



Mt. Hood Ski Patrol

Snojob



April 2013

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General Membership Meeting -- ELECTIONS

We need a quorum for the election to be official so please plan on attending.

Monday, April 8, 2013, 7:00 PM (clothing committee opens approximately 6:30)

We are back at Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 Borland Rd. West Linn, OR

Pick up your anniversary souvenirs before they are gone:

- NEW -- Awesome 21oz Hydroflask to carry your fluids on and off the mountain!
Hot for 12hours, Cold for 24hours with no condensation!!
- 75th posters, hats and shirts

Show your pride in being a member of MHSP; pick up replacements for any missing or dirty uniform patches or for your summer uniform.

President's Message

By Steve Eversmeyer, President, HC 1170



You'll be getting this just before we vote so let's start with the Council member elections and Bylaw changes. I've been asking for this all year but this is YOUR last chance to possibly run for an office. The responsibilities for each position are listed on the Wiki. I think the patrol would benefit if each position had at least 2 people running. I think the current slate of candidates are all fine people and they will do a good job, but I also think every patroller should have a choice. I've always been very impressed by those not elected and how they continue to work with everyone to make the patrol better. You are a great group of people and why Ski Patrolling is FUN!!!! To paraphrase from our Junior Trustee, John Malowney's note sent in early March "I honestly cannot remember a more challenging time of being faced with so many unique situations (e.g. proposed land swap affecting the very existence of our Govy building, a need for facilities (i.e. replacing the Palace) at Skibowl and an obvious reluctance by many members to dispatch) as we are seeing at this time. These challenges create an opportunity for some dynamic leadership to present itself by some of you who have been standing on the MHSP sidelines, to step up and join the Council. ...it's time to join the steering committee as this is obviously a great organization; however it is only as strong as its membership's direct involvement!"

I've been directly involved with Council for 8 straight years, and for over 4 years prior to that as the Avalanche Advisor and Clothing Committee Chair. With all of the time spent in council meetings I think the one thing that can be said for everyone who's been involved is they wanted to improve things for the patrol and for every patroller. Approaches, ideas, methods may vary but the single common theme is they cared enough about MHSP and the PEOPLE involved to spend some extra time working on our behalf.

The Bylaws went out by email and are designed to ensure we comply with the Oregon Revised Statutes and would qualify for tax-exempt status if we had to pay property taxes on the Govy building. The U.S. Forest Service lease has been extended until April 30, 2014, as they promised. As long as we continue our lease we are not required to pay property taxes. If ownership of the building goes to Meadows we would be responsible for those taxes, as the lease is proposed. We can continue to get one-year extensions until the land swap is resolved. We are still meeting and talking about what our relationship and lease might look like with Mt. Hood Meadows. At this point in time, no one knows if the land swap will be completed or we'll continue under the Forest Service permit. The other benefit of the Bylaw change is to ensure we comply with non-discrimination language required by the companies that make generous donations based on employee volunteer hours; Intel is one example.

There's more information about the May 18, annual awards banquet so please mark your calendars. It's in town so we're hoping to have a great turnout from all of our patrollers; Associate, Hill, Host and Nordic. We also want to extend a special invitation to our newest members, the Apprentices. Please think about patrollers who have done an excellent job, review the different awards on the Wiki and let anyone on Council know who and why they deserve the award. Nominations must be in by April 30, so we can get awards engraved and ready.

It's been a great spring and with the forecast I'm looking forward to lots more snow, perhaps a little more sun at times and patrolling with all of you. Thank you for all of your efforts so far, please keep up the good work. My most recent day as Hill Captain at Timberline was a great one, because of the people. We had Associates out for opening and closing, Hosts helping with cases and closing, Hill running sleds and working in the First Aid room, in short, everyone working together to make sure everyone had a good day.... public and patrol. SPIF!!!

BOOKKEEPER WANTED

MHSP is soliciting help from experienced QuickBooks users. While the patrol would like to have someone volunteer their time (estimated to be 3 or 4 hours per month), the Council has agreed that the job is worth a small stipend. The ideal person will be a QuickBooks guru who will be responsible to the Treasurer for bookkeeper duties only, no monthly meetings. The Patrol Bookkeeper will be responsible for:

- Reconciliation of 3 checking accounts and 3 investment accounts
- Posting bills with accurate coding and printing checks for the Treasurer
- Run monthly and annual financials for the Treasurer
- Enter the MHSP budget into QuickBooks once a year for the Treasurer
- General journal entries as needed
- Other QuickBooks tasks as needed
- Assist CPA as requested
- Maintain Swap company/account (involves some bill payment – less than 50/year at this time)
- Please contact Steve Eversmeyer or other Council members if you're interested.

