



Sno Job



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General Meeting Monday, January 13, 2003 7:00 PM Athey Creek School

It's mid-week and we face at our Pentium based computers with disk drives whirring, our high-speed Internet connections open to allow email messaging. We have multiple programs open on our desktops as we compile information, calculate results and publish reports and we daydream of snowfields deep and untracked. Later that evening, we wax our carbon fiber parabolic skis. We check our multi-directional release bindings to be sure that the stainless steel bearings are free and functional. Our injection-molded polyethylene boots with polyurethane liners are dry and ready, and our graphite poles stand waiting. Friday night we load our gear into our four-wheel drive autos and count the hours and minutes until tomorrow morning's Patrol meeting at our favorite Area.

Before the sun has graced our mountain we're dressing in our polypropylene inner layer and then slip into our Gore-Tex lined outer. Our lunch is packed with anticipation of warming it later in the microwave. We pour our Starbucks coffee into our travel cups and we're off. We're Mount Hood Ski Patrollers and we're ready for a great day on Mount Hood!

Of course it wasn't always this way. Buzz brought his first Ski Patrol uniform to our December General Meeting, and it's quite safe to say that things have changed a bit in the five decades since he joined. That first jacket was an Army surplus anorak of cotton that draped to his knees. He wore an armband that identified him as a Patroller and also as a Mazama. Buzz used wood skis with bear-trap bindings and bamboo poles with leather lacing in the basket; a far cry from the modern equipment he now enjoys!

It took only one year after the road to Government Camp was first plowed for winter traffic for a "winter sports playground" to be developed. It was the Adver-

tising Club of Portland that put the idea and the funds together and the first venue was a toboggan slide. As skiers discovered the slopes of Mount Hood the jump hill at Multitorpor was built by The Mount Hood Ski Club, which later became the Cascade Ski Club. People came from all over the country to jump and watch the jumpers and soon Government Camp was on the map as a world-class winter resort.

Sledding was the first revenue generating sport on the mountain and it's becoming ever more popular and an important profit center for two of the Areas that we serve. Today, sliders can ride back to the top of their slide hill if they don't care to hike, and surely the oversized inner tubes are safer if not quite as thrilling as a bentwood toboggan. It seems that just as the climate changes in cycles, so does the winter sports industry.

As our industry changes, so must we in order that we don't go the way of the dinosaur, and to that end we all need to focus on the one reason that we invest so much in our highly specialized gear and train so diligently; our customers! The guests of the Areas we serve ...the paying public.

Perhaps the most consistent factor through our long and distinguished history is that Ski Patrolling Is Fun! It's also one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives, which just keeps us coming back for more and more every year. While it's true that much has changed on our mountain since the inception of our Patrol, it's not surprising that many things have stayed the same through the decades, and with our stewardship will hopefully remain for many more generations of winter sports enthusiasts to enjoy.

Work Hard. Play Hard. SPiF !!! I'll see you in the snow!

Presidents Message

By Mac Sheldon, MHSP President
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What a long strange trip it's been. I can't remember many times that during the week end before Christmas some of the areas were just opening. Hopefully by the time you read this, the snow gods will have opened the gates and given us a great base and lots of light powder.

I hope everyone had a good holiday, (I'm still fighting my personal battle of the bulge) and is ready for a great Winter Ski Season. Apprentice Training has now started in earnest. We will start Patroller sled updates toward the end of January. Remember all Hill patrollers must do a sled update this year!! We have some new sleds and also some procedure changes that everyone needs to have training in.

Remember to Carpool or take the bus to the areas, especially during the busy part of the season.

DISPATCH

The Winter Module Dispatch will be in the Mail during the 1st week of January, and on the Web, before that. It would have been out a lot sooner, if everyone had sent in their dispatch prior (or even close to) to November 30th. We had to delay closing the dispatch because so many people had not responded. With our limited numbers, we need a good response to pre-dispatch to give adequate coverage at the areas.

PC Notes

By Joel Stevens, MHSP Patrol Chief
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THIRD MODULE DISPATCH IS INCLUDED IN THIS SNOW JOB. IT IS DUE BACK JANUARY 31ST. ALL ACTIVE PATROLLERS, QUALIFIED TRANSFERS AND QUALIFIED APPRENTICES MUST SEND IN A PRE-DISPATCH FORM.

For your convenience:

You may e-mail your completed Pre-dispatch to Joel@sdeltd.com prior to Jan 31st,

Or you may Fax your completed Pre-dispatch 503-293-1254 prior to Jan 31st.

AFTER Jan 31st, they MUST be mailed to the Wheelers.

RADIOS

Please try to keep radio traffic as concise and accurate as possible. Remember that many people besides patrollers may overhear the conversation. The following are a few guidelines:

- ◆ When you initiate a radio call, say the name of the party you are calling first, your name second.
- ◆ Don't discuss guest pass issues on the air.
- ◆ Don't discuss problems on the air, unless it is absolutely necessary to solve them immediately, and there is no land line available.
- ◆ Don't discuss injuries on the air, beyond transmitting vitals, and requesting necessary equipment or assistance.

