

Snojob



January 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Let it Snow

Matt Rea, President



Happy Holidays everyone. We are well on our way to patrolling this season — all we need now is a bit more snow. Just a few miscellaneous items from me this month:

UNIFORMS

I'm seeing a lot of uniform variations out there these days. This is a reminder that the uniform for all MHSP patrollers, regardless of whether you are a hill, associate, or Nordic patroller, is an all-red upper outer garment and black pants. Parkas and vests with black shoulders and red below are not an acceptable alternative. Additionally, our uniforms must have all the appropriate crosses, shield, name tag, and other approved insignia in place. The only distinction between the hill and associate patroller uniform will be the shoulder crosses. If you are unsure of the uniform requirements, please refer to the policies and procedures on the wiki. You are members of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol — wear your uniform with pride!

GOVY BUILDING BUNKROOM RESERVATIONS

After a couple of month's trial run, we have decided to suspend use of the online dispatch to reserve a bunk at the Government Camp building. We have found that it wasn't being used enough to justify the extra administrative burden. We will probably use it intermittently for those weekends when we have special events and expect large crowds of patrollers (tryout weekend, Nuts n' Bolts, etc). But for the meantime, we are back to our previous "first come, first served" system. Sign in the register at the front desk and pick a bunk space. Cost is \$10 per night — payable when you claim a bed. As a reminder, overnight use of the Government Camp Building bunkroom is limited to patrollers who either patrolled the previous day or will patrol the following day. Guests are limited to direct family members only — you may not invite an unaffiliated "friend" to stay in the Govy Building. If you park outside and sleep in your vehicle but use the Govy Building kitchen and restroom facilities, please leave a donation to help cover the cost of utilities.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

There is currently no General Meeting scheduled for January.

NSP DUES

By now you all should have received a notification, either directly from NSP or from Kyle Richards, our NSP Registrar, that your NSP dues need to be paid. In case you haven't done so already, please follow these instructions below to pay your NSP dues.

- Log in to nsp.org
- Click "Hi 'your name'" in upper right hand corner
- Click the highlighted "Renew Now" box on the left side of the screen.
- Put in credit card info and then click submit.
- You will then be sent a confirmation email about your payment.

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If you have already paid, please check the "Paid Through" date on your profile (listed above the "Renew Now" button). If the "Renew Now" box is not highlighted or you run into any issues, please let Kyle know.

DISPATCH

The dispatch is looking more complete than we have seen it for years. Thank you team members and shadows for signing up and making the commitment. There are still quite a few open shadow hill patroller (SH) and shadow associate (SH) slots available through the remainder of the year. If you are not on a team this would be a great time to go in and fill out your 8-day minimum dispatch commitment for the remainder of the year.

You will also note that the list of people requesting substitutions has also grown quite lengthy. This is because we still have the "withdrawal" function on the dispatch disabled. If you are a member of a Timberline, Meadows, or Skibowl team, and you are requesting a substitute, please look through the list and see if you can find another team member who is willing to swap dates with you.

CARPOOLING AND PARKING

All of the resorts on Mt. Hood have issues with their parking lots quickly filling up on winter weekends. MHSP is committed to carpooling as much as possible to reduce our impact on the parking available for guests. We ask MHSP patrollers to always meet up first at the Government Camp building and fill up vehicles before continuing on to Timberline, Meadows, Skibowl, or even Summit.

Even better would be for us to carpool all the way up the mountain from in town. Don't forget about the cool Carpooling App we have on the wiki. Using the App, you can quickly identify patrollers living near you who are dispatched on the same dates as you with who you can share rides.

Skibowl is going to plow an area out in front of the Castle that will have space for 7-8 vehicles reserved exclusively for MHSP use. The Hill Captain and Associate Supervisor will have reserved spaces. The others are available on first-come first-served basis with the understanding that you will fill your vehicles at the Government Camp building before driving over to Skibowl West. Those spaces will be the only ones available to MHSP members. If you can't fit in one of our reserved spaces then you are expected to use the shuttle.

