



Mt. Hood Ski Patrol
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CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday, January 12, 7 PM

Location: Meridian Park Community Health Center, Room 117A, B, C.

Message from the President

By Jim Trett, President, AS 90244



Just in case you haven't noticed, THAR'S SNOW IN THEM THAR HILLS! So if you haven't done so already get the boards (or board, for you snowboarders) waxed and get to the mountain. Areas are running and patrollers are needed to meet our mission.

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday season. I think Santa gave us all a present when the snow arrived en masse just at Christmas break arrived.

Now that the holidays are over, the snow has arrived and we can settle into a more normal skiing season, now is a good time to mention a couple of things you can do to help the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol as an organization, our members in serving the snow riding public.

The first thought. Consider serving the Patrol as a member of the Council. Almost all positions on the Council are open this year. Serving on the Council really gives you a unique perspective on the needs of the areas we serve. It also is your opportunity to influence the direction we as an organization go in the future. Yes it does require extra time, but I believe it is time well spent. John Malowney and the election committee are actively looking for people to throw their hat in the ring, so contact one of them and get involved.

The second item you can help with is to help us identify those folks who go above and beyond in their service. If you see someone who has done something remarkable either doing something in patient care, or someone who routinely does more than needed, let a member of the Council know about it. We are always looking to honor people at our awards banquet in May and possible recognition from the National Ski Patrol with one of their rewards.

Finally, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 9, for the annual MHSP Awards Banquet. We had such a great meal and service last year we are returning to the Embassy Suites Portland Airport again this year. There will be more information coming as we get closer, but make sure to save the date on your calendar now.

I hope you all have a safe and fantastic 2015!

Why you should consider running for a Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Council position!

By John Malowney, Senior Trustee, SHC 1153



There are numerous reasons to run for an MHSP Council position, one being an opportunity to make a positive difference within our beloved organization. Council members have the opportunity to influence many facets of our operation, whether it is enhancing everyone's first-aid skills, sharpening everyone's sled and toboggan skills, helping MHSP to remain financially viable, influencing our policies and by-laws, or simply to assure SPIF (Ski Patrolling Is Fun) continues to be part of our curriculum.

A means of having a positive influence upon our great organization is similar to a phrase used by the majority of our MHSP Instructors, which is, "What, What, Why and How".

- What I'm seeing (the status quo or an unfavorable state of affairs).
- What I want to see (a different technique and/or outcome).
- Why I want to see a change (enhanced safety and control, a definitive change for the better).
- How I want to see it (demonstrate the skill, lead by example, make a positive difference).

Consider our upcoming elections as an opportunity to mix things up a little bit by; recognizing (*What I'm seeing*) as an instance where your motivation and expertise can make a positive difference. A time when you can envision (*What I want to see*) a beneficial change you'd like to implement. A chance to work with fellow patrollers (*Why I want to see this*) to enhance things, along with a scenario where you're able to demonstrate (*How I want to see it*) a change for the better.

Unfortunately we may not have a ton of snow at the moment, however we all know it's coming as is a grand opportunity to influence the long term outcome and longevity of the patrol by running for a Council position this spring.

Thanks again for your time, interest and dedication to the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol!

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Mountain Host Director

By Mike Cullen, Mountain Host Director, HS 60009

Operations Update

We've been active at both Skibowl and Timberline even though the low snowpack has been limiting normal operations.



- **Skibowl:** Operations began on Saturday, December 13, 2014. The tubing area has been open and busy at times. Our apprentice training took advantage of this and began on schedule.
- **Timberline:** Operations began on Saturday, November 29, 2014. Our apprentice training also began on schedule at Timberline with at least one lift running. Hosts have been helping staff the rope-line closure at the bottom of the Palmer chairlift, giving the patrollers a break.
- **Early Season Conditions:** We have been constantly making last minute adjustments to the number of scheduled hosts to reflect the numbers that are appropriate for area operations. This strategy has worked well at keeping our participation level in line with the resort operation levels. Thank you to all who have helped make last minute adjustments to your schedules.

Christine Cato Memorial Race Day: Saturday, January 03, 2015

This is the 25th and final year for this special event at Timberline.

We have a crew that has been helping with this event almost since it started and is a huge reason why things run as smoothly as they do. The veteran crew is already signed up on dispatch to give their final contribution to Timberline and the Cato family.

If anyone else would like to help with this event, sign up for regular hosting duties as usual and let me know that you would like to help at CATO. I will be arranging to send regular shift hosts, one each hour, to join the veteran crew and be a part of this special and final event.

For information about the history of the Christine Cato Memorial Race, see some of the great clips on YOU TUBE by searching Christine Cato.

Looking Ahead

There are two big events that occur each year for MHSP that I want to mention here.

