



The Sweep

March 2019

Message From the President

Over the last three weeks of February we have witnessed a huge increase in our snowpack and the best skiing of the winter throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Unfortunately, that blessing has been accompanied by several tragic skiing-related deaths in the last week by snow immersion, including a fellow ski patroller at Mt. Ashland, a skier at Alpentel, and, of course, a member of the skiing public at Timberline Lodge on February 23rd.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of those who passed on while involved in the mountain activities we all love. These cases serve as a sobering reminder that all the time and effort we put into training for emergency response can become critical at a moment's notice.

In particular, I want to thank and commend all Timberline paid patrollers, MHSP Hill and Associate Patrollers, and Mountain Host staff who were involved in responding to the fatal incident at Timberline.

Many of you have asked about the case. For reasons of sensitivity and privacy for the patient and his family, as well as the responders, we cannot go into too much detail. However, based on the report provided to me by Dave MacIntyre, who was our Hill Captain that day, this was a total team effort.

Despite the ultimate outcome, their response was prompt and thorough. The team followed their OEC training and skills. They intuitively picked up on the need to establish crowd control, quarantine areas, manage access to the scene as well as family and witnesses. Our patrollers saw the need and took initiative to solve those problems as they came up. Mountain Hosts provided important scene safety and public direction throughout the incident.

As of February 15th we reached the end of the first module for our 2018-19 ski year. I am extremely proud of the performance of MHSP this season. Our pre-dispatches have been very good and we are operating smoothly at all the areas.

I hear nothing but positive feedback from the resorts regarding the efforts of our area teams and the supplemental patrollers. There have been a bunch of really difficult first aid cases that MHSP patrollers have responded to and, from all reports, the care that we have provided to our patients has been uniformly professional.

To top it all off, the snowfall in February has been spectacular and we seem to be setting ourselves up for a long season.



Matt Rea, MHSP Council President

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Area Operations/Showtimes:

Skibowl: Open
09:00-22:00 Su-Th
09:00-23:00 Fr-Sa
Sa-Su 08:15 Castle
booted up

Timberline: Open
0715 Arrive at FAR
0745 Booted Up
0800 Out the door
1600 Final Sweep

Meadows: Open
Call a Team Lead
for show times and
patrolling
opportunities

Summit:
Open: Thu-Mon
Contact
Dave Nead

Teacup: Open
Contact Nordic
director for times

MARCH GENERAL MEETING (Fourth Meeting)

heather Van Houten, Junior Trustee, HC #1793

March 11, 2018, 19:00

The Auditorium @ Providence Portland Medical Center (PPMC)

4805 NE Glisan St, Portland, OR 97213 (corner of Glisan and NE 47th Ave)

Debrief after the GM will be at:

A&L Sports Pub

5933 NE Glisan St. Portland, OR 97213 (corner of Glisan and NE 60th Ave)

ALL PATROL OPERATIONS

Paul Podett, Patrol Director, HC #1210

Hi Kids

What a fantastic winter season. I'm getting lots of powder face shots and I hope you are as well.

We are about to have our mid-season area meetings in order to provide our staffing reports and I would like to thank you for contributing to an excellent winter season dispatch.

Picture Time With Caution

We are certainly privileged to often be at the right place and the right time to get some incredible snap shots of views and vistas when we are patrolling. Get that picture, but be careful if you are thinking of sharing the experience.

We should never be taking pictures and videos of patrol operations and unless you have permission from your patient you should never film and post that record because of possible HIPAA violations.

The areas are serious about this. Several years ago a patroller was expelled from one of our area for taking and posting video without initially getting permission to post on social media.

We should not be taking pictures or videos of our cases, and should be very cautious about what we post on social media.

So in the meantime, have that camera ready for those selfies and incredibly mountain moments but please keep it personal and observe discretion when sharing.

More Benefits

During our preseason area negotiations, one of the things Matt and I requested from the areas was to provide area discounts to visiting patrollers. I felt badly that a letter of good standing from our president or myself could get a significant discount on a lift ticket for an MHSP patroller visiting another area, while patrollers from those neighboring areas would not be granted the same benefits if they visited Mt Hood - until now.

Mt Hood Meadows is now offering discount passes to all active NSP patrollers and that, of course, includes MHSP.

