MT. HOOD SKI PATROL
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The Sweep

January 2020

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, Mt. Hood Ski Patrol!

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season with family and friends, and I take this opportunity to sincerely wish you all every success in this New Year to come.

We met many exciting new challenges in the last year including Electronic Voting, transition to a new online Dispatch, and FEMA ICS-100 Certification for all Patrollers. All Host members met the challenge of the new CPR/BLS requirement. These changes posed significant challenges and were successfully met and adopted into our regular training requirements. Congratulations to you all for stepping up and raising the bar for this patrol.

I want to especially thank all of the program designers and trainers who made these additions to our curriculum a great success. Also, the working relationship we have with the ski areas we serve has never been better or more productive as a result of combining our training together. A little fun time together never hurts either.

New Host candidates began their on-mountain training in December and the Patroller candidates begin their on-mountain training this month. Please give them your help and encouragement and make them feel welcome. You'll soon be working side by side with them.

We appreciate your patience with the development of our new Online Dispatch. Dave Miller has made many changes since last month's update. Some changes are not yet obvious, but he's created many improvements for scheduling and tracking our members.

I want to also give a shout-out to Michael Cummings for helping to herd cats on that project. I'll be looking forward to a future phone app to improve access for us all.

I asked you all to vote and help support Liz Dodge in her bid for a position on the NSP Board of Directors. She came to our October General Meeting and laid out her platform and answered your questions.

I'm pleased to announce that your votes were successful and helped her to achieve that goal. I sent her a congratulatory note and she responded with a big "THANK YOU" to Mount Hood Ski Patrol. She will work hard for us and we will follow her success closely.

The Aid Room Module of the Senior Program is underway and will be meeting this month for training and a final on January 22nd.

The Ski and Toboggan Module of the Senior Program and the OEC Module of the Senior Program both have completed their preliminary meetings in town and will begin their on-mountain clinics and training this month.

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Patrolling Area Operations/Showtimes:

Skibowl: Partial Tube Hill open. Check with APCs for Team times and other openings.	Timberline: Open 0730 Arrive at FAR 0745 Morning Meeting 0800 Out the Door 1600 Final Sweep	Meadows: Open Contact APC for teams and times	Summit: Open Contact APC for times	Teacup: Open Mon-Thu 1000 to 1500 Fri-Sun 0900 to 1600

JANUARY ~~GENERAL~~ SOCIAL MEETING

January 13th, 2020

When: 1900 to 2100

Where: Wayfinder Beer Hall
304 SE 2nd Ave
Portland, OR 97214
https://www.wayfinder.beer/

The training days are on Dispatch and all Senior Trainers and patients are encouraged to sign up and help out. Finals will be held in March and April. These are very challenging courses and we wish all candidates success in the months to come.

If you missed the December Holiday Social/Party at Lucky Labrador Beer Hall in NW Portland, you missed a great opportunity to hang out with your MHSP friends and see some fun clothing and costumes.

We are considering moving our monthly meetings in the future to this or a similar venue. If it draws the same large gathering of members, it would definitely be worth doing.

If you really did miss out on last month's social event, then I advise you not to miss the January Meeting (Social/Informal Event) at the Wayfinder Beer Hall in SE Portland, January 13th, at 1900. See the January Calendar in Troopiter for more information.

The January Council Meeting will be held in the A/B Conference Room at Providence Portland Medical Center, January 6th, at 1900.

Last, but certainly not least… we can always use more snow on our mountain. Please keep snow in your prayers and step-up the pace of your snow dances.

See you on the Mountain!

James Schuler, MHSP Council President

MESSAGE FROM THE VP

Matt Wood, Vice President, AS/HC 1768

Do your snow dances! We need more snow all over, especially at Skibowl! Come ski with us on D-Team at the Bowl, one of these days!

Committees

The **Clothing Committee** is still looking for help from designers and anyone looking to learn the ins-and-outs of staffing the Clothing Committee table at meetings and events.