- MHSP Elections
- MHSP Banquet

The Mountain Hosts are the newest division in MHSP and it is important that we are actively involved in both of these events.

MHSP Elections

Each year we will be voting for the Host Director position.

I am also working to have some bylaw amendments on the ballot such as:

- Host Director term limit to be 2 consecutive years, same as most of the other council positions.
- An amendment that will allow hosts to vote on future bylaw amendments. At this time, only patrollers are allowed to vote on bylaw amendments.
- An amendment that will allow hosts to serve as Treasurer and Secretary on the MHSP Council.

MHSP Banquet

This event is usually held on a Saturday evening in early May. Stay tuned for details in the near future on exactly where and when the banquet will be held. The banquet is the official MHSP event that recognizes advancement, achievement levels and awards. I highly encourage everyone to attend.

PATROLLER OPERATIONS

It's not over until the fat lady sings...

Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995



I'm old enough to remember the 1975-76 season; it was brutal. It was dry, then wet, then dry but no snow of significance. Skibowl was a rock pit the entire winter. Tuning? Forget it. Your skis were trashed if there was enough snow to make a turn. The season was a far cry from the previous season where we saw record snow, more than the 2007-08 of just a few years ago. Desperate for turns, we headed to Brundage Mountain in Idaho. We heard they had 25 inches on the ground. It was spring break week in March. I remember charging their slopes through brush making turns on the limbs of willows in spring sunshine. It was better than Hood, but not by much. We headed home thinking the season was a complete bust, then everything changed.

Beginning the first of April, it started to dump. Meadows hadn't even opened one day for the entire winter and then the snow started falling hard and fast. Meadows opened, finally, for two months of powder bliss. The resort went from nothing on the ground to end the season May 31 with 110 inches base. Amazing.

I tell this story as we see our mountain doused in rain and warm temps. Mother Nature has tempted us with nice little dumps only to wash it away a few days later. But like 1975-76 season, all was not lost. Even last year with the slow start, we ended up having a pretty nice season. So stay strong, keep snow dancing and if nothing else, get caught up on those projects that normally wouldn't receive your attention. It's a long season and I know there's snow out there, somewhere.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

By Jodie Jeffers, Associate Director, AS 90526



Skibowl

Skibowl is transitioning to supplying their own first aid supplies and oxygen. So what does that mean for MHSP patrollers? 1) Patrollers must stock their personal packs at the Govy Building PRIOR to their shifts. DO NOT restock from the first aid room. 2) Associate Supervisors will no longer need to take inventory or to bring supplies to the ski area. There may be some additional changes, these will come from Shelly Johnson, APC.

Remember that Skibowl will have backboards with spider straps this season. Please review spider strap procedures prior to shifts at Skibowl.

Dispatching

Please remember to double check the Master Schedule as openings occur but remember to check the actual date versus colors.

Timberline: Associate Supervisors that haven't patrolled at Timberline in past 1-2 years, please get with John Howard to get your shift update done ASAP as there are several changes you need to know.

Skibowl has several openings for dispatch and Summit has an increase of Associates.

For all Associates, please check your schedules and Rookies get your required shifts done as soon as possible please.

Ski Enhancement Seminars (SES)

SES clinics are still in effect depending on the snow conditions. This is an excellent opportunity for all levels and hope you can attend and learn from excellent PSIA instructors.

How to sign up: Email both Jodie Jeffers and David Atkinson with your name, am or pm session, ski or board, level of ability (green/blue/black runs). The email is for instructor planning, you must also dispatch online.

- January 11 (held along with sled calibration): registration deadline is January 2.
- There is an **additional possible date for January 17** that would be just SES Clinic only. Deadline is January 10.

Mt Hood Safety Day is Saturday, January 24!

Lots of things are happening including needed help! If you want to help, please dispatch ASAP. If you want to help but not available on the 24th, contact me ASAP as there are many things to occur in preparation for the big day!! Please refer to Safety Day for more information.

Communication

Any questions, concerns, suggestions for anything, PLEASE let me know. Associate APC contacts are John Howard (Timberline), Shelly Johnson (Skibowl), and Diane Kindall-Potter/Claudia Pieters (Summit) as well as myself. Reference to Associate Apprentices, Bob Tise is your contact and I am his backup.

Think SNOW and please check your dispatch!

Young Adult Program Update

By Eric Granning, YAP Coordinator, AS 90405



In spite of the challenging early season snow conditions, the young adults have had their first days on the mountain. Schedules have been set through April, with sessions planned at all four resorts. As the season begins in earnest, cadets should keep in mind the following:

1. Be on time!

You are part of the dispatch team for the day at each resort. Your training activity is incorporated into the patrol duties (opening, working bump, closing sweep etc.) If you are late, the patrollers on duty cannot wait for you.