7-hour ski pass discount:

Mid-week: 50% off 7 hour pass to all patrollers

Weekend: 25 % off

Meadows discontinued their full-day, half-day and night pass designations. They now offer a 7-hour pass and that 7 hours begins at the time you purchase the ticket.

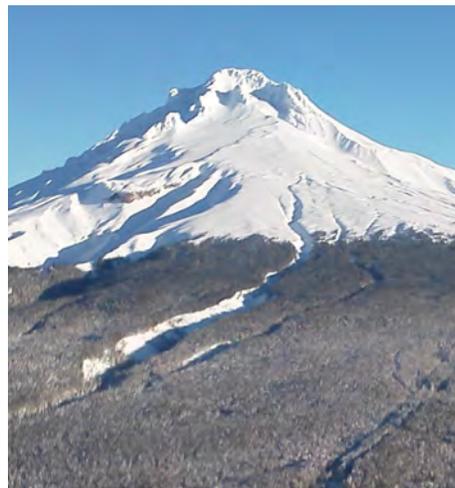
So if you buy your ticket at 12:01 that ticket is good until 19:01.

No patrol letter is required at MHM for MHSP patrollers. Just present your NSP ID to guest services.

I would like to personally thank Mt. Hood Meadows for giving NSP and MHSP this great new benefit for discount passes.

Timberline, Skibowl, and the world famous Summit?? Working on it, 10-6.

See you soon.



MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Sam Smith, Mountain Host Director, HS #530

There are three new topics since the last Sweep article:

1. Recruitment cards
2. Chain of Command (as requested by Timberline regarding employee concerns)
3. Mid-week hosts check-in with patrol

Recruitment Cards

We have developed an easy way for you to help recruit future hosts.

You will be able to find cards (business card size) with contact information next to the radio cabinets at Timberline, Summit, and Skibowl.

They are intended to be shared with those who are interested in learning more about being a host next season.

Please hand them out when you meet someone you feel would be a good fit for the program.

Chain of Command

I would like to clarify procedures we should all follow at all three resorts anytime we have a concern that might relate to area employees.

The process is “chain of command”, and I’ll explain this in more detail below.

First though, I want to acknowledge that we all have occasions when we have a guest sharing their concerns with us about something. Sometimes it might be about an employee. In addition to a guest having a concern, we too at times see or hear something that generates a concern for us as well. So, this brings us to the big question: *What should we do if we, or a guest, feel there is a concern with the way an employee is performing his or her job?* The answer is: *Follow the chain of command.*

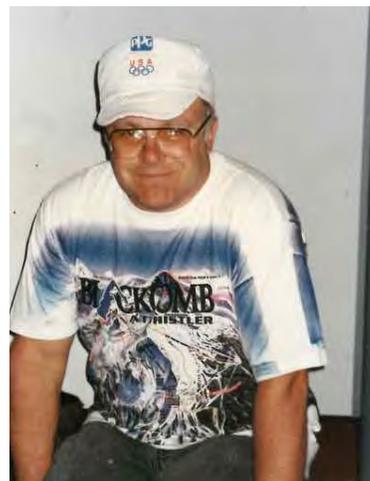
This is the proper method of sharing a concern at all three resorts, all of the time. Assuming there is no safety concern, please use the following practices:

- Always be friendly and positive with employees. We want to treat employees with the same respect as we do the guests, as well as each other.
- It is important that we strive to help everyone have a positive experience.
- If you feel something needs to be addressed by someone, and it is not a safety concern, use your radio to contact the supervisor to meet with you at a convenient location.

There is a formal “chain of command” that should always be followed in order to best resolve concerns.

1. Host Supervisor = go to #2 if no supervisor is available.
2. Resort Manager in charge of overseeing host operations:
 - Timberline: Libby Koroch – Timberline Patrol Chief
 - Summit: Matthew Stretch – Area Manager
 - Skibowl: Frances Martinez – Area Manager

This article was generated at the request of Timberline but is applicable to all three resorts and would have occurred anyhow because we have learned about a situation, maybe more than one, where a host made a comment outside the chain of command. The comment was made to the wrong person and resulted in hurt feelings and confusion. All of this could have been handled much better through the “chain of command”.



Your help will be much appreciated and go a long way toward insuring everyone has a positive experience and leaves with a big smile.