Save the Date – Awards Banquet May 18

Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Ski Patrol Annual Awards Banquet & Apprentice Graduation

- When: Saturday, May 18, 2013
- Where: Embassy Suites Hotel Washington Square
- Time: 6:00 pm - Social Hour; 7:00 pm Dinner
- Who: Hosts and Patrollers, present and past

A small number of rooms are being held for those not wanting to imbibe and drive. Rooms can be reserved by calling 1-800-757-4608. To obtain a special rate reference Group Code 60S or simply reference "Mt Hood Ski Patrol". This rate is available until April 27th.

The rate is \$129.00 plus tax. The room includes a hosted bar Saturday from 5:30 to 7:00 pm and a full breakfast bar including made to order omelets on Sunday morning.

Invitations will be coming soon.

Too Much of a Good Thing Can Be, Well...Too Much

By Aaron Patnode, MHSP 1650, reviewed and endorsed by your Council



Member List serve Tips

There are many challenges associated with running a successful volunteer organization as large as the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. Add in the fact that our membership receives and utilizes skills that require more training than the average volunteer organization, and those challenges become even more complex. There is one part of our organization that is perhaps the most critical to our success: communication.

MHSP has several tools that play key roles in disseminating information to the membership and the public.

- The MHSP Website (www.mthoodskipatrol.org), our public face
- The MHSP Wiki, a repository for internal policies, procedures and information, a professional directory (in case another patroller wants to hire you!), carpooling, weather cams, calendar, lift ticket information, manuals, benefits, gear - our private face.
- The MHSP Snojob newsletter, for the public as well as patrollers for official notices, acclamations, congratulations and news.
- General Meetings, reports on the status of the patrol, announcements, training
- The MHSP List Server

Let's talk about the appropriate use of the List Server. It was created to simplify the process of sending email to large groups of individuals. The List Server is an incredibly useful tool, but it can also be amazingly annoying if used inappropriately. Below are some simple points on "List Serve Etiquette" so that our List Server will remain a successful tool.

- Only information about training, scheduling, dispatch, patrol notices, news related to patrolling activities and Council communications should be disseminated by the List Server. This should be information that is directly important to most patrollers and/or hosts. It is not a place to advertise or promote personal interests.
- If the information fits the above criteria, please do the following: In the "To:" address field, enter YOUR email address
- In the "Bcc:" address field enter the MHSP List Serve address you wish to use - patrol, hosts or alumni. (Since you entered YOUR email address in the "To" field, anyone who uses the "Reply All" function will only be sending an email to you, not the whole group.)
- Don't use Reply All to reply to List Server emails. (Not everyone will get the Bcc: thing)
- Make your message brief. (If you have more material to share with the Patrol, consider submitting an article to the Snojob or contacting the Patrol Leadership for help in identifying a more appropriate means through which the message can be distributed.)

There is more information about the List Servers on the Wiki.

Remember, communication is critical to the success of our Patrol; it's definitely a good thing. But let's not forget that we have many means through which we can communicate information besides the List Server. When you want to send information out to the patrol, please consider which tool is most appropriate to use.

SKI PATROL OPERATIONS

Patrol Chief

By David Atkinson, Patrol Chief, HC 1239



The season rolls on.....

Well, the snow keeps falling and there is still some great skiing at the areas. Don't miss out on spending a terrific day on the mountain with your fellow patrollers. A major shout out to all the trainers who have put in countless hours to prepare apprentice patrollers to soon join our ranks. Without your dedicated commitment to our training program, we wouldn't have the quality patrollers that make up our great patrol. THANK YOU!

Your commitment

I know we are still in the middle of this year's season, but remember that your benefits package for next season (2013-2014) will be based on the days you put in the 2012-2013 season. I want everyone to have the opportunity to get the benefit package that they desire next season, so now is the time to think about your days this season.

Below is a list of REQUIRED TRAINING DAYS for next season. Plan now! If you do not fulfill these 5 requirements, you will not be active and able to patrol until you have fulfilled them!

2013 Required Training Dates

1. OEC Refreshers: October 13, October 20, and November 2 (must attend one).
2. SnoSports Swap: October 2013 (must work ONE shift).
3. Chair Evac Practice: Dates TBD (must attend one).
4. CPR Refreshers: Dates to be announced during the Summer/Fall. From James Schuler "A current CPR/BLS Card and a CPR Skill refresher at Chair Evac are required by NSP. Cards renewed within three months before Chair Evac are the exception".
5. Avy 1 – Complete course required if you have never been certified, a refresher course required every 3 years.