2. Come prepared with all your gear in good working order.

Have you had your skis sharpened and waxed since last season? Do your boots still fit? Did you bring your helmet, gloves and first aid kit? If you are missing gear when on patrol, you will be limited in what activities you can participate in.

3. Don't be a no-show!

Not showing up for requested on-mountain dates are unprofessional, and are not a good way to impress your coaches. Don't let it happen. If you can't make an assigned date for whatever reason, let Eric Granning know as soon as possible.

4. Act professionally

As a Youth Adult member, you are an ambassador of the resort. Your behavior reflects not only on yourself, but also on MHSP and the resort. Be friendly, be helpful and be a good ambassador.

Key dates to keep in mind

Avy Awareness: January 15, 6:30 PM at Vernier Software in Beaverton

OEC First Care: February 15, at Meridian Park Hospital Health Education Center

CPR Class: March 8, Location TBD



Program Needs

We have plenty of space for more teens to be part of the team. If you have kids in the 15-18 year old range who are interested in skiing, the Young Adult Program is a great way to introduce them to patrolling. And as an added bonus, they get service hours to satisfy the service requirement in high school.

We also need adult patrollers who can be coaches during the upcoming season. If you are interested in helping out, or would like more information on the upcoming events, contact Eric Granning at granning.eric@gmail.com.

NORDIC OPERATIONS

Nordic News

Jeff Hepler, Nordic Director, 30006



After meeting with Teacup Management we have gained permission to leave the patrol sled in the cabin (where it was last year). To find the combination see the Nordic folder in the MHSP wiki. There is also a fluorescent key chain in the cabin office with key. The second sled (public sled) will be stored in the cabin office. Although the Nordic Patrol has nothing to do with this (public) sled it is a valuable resource to Teacup Management when we are not around.

Uniformed Nordic Patrollers may also drop off their “big” pack in the cabin office while using a smaller pack on the trail. The office isn’t locked but the door is shut and provides reasonable security. Only patrollers and patroller gear allowed – if you have a partner or guests please have them leave gear in the main cabin if necessary.

For those of you thinking of adding a Teacup ski that will fit in tracks and still has an edge for ice/sled control there are two excellent choices. Tracks at Teacup are only 64mm so the Fischer Outback 62 is a great choice (62-52-60) as is the Madshus Voss ¾ length metal edge (60-50-55). Add a comfortable but stout boot and perhaps a NNN BC binding and you would have a very lightweight but effective setup.

Keep in touch and thanks for serving the mountain as a Nordic patroller.

OTHER NEWS

Mt Hood All-Mountain Safety Day

By Jodie Jeffers, Wy'east Safety Coordinator, AS 90526



It is happening!!! Mt Hood All-Mountain Safety Day, On Saturday, Jan 24th!

Since 1937 our motto has been Service and Safety, now is the time to promote SAFETY! We need your help to pull off this all-mountain safety event!!

Needs are many from those to work the areas on that date as well as tasks being done prior to the big day. Times will be 9 to 4 that includes set up and take down. Each area will have specific tasks as well as the overall theme of spreading information to include knowing the Responsibility Code, Lids on Kids, SunSafe, Tree Well Dangers, etc. This will include giving handouts, games, and general talking/education to the public. We are also working on doing Public Service Announcements too. More specifics will be given to all participating.

Specific help needed prior to January 24 including simple construction for a bean bag toss game and packing of handout bags. PLEASE dispatch for the 24th and email me for questions and specifics ASAP!! I appreciate your help and so do the areas!

Helmet Safety



Helmet safety is an important part of our safety message. We will talk about concussions and how helmets are a major component in reducing the severity of head injuries. Helmets are for EVERYONE! For kids there is the “Lids on Kids” program through NSAA at www.lidsonkids.org. However, this is not just for kids but adults and patrollers too! It is important we set a good example and encourage proper use when wearing helmets. That includes keeping the chinstrap snug and not allowing the helmet to tip back so the forehead is exposed. Take a moment to congratulate someone wearing a helmet on a run or on the lift, it will mean a lot coming from a patroller or host.

This month's contest: send me a good example of you or another patroller helping, observing proper helmet use by picture or even an internet video. The best example gets a gift card.

CALENDAR

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

January

5 Council Meeting
10 Women's Sled Clinic
11 Sled and SES Clinic
12 General Meeting
21 Snojob deadline
24 Mt Hood Safety Day
27 Alumni Luncheon

February

2 Council Meeting
9 General Meeting
18 Snojob Deadline

March

2 Council Meeting
9 General Meeting
23 Snojob Deadline

MHSP Alumni Luncheons:

Last Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 1:00 PM
Eastmoreland Golf Club Grill, 2425 SE Bybee Street, Portland, OR