New Mid-Week Requirement At Timberline

Hosts have been requested to attend the morning patrol meeting that starts at 7:45 sharp. This is important to help insure continued mid-week host operations at Timberline.

The meeting is rather informal. It is more of a face to face check-in to help them know who is on duty and available for help.

The patrol meeting is in the locker room portion of the ski patrol room. Access is at the door with the lock code entry, closest to the cafeteria.

The door may be closed, so please KNOCK.

Please be early rather than late.

There is a white board in the first aid room that you should put your name on so that patrol knows who you are.

Please do a check-out with patrol by radio when you are leaving.

If for any reason you are not there in time (such as a B or C shift host) you will need to check in via the radio. There may not be anyone inside the patrol room after 8:00.

Thank you for your help and cooperation with the new request by Timberline patrol.



NORDIC OPERATIONS

Steve Potter, Nordic Director, NP/AP 1630

I often get questions from fellow patrollers about the Nordic program and in particular about the “Dual Patroller”.

A dual Alpine/Nordic or Associate/Nordic patroller is qualified to patrol both as an Alpine or Associate patroller and as a Nordic Patroller at Teacup Nordic Ski Area.

Dual patrollers provide a significant contribution to area coverage and are valued members of the Nordic team.

Dual patrollers are required to patrol a minimum of four days at Teacup Lake during the season and attend annual On-The-Hill training in November.

The requirements to become a Dual patroller are the same as to become a full-time Nordic patroller and are as follows:

1. Have advanced Nordic skiing skills
2. Minimum of 5 years of backcountry or Nordic area experience
3. Pass a ski and endurance test (hauling an empty sled)
4. Complete Avalanche (I or II) and MTR (I or II) training
5. Successfully complete the OSSA Searcher Examination
6. Maintain positive relationships with guests, area management, and County Sheriff.

If you are a Nordic skier and would like to check out the MHSP Nordic program please contact the Nordic Director at nordicdirector@mhsp.org. I would love to hear from you and increase our membership to provide better Nordic area coverage.

Should any MHSP member wish to ski at Teacup Lake, come over anytime and enjoy the trails. Please do not wear your MHSP uniform. If you wish to ski with the on-duty patrollers simply contact me and we will coordinate. Parking is limited and on bluebird days may fill up so carpooling is recommended.

Thanks for volunteering!



COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Michael Klein, Senior Trustee, SHC 1089

Nominations for the 2019 Council election are still open but will close on March 20th. If you want to run for an office, or nominate another patroller to do so, please contact a member of the Nomination Committee very soon. The committee members are Scott Collier, Rachel Lieber, Kelly Ambrose Hays, and Michael Cummings. Listed below are MHSP members who have agreed to run so far. It is the committee's duty to bring forward a slate of qualified candidates without endorsement and, hopefully, multiple candidates for each office.

Ballots will be prepared following the close of nominations and sent out via email as an electronic survey from Survey Monkey. If you are an active, dues-paid member, you will receive an email with a link to the ballot. There will be room on the ballot for write-ins. The ballot has an embedded code that ties it to the email listed so only one vote is allowed per email. We won't be able to see who voted or how each member voted when the results are counted. If, at the beginning of April, you have not received your ballot, please check your inbox and spam folder to see if it was misfiled. If you can't find it, please contact Michael Klein or Michael Cummings so that we can resolve the issue early.

Should you encounter difficulties with voting via the email received, please come to the April General Meeting with your email login credentials and we'll have a computer on-site for you to use to log in to your account and look for your ballot. At about 19:30 on April 8th, President Matt Rea will call for balloting to be closed.

In the event that there is more than one candidate for an office and a tie ensues, we will conduct a runoff after the April general meeting. The same will occur if a quorum is not met. Voting by email should help with meeting a quorum.

Candidates nominated as of February 14th:

President	James Schuler
Vice-President	Mike Levis, Matt Wood
Patrol Chief	heather Van Houton
First Aid Chief	Will Parady
Associate Director	John Howard
Treasurer	Jaye Miller
Host Director	Jan Silagi
Secretary	Allen Harvey
Junior Trustee	Steve Gieseey
Nordic Director	Steve Potter



heather Van Houton is in the first year of her 3-year Trustee position and is running for Patrol Chief. Should she be elected to that office she will have to resign as Trustee. The Council will decide at the March meeting how to fill the vacancy according to MHSP Bylaws should the need arise.