Dispatch

The dispatch still has plenty of holes to fill! I know that it is April, but we still have plenty of patrolling days to fulfill. Now is the time to do that! Springtime is a great time to make up days at the areas where you still need to get your days in. Remember it is easy to dispatch and easy to un-dispatch. The areas will be open into the spring and we have lots of summer days at Timberline.

For those of you that are Gold and Silver commitment levels, you have 2 days or 1 day respectively to patrol this summer. Timberline will need our help this summer. Please make time to put in some days this summer.

The Areas

Timberline: Brett wanted to remind everyone of Timberline's summer time operations. Timberline really needs our help for summer operations. They are eager to have MHSP out in force again this summer, just like the good old days!

Meadows: Meadows teams have had a great season. If you would like to shadow a current team member and learn the ropes there, please contact Eric Pool. Spring is a good time to get some time in and learn how they operate.

Skibowl: Skibowl operations have been good this season. Thanks to all who endured the Palace transition. We are working on a resolution for the Palace this spring. I will keep everyone posted on our progress. We will keep you posted on their closing dates.

Summit: Please continue to help out at Summit whenever you can. Charlie and the Summit/Skibowl gang really appreciate our efforts there.

Training and Clinics

Transfer Training: We have one excellent transfer patroller who has completed the transfer training.

Apprentice Hill Training/Apprentice Associate Training: Thanks to the training staff for your endless hours of organization and leadership! We are finishing up the testing phase for the apprentices and will be adding a great group to our patrol.

More Clinic Opportunities!!!

NEW! Skills and Drills Clinic: April 20-21, at Crystal Mountain, Washington. For those of you looking for advanced skills training, you won't want to miss this one. Clinics will work on skiing and toboggan skills on advanced terrain. For more info, contact Jeffrey Weitz, Division S&T Director.

Annual Nuts and Bolts Clinic: May 31-June 2 at Timberline. Flyers will be sent out soon for pre-registration so don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to learn from some of the best instructors in the Pacific Northwest!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the training events and on the slopes this season! Let it snow!

Associate Director

By Kathy Lee, Associate Director, SS 90232



Most of the Associate Apprentices have completed the mountain training with their coaches. Dave Nead and Pete Campbell have done a great job heading up the training program this season. They and their coaching staff brought a high level of experience, knowledge and competence to the training program. A huge thank you to the coaches: Steve Giesey, Eric Granning, Kimberly Granning, Allen Hansen, Jim Holway, John Howard, Lori Neal, Dina Peganoff, Mark Ripkey, Karen Swinkels, Bob Tise, Margaret Usher, and Mary Jean Williams.

But that's not all the training that has taken place within the Associate ranks these past months. Jaye Miller completed training to become a dual Associate/Hill patroller. Eric Carlson, inactive for a few years, returned to patrolling and completed the Hill to Associate Training Program. Thank you to Larry Church, John Howard, Shelly Johnson, and James Schuler for coaching them through this training.

And still more training - Mark Ripkey and Claudia Pieters completed their training to become Associate Supervisors. Jim Holway, John Howard, Jerry Knowlton, Terry Niedermeyer, Diane Kindall Potter and James Schuler did a great job in showing them the supervisor ropes.

This year's Associate Rookies have been getting good hands on experience with cases and reinforcing what they learned last season. Shannon Williams deserves a shout out for completing her rookie card by the end of January - way to go Shannon!

The awards banquet is May 18, and I look forward to formally recognizing these individuals and others for their efforts. I know there are unsung heroes who are deserving of recognition. If you've noticed some outstanding work by a patroller, please send a note to me or another council member.

S.P.I.F.!

FIRST AID

We need your help with the OEC Class

By Cleo Howell, First Aid Chief, AS1444

Please see the list of dates below where we need your help with the OEC Course. We can use adults and mature teenagers for the on-mountain days and the final scenarios. Host patrollers, family and friends are welcome to help at these events.



- April 6 – On-Mountain skills day; 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Summit
- April 13 – On-Mountain scenarios day; 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Summit
- April 20 – On-Mountain scenarios day; 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Summit
- April 23 – Final scenario exam at St. Vincent's Hospital; 6:00-10:00 p.m.
- April 25 – Final scenario exam at St. Vincent's Hospital; 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Please contact Cleo Howell directly or sign up on the Dispatch if you can help on any of the above dates. howell.cleo@gmail.com or 503-680-2472.

