and written requests that Jim Gianotti helped us put together. Use them as they are or put the request in your own words. There is a list of suggested raffle and auction items and a list of everyone on the committee. Remember that we are here to help you seek donations - just let us know what help you need.

One more plea, think about what you can do to help NOW. The more donations and sponsorships we have up front, the more attractive we look to other donors and sponsors.

Thanks, guys! We appreciate your help!
Jerry Knowlton & Mark Larson, Co-Chairs

Officer Nominations 2003

President

Bill Boyd
Paul Podett

Treasurer

Jeffrey Weitz

Vice-President

Lisa Wilberding-Hargrave

First Aid Chief

Jim Trett

Patrol Chief

Don Gardner

Associate Director

Eric Einspruch

Secretary

Corinna Kupelwieser

Junior Trustee

Mike Petersen
Mac Sheldon

Calendar

April

5		S&T Senior Training—Mt. Hood Meadows Contact Dave Nelson
12-13		S&T Exam—Mt. Hood Meadows, Contact Dave Nelson
12		Emergency Mgmt. Module Final Evaluations, Mt. Hood
13		MCI Training at Timberline
14	7:00	General Meeting, Athey Creek School Election of Officers
26		Funday-Ski Bowl ???

May

4		Mass Casualty Incident Scenario
10		Awards Banquet



Bergfreunde Ski Club: February 5th

We arranged for MHSP to present to the ski club and raise some funds. Mac Sheldon presented his SPIF slide show to rave reviews, Paul Podett hosted the booth, Jim Gianotti and his wonder dog, (Black) Diamond, charmed the crowd, and Cher Hinerman and all sold buttons and raffled off prizes. Our prize- collecting queen, Corinna Kuplewieser, donated two pairs of jazzy Nike sunglasses, and Jim Gianotti donated an HP color printer. The Bergie who donated the most (\$20) and **REALLY** wanted the printer, actually won it in the drawing! We collected \$384 in donations, which is up over \$100 from last year's visit to the Bergie's (\$263). Adding the informative slide show, some pre-advertising in the Bergie Newsletter, The Mogul Notes, door prizes, and the dog mascot really helped. Let's think of what to add for next year.

Don Alexander, the Mogul Notes Editor, would also like to have some short educational or skier safety articles from us. The big articles in the national ski patrol publications would be too much. If some of the trainers for Avalanche, OEC, MCI, or other trainings would like to submit a short article for the general skiing public, I would be glad to coordinate with the Bergie's to get it published. It will help foster our messages for skier safety and fun to a broader audience. We also collected names of candidates for Try Outs. We will try to track how many names we get from the various presentations and Ski Show events who actually Try Out, finish OEC, and complete their Apprentice year.

Sustainability Committee

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MHSP at NWSCC: March 19th

Mac Sheldon and I presented to the Northwest Ski Club Council Wed. March 19. Mac gave the fun and informative MHSP presentation he gave to the Bergie's last month, and I shared my idea to encourage the regional ski clubs to donate to MHSP by means of a dues statement check box (with a competition and prizes of course!) or perhaps other fund- raisers they might hold on our behalf. We found so much common interest that we were invited to join NWSCC. One of the current members (Sylvia Kearns, Secretary) paid our \$25 annual dues for this year as a MHSP donation! The member who arranged for our presentation at the meeting, (Jodie Dierikx, Director of Safety) also donated \$50.00 to the patrol! It was very helpful that Treasurer Lisa Hargrave provided a detailed spreadsheet that showed the MHSP revenue sources and expenses for the last three years. We keep discovering that the skiing public is unaware of what MHSP provides to the areas in equipment, supplies and training; what it all costs, and that our funding and membership is all volunteer.

We exchanged key contacts information for publicity, web sites, and lead officers to begin working the club connections. **The NWSCC is an active supporter of ski racing and the Pac Rat Racing Team. It would be great to have a racer-patroller as the designated rep. We also need a Safety contact for the NWSCC Safety Director to work with. Please let me know if you are interested.** NWSCC meets every month year round on the 3rd Wednesday 7-9PM at Stuff Pizza in the Mercantile Center off of Kruse Way and Boones Ferry Rd in Lake Oswego. Please let me know if you would like to be the designated NWSCC Rep or the Safety Contact.

I will still work on the follow up for fund-raisers. As members of NWSCC we get to be involved in Far West Ski Associate shows and events. We also get to advertise our fundraisers in their brochure and newsletters to a broader audience. So Golf Tournament and Ski and Tee Committees take note. Our

Our new first aid textbook, Outdoor Emergency Care, 4th Edition, defines a mass-casualty incident (MCI) as “an emergency situation involving more than one patient, that can place such a great demand on equipment or personnel that the system is

MCI

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stretched to its limit or beyond” (p. 906). Our book recognizes that being prepared to handle an MCI is so timely and important that it devotes an entire chapter to the subject (Chapter 29), which was not included in previous editions of the book. Similarly, Timberline ski area recognizes the importance of MCI preparedness by hosting an MCI scenario and devoting considerable time to the exercise. As members of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol we are fortunate to have the unique opportunity to participate in an MCI training exercise, side-by-side with staff from many departments of Timberline’s operation. Patrollers who participated in either the 1997 or 2002 MCI scenario will attest that the exercise affords participants a remarkable educational opportunity.

Once again I invite you to participate in the 2003 MCI. Please note that the deadline to sign is March 31 (e-mail me to let me know of your interest), the training day will be held April 13, and the scenario will be held May 4. I look forward to working with you on this exciting event.