



MHSP SnoJob September 2006



President's Choice - Lisa Hargrave

The patrol will be as strong and as fun as we make it. I'm ready, are you?

In August we mailed out 288 training reminder postcards to active patrollers, inactive patrollers and apprentices. By the time the OEC refreshers are completed on Oct 22nd we will know how many are playing this year.

In 2005 we introduced multiple membership levels to help ski patrolling fit into more people's lives. The response was so enthusiastic that we are bringing back the same participation levels. The Patrol Chief and APC's are currently working through the details with our ski areas and should announce the benefits available to each member level by the first OEC refresher.

Many hands make light the work. Can you commit to a higher membership level this year? Maybe some extra days? If you were on sabbatical last year, taking off for health, family or business reason, we would love to welcome you back. If you have any questions about returning to active status please call me or the Patrol Chief, Steve Eversmeyer.

Our OEC Instructors have been putting in an incredible effort. The Spring OEC class graduated 35 inverts and new apprentices and the Fall class begins with nearly 40 new students. The two OEC classes represent over 30 nights of instruction requiring 10+

instructors and helpers every night. The apprentice coaches and First Responder instructors have been working all Spring and Summer. Say "thanks" when you see an instructor or coach. It is their efforts that are securing our **future**.

Chair evacuation practice will include more than 80 patrollers and ski hosts that have never even seen a lift evac. What a great opportunity to approach an old activity with new enthusiasm.

With over 20 new members, nearly 70 apprentices plus mountain hosts, the face of the patrol is changing. 1 in 3 patrollers is new to the job. What do you hope for the patrol? What kind of organization do you want to belong to? Do your actions and participation reflect that? Do you make ski patrolling fun for you and those around you? We all have it within us to make the patrol something we are glad and proud to belong to.

SPIF,

Lisa Hargrave

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Membership Commitment

- Gold** = 20 days total, including 2 summer days.
- Silver** = 17 days total, including 1 summer day
- Bronze** = 12 days total.

Total days includes training days and days as an instructor or coach.

Ski year ends on Labor Day



*Nine new patrollers!

Starting with learning area operations, trails, radios, and sleds, these apprentices could complete their very concentrated hill training in late March, since they were not able to do any first aid at the time. The inverts were then a vocal portion of the spring OEC class, mixed in with traditional apprentices. The Level I Avalanche course took place at the same time. On finishing OEC, they moved back up to the Palmer snowfield to do scenario after scenario in their First Responder Training, as well as to pick up available real cases. Over the last few weekends in August we have been able to sign off nine new hill patrollers, who will be available to patrol immediately. Indeed, some have already patrolled.

Please welcome our latest hill patrollers:

Eryn Barker, Jose Rodriguez
Mark Slipp, Bob Schneidmiller
Terry Donah, Mike Thornburg
Brian Barker, Cliff Leighton and
Jodie Berris

They will get their crosses at the October general meeting.

There will be a few more inverts signed off very early in the coming season, so look for their names soon.

Will there be an invert program for 2007? It's hard to say. Between the two OEC courses this year, there will be about seventy apprentices to train this coming winter. Trainers will be stretched thin, but if we can find the resources, we'll do this again for a small group of highly motivated apprentices.

John Gastineau, Training Director

Last season we started an experiment: Can we train patrollers starting on the hill and without OEC in midwinter, and still get them patrolling by the next season? The answer is yes!

Known as the *Inverts* due to the out-of-order training sequence,

these apprentices have trained on average **nearly every week between late January and August**. There were no shortcuts—these apprentices covered all the same things as traditional apprentices, and spent as much time at it. Talk about dedication—they had to work hard to get it all done.



Invert photos by John Gastineau

Ask Barney...

Ask Barney is a new feature titled in honor of Barney MacNab, MHSP Badge #1. "Barney" will answer your questions about MHSP and ski patrolling. To submit a question to Barney write mhsp@onebox.com or phone 866-828-9205.

Dear Barney, I've seen all the email about the new CPR but I don't understand why I need to go to a separate class or do this on-line thing with a separate skills test. Why aren't we just getting CPR at the refresher like last year & the year before?

Signed, CPR Challenged

Dear Challenged,

You are not alone in asking this question. MHSP does not control the CPR curriculum, we accept cards from the American Heart Association and American Red Cross. Every five years or so the CPR standards are significantly revised and these agencies require all healthcare professionals to re-certify on the new standards.

This year the changes require a certain amount of training, a written exam and a skills test. The total time involved is 2-4 hours and there are minimum student-teacher ratios that must be adhered to. MHSP simply does not have enough CPR instructors to get over 100 people at each refresher through the CPR update and the regular refresher.

Next year we will be back to NSP's requirement that all patrollers practice CPR annually and CPR will be part of the regular refresher.