Hand Washing 101

By Cleo Howell, First Aid Chief, AS1444

We have all learned about Body Substance Isolation (BSI) and most of us glove-up when touching a patient. In addition to putting on protective gloves consider following the steps listed below to prevent the spread of disease:

- Change gloves if you walk away from your patient to do another task and then return to your patient.
- Change gloves after you touch hard surfaces, such as the wall or furniture.
- Change gloves between patients.
- Double-glove if body substance is obvious. I have seen defective gloves right out of the box.
- Wash your hands before and after treating a patient in the First Aid Room.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that you wash your hands with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds – long enough to sing *Happy Birthday* twice.

The CDC says:

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to reduce the number of germs on them. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands in some situations, but sanitizers do not eliminate all types of germs.

Please see the CDC website for further information about hand washing. <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HandWashing/>

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Looking to Next Season Already?

By Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054



As the available weekends to Host come to a close in early May, it is time to begin evaluating our service for the 2012-2013 season, and begin making goals for next year. I am very proud of all the Mountain Hosts and the great work you have done this year on the mountain! It has been very rewarding to pass along to you the compliments I have received from guests and management at both Mt. Hood Skibowl and Timberline. It is a joy to be part of this group and I look forward to these late spring weekends as we wrap up a fantastic winter!

As we evaluate this season, we will be looking at the commitment that each Host has made. As you know, all Mountain Hosts should have completed at least one shift or approved alternate for the Ski Swap last October, as well as eleven shifts during the season on the mountain. If you feel you may not be able to complete

your eleven shifts on the snow before early May, you can complete them under the zip line at the Mt. Hood Adventure Park at Skibowl this summer! We will have opportunities to Host again this summer, on weekends and holidays. If you have not been completing shifts due to illness or unexpected circumstances, please let me know.

Apprentices

Evaluation of our 2012-2013 Apprentice Class will be in process as this newsletter goes to print. Having completed their requirements by April 1, we will now evaluate each individual, and those meeting the requirements and standards of the program will be recommended to the MHSP Council for approval to full membership. This apprentice class is a wonderful group of people who have made a very positive contribution as Mountain Hosts this year! We thank you for your hard work and upbeat attitude! Good luck to you all!

Recognition

The annual Mt. Hood Ski Patrol awards banquet will be on Saturday, May 18, at the Embassy Suites Inn in Tigard. Our newest members of the Mountain Hosts will be presented at that time, as well as the recipients of our Host of the Year, Supervisor of the Year and Apprentice of the Year recognition. I welcome your nominations for these awards. If there is someone you would like to see recognized, please let me know before May 1.

Troops Triumph

The Second Annual Troops Triumph event will take place on Sunday, April 21, at Timberline. The event is the result of a group dedicated to building an Adaptive Snow Sports program for disabled Veterans on Mt. Hood. Timberline was chosen for its year-round ski season, ease of access and facilities available to support the volunteers needed to conduct such an event, and a commitment and willingness to support an active adaptive snow sports program over the long term. The Mountain Hosts are proud to be among the many volunteers who will support this event again this year. Hosts are donating vouchers to the participants, coaches and companions as well as greeting the participants, managing parking, and providing support throughout the day. Our fellow Hosts who are veterans are being given the first opportunity to dispatch for the Troops Triumph team. All other Hosts may sign up for open slots after April 1.

ADMINISTRATION

Voting, Bylaws and Absentee Ballots

By Joel Stevens, Senior Trustee HC736

Bylaw Amendments

We have two amendments to the bylaws to vote on at the April Meeting.

1. A Change to Article I, Purpose: This is another change to put us in compliance with the ORS Statutes relative to Property Tax Exemption, and also a requirement of several corporations that make donations to the MHSP.

ARTICLE I – PURPOSES:

It is the purpose of these By-Laws to provide for the management and operation of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, Inc., hereinafter called "Patrol", and to provide for matters not covered by the Articles of Incorporation. Mt. Hood Ski Patrol is incorporated as a 501c3 charitable organization that is subsisted by donations and member dues. Our purpose is to provide year round assistance and first aid to members of the public at large, primarily in ski areas and Nordic trails as a charitable service and to provide assistance to other charitable organizations, government organizations and rescuers when possible. We provide service to members of the public regardless of their ability to pay. We do not discriminate in service or in our membership based on race, creed, color, gender or sexual orientation.

2. A Change to Article IX, Section 2 Voluntary Dissolution: A change to the way the Patrols' assets can be distributed in the event that the Patrol ceases to operate. Deleting the Non Charitable Organizations is a requirement for Property Tax Exemption under the ORS.