Some of the **Social Media Committee** folks met in December to discuss the state of affairs of our Facebook and social media. We have reset the administration of Facebook and have to establish a new Instagram presence.

Unfortunately, the administrative details of the old Instagram account have been lost and we cannot reestablish control, so… we'll be on to a newer and much more heavily-populated 'Gram soon!

Pro Deals

Here's a short recap of just some of the pro deals we enjoy as MHSP members. To blatantly plagiarize Roger Meier's work:

"Business ethics reminder regarding Pro-Deals:

1. Pro-Forms are for patrollers only.
2. The Pro-Deal options are for YOU the member only, not for family, friends, or holiday gift giving (be considerate of the companies that ALLOW us access to pro-form benefits; if we abuse them, we WILL lose our opportunity).
3. DO NOT share this or any Pro-Deal pricing with anyone other than fellow MHSP members.
4. DO NOT go to your local retailer saying you are w/MHSP and expecting for Pro-Deal pricing (unless you have talked w/someone on the clothing/equipment committee and MHSP has already set up an agreement – see below).
5. Only use local retailers to get size, fit, color, etc. Probably not a good idea to say you're with Patrol and you're just there to get info and will be ordering the equipment at your next patrol meeting (please be discreet).
6. If you have a favorite equipment, garment, gear manufacturer, and would like to see if we could get a Pro-Deal, and have a contact, please refer your contact to someone on the Clothing/Equipment Committee folks at MHSP so they can make a single request to the manufactures/retailers/etc., and enable the whole patrol with the opportunity."

Feel free to contact me, the VP (vicepresident@mthoodskipatrol.org), with pro deal requests or questions. I recommend you take a photo of your NSP membership card and OEC card together and save them to your hard drive. Some pro deal sites require you to register and show credentials.

On A More Local Note

We enjoy wonderful support from a variety of local businesses, including:

Next Adventure on SE Grand Ave. and also in Sandy – they offer a standard in-store discount and their basement deals section is always great.

TREW Gear on SE 2nd Ave – they have an in-store discount and beer on tap in the store too!

Showers Pass (SP) on SE 6th Ave – since you're in the 'hood to buy TREW already, stop in at Showers Pass. While our own Nick Johns is no longer there, SP have a strong legacy of supporting patrollers.

Mountain Shop, **OMC,** and certain other local retails will usually extend a courtesy discount as well.

Deviation Skis – Matt Hilbert and his crew take very good care of us. Any patroller contacting them should know they're in good hands.

ON3P – Jay Volak is the person to contact here, they have a pro deal and an influencer program.

Galls (formerly Blumenthal Uniform) on SW Barbur Blvd – while they do not have a pro deal for purchase, they do have uniform sewing services and charge only $5-8 per MHSP patch to make your uniform coat or vest just right.

They have our uniform template and know insignia placement – but be sure to go over the specific garment with them to ensure they sew where you want them to, and don't miss details like sewing through a pocket.

At the national/international level there are these:
NSP Pro Deals – www.nsp.org
NSP has many sponsors that offer significant discounting and we encourage all NSP members to support sponsors. Sign in to your NSP account and click through "Member Resources" to access the Pro Deals page.

Some vendors have a link directly from the NSP site (for example, Power Werx radios), while others require you to register for an account (for example, Black Diamond).

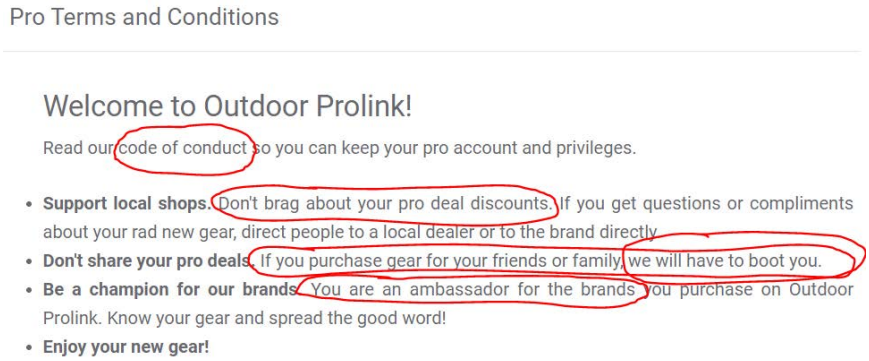
Black Diamond – www.blackdiamondequipment.com
As our own Roger Meier has pointed out, this pro deal provides access to the *entire* BD catalog, not just what's available via NSP or some of the "clearing houses" indicated below.

