MHSP SnoJob January 2007

President's Choice - Lisa Hargrave

The media is full of year-end round ups so it seems like a good time to take stock of where the patrol has come in the past year.

A little over a year ago we were coming off one of the worst snow seasons in memory. Attrition was high, recruitment was low, benefits were limited to guest passes only and there was a general sense of dissatisfaction pervading the membership.

Since then we have:

- Introduced the Gold, Silver and Bronze membership plans so patrol fits into more people's lives.
- Worked with the ski areas to introduce vouchers and season pass benefits in addition to guest passes so members feel more appreciated and have the opportunity to do some skiing out of uniform.
- Brought the online dispatch system into full operation so it is easier to schedule and adapt.
- Started an aggressive recruitment campaign yielding so many qualified candidates we had to hold two OEC classes to handle them all.

We still have things to work on as an organization.

- Although recruitment is up, we are still short of qualified patrollers. We need to keep attrition down and repeat last year's recruiting performance a few more times.
- Personnel shortages have led to postponement of continuing education. We need to find ways to maintain and even increase the skill level of the average patroller without hurting our presence on the hill.
- We are still looking for ways to secure our financial future.

Do you love MHSP? Have ideas about how to maintain and improve the patrol? There are lots of ways you can contribute.

1. Participate in the upcoming membership survey. The changes of the last couple years were all initiated from the results of a membership survey. Watch the SnoJob and email for details.
2. Become an instructor or coach. Call Kathy Lee to find out about the next instructor development class.
3. Consider running for a council position. The council, all together, runs the patrol – decides priorities, sets policy and determines the future of the patrol.

The patrol will be what we make it. What you put in is what you will get out.

Ski patrolling is fun! SPIF,
Lisa Hargrave
President
phone 541-386-6835
lisa@philhargrave.net

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Membership Commitment

Gold = 20 days total, including 2 summer days.
Silver = 17 days total, including 1 summer day
Bronze = 12 days total.

Total days includes training days and days as an instructor or coach.

Ski year ends on Labor Day

VP's Ramblings – Joel Stevens

Happy New Year—Look at what's coming up!

Banquet: Mark your calendar. Our annual awards banquet will be:
DATE: Saturday, May 5th 2007
PLACE: Red Lion at Jantzen Beach.
This is the event where our apprentices receive their crosses officially becoming full members of the MHSP. During the banquet we also recognize outstanding performance and service by our members. There will be cocktails, dinner, awards and dancing at a great riverfront setting. All members and their spouses/significant others (S.Os.) are encouraged to attend, especially our newest members.

Your Veep in the Deep

Joel Stevens

On the way to Timberline. Photo by the Disch

Winter Driving

Car Tips: Since the chance of serious injury is statistically greater driving to and from the mountain, than while skiing, I thought I would throw out some more winter driving tips.

Reduce interior car moisture. Most of us track a lot of snow into our cars in the winter causing visibility problems. As the snow melts the moisture condenses on the windows. Aside from not bringing it in, reduce excess moisture inside your car by:

- Run the air conditioner while running the defrost. This helps dry the air. On many cars, you may run defrost, the air conditioning and heat at the same time producing a similar effect. Either way, this helps dry out the wet carpets and reduce moisture condensation on the windows.
- A desiccant dryer such as Dry-Z-Air will also help, but don't let the liquid spill in your car. It is corrosive to metal, and will draw water from the air, keeping the carpet wet.

Use winter wiper blades. They have a thin rubber boot over the blade, minimizing snow and slush buildup on the blade. By limiting their use to winter only—you'll get a couple of seasons out of them.

- Joel Stevens

Also see: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/winterdriving.shtml

Mountain Travel & Rescue

This year's early winter events highlighting a family and lost climbers struggling against winter elements brought home again the importance of wilderness survival skills. These skills are important as part of your cache of proficiencies needed to help with search and rescue efforts.