PS - When you are at the CPR Update or OEC Refresher take a moment to thank your instructors. They taught a 15 week OEC class from April through June and will be in the middle of another 15 week class at the same time they are teaching your refresher. These men and women are really going above and beyond for the patrol, especially the CPR instructors.

Dear Barney, What is the big deal about pre-dispatching. I put in all my days, and sometimes more, what does it matter if I pre-dispatch?

Signed, Commitment-Shy

Dear Shy,

Very simply, you can't run a business without knowing how many workers are going to show up. While we love to have walk-ins on busy days, your contribution is much more valuable when you pre-dispatch so that proper staffing decisions can be made.

The ski areas need to know how many patrollers to expect so they can schedule their paid patrollers. If we are short on volunteer patrollers, the ski area needs to schedule more paid staff in order to ensure a safe environment for the guests. Problems come up when the area schedules extra paid patrollers and then a surplus of volunteers show up. In that case the extra employees could be sent home. How would you like to drive all the way up to the mountain on \$3 gas only to be sent home without getting any hours in?

Pre-dispatch helps the hill captain, the patrol director and the paid patrollers we work with. Knowing what to expect benefits us all.

Jelly Belly and Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Family Fun Day



Mark your calendars!

WHAT: A fun, fun, fundraising event for MHSP

WHEN: Saturday, September 16th, 2006 11 AM - 6 PM

WHERE: Mt. Hood Skibowl Adventure Park

WHO: Anyone and everyone... Patrollers, family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, school chums, the person behind you in the grocery checkout...

COST: \$14.50 for an all day Adventure Pass (regular price is \$29.00). All proceeds from discounted tickets go to support the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol.

INCLUDES: Unlimited Alpine Slide, Lift-served Mountain Biking with over 40 miles of trails, Kiddy Jeeps, Super Play Zone, Bungee Trampoline, Space Rotation, 18 hole Miniature Golf, 9 hole Disc Golf, Summer Tube Hill, Volleyball, Badminton, Horseshoes, Kiddy Canoe Ride, Bouldering Rock Wall; Jacobs Ladder, 10 pitches in the batting cage

ALSO AVAILABLE: (additional charges may apply): Indy Karts, Zipline, 100 ft Free Fall Bungee, Rapid Riser 80' Reverse Bungee, Horseback rides, Mountain Bike Rentals, unlimited batting cage

HOW: Come to the Ski Patrol Tent behind the West Side Lodge to pick up your discount coupon.

FOR ADVENTURE PARK INFORMATION: <http://mthoodskibowl.com/summer/>

Chair Evac Practice

Pre-dispatch is requested.

Who: Required annually for all patrollers.

Mountain Hosts are invited to participate.

When/Where:

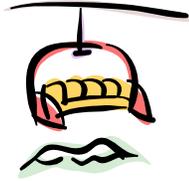
September 17 @ Timberline, meet by the ski check OR

October 7 @ Summit Ski Area

Time: 7:30 registration; 8:00 start

What to Bring: Dress for the weather. Bring leather gloves for handling ropes, water and snacks. If you have it, bring a webbing harness, locking carabineer and figure 8. If you do not have harness, etc. don't worry. You may borrow from others and will learn what supplies to purchase for your pack.

There will be a barbeque afterward at the Summit Ski Area. Friends and family are invited.



OEC Refresher

OEC Refreshers are around the corner. We are limiting attendance in order to preserve teaching quality. **You must Pre-dispatch for your refresher.** If you can't get into the dispatch system email MHSP@onebox.com or telephone 866-828-9205 to pre-dispatch.

Dates: October 8 OR October 22

Time: 7:30 registration; 8:00 begin

Where: Meridian Park Hospital, Community Education Building, Tualatin

What to bring: 1) A photo copy of your updated CPR card. 2) Your completed Study Guide. 3) Your current OEC card so it may be signed by the instructor of record. You won't need your pocket mask because we are not doing CPR at the refresher this year.

If you have not received your OEC Study Guide you can download one at www.nsp.org (click the Cycle B Refresher link in the box on the right side) or email or call MHSP at the above address and phone number.

- OEC FALL Class- Start September 7 on Thursdays- Need instructors and victims too.
- OEC Refresher Instructor Update 9/25, need to see you there.

• **Questions? Concerns? !!!Want to Help???** Call or Email Me. Thanks!
Jodie tailwaggin1@msn.com 503 269 6419

General Meetings

Mark your calendar now for the 2006-2007 general meetings. Our Junior Trustee Cher Hinerman has an amazing line-up of speakers, each of whom has information directly relevant to ski patrolling and transferable to our careers and personal lives as well. Look for more training and orientation opportunities at meetings. But we will also have plenty of opportunity for fun, socializing and team building. We have approximately 70 new apprentices who are eager to get to know us all.