- ◆ Do ask for clarification if you don't understand a transmission.
- ◆ Do offer to relay information, if it becomes apparent that you can hear two parties who cannot hear each other's response.
- ◆ If the Radios at Timberline, don't work well on the repeater, change to Channel 2, the Simplex channel. This should be coordinated by the Hill Captain, but if you are unable to contact some one on channel 1, try 2.

AREAS

T-line: Please use the shuttle or carpool when possible. Timberline's capacity is limited by their parking lot, so any extra cars are lift tickets they can't sell.

We will continue to patrol the trails at the end of the day as we did last year. When you ride the shuttle up and ski down the trail, you can be the first one in the bar. Such a deal.

Timberline is promoting helmet awareness. They have very low prices for kids Helmets in their rental shop, and would like to encourage the public in general, and kids in particular to wear them voluntarily.

SkiBowl: Please use the shuttle, walk, or carpool when possible.

SkiBowl's capacity is limited by their parking lot as well so any extra cars are lift tickets they can't sell. Don't even think about parking in the East Side lot. If you have to drive, park on the approach road.

We will no longer have the courtesy bump this year (**YEA!!**), but we are expected to keep a **hill patroller** on the East Side Sled hill when they are operating. Associates will be expected to help out with the cases as usual. The Bowl has expanded the sledding hill and asks that we keep someone there all of the time. You could alternate with another patroller on the Cascade Assignment. If we are short handed fill the Rope Tow first, you can always get up to the Cascade chair if you have a case.

We are also expected to maintain a presence on the West Side Parking Lot Rope Tow. As a minimum the Lower Bowl Assignment should cycle through the rope tow each time they ride the chair. (Don't spend your time sitting at the top or in the Warming Hut if you have the Lower Bowl Assignment.)

Website: During the next month, we will launch a new website, www.mthoodskipatrol.org Check it out. Hopefully we will have an online dispatch on this site in the near future.

Council Nominations

By Mike Allen
Senior Trustee

Mt.Hood Ski Patrol general elections are coming in April. We are in the process of putting together a slate of candidates for the elections. We need people willing to step forward for these positions. This is a great opportunity to be part of the patrol leadership and help steer the course for the next 2 years. Please notify the election committee by the February general meeting if you would be interested in one of the following positions:

President--Basic goal for the MHSP president is to provide general management for the activities of the patrol and preside over the council & general meetings.

Vice President--Act as MHSP president due to the temporary absence of the president or replace the president, if necessary, for the remainder of term; organize and supervise committees.

Secretary--Keep records of council and general meetings and communicate to the patrol via the Snow Job; maintain roster of active MHSP members; record votes from elections.

Treasurer--Maintain accurate accounts of receipts, disbursements and books of the patrol; deposit and disburse funds. Candidate should have a good background in bookkeeping or accounting.

Patrol Chief--Promote and maintain duties of the patrol with ski areas and members to promote positive working relationships; oversee manpower and training.

Associate Director--Represents associates; takes active part in selection and training of new associates; oversee associate training director and supervisors; report to council and MHSP members.

First Aid Chief--Oversee training of new patrol members to meet standards set by NSP; oversee OEC updates; monitor and order first aid supplies and stocking of area first aid rooms.

Junior Trustee--Ensure conformity and consistency regarding patrol policies followed by council members from year to year; help set up general meetings and special speakers. Trustee serves 3 year term and should be an experienced patroller.

If you have an interest in running for any of these posi-

tions, contact one of the following election committee members. We will be glad to answer any of your questions and forward a more detailed description of the position to you.

Thank you! John Malowney
Mark Larson
Gordy Winterrowd
Mike Allen
David Hornibrook

Things for the Ladies

- ◆ OH MY GOODNESS , I THINK I'M BECOMING THE MAN I WANTED TO MARRY!
- ◆ COFFEE, CHOCOLATE, MEN ... SOME THINGS ARE JUST BETTER RICH
- ◆ I'M OUT OF ESTROGEN AND I HAVE A GUN
- ◆ WARNING: I HAVE AN ATTITUDE AND I KNOW HOW TO USE IT
- ◆ OF COURSE I DON'T LOOK BUSY...I DID IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME
- ◆ DO NOT START WITH ME. YOU WILL NOT WIN
- ◆ ALL STRESSED OUT AND NO ONE TO CHOKER
- ◆ HOW CAN I MISS YOU IF YOU WON'T GO AWAY?
- ◆ DON'T UPSET ME! I'M RUNNING OUT OF PLACES TO HIDE THE BODIES

And last but not least:

- ◆ IF YOU WANT BREAKFAST IN BED, SLEEP IN THE KITCHEN

First Aid Musings

By Jim Trett, First Aid Chief
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I would like to start this month by thanking all of you for a great job this year. Even though we are having a slow start to the season, I am hearing great things about your service to the skiing public. It really makes my job easy *and* even more enjoyable.