Please consider whether you'd like to run for a Council office or if you know someone who would be a good candidate, and contact any member of the Nomination Committee. Then, it is critically important that you vote. Without an adequate quorum, the election will have to be repeated.

TROOPS TRIUMPH – SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

Sue Bishop, HS 60179

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.

Chits/Vouchers

Your expired Timberline chits/vouchers enable the athlete, their family, instructors, and assistants to ski for free on this day. Our events typically have 40 to 80 athletes, family members, instructors, and assistants who attend. You can place your expired chits/vouchers in the envelope on the bulletin board in the Host closet or give them to any Host.

Volunteering

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

- On-snow – blocking traffic, instructor assistants, and video/photo documentation – do you have a GoPro or a camera?
- Off-snow – greeters, registration, food service (breakfast: muffins and coffee, lunch: sandwiches and snacks), assisting athletes and their families navigate the building and rental shop.
- Transportation to the mountain for an ambulatory disabled vet.
- There will be an orientation for on-snow volunteers.
- To sign up, go to our website www.troopstriumph.org

If you have questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me, Sue Bishop, at 360-450-7858 or sbish1808@yahoo.com.

Find us at www.troopstriumph.org and on Facebook at “Troops Triumph on Hood”.



Summer Race Support

2019 RACE SUPPORT

Mike Anderson, Race Support Coordinator, MHSP #1510

The Council has once again approved our partnership with Terrapin Events to provide race support for seven races in 2019. We have not yet heard from the other groups we provide support. As soon as we do we will let you know which other races we will be involved with.

It's important to remember that if you are a member of a team at Timberline, Meadows, or Skibowl you must complete your team obligations and also provide 1-2 days during the summer at Timberline or Skibowl. All patrollers are expected to get eight days of active duty on Mt. Hood in addition to all of the required training.

That being said, here is the Terrapin schedule for 2019.

- **Bridge to Brews:** Sunday April 14. This is one of the premier racing events of the year with 4,000 runners expected! We will meet around 7:30 am at Waterfront Park. The exact location and time will be published a week or so before the race. This will be the last time Bridge to Brews will be run.
- **Cinco de Mayo:** Sunday May 5. 1,800 runners expected. Meet at Kliever Memorial Armory on the 33rd. I will notify you of the exact meeting time prior to the race. This is a morning event; we will be done by noon.
- **The Grateful Dad Run:** Saturday June 15. 900 runners expected. Meet at 7:30 am at Kleiver Armory on NE 33rd just south of Marine Drive.
- **Rose City Relay:** Saturday June 29. This is a race that we have not done before. It will start at the Level Brewery. It's a 67-mile relay around the city. We will not ride the entire route but will have a couple of stations to work from with zones to cover.

There will be multiple start times as this is a 12-hour race day, and we will break it into shifts. More details coming once I get more information. They are expecting at least 100 teams of 6 to participate. I will be meeting with Terrapin to talk about the details soon. This race was taken off the list last year, but we are considering it again.

- **Country Girl Half Marathon:** Saturday August 3. 900 runners expected. Kliever Memorial Armory. I will need someone else to be the Associate Supervisor for this race as I will be at the World Scout Jamboree. Let me know if you can help. We've done similar races many times, so it will be easy.
- **Sunset on the Springwater:** Saturday September 21. 900 runners expected. Meet at 7:30 pm at Sellwood Riverfront Park. They swapped the date for this race with Country Girl because of the heat issues the past few years. It's an evening run.
- **Run Like Hell Half Marathon:** Sunday October 27. This is also a very large race with over 3,500 runners expected. Many runners will be in costume. This is a very fun event. We meet at 7:00 am. They are moving the location out of downtown Portland due to costs, so the location has not been determined.

All other races. As I mentioned before, there are other races that are possible as we did last year. I have been in touch with the new sponsors of the **Portland Marathon** but we will not hear back from them for a couple of months as they are still in the planning phase.



I think we did some races out near Hood River as well as the **Vancouver Marathon**. If you have information on these please pass it on to me.

Please sign up for these events as soon as you know your schedule. They will fill up fast. We really need to start getting coverage going for the first event, Bridge to Brews.