Meetings are the second Monday of each month, October - April.

October 9;

November 13;

December 11;

January 8;

February 12;

March 12;

April 9.

Doors open at 6:30, meeting begins at 7:00 sharp and scheduled to conclude at 9:00 (we had a perfect on-time record last year).

Socializing follows both at the meeting location and at the nearby Corner Saloon which features excellent nachos, sandwiches, etc.

Come early to peruse the offerings of the Clothing Committee. Vendors will be present at the October and November meetings so you can order jackets, pants and other apparel.



Photo by John Gastineau

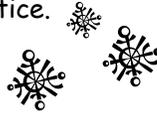


Meet the speaker for the October MHSP General Meeting

Dr. Busch has over thirty years of broad professional experience as a teacher, foreign policy analyst, manager, leader at the executive level of the Federal Government, management consultant, and public speaker. His early work experience included stints as an Army Medical Services Corps Officer in Germany and Vietnam, and an Assistant Professorship in the Political Science Department at Denison University in Ohio. His distinguished career with the Central Intelligence Agency included senior assignments as Director of Leadership Analysis in the Directorate of Intelligence, Deputy Inspector General, and Director Human Resource Management. He is now President and CEO of his own management consulting practice.



Dr. Busch is a frequent keynoter, workshop presenter, and conference facilitator working with audiences and organizations in both the public and private sector. His provocative, frank, and motivational perspective consistently challenges his audiences to abandon their comfort zones and take personal responsibility for achieving the goals, changes, and excellence we seek in our personal and professional lives. Dr. Busch is an **insight weaver** who promises to make you think and whose substantive messages consistently produce results.



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Important—Pre-dispatch Information

The ski areas we serve rely on accurate staffing projections from MHSP so they know how to schedule their paid staff.

That is why it is of utmost importance for every patrol-ler to participate in pre-dispatch and to stick to their commitment to show up or find a substitute.

In choosing your membership level you will also be committing to pre-dispatch for each full module approximately 3 weeks prior to the beginning of that module. Exceptions may only be granted by the Patrol Chief and must be requested in advance, in writing.

For those members who are not on-line or who preferred the old paper dispatch, a dispatch worksheet is included in this SnoJob. If you like you may dispatch for the entire year or just for Module 1.

Mail paper dispatches to MHSP, PO Box 4384, Portland, OR 97208-4384. Or you may turn in your dispatch at Chair Evac or the first OEC Refresher. Or you may use the on-line dispatch system when it is updated for the new season in September.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Name _____ Badge # _____

Circle Patroller Class: AP HP NP AA HC Appr Assoc Appr Hill

Mark Days with Preferred Area and Duty:

O = No preference; B = Ski Bowl; M = Meadows; T = Timberline; U = Summit; N = Nordic

A = Associate; P = Patroller; AS = Supervisor; HC = Hill Captain; TR = Coach; N = Nordic

Example: Dispatch as Timberline Hill Captain

16-Dec
T- HC

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
11-Nov	12-Nov						
18-Nov	19-Nov						
25-Nov	26-Nov						
2-Dec	3-Dec						
9-Dec	10-Dec						
16-Dec	17-Dec	18-Dec	19-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec	22-Dec	Winter Break
23-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec	28-Dec	29-Dec	Winter Break
30-Dec	31-Dec	1-Jan					

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
6-Jan	7-Jan						
13-Jan	14-Jan	15-Jan					
20-Jan	21-Jan						
27-Jan	28-Jan						
3-Feb	4-Feb						
10-Feb	11-Feb						
17-Feb	18-Feb	19-Feb					
24-Feb	25-Feb	26-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	1-Mar	2-Mar	Portland February Break



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Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	
3-Mar	4-Mar						
10-Mar	11-Mar						
17-Mar	18-Mar						
24-Mar	25-Mar	26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	30-Mar	Oregon Spring Break
31-Mar	1-Apr						
7-Apr	8-Apr						
14-Apr	15-Apr						
21-Apr	22-Apr	23-Apr	24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr	27-Apr	Portland April Break
28-Apr	29-Apr						
5-May	6-May						
12-May	13-May						
19-May	20-May						
26-May	27-May	28-May					



Are you? A chronic editor? A wordsmith marvel? Ready to record history (MHSP history, that is) as it happens? Eager to create the SnoJob? Hey, doesn't this have your name all over it? Help wanted...contact MHSPSecretary@gmail.com.