THE SECOND ANNUAL MHSP PHOTO CONTEST

Last year we had an outstanding photo contest with nearly 100 really high quality photos submitted by MHSP members. So this year we are kicking off the Second Annual MHSP Photo Contest. The rules will be a little different this year:

- Photos are submitted to president@mthoodskipatrol.org;
- Photos must either have been taken by an MHSP member or include MHSP members and/or activities in the photo content;
- Only one photo per month/per member may be submitted (pick your best — don't shotgun them);
- Photos must have been taken during either the 2016/17 or 2017/18 season;
- Photos will be judged on content and quality; content should include patrol members engaged in patrolling and or skiing/snow related activities. Mountain and winter scenic photos are also encouraged.

There will be suitable prizes awarded for the winning photos at the April General Meeting. We will use photos submitted in General Meeting presentations, Snojobs, and social media during the year (with appropriate attribution of course!).



MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Fall Information

Sam Smith



MHSP PATROL CARDS

The MHSP patrol cards for hosts are being ordered and printed. When they are available, an email will be sent letting you know. They will be in the host closet at Timberline. We can deliver some of them to the Castle @ Skibowl if requested.

MHSP PATCH ON VEST

The host vest will require the same patch on the front that you have on the coat. The front of our vests currently does not identify us as MHSP Hosts. This patch should be installed in the same manner as on the coat. The Host Uniform person, Jan Silagi, will be ordering more inventory and have the patches available soon, at no cost. Details on how to get your patch will be sent out when they are available.

HOST DUTY STATIONS

We need to be extra diligent about arriving to our foot duty shifts on time. All of our operations are under close observation this season. To help the supervisor know we are properly covering our duty stations in a timely manner, please call the supervisor when you arrive at your assigned duty station. If you are en route and arriving late, call this information in as well.

MID-WEEK HOSTING

Mid-week hosts require approval from the Host Director to work un-supervised mid-week. This includes working night shifts at Skibowl. This policy has existed for a long time and is posted in the policy and procedure manual.

There are special procedures during mid-week that you need to know. The resorts require that all MHSP operations are well structured and members are properly trained.

We maintain a list of those who are approved. If you have been working mid-week in the past, you are most likely on the list. If you have not worked mid-week unsupervised and desire to start doing so, you will need to submit your request to the Host Director for approval.

CARPOOLING

Parking spots are very valuable to the resorts. A spot taken by an employee or a volunteer is a spot not available to a car load of paying guests.

Skibowl is requiring that volunteers park at the MHSP building in Government Camp and transport to Skibowl on the shuttle bus that runs on a regular schedule.

Timberline is also developing a shuttle from Government Camp. Details will be shared as they become available. Another option is to contact other members working the same day and plan to meet somewhere and carpool together. The MHSP building in Government Camp is a practical spot to meet if not carpooling from town.

OPERATIONAL REMINDER #1: OVER-DUE GUEST REPORT

We get many reports each busy day about a concern for a guest that has been separated from their friend or family.

Our response to these concerns needs to be very formal at all times.

- Inform the guest that patrol has an "Over-Due Guest" search protocol if they wish to request it.
- If YES: Help connect the guest with patrol. This will usually be a



- radio call to inform dispatch that a guest wants to file an Over-Due Guest report.
 - Assist dispatch as requested. This might be to escort the guest to the First Aid Room to file a report.
 - Share with dispatch any sense of urgency that a reporting guest may have.
- Hosts will be requested by dispatch to assist in a search once information has been collected.

OPERATIONAL REMINDER #2: WITNESSES AT 1050'S

While we are conducting scene safety at 1050's, be watchful for guests who may have been a witness. When you find a witness to the 1050, let the patrollers on the scene know about it.

Statements from a witness are not always needed, but we should always let the patrollers know if there is a witness.