We are going to try something new at the general meetings through the rest of the year. Before or after the meetings we will have some of the equipment we use on the mountain available to you to brush up on your First Aid skills.

At the January meeting you will find the new Sager traction splints. We don't use these very often, that's a good thing, so I feel it is something we should be spending a little more time with in practice situations. Please take a few minutes and reacquaint yourself with this device. If you can't get to one at the meetings you also can go into any of the First Aid Rooms and "play" with one for a few minutes.

I would like your input on having these stations at the general meetings. As it will take some coordinating to get equipment down from the mountain and back, I would like to know if it is worthwhile to you. If there is anything you want to have at the meetings for your practice please feel free to let me know.

The council is currently working on several ideas that we hope will increase our effectiveness in providing patient care in the areas. Keep your eye on this space for further developments.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and I hope you have a fantastic New Year.

First Responder Training

By Eric Einspruch
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The First Responder Training program for 2002-03 is well under way. We had a very successful combined On-Hill and Associate Apprentice training November 16-17, with 43 apprentices participating. I would like to extend a special thanks to the trainers that helped with this event:

Larry Cahill, Michael Curtis, Donna Disch, Karry Donnelly, Carol Gleason, Eric Granning, Bill High, Cheryl Hinerman, Brad Johnson, Shelly Johnson, Kathy Lee, Sherman Letigeb, Akana Ma, John Malowney, Danny Mead, Kat Moore, Jeff Newman, Rick Sadle, Bob Tise, Rick Vlcek, and Jeffrey Weitz. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Charlie Wessinger for allowing us to conduct the apprentice training at Summit Ski Area. Our second apprentice weekend will be held February 8-9. In addition, all Associate patrollers need to complete their First Responder Update by the end of Winter module. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions about the first responder program, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Associate Director

By Terry Niedermeyer, Associate Director
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Our associates have been doing a great job this year! I have had many, many phone calls mostly with positive feedback and constructive suggestions. It is not too early to think about the annual banquet. Do you know of anyone in particular who stands out or goes the extra mile? An Apprentice? An Associate? A Supervisor? A Hill Captain? A Hill Patroller? If so, give me a call. We would like to assemble a long list of candidates for this year's awards.

First Responder Training: We are now well into the season and hopefully most of you have taken First Responder Training and/or your update. If you have not had this opportunity, please do so on your next trip to the mountains.

Forms: Please pay particular attention when filling out area forms, every question, and/ or box must be filled in. If you have any questions, please check with the supervisor.

Policy Reminder: Associate Apprentices are to work only under the direct supervision of an Associate or Hill Patroller. Under no circumstances is an Associate Apprentice to staff one of the First Aid rooms without an Associate or Hill Patroller present. If we are short staffed and asked by the areas to have one of our Apprentices staff a First Aid room, please tactfully remind them of our policy, and refer the matter to the Hill Captain.

WHS Calendar

<u>January</u>		
5		S&T Senior Training—Mt. Hood Meadows Contact Dave Nelson
5		Basic Avalanche Refresher
7	6:30pm	Basic Avalanche Class Meeting-Woodland Park Hospital
11-12		Emergency Mgmt. Module Clinic, Mt. Bachelor, Contact Kathy Lee
11 or 12	7:00am	Basic Avalanche Mountain Training
13	7:00pm	General Meeting, Athey Creek School
<u>February</u>		
5		S&T Senior Training—Mt. Hood Meadows Contact Dave Nelson
8-9		Apprentice First Responder Training
10	7:00pm	General Meeting, Athey Creek School
13		Emergency Mgmt. Module Clinic, Govy, Contact Kathy Lee
22		Basic Avalanche Refresher
22		S&T Senior Training—Mt. Hood Meadows Contact Dave Nelson
<u>March</u>		
1-2	8:00am	Tryouts, Govy Building
10	7:00pm	General Meeting, Athey Creek School
16		S&T Senior Training—Mt. Hood Meadows with Oregon Region
22		Basic Avalanche Refresher
<u>April</u>		
5		S&T Senior Training—Mt. Hood Meadows Contact Dave Nelson
6		Emergency Mgmt. Module Clinic, Govy, Contact Kathy Lee
12		Emergency Mgmt. Module Final Evaluations, Mt. Hood
12-13		S&T Exam—Mt. Hood Meadows Contact Dave Nelson
14	7:00pm	General Meeting, Athey Creek School Election of Officers
26		Funday-Ski Bowl ???
27		Mass Casualty Incident Scenario
<u>May</u>		
10		Awards Banquet

Suitable for Refrigerator Placement