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2-Jun	3-Jun						
9-Jun	10-Jun						
16-Jun	17-Jun						
23-Jun	24-Jun						
30-Jun	1-Jul			4-Jul			
7-Jul	8-Jul						
14-Jul	15-Jul						
21-Jul	22-Jul						
28-Jul	29-Jul						
4-Aug	5-Aug						
11-Aug	12-Aug						
18-Aug	19-Aug						
25-Aug	26-Aug						
1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep					



Membership Levels 2006—2007



By Lisa Hargrave, President

The new multi-tier membership program was so well received last year that we are continuing it this year. Time to start thinking about what level on contribution you want to take on for the upcoming season. You will be asked to sign up for a membership level at the OEC refresher.

Plan Basics:

- All members will select a membership level for different number of days and benefits.
- Every membership level requires participation in PRE-dispatch unless otherwise excused by the Patrol Chief.
- Training, teaching, public relations and other activities for the patrol count toward your commitment. For example: OEC instructors will receive a full day credit for each day of the refresher and partial credits for evening classes.
- Since our primary mission to put "boots on the hill" each membership level has a minimum number of "patrolling" days. Coaching days at a ski area count for apprentice and sled coaches.

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
TOTAL DAYS	20	17	12
On-hill Winter Days	14	12	9
On hill Summer Days	2	1	0
Patrollers Choice	4	4	3
Guest Pass	Family	Single	Single
Personal Benefits *	Yes	Yes	No

** Personal Benefits will be announced before signups at OEC*

Special Notes:

- Apprentices: membership levels do not apply to you until after you have received your badge and been accepted into membership.
- New members: This will be your first year to select a membership level.
- Senior Hill Captains and Senior Associate Supervisors: You must commit to at least the Bronze level to receive SH or SS benefits.

Important Dates

- September 7, 14, 21, 28 —OEC Fall Course - Meridian Park Hospital, Community Education Building
- September 9—1 pm and 9 pm CPR Practical - Meridian Park Hospital, Tualatin
- September 10—6 am Golf Tournament - The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Course
- September 13—Mount Hood Ski Patrol Executive Council 6:45—10 PM, Portland Fire Station #12, 8645 NE Sandy Blvd. Portland, OR
- September 16—10 AM Fun Day - Mt. Hood Skibowl
- September 16—PNWD Instructor Conference - Kennewick, WA
- September 17—8:30 AM Chairlift Evacuation Practice - Timberline Lodge
- September 20—6:30 pm CPR practical - Vernier Software, 13979 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton OR
- September 25—6:30 pm OEC Instructors Review & CPR practical - Vernier Software, 13979



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day- Timberline closes	5	6	7 OEC Course	8	9 CPR Practi- cal
10 MHSP Golf Tourna- ment	11	12	13 Council Meeting	14 OEC Course	15	16 FUN DAY/NWD Instructors
17 Chair Evac	18	19	20 CPR Practical	21 OEC Course/ Deadline for SnoJob	22	23
24	25 OEC Instructors/ CPR Practical	26	27	28 OEC Course	29	30

<http://www.mthoodskipatrol.org/members/snojobs.cfm>

MHSP Calendar is now on-line

Ever torn up the house looking for your SnoJob just so you can check the date of a patrol event? Ever wish you could take a quick look at the MHSP calendar from your office or the Govy building?

Now you can! The official MHSP event calendar has moved to Google.

Links are being setup now so you can access the calendar from the Dispatch website and it will also be displayed on the mthoodskipatrol.org web site. Or you can access the calendar directly from your web browser by typing calendar.google.com.

For direct web access you will need a free Google account. The

name of the calendar is "Mt Hood Ski Patrol - Oregon". It is a public calendar so anyone may view it.

If you use Google calendar for your personal date book you can add the MHSP calendar to your calendar page and enjoy the convenience of overlaying patrol events on your personal calendar. There are also tools available that will allow you to download events to your PDA or even Outlook calendar (write to mhsp@onebox.com for more information on this).

Administration access is restricted to the training director and secretary so if you have an event to be added please send it to mhsp@onebox.com or telephone 866-828-9205 or contact John Gastineau or Donna Disch directly.

Important Dates

- *October 5, 12, 19, 26* —OEC Fall Course - Meridian Park Hospital, Community Education Building
- *October 7—8:30 AM Chairlift Evacuation Practice* - Summit Ski Area
- *October 8—7:30 AM OEC refresher* - Meridian Park Hospital
- *October 9—7 PM General Meeting* - Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Rd, West Linn, OR
- *October 11—Mount Hood Ski Patrol Executive Council 6:45—10 PM*, Portland Fire Station #12, 8645 NE Sandy Blvd. Portland, OR
- *October 8—7:30 AM OEC refresher* - Meridian Park Hospital

▶ October 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 OEC Course	6	7 Chair Evac
8 OEC Refresher	9 OEC Refresher Columbus Day	10	11 Council Meeting	12 OEC Course	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 OEC Course/ Deadline for SnoJob	20	21
22 OEC Refresher	23	24	25	26 OEC Course	27	28
29 Daylight Saving Time Ends	30	31				

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