OPERATIONAL REMINDER #3: CALLING DISPATCH

It is very important that most calls to dispatch be kept as short as possible, so dispatch can use the channel next.

Call: "Dispatch, Host 'your name'" = that's it.

Wait: Give Dispatch time to respond.

Inform: "There is a 1050 @ (give accurate location)" - STOP (no more details needed at this time.)

Wait: Give Dispatch time to respond.

Answer questions: Keep it as short as possible.

Stay on patrol channel until they arrive = then switch to host channel.

NORDIC

News

Jeff Hepler



The Nordic team is off to a good start with 15 patrollers and 4 exceptional apprentices. Snow conditions have limited trail choices but the groomer has managed to keep about 10Km skiable each day. While awaiting better snow three of our patrollers (Karen Larsen, Tom Morrow, Jeff Hepler) conducted a rescue exercise involving a patient 2Km from the lodge. While one patroller attended to the "patient" a second skied in the sled. After loading the patient the team hauled out the sled via snowshoe. Teacup Management happened to come by and video the training. They were pleased and posted it on Instagram at:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BckftMrFqYg/?taken-by=hooddriveroregon>

Patrollers and Hosts are encouraged to come ski the groomed trails at Teacup Ski Area. Feel free to contact myself, Steve Potter, or any other Nordic patroller if you want company. Please do not wear any ski patrol uniform or pack. Also be aware that Teacup Ski Area is a non-profit organization and asks all guests to make a \$10 per person trail maintenance donation.

Thanks for volunteering!



OFF THE MOUNTAIN

MHSP Banquet 2018 – Save the Date!

Courtney and Mike Walsh



The 2018 MHSP Banquet will be from 5:30pm – 11:00pm on Saturday, May 19, 2018. The event will be at the Red Lion Hotel on the River (Jantzen Beach) in Portland. Please save the date and plan to join us for an evening of fun!

More information to follow – stay tuned!



CALENDAR

For a complete listing see the official MHSP calendar at www.mhspdispatch.org

January

- 8 Council Meeting
- 13 Snojob Deadline
- 22 Communication Meeting
- 27-28 Avi 2 field days
- 30 Alumni Luncheon

February

- 5 Council Meeting
- 17 Snojob Deadline
- 24-25 Avi 1

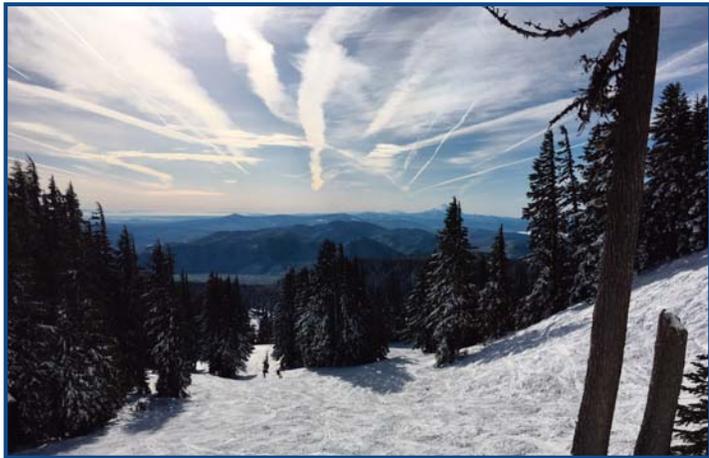
March

- 3 Ski the Glade
- 4 Avi Refresher
- 17 Snojob Deadline
- 17-18 Avi 1
- 24-25 Avi Refreshers



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO IN DECEMBER

TOBOGGAN INSTRUCTOR CALIBRATION CLINIC



MT. HOOD MEADOWS AFTER SOME FRESH SNOW



NICE SKI SPRAWL
AT NORMAN'S
CHRISTMAS MORNING



PATROLLER SWALLOWED
BY MID-RENOLDS POW ON
CHRISTMAS EVE



WHAT A VIEW FROM RC ON NEW YEARS EVE