We may have some assistance from the Intel Emergency Response Team who would like to know how to work at this type of events as well. You can find more information at www.terrapinevents.com.



MHSP ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

Matt Wood, MHSP Awards Adviser, AP/HP 1768

Patrollers, I'm looking forward to seeing you at the banquet in May! We want to celebrate each other, a great patrol year... and you and your accomplishments!

This is the time of year to be thinking about nominations for awards for the excellent feats of achievement you see going on as you patrol.

You can submit a nomination to any council member or to me as your MHSP awards adviser for the following awards. You can review the history of the awards and criteria on the Wiki at any time.

- Barney Macnab Patroller of the Year - for Alpine/Hill patrollers
- Jerry Edgar Hill Captain of the Year
- Irv Huppin Associate of the Year
- Associate Supervisor of the Year
- Outstanding Nordic Patroller
- Outstanding Alpine Coach
- Outstanding Associate Coach
- Rod Morrison Apprentice of the Year - this is for the Hill Apprentice of the year.
- Associate Apprentice of the Year
- Ralph Wiese First Aid Instructor of the Year - for excellence in OEC instruction for candidates and the Senior program
- George Anderson First Aid Excellence - for excellence in first aid care - this award may be (and often is) given for first aid care provided outside of the patrol environment.
- John Keyes Meritorious Service - not awarded every year, given to a patroller who has shown a history of significant contributions to our Patrol and the mountain.
- Dave Hitchcock Avalanche Service Award
- Outstanding Mountain Host of the Year
- Host Apprentice of the Year
- Outstanding Mountain Host Supervisor of the Year



We would love to have your nominations by e-mail, but a phone call is acceptable too.

Please be sure to provide all detail you can to support your nomination and why you believe your nominee is deserving of an award.

PLEASE be sure to attend the banquet on May 11 to see if your nominee wins.

Ski Patrol is Fun - and it's even more fun when we get to celebrate together!

THE 3RD ANNUAL MHSP PHOTO CONTEST

Matt Rea, MHSP Council President, HC 1138

We are kicking off the 3rd annual MHSP Photo Contest. Over the last couple of seasons, we have had some really remarkable photos submitted by members. We are getting the contest going a bit later than normal this year but there is still plenty of time to submit those outstanding photos you've been shooting.

The contest rules:

- Photos are submitted to Madalyn Seyer at jbseyer@yahoo.com
- Photos must either have been taken by an MHSP member or a family member, or include MHSP members and/or activities in the photo content;
- Only two photos per month/per member may be submitted (pick your best – don't shotgun them);
- Photos must have been taken during either the 2017/18 or 2018/19 season and should not have been previously submitted;
- Photos will be judged on content and quality; content should include patrol members engaged in patrolling and or skiing/snow related activities (including summer patrolling activities). Mountain and winter scenic photos are also encouraged.
- Submitted photos will be presented at the March, April, and May General meetings and/or in The Sweep;
- Up to 12 finalist photos will be selected by the MHSP President;
- Finalists will be shown during the annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony in May and the winner will be selected via vote of Banquet participants;
- There will be a suitable prize/prizes awarded for the winning photos at the banquet (it is not necessary to be in attendance to win).



2017-2018 Winner
Jeffery Weitz



BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY 2019

Courtney Walsh, Banquet Committee, HP #1833

Dear Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Family,

It's that time again! You are invited to the 2019 Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Banquet and Awards Ceremony. We look forward to seeing you there!

(Visit <https://goo.gl/y6I8IV> to open your invitation and RSVP)

Please RVSP by April 20th, 2019. A "no" RSVP only takes a few seconds!

When: Saturday, May 11th, 2019, 17:00 – 22:00. Dinner is at 19:00.

Where: Mt. Hood Oregon Resort
68010 East Fairway Avenue
Welches OR 97067-9706
Cascade Ballroom

Cost: \$45 / ticket -- ticket price includes: 3-course plated dinner, 2 raffle tickets, and 1 gift from MHSP.
Tickets purchased after April 20th are \$50.

NO RSVPS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 27th, 2019.

We have a block of rooms reserved for "Mt. Hood Ski Patrol" for both Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th. The rooms will be reserved in our block until March 15th 2019. You can still get a discounted room rate by mentioning that you are with MHSP right up until the evening before our event, as long as rooms are still available.