Dakine – www.dakine.com
Think global, act (and buy) local. This is a direct pro deal for us – and really, who *doesn't* want to own a HeliPro pack, or a sick truck gate bike pad?

Expert Voice – www.expertvoice.com
Expert Voice is a clearing house of pro deals. Here, too, some will sell directly off a link from the site and some require registration and documentation. Mammut, BCA, Black Diamond, Gerber, CRKT and many, many gearhead sites are represented here.

Liberty Mountain – www.libertymountain.com
Like Expert Voice, Liberty Mountain requires registration as a "wilderness professional" but has some truly great choices for gear.

Outdoor Pro Link - www.outdoorprolink.com
We're newly in the process of establishing a relationship with them. They also are a "house of brands" with some good bike offerings (Diamondback), gear (Mountainsmith, BCA, Nite Ize) and clothing (too many to count, but Adidas and Mammut are in there).


Pro Terms and Conditions

Welcome to Outdoor Prolink!

Read our code of conduct so you can keep your pro account and privileges.

- **Support local shops.** Don't brag about your pro deal discounts. If you get questions or compliments about your rad new gear, direct people to a local dealer or to the brand directly.
- **Don't share your pro deals.** If you purchase gear for your friends or family, we will have to boot you.
- **Be a champion for our brands.** You are an ambassador for the brands you purchase on Outdoor Prolink. Know your gear and spread the good word!
- **Enjoy your new gear!**

Coalition Snow – www.coalitionsnow.com
This is an amazing group from Colorado on a mission to produce world-class boards and clothing for women who shred.
Beth, the pro director at Cooper Spur, is one of their ambassadors. She has secured a standing pro deal for any female MHSP patrollers who visit the site.
Contact Matt Wood at matthew.l.wood66@gmail.com

MOUNTAIN OPS UPDATE

Rachel Leiber, Patrol Chief, HC 1687

Winter Operations Are Ramping Up

Happy New Year! It has been a pleasure patrolling with many of you in December at Skibowl, Timberline, and Meadows. I love seeing each of you out on the hill.

You're the best team to work alongside. Our five areas are open, the new dispatch system is working, and we are getting in the groove of standardized team rotations.

Hill Captains are sending out prep emails, hosting training skills, and adjusting shift numbers as they get word from their APC & Area Patrol Director.

Thank you to patrollers who have been very flexible and helped with pre-open area setup and unique tube hill shifts.

But - Our active Hill Patroller numbers are down and we need everyone to come out and put in their days. The areas depend on us for strong teams of sled-certified patrollers for transport.

Weekend Reminders

You're an ambassador of the ski industry, NSP, MHSP and your area. Say hi to guests, be approachable, wear your colors, and don't cut holiday lines. Jump in the Singles lane and get to know folks on the chair.

Tryouts

Recruitment is preparing for a big push for the 2020 Apprentice Class. Please encourage folks to come to tryouts on Saturday March 14th at Skibowl.

Patroller Letters for Lift Tickets

Going on a ski trip? Contact me if you need a letter documenting that you're in good standing and an active member. While there are no guarantees, a letter like this is always worth carrying.

2020 Delinquencies In Annual Certification

ICS-100 was due by December 31st. Patrollers who are still delinquent on training, NSP, and/or MHSP dues are not allowed at the areas.