Our Mountain Travel and Rescue (MTR) class is an introduction into all phases of wilderness travel and rescue, primarily in a winter environment. It covers;

- Map & compass as well as Global Position System (more readily recognized as GPS)
- Route finding,
- Snow travel,
- Winter shelters, and
- Basics of wilderness search and extrication.

A required class for Nordic patrollers, it is suggested for Alpine and Associate patrollers before heading to the backcountry.

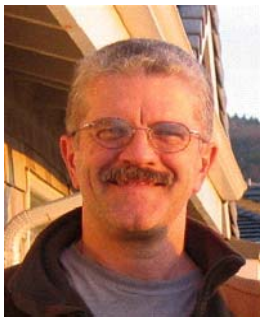
The class consists of four nights of in-town class room sessions, combined with a one-day and a two-day on-the-hill session. If the class is amenable we could do one three-day session instead of the one-and two-day session.

All participants will need sleeping bags, pads, a quality compass, light and the ten-plus-essentials along with snow shoes or back-country skies.

Class nights are Thursdays: March 8th, 15th, and 22nd, 29th. Weekend dates are Saturday March 31st, and April 7th & 8th. (Alternate dates are April 6, 7 & 8)

Please contact Joel Stevens Joel@SDELtd.com, or 503-293-6896 for more information. Signup is available on the dispatch website.

Nordic Wanderings
- Michael Curtis



During the most recent events to assist with rescue efforts for lost climbers on Mt. Hood, as Nordic Director, I spent my days tied to the phone coordinating dispatch efforts with Hood River County Sheriff. Successful rescue missions and searches are void of self-dispatchers. It is the work of all of us to contribute in a way to create a continuum of knowledge to those whose job assesses the big picture and strategize next steps.

A big thanks to all who responded. We had more patrollers offer than we could use, but thanks for the offers! I needed to pair experienced Nordic patrollers with MHSP Hill patrollers who volunteered. We sent pairs of two person teams. It's encouraging to know we have so many willing MHSP patrollers.

Nordic patroller Jeff Heppler was patroller-in-charge on scene. Below are two accounts from Jeff, whose efforts reflect and carry the professional and credible stance we strive for.

On Wednesday, December 13, five members of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol gathered at the Govy station to gear up for a day of searching. The Hood River Sheriff's Office lead the effort to find three missing climbers, and the nordic/backcountry capability of MHSP was used to search the White River Canyon up to an elevation of 5200 feet. John Gastineau, Mark Diamond, Matt Hickok, Joel Stevens and Jeff Hepler formed the MHSP search party. Weather conditions were so severe that higher elevation crews were confined to base. Although the MHSP team didn't locate the missing party, it did demonstrate to the Sheriff's Office and to the family of the missing climbers the MHSP's professionalism and caring attitude. Many thanks to the searchers, and to Michael Curtis for coordinating actions prior to, and during this event.

- JAH

Saturday, December 02, 2006 11:29 PM

I solo patrolled today, and was leaving Govy Patrol Bldg at 1630 when a gentlemen came in to the patrol station to report his 14-year-old son (snowboarder), and friend of same age, were overdue from T-line. They were reportedly coming down Glade. He had cell phone contact with the boys, who were lost and said they had been going uphill for "an hour".

The short summary is as follows: Matt, John and I put our nuggets together, got on the father's cell phone and advised the boys to keep coming down, moving toward the lights of ski bowl. We also notified Jim Tripp at Timberline, and the Clackamas County Sheriff Office. After three or four calls to the boys, we were convinced they were in the canyons next to Alpine and would soon reach Govy. We worked with the Sheriff who let us play this one out, and the boys reached Summit on their own power at 1730. The father was very appreciative, as he saw us holding back patrollers (I asked everyone who came down to prepare to assist). If the boys did bog down we would have run sweeps down Glade and Alpine, and pulled them out. I was really pleased with the teamwork and having Matt and John's keen knowledge base.

So, a mini-SAR, but the Sheriff was very pleased. No SAR number was issued (he would have issued one if we had to go back in).