Reservations can be made at 503.622.2220 or at 503.622.3101. With our discounted rate, King and Queen rooms are \$129 per night and Fireside rooms are \$159 per night. There is an additional \$20 resort fee per night and a 7.8% lodging tax. Pet-friendly rooms are available; please be sure to request a pet-friendly room (if needed) when you make your reservation.

Guests with reservations made using our group rate will also receive 20% off spa treatments at the Spa and greens fees at the Courses.

Everyone should have received the invitation email sent to Patrollers, Hosts, and Alumni on 2/18/19 (apologies to those who received three separate emails!). Please let me know at veganvittles@gmail.com if you did not receive your invitation.



FINAL SWEEP

Johnny Walker, Mt. Ashland Ski Patrol

Rachel Leiber, HC #1687

We were all enjoying lunch on Sunday in Skibowl's Rescue Center, when we received word that Johnny Walker, Mt. Ashland patroller, had tragically passed away the afternoon before:

"while skiing in [Mt. Ashland's] back-country, Mt. Ashland said that Walker died in a tragic incident – ‘colliding with a tree,’ according to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. The ski area said that the incident involved a tree well, a tragically all-too-common hazard. Although members of the Ski Patrol tried to help Walker and were able to bring him back up to the ski area, medical personnel were unable to revive him." ~Ashland Channel 12

Johnny was well known by some patrollers on Mt. Hood, who had trained and patrolled with him. Channel 12 also reported, "Johnny Walker was my close friend and coworker," said Ski Patrol Director Doug Volk. "He was a skilled Patroller, always ready to answer any call of duty. He was an accomplished surfer that lived his life as if riding a wave, all that mattered was the moment and the turn, he loved that. He will truly be missed by all of our mountain community. His infectious humor, smile, and good will left us too soon. Aloha Johnny."

Liz Dodge, Pacific Northwest Division Director had this to say. "His passing reminded me that our PNWD Division is uniquely bonded together by the patrollers who cross paths within it. From Mt. Baker to Mt. Ashland, patrol members connect during Senior OET training, OEC class, transferring patrols and just enjoying turns around the areas. We lost one of our PNW Region family members."

So, let's remember Johnny by enjoying the fresh snow but by staying alert in our late season deep storms.

(editors note: Rachel Leiber delivered a card and flowers to Mt Ashland to represent MHSP and express our condolences)



Calendar

March

- 2 Senior OEC Clinic, Summit Ski area
- 2 Ski The Glade Annual fund raiser for Mt Hood Cultural Center and Museum
- 2 Women's Clinic, TES for women Hill and Associate Patrollers, **Meet at Govy TBD**
- 4 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conference Rm C/D – 19:00 – 22:00
- 11 General Meeting, Portland Providence Cancer Center Amphitheater, 19:00
- 13 Washington School for the Blind XV Ski, Teacup Snowpark
- 16 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 18:00
- 16 Avalanche Level 1 Mod 2 B, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 – 17:00
- 17 Avalanche Level 1 Mod 2 B, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 – 17:00
- 23 Senior OEC, TBD
- 23 Avalanche Refresher Mod 3 and 5 B, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 – 17:00
- 24 Avalanche Refresher Mod 3 and 5 C, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 – 17:00
- 30 Senior OEC Final Evaluation, Summit Ski Area
- 30 Avalanche Refresher Mod 3 and 5 B, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 – 17:00

April

- 1 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conference Rm C/D – 19:00 – 22:00
- 6 Avalanche Level 1 Mod 3 and 5 D, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 – 17:00
- 7 Avalanche Level 1 Mod 3 and 5 E, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 – 17:00
- 8 General Meeting, Portland Providence Cancer Center Amphitheater, 19:00
- 20 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 18:00
- 27 350 Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, Mt Hood Meadows, **Meet at Govy TBD**
- 28 350 Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, Mt Hood Meadows, **Meet at Govy TBD**
- 30 Alumni Luncheon, Eastmoreland Golf Course, 13:00 – 15:00

May

- 6 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conference Rm C/D – 19:00 – 22:00
- 11 MHSP Banquet, Cascade Ballroom, Mt Hood Oregon Resort - 68010 E Fairway Avenue
- 18 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 18:00