Substitution Procedures

- Team Members - Please do not dispatch in Supplemental spots at your team's area. Those limited spots are for non-team patrollers.
- You are accountable for completing your dispatch shifts, for communicating any issues/questions with your HC/AS, and/or for getting your shift covered.
- Please be proactive if you are ill, so your HC/AS can adjust staffing accordingly.
- If your sub request is not picked up, your HC/AS is expecting you to show up.
- Patrollers are able to un-dispatch up to 2 weeks before a dispatched day before Dispatch is locked and you become responsible for finding a sub
- There are dedicated team member slots and supplemental slots – only team members of an area can dispatch to the team slots; otherwise, please take a supplemental slot. The shorthand for each position is:

  HP = Team Hill Patroller
  SH = Supplemental Hill Patrollers
  AP = Team Associate Patroller
  SA = Supplemental Associate Patroller

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054

Happy New Year everyone! Here's hoping 2020 brings deep snowfall into the spring months!

2020 Apprentice Class

The Mountain Hosts have welcome eight apprentices to our membership for the 2019-2020 season. The apprentice class includes Chad Atwood, Troy Donaldson, Sara Drage, Sally Garrido-Spencer, Bill Hoff, Dan Keck, Sally Lefeber, and Megan Shaw. All will have completed their on-hill training by January 4th and will be dispatching at the resorts.

The protocol for the remainder of the season is for apprentices to be partnered with a veteran Host during their shifts, dividing their days on the hill between Timberline, Summit, and Skibowl.

Skills and knowledge will be evaluated throughout the season. I hope you will introduce yourselves to them when you cross paths!

Many thanks to Diane Brunea, Pat Adamosky, and Chris McCormick for their contributions to training this apprentice group.

Bike Patrol

Mt Hood Ski Patrol is an organization that has grown and changed with the times. Most notably in the past several summers, our presence at fun runs and bike races in the greater Portland and Vancouver areas has grown, extending the opportunities of our membership to provide emergency response and information services to the recreation public outside of winter recreation.

In response to the changes for summer recreation at the mountain resorts, MHSP is in the beginning stages of developing a Bike Patrol membership category.

Mountain Hosts have long supported the Summer Adventure Park at Skibowl and now conversations are underway to explore how Hosts can be utilized to support the bike park at Timberline for summer 2020. Stand by for more information in the coming months!

2019-2020 Host Apprentices training at Skibowl on December 15th.
Front row left to right: Bill Hof, trainer Diane Brunea, Sally Garrido-Spencer, Megan Shaw, Troy Donaldson and Dan Keck.
Back row: A. Snowman.
Back Back row: Photo Bomb

AVALANCHE PROGRAM

Nicole Gaines, Avalanche Training Director, AP 1779

We have two options for avalanche refreshers this month, on January 25th and January 26th. Other options are February 15th or March 8th. You need this training if you have **Avalanche Level 1 Certification** and did not refresh in the 2018-2019 or 2017-2018 season. *Check your dispatch history*. If you plan to do a refresher course this year, please dispatch so we can plan accordingly with instructors.

We have another opportunity for **Avalanche Awareness** on January 14th in SW Portland (location TBD) from 1900 to 2100. Please dispatch if you plan to attend. Apprentice patrollers are required to take this course this year. Associate patrollers without Level 1 training and Hill patrollers over the age of 65 are required to take this course every three years. If you fit these categories and did not do avalanche training in the 2018-2019 or 2017-2018 seasons, you are due this season. *Check your dispatch history*.

There was one in-bounds avalanche reported this season at Copper Mountain in Colorado. Double check your equipment and practice your skills so you are prepared in the unlikely event that this happens in one of our areas. MHSP stocks avalanche rescue equipment at each of the ski areas. If you do not own your own, you are welcome to use the MHSP equipment while on-duty.

Lastly, big thanks to all of you who support the Northwest Avalanche Center. Due to community support, NWAC has added a Mt. Hood forecaster, Peter Moore, to the team. Peter previously worked as a patroller doing avalanche mitigation at Meadows and has extensive backcountry experience on Hood. Check out the Mt. Hood avalanche and weather forecasts at www.nwac.us.