Article IX, Section 2 – Voluntary Dissolution

D. Prior to final dissolution, the Patrol shall also identify, by vote of the active members of the Patrol in accordance with the appropriate provisions of these Bylaws, the names of those charitable organizations to

which its remaining assets shall be distributed. Similarly, the Patrol shall identify which of its remaining assets shall be distributed to each of those identified charitable recipients. The assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) or the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

The complete proposed Bylaws with the highlighted revisions can be found on the MHSP Wiki under Administration/Bylaws.

The Bylaw amendments will be on the absentee ballot, which is available on the Wiki.

Elections for Executive Council

At this time the following candidates have agreed to run for the council positions.

- President: Jim Trett
- Vice President: Jaye Miller Carlson
- Secretary: Mark Ripkey
- Treasurer: Claudia Peters
- Patrol Chief: Doug Stanton
- First Aid Chief: James Schuler
- Associate Director: Jodie Jeffers
- Nordic Director: Brett McLane
- Mountain Host Director: Jan Silagi; John Moss
- Junior Trustee: Charlie Wessinger
- Senior Trustee: Kathy Lee (possibly one year position due to probable vacancy)

Nominations from the floor are allowed at the General Meeting. If you notify a member of the nominating committee that you want to run for an office prior to April 4, we will notify the patrol via email prior to the General Meeting.

Note that a vote for Jaye Miller Carlson is also a vote to temporarily suspend Article V, Section 3 (c) of the Bylaws because Jaye was technically inactive during the 2011-2012 season although she still did a number of patrol days.

Voting in the April Election

Active Patroller and Host members are eligible to vote. For Patrollers, active means Gold, Silver and Bronze membership. For Hosts, that means any host who completed their training last year or earlier and has committed to minimum shifts this year. Transfers and Apprentices are not eligible to vote this season.

We will be voting on several bylaw amendments as well as the new officers. Please come to the meeting, or if you absolutely can't make the meeting, please vote by absentee ballot. We need to have a quorum to have a valid election.

The easiest way to vote is to come to the April General Meeting. This is especially important this year since there may be last minute nominations from the floor. The bylaw amendments will be voted on first, which may affect who, runs for certain offices and who can vote for certain offices. If you don't come to the meeting you will miss any discussion of the bylaws and candidates.

If you can't make it to the meeting you may vote by absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots and instructions are available on the MHSP website Wiki. Go to <http://www.mthoodskipatrol.org/www/?n=Main.Members> and click on MHSP Member Wiki. Use your patrol number and dispatch password to log in. Scroll down the left side to the Administration section and select Absentee Ballot

Absentee Ballots must be received at the MHSP Post Office Box (MHSP, P.O. Box 4384, Portland, OR 97208) by 5:00 pm Friday April 5, 2013. Or they may be delivered by hand to Joel Stevens, prior to 7:00 pm on Monday, April 8, 2013.

OTHER NEWS

Pro Form Opportunity for Skis

By Doug Stanton, HC 995



DPS Skis will again be offering MHSP pro form pricing on all of their upcoming 2013/14 models. For those of you that didn't get in on last year's promotion, now is your chance to redeem yourself with some of the best new designs and construction in skiing today. Specific program details will be announced in the coming weeks. Orders will be accepted through the summer with delivery in early fall. Demos will be available at Nuts & Bolts and through the first few weeks of June for you to try out. Sorry about not having the demos available while the snow is still falling, it's the best I can do. Talk to your fellow patrollers who purchased the various models from this year's collection about their thoughts and experiences on their DPS skis.

Patrollers are probably the best and unbiased resource. Information can also be found on various blogs and the DPS web site (www.dpskis.com).

Please update your contacts, new address: doug.stanton@icloud.com

Snojob Deadline is the Third Monday of the Month

Lisa Hargrave, Snojob Editor, HC 1053



The deadline for Snojob articles and photos is the third Monday of each month (7 days after the general meeting). Send your submissions to snojobeditor@gmail.com.

Articles: Please submit as the body of your email rather than as an attached document. If you have a long article covering several topics please break it into several articles covering one topic each.

Photos: Send as an attachment in JPG format. Be sure to identify who took the picture, where it is and who is in it.

CALENDAR

For the most current information and details check the online calendar at www.mhspdispatch.org.

April

1 Council Meeting
8 General Meeting/Elections
13 Ski to Defeat ALS at MHM
15 Snojob Deadline
30 Alumni Luncheon, 1PM

May

6 Council Meeting
15 Deadline for Summer Pre-dispatch
18 Banquet
20 Snojob Deadline
31 Nuts and Bolts

June

31-2 Nuts and Bolts
3 Council Meeting