



Mt. Hood Ski Patrol **Snojob**



March 2016

Awards Banquet for Hosts and Patrollers

May 14, 2016 at the Red Lion on the River, Portland, Oregon

COME AND JOIN THE FUN \$40.00 PER PERSON

Invitations will be available at the April General meeting.

See article regarding special hotel room rates.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Reminders from the President

By Jaye Miller, President, HP/AP 1437



Spring fever?

There is a lot to remember as a member for MHSP. All our training, who to contact, where to find information, and what time does the lift open?

Please remember to check the Wiki for answers. It is working and there is a lot of information available. Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, a carpool link, area procedures, tax options, and who to contact.

Speaking of who to contact. If you're an Associate Patroller and you have a questions not related to hill operations, like who to contact if you're injured, that would be our Associate Director. Hill Patrollers contact the Patrol Chief, Nordics contact the Nordic Director and Host- you guessed it, the Host Director.

On the dispatch site list under the events calendar list all the Council members, APC, committee chairs and it includes their positions, names as well as their email addresses.

To help with all this stuff to remember we've add some of those policies and procedure reminders to this issue.

ADMINISTRATION FOR ALL MEMBERS

MHSP Bylaw Amendment Voting Results

By Scott Collier, Trustee, HC 1562

At the general meeting Monday, February 8, there was a vote on 12 amendments to the bylaws, here is a summary of the votes. Amendments 1, 10, 11 and 12 passed. We had 70 voters so it took 47 to vote yes to meet the 2/3 (66.66%) requirement. Below are the number of yes votes and the percentage.

1. 57, 81.14% This made no real changes and just clarified some language of the existing bylaws.

2. 44, 62.86%
3. 13, 18.57%
4. 19, 27.14%
5. 45, 64.29%
6. 46, 65.71%
7. 43, 61.43%
8. 40, 57.14%
9. 41, 58.57%
10. 48, 68.57% This change allows for Hosts to vote on the position of Secretary.
11. 49, 70.00% This change allows for Hosts to vote on the position of Treasurer.
12. 48, 68.57% This change allows for Hosts to vote on the position of Trustee.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Also a thanks to the apprentices that came and helped count and verify the voting.

Guidelines for Personal Social Media Accounts

When posting about MHSP on your personal account, please remember:

1. Absolutely no photos of 10-50s.
 2. Absolutely no photos in any first aid room.
 3. No commenting on cases that may have gone to the news due to a fatality or for any other reason.
 4. No posting pictures that let you distinguish the resort where the photo was taken.
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Election Update

The following candidates have been nominated for Executive Council. The election will occur at the April general meeting.

President: Jaye Miller
Vice President: Cleo Howell
Secretary: Gail Maize Hall
Treasurer: Kevin Havre
Patrol Chief: Carl Gatzke
First Aid Chief: Cliff Leighton
Associate Director: Steven Giesey
Mt. Host Director: Mike Cullen, John Silagi
Nordic Director: Jeff Hepler
Junior Trustee: Matt Rea

Awards Committee

By Cleo Howell, Vice President, AS 1444

Are you a creative writer? Do you have time to make a couple of phone calls or send an e-mail? Good, then you have the basic qualifications to be on the Awards Committee. We are looking for a couple of people who can do follow-up on award nominations and then write up the nominations.

For National Ski Patrol awards the nominations must go through the division and NSP competitive review process.

The process to document award nominations for the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol is not quite as elaborate as the NSP process. We still need a couple of people to track down more details when we get basic information about a situation that might be award worthy. The information must be written up so that the Executive Council can make a decision regarding the various awards. Some of the MHSP awards may be forwarded to the NSP process.

If you are interested in helping with the awards process please contact me. howell.cleo@gmail.com 503-680-2472

Awards Nominations

By Jaye Miller, President, HP/AP 1437

It's now time for us look at our wonderful members and ask who should be recognized. We ask you to review from the last banquet (May 2015) and let us know if there is someone you believe should be nominated for any of the awards below.

If so, please send your email to president@mthoodskipatrol.org or another Council member by April 2nd. The Council meets April 4, to review your nominations.

In your email, please include the award, the patrol/host name, and a short statement on why they deserve the award.

Rod Morrison Apprentice of the Year is presented to the Hill Apprentice who demonstrates superior attitude, dedication and leadership potential.

Barney Macnab Patroller of the Year is presented to the Hill Patroller who demonstrates superior commitment, service and excellence.

Jerry Edgar Hill Captain of the Year is presented annually to a Hill Captain who is judged to be an example of leadership, service and competence in those many skills that make a patroller valuable.

Associate Apprentice of the Year is presented to the Associate Apprentice who demonstrates superior attitude, dedication and leadership potential.

Irv Huppin Associate of the Year is presented to the Associate Patroller who demonstrates superior first aid, commitment and service.

Associate Supervisor of the Year is presented annually to an Associate Supervisor who is judged to be an example of leadership, service and competence.

Outstanding Nordic Patroller is presented annually to a Nordic Patroller who is judged to be an example of leadership, service and competence.

Outstanding Mountain Host of the Year Demonstrates an outstanding commitment to the Mountain Hosts, a positive attitude and excellent people skills. Host is knowledgeable about the resorts and services available and goes the extra mile to help guests. Host is also a good example to fellow Hosts and is a mentor to apprentices.

Host Apprentice of the Year The recipient of this award has exceeded the requirements and standards of the Mountain Host Apprentice. Host has shown an eagerness to train and become accomplished at all the duty

stations, and has exhibited excellent people skills. Host has become knowledgeable about the resorts and available services and goes the extra mile to help guests.

Outstanding Mountain Host Supervisor of the Year The recipient of this award provides outstanding leadership and commitment to the Mountain Host program. Host is knowledgeable about the duties of the Host Supervisor and executes them with skill and enthusiasm. Host is also a good example to fellow Hosts and exhibits excellent communication skills. Host ensures that assignments and responsibilities are covered, takes into consideration the special needs and events of the resorts, and can successfully interface with resort management.

George Anderson First Aid Excellence is presented to patroller(s) who have demonstrated first aid excellence in a difficult situation. This award is not necessarily presented every year.

Ralph Wiese First Aid Instructor of the Year is presented annually to the patrol first aid instructor who is an example of commitment, service and excellence.

John Keyes Meritorious Service is presented to individuals who have provided special service and support in non-patrolling areas. Recipients may be non-active, alumnus members.

Dave Hitchcock Avalanche Service Award is presented to Patrollers who have performed exceptional service in running the Mt Hood Ski Patrol's Avalanche Training.

Special Hotel Rate for Awards Banquet

Jaye Miller 1437 HP AP

Offer Expires April 23, 2016.

If you want to stay the night before or after the banquet, we have a great rate of \$135.00 per night for 2 Queen Beds with 2 occupants. 3 occupants is \$145.00 and 4 occupants is \$155.00

Please contact Jaye Miller for the codes to get this great rate.

OPERATIONS FOR ALL MEMBERS

PROPER USE OF CHITS

About Those Chits Many of us receive chits or vouchers from the ski areas when we patrol or host. These chits are good for a lift ticket on that or another day. The areas donate these chits for our benefit, with the understanding that they will never be sold or traded for goods or services. Unfortunately there have been in the past where family members of patrollers or hosts attempted to trade these chits to people outside MHSP. If that person sells that chit, your name is still on that chit and you are ultimately held responsible for selling it.

Let's get it said again: Lift ticket chits may never be sold or traded as payment of service to anyone outside MHSP. They are for the use of MHSP members, family, and friends of members. Hosts or patrollers that have violated these guidelines are no longer members of MHSP.

PATROLLER OPERATIONS

Patroller Responsibility Code

- Service before self, the needs of the mountain come first
- Be on time
- Never leave a patroller in need
- If you need help, ask for it

- Keep your training current
- Always act in a manner that reflects well on the patrol

Associate Supervisor Training

By Pete Campbell, Associate Director, AP 1654



Opportunity to Grow

Are you interested in taking a little more ownership on the hill and in the First Aid Room? You're in luck! We still have time for you to train as an Associate Supervisor for 2015/16 (ahead of the MHSP Banquet this spring). Currently, we have two candidates training to upgrade their Associate Patroller designations to Associate Supervisor, and there is room for more of you. Almost all of us have had to step into the AS role from time to time when none is on the dispatch for the day. If you feel comfortable writing a schedule, communicating instructions, providing quality control for IRF's and being a point of contact during your patrol day for Associate operations at the area - then this is the opportunity you've been looking for. To learn more, please contact the Associate Director via email or phone. Thanks for everything you do!

Nordic News

By Jeff Hepler, Nordic Director, 30006



Excellent snow conditions and superior grooming continue at Teacup Lake Nordic Area. Guests skiing at Teacup often stop to ask our patrollers questions about trail conditions, equipment or ski tips. Many also take time to thank patrollers for their service.

One compliment came from the new US Forest Service ski permit manager, Scott Kaden. Several of us met with Scott at Teacup to show him our operation and discuss mutual interests. Scott brings an extensive background in ski area operations and was impressed with our commitment to Nordic skier safety. He later wrote, "Thank you, and the rest of the Nordic

Division, for what you do to enhance the Nordic experience on our forest". We look forward to working closely with Scott in the future.

On March 7 and 8 the Washington School for the Blind will once again bring students to Teacup Lake to ski. Mt. Hood Ski Patrollers will be providing emergency care as necessary. Several patrollers have also volunteered to work directly with the students. This is just one example of the special people and programs at Teacup Lake.

Young Adult Patrol

By Mike Levis, YAP Coordinator, AP 1742



The YAP program continues at full speed. February saw the YAPS engaging in the following on-mountain activity:

- Sled training at Summit (Thanks Steve Eversmeyer)
- Helicopter evac training at Timberline (Thanks Brett)
- On-mountain activity at Meadows (Thanks Brian Lee)
- Outdoor First Care training (Thanks Cleo)

The YAPs have been having a great time, and having fun refining their patrolling skills.

All YAP participants should keep the following in mind:

- Make sure you bring your YAP bib or MHSP training bib each on-mountain day. You will not be able to participate without it.
- Make sure you have stocked up on medical supplies at the Govy building. You cannot restock using the supplies in the first aid rooms at the resorts.
- Be on time! Your coaches appreciate it.

To our patrol membership at large: We have room for more cadets. If you have teenagers who are interested in what you do with all your weekends on the mountain, the YAP program would be a great way to give them an introduction to the patrol. Cadets will spend 8 days skiing and will take Avalanche Awareness and Outdoor First Care. Not to mention you as a parent can get some time on the mountain with your son or daughter. Nothing is quite like the drive home from the mountain listening to your child talk about the cases he or she saw to re-enforce why we do what we do.

If you have an interest in this, please contact Mike Levis (mplevis@gmail.com).

Avalanche Training

By Har Rai Khalsa, Avalanche Instructor, HP 1712

We are in the busiest part of the season for our avalanche program, with classes and refreshers happening every weekend. The snowpack and weather have been very cooperative—especially compared to last season. Since last year’s lack of snow forced us to cancel so many classes, we have approximately 2/3 of the patrol due to refresh this year. Here are the upcoming dates:

March 6th

April 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th

The dates above are the refreshers; they are listed as either “Basic Avalanche Refresher” or “Level 1 Avalanche.” You only have to take one. Hill and Nordic patrollers under 65 are required to refresh once every three years. Everyone else is required to take Avalanche Awareness every three years.

I look forward to seeing you all on the snow soon!



MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Mountain Host Director

By Mike Cullen, Mountain Host Director, HS 60009

Hosts in Terrain Parks

The posting below is a repeat from last month because of the importance of this protocol. Any deviation from these protocols could result in our privileges being revoked.

These protocols have changed a few times over the past years. At this time, the protocols are pretty much the same at both Timberline and Skibowl. Hosts can ride through the parks under the following conditions to check on safety:



- Ski conservatively along the edge to see how our guests are doing.
- Keep a sharp eye on guests that are “running the features” and avoid being a distraction for them.
- If you see guests crossing the parks unaware of the safety concerns they are causing, take a few minutes to help educate them in a friendly manner.

Radio Operations

In most cases, on weekends and holidays, we have a HS (Host Supervisor) on duty carrying 2 radios and serving as “dispatch” for hosts when information comes over the patrol channel.

Whenever this is not the case (no HS on duty), it is imperative that we monitor the patrol channel instead of the host channel.

This enables us to know what is going on with patrol, as well as enabling patrol to contact the hosts.

If you need to discuss host operations with another host, use the patrol channel to make contact and then switch to the host channel for the discussion.

Start Thinking About the MHSP Banquet

We had a great turn out by hosts last year and hope to see even more this year.

The annual banquet is the one time each year when patrol has a formal get together to socialize and pay tribute to achievements.

Please reserve Saturday evening, May 14th, 2016 on your busy schedule. There will be a lot of information about the banquet in Snojob articles. Take a few moments to read them and plan to attend.

Have Fun

It is important that we are all having fun while doing our duties for the resorts. If you are having fun, you will radiate that energy to our guests.

OTHER NEWS

Troops Triumph – Save the Date – Sunday, April 10, 2016

Expired Vouchers and Volunteer Opportunities

Troops Triumph is a one day event at Timberline that introduces disabled veterans to skiing and snowboarding. Its huge success is due entirely to the time and efforts of volunteers.

Your expired Timberline vouchers enable the athlete, their family, instructors and assistants to ski for free on this day. Our last event in 2014, over 80 athletes, family members, instructors, and assistants skied for free thanks to your expired vouchers!!

Many have asked, “How can I help?” Here are a few suggestions:

- On snow – blocking traffic, instructor assistants, volunteers, and video and photo documentation – do you have a GoPro?!
- Off snow – registration, food service (breakfast-muffins and coffee, lunch-sandwiches and snacks), assisting athletes and their families navigate the building and rental shop.
- Fundraising and marketing ideas.
- Transportation to the mountain for an ambulatory disable vet.

If you have questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your time and efforts. They truly are appreciated. Sue Bishop, Mountain Host; 360-450-7858, sbish1808@yahoo.com, www.troopstriumph.org

CALENDAR

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

March

7 Council Meeting
14 General Meeting
21 Snojob Deadline
21-25 Oregon Spring Break
28-Apr 1 Washington Spring Break

April

4 Council Meeting
11 General Meeting, Elections
18 Snojob Deadline

May

2 Council Meeting
14 Awards Banquet
16 Snojob Deadline