See y'all on the hill.

BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY 2020

Courtney Walsh, Banquet Committee, HP 1833

Please Save the Date

The 2020 MHSP Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver on **Saturday May 16th, 2020.**

We now have a block of discounted Deluxe Level rooms for our group, "Mt. Hood Ski Patrol," for Friday May 15th and Saturday May 16th. They will be held for us up until Friday April 24th.

If the block fills up (first come, first served!), those who mention they are part of the "Mt. Hood Ski Patrol" group will still receive the discounted rate of $131 per night, as long as there is availability.

Call (360) 254-3100 to make your reservation.

Banquet invitations will be sent via email in February; please stay tuned for more information!

Email me (veganvittles@gmail.com) any time with Banquet-related requests, suggestions, questions, or comments. Song requests and raffle item leads are welcome too!

CALENDAR

January

2 OEC Class (Extra Training), Clackamas Fire Station #4, 6600 SE Lake Rd. Milwaukie, 1730-2130
4 Wy'east Region's 1st Senior OET Clinic, MHM, Time TBD
4 Senior OEC, Summit Ski Area, Time TBD
4 Senior OET Clinics, Mt Hood Meadows, 0800 - 1500
4 OEC Class (Extra Training), Oak Grove Fire Station #3, 2930 SE Oak Grove Blvd. Milwaukie, 0800-1200
4-5 All On-Hill Apprentice (Hill and Associate) Training Starts, Location and Time as assigned
5 OEC Class (Extra Training), Mt Scott Fire Station #5, 9339 SE Causey Ave. Happy Valley, 0800-1200
6 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D – 1900
7 OEC Class, St Vincent Hospital, Souther Classrooms, SW Barnes, 1800-2145
8 Senior Aid Room Class, St Vincent Hospital, East Pavilion, 9155 SW Barnes, Portland, 1900-2200
9 OEC Class Practical Final, St Vincent Hospital, East Pavilion, 9155 SW Barnes, Portland, 1800-2145
11 Avalanche Level 1 Module 2, Location/Time TBD
12 Avalanche Level 1 Module 2,
13 MHSP Social, Wayfinder Beer Hall, 1945 Quimby St., 1830-2130
14 OEC Class Written Final, Location St. Vincent's, Time 1800-2145
15 Senior Aid Room Class, St Vincent Hospital, East Pavilion, 9155 SW Barnes, Portland, 1900-2200
15 OEC Class Practical Final, Location TBD, Time TBD
18 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 1800
18 Senior OET Clinics, Mt Hood Meadows, 0800 - 1500
22 Senior Aid Room Class, St Vincent Hospital, East Pavilion, 9155 SW Barnes, Portland, 1900-2200
25 Avalanche Refresher Module 2, Location TBD, Time TBD
25 Senior OEC Clinic, Location TBD, Time TBD
26 Avalanche Refresher Module 2, Location TBD, Time TBD
28 Alumni Luncheon, Eastmoreland Golf Club, 1300-1430

February

1 Senior OEC, Summit, Time TBD
1 Senior OET Clinics, Mt Hood Meadows, 0800 - 1500
3 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D – 2000–2200
10 General Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Social Room, 1900-2100
15 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 1800
15 Senior OET Clinics, Mt Hood Meadows, 0800 - 1500
15 Avalanche Refresher, Module 2, Time and location TBD

March

2 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D – 1900-2200
7 Ski The Glade,
8 Avalanche Refresher, Module 2, Location/Time TBD
9 MHSP General Meeting, Wayfinder Beer Hall, 1945 Quimby St., 1830-2130
14 MHSP Tryouts, Government Camp Govy Bldg, 0700-1600
15 Senior OET Clinics - Finals, Mt Hood Meadows, 0800 - 1500
21 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 1800
28 Associate Empty Sled REFRESHER, MHM with debrief at Govy Building, 0800