Regards,

Jeff

Cell-phone photo by John Gastineau

Elections

Every position on the council (except Senior Trustee) will be vacated because of term limits. If you are interested in running for council, or want to nominate someone for council please contact any member of the current council or the nominating committee.

You must have been a full member of MHSP for the previous three seasons to be qualified to run for office. The bylaws require candidates for Patrol Chief be Hill Patrollers and candidates for Associate Director be Associate Patrollers.

Council or Nominating Committee members are: Mike Allen, Mac Sheldon, Matt Hickok, Lisa Hargrave, Joel Stevens, Donna Disch, Kat Moore, Steve Eversmeyer, Jodie Jeffers, Eric Granning, and Michael Curtis.

Elections will be held at the April general meeting. Stay tuned for absentee ballot voting instructions.

Recruitment

Mt. Hood Ski Patrol is looking for good men and women.

We are still looking for a few good people. Our best recruits come from people our patrollers already know. Be sure to talk up patrol at work, at the gym, at church, at the local watering hole. Bring a friend up to patrol with you one day...

Don't forget to talk up patrolling when you are on the hill. We will have flyers up in the day lodges. There will also be recruitment brochures available in the First Aid Rooms. Ask interested parties to come by the first aid room.

All interested candidates should register with the recruitment committee by emailing mhsp@onebox.com or calling 866-828-9205. The committee will take care getting them through the interview and ski test process.

Registration for OEC class will be in early March so it is not too early to be recruiting.

Jim Tripp takes in a quiet moment at Timberline first aid room
Photo by D. Disch

Eating at Timberline

Remember there are no more food discounts at the cash register. Go to the cashier window at the hotel to buy your ½ price meal card. You will need your membership card or uniform and complete a form. The cashier window closes in the early afternoon, so go early.

The meal card is good at the cafeteria only, and may not be used at the hotel.

When available, the employee lunch takes cash, not meal cards.

Remember, meal discounts and employee lunch are for on-duty patrollers only. Sorry, no friends or family.

Sleds at Timberline

Jim Tripp sends this message to hill captains (HCs) at Timberline. He requests this be covered at morning meetings.

The patient sled carrier on Pucci needs to go on either end of the chair, NOT the middle of the chair. The way the carrier is configured, if you put it in the middle of the chair it slopes too far forward putting the sled at risk of slipping. The carrier must go in the end position on the chair, either end is fine. You will know the position is correct because the top of the sled carrier will be level.

This applies only to the Pucci chair. On Molly or Norman the carrier may go in any position on the chair.

Thanks!
Rick Sadle
Timberline APC

Region

The following events are planned with Mt. Hood Region support:

Skier Enhancement Seminars
DATES: February 10 and 25, 2007
PLACE: Mt. Hood
CONTACT: Rod Legg
Need to brush up on your ski skills?

- Group lessons will be provided by PSIA certified instructors for ski patrol members.
- Patrol jackets will not be worn.
- The instructional cost is $25 per person and space is limited.
- Depending on the turn out, skiers may be grouped by skill level.
- Registration and additional details be obtained by calling 503-578-2380 or sending an email to legg@us.ibm.com

Pacific Northwest Division Annual Convention
To be attended by 5 Pacific Northwest Regions & National Reps
DATES: August 10 - 12, 2007
PLACE: Embassy Suites Hotel @ Portland Airport
Help is needed with the following convention committees:

- Hospitality Suite
- Raffle / Silent Auction
- Activities (Golf tournament, wine country tour)
- Finance / registration
- Catering (Banquet, lunches & breakfast meetings)
- Program / Theme

Contact Rod Legg (rlegg@us.ibm.com) to volunteer.

General Meeting Notice

Make sure to catch the **MHSP General Meeting**

We will be back in our usual location

Monday, January 8 , 2007

7 pm, doors open at 6:30

Athey Creek Middle School

2900 SW Borland Rd

West Linn, OR

SPEAKER: Bill Burns, Oregon Department of Geology and Minerals will talk about the glacial outburst that closed 35.

Shuttle around the mountain 2007

JANUARY
1, 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28
FEBRUARY
3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25

Partial Schedule:

Pick Up Location	**Time**
Sandy Danielsons	5:00 AM
	6:00 AM
Mt. Hood RV Village	5:30 AM
	6:30 AM
Hoodland Thriftway	5:40 AM
	6:40 AM
Park & Ride	7:40 AM
Zig Zag Ranger Station	5:45 AM
	6:45 AM
Don Quidos	5:50 AM
	6:50 AM
SkiBowl to	6:05 AM
Mt Hood Inn	7:05 AM
Summit Inn	6:15 AM
	7:15 AM

Depart Timberline Lodge

To Sandy	3:30 pm
To Sandy	5:00 pm
To Sandy	6:00 pm

Saturdays

Depart Timberline	10:45 PM
Depart Ski Bowl	11:15 PM

Sundays

Depart Timberline	9:30 PM
Depart Ski Bowl	10:15 PM

** All Prices are Round-Trip fares.**
Sandy **$15.00**
Welches **$10.00**
Government Camp **$5.00**

FREE**

- Timberline Season Pass Holders,
- Fusion Pass Holders,
- Timberline/SkiBowl Employees

FREE**MUST SHOW PASS TO DRIVER

For additional times:
See posting at MHSP Govy building or contact:
Luxury Accommodations, Inc.
503-668-7433 or 1-800-831-7433

A good night's rest at Govy

MHSP Policy Regarding Overnight Use of Government Camp Building ("the Bunkhouse")

The Bunkhouse is one of the many benefits of MHSP membership, and like other benefits, its purpose is to encourage you to patrol by making it easier and more enjoyable to do so. Because the Bunkhouse often fills up during prime ski season, and because we also use the building to store MHSP equipment, we need to be sure all users understand the policy about who is eligible to stay and how to ensure the building stays secure.

Eligibility and Priority of Use:

MHSP members (including apprentices) are eligible to use the building.

The rules for building use, payment, etc., are posted inside the building and are also available by email from the building caretakers (Bonnie Lynch and John Roshell).

Bunks are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, working patrollers always have first priority.

There are 10 actual beds and a single bathroom in the Bunkhouse, and in prime ski season, it may be difficult to accommodate family members of patrollers, or patrollers who are free-skiing. Please be sensitive to this when making plans for the weekend.

Building Security:

Associate Supervisors, Hill Captains, building caretakers, and certain other MHSP members have a key to the front door; all others must get the key at the front desk of the Mt. Hood Inn.

In order to get the key, you must show a valid MHSP I.D..

Your uniform, hat, or other clothing with an MSHP logo is not enough. No card = no key.

When you get the key, be aware you must either stay in the building or return the key to Mt. Hood Inn.

Again, common courtesy should be your guide. Others may need the key. Don't take it with you to dinner or on errands.

The building must be locked with the deadbolt during the night and when it is empty.

The handle lock should not be used. It does not keep the building secure.

Payment:

$5 per person per night is payable in advance. Put your cash or check in the mailbox upstairs.

Thanks very much for your cooperation. Questions can be directed to Bonnie or John at hi2bonnie@yahoo.com or 503.234.2239.

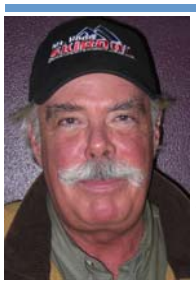
A little entertainment - brought to you by the talents of the training director

After a call for articles I received a one-liner: http://sockmdog.net/mhsp06/Site/oec%20assessments.html from our beloved training director, John Gastineau. He advised, "A picture is worth a thousand words."

While we all take the work we do with patients on a case seriously, we also have a little fun getting there. Often, we are our own entertainment. The photo to the left is titled 'Larry often looks this way."

Click away. Oh—and Larry—if needed—allow me to apologize in advance.

- The Disch
SnoJob Editor



Mount Hood Ski Patrol Hosts

- Bill Johnson

Happy New Year !!

MHHP is off to another excellent season – and it appears so is Mt. Hood !!

During the Fall, we had an excellent opportunity to participate with the MHSP in the Lift Evacuation Training. It was a very good learning experience and helped those from the Host Patrol gain a much better understanding of the process and where we could be of assistance – I know we are all good "talkers."

We had our initial Host Patrol meeting in October – and it was super ! The Market Café was standing room only. Lisa Hargrave and Steve Eversmeyer presented a great radio workshop that was well received and extremely helpful. The support for the Host Patrol by members of MHSP has been outstanding, and this was a good example. New members of Mountain Services, Mountain Management and Operations, Sales Management and Group Sales staff, as well as the infamous Mr. Jim Tripp, Pro-Patrol, attended. We had also invited individuals that had interest in the Host Patrol.

The net result of recruiting – 22 new apprentice Hosts. That brings us to just under 100 members. We have 2 days of training at Timberline, and then I take over Charlie's with 5 nights of training. Among those "new" people were two members of the MHSP – Ken Allen and Sam Smith. These guys are retiring Hill Patrollers and are already making great contributions to the Host Patrol! It is really exciting to see this successful cross-over.

The Host Patrol is now closed to new members for this season. But every weekend we are talking with people interested in next season. The next generation is also signing up. The Silagi's and John Moss have sons signing up. Really neat!! We are also recruiting hard with next season in mind – when Timberline opens 65+ acres of new terrain. It will be a very exciting '07-'08 season.

As far as future events, short as well as long term – the Christine Cato Memorial Race is scheduled for January 6, 2007 and is always a busy time for all of us. Ski Historic Glade Trail Day is planned for March 3, 2007 and will again have excellent participation.

The Host Patrol is also exploring expansion to Mt. Hood SkiBowl and possibly Mt. Hood Meadows. Several of us spent time this summer at SkiBowl to learn more about the area and especially the staff. Could work and even be fun! There are some details to resolve – as always.

That's about it – please pass along any comments, thoughts, or suggestions – and thank you again for the strong support and involvement.

Bill Johnson
Director
Mt. Hood Host Patrol

This year… I wish you days of ordinary miracles….

An unexpected phone call from an old friend…

Green stoplights on your way to work, home or shop!!!

I wish you days of little things to rejoice in…

The fastest line at the grocery store...

A great sing along song on the radio...

Your keys right where you look!!!!

They say it takes a minute to find a special person…
An hour to appreciate them…
A day to Love them...
But…an entire Life to forget them…
Make and Take that Time!!!!!!!!

For the mind ---- Knowledge
For the heart ---- Love and Joy
For the life ---- Power
For the matter ---- Beauty

—Shirish Patel

Important Dates

- *January 6—Christine Cato Memorial Race—contact Bill Johnson Ski Hosts*
- *January 8—7 PM General Meeting - Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Rd, West Linn, OR*
- *January 10—Mount Hood Ski Patrol Executive Council 6:45—10 PM, Portland Fire Station #12, 8645 NE Sandy Blvd. Portland, OR*
- *January 13,14—Senior and Women's S&T contact Jeffrey Weitz, 503-525-1925, jweitz@northrimcommercial.com*
- *January 13,14—Nordic skills at Hoodoo—see page 8 of October Nor'wester: http://www.nsp-pnwd.org/norwester/Oct_2006.pdf*
- *January 20 : Women's S & T Snoqualmie—check with Eryn Barker*
- *January 20-21: Senior EMM@ Hoodoo—contact Kathy Lee: leek@ohsu.edu, (503) 494-2630 work, (503) 654-7494 home, leek@ohsu.edu.*
- *January 21—Senior S&T—contact Jeffrey Weitz, 503-525-1925, jweitz@northrimcommercial.com*
- *January 27 - Women's S & T McCall—check with Eryn Barker*
- *January 30: MHSP Alumni Lunch—East Moreland Golf Course*

January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5	6 Christine Cato Memorial Race
7	8 General Meeting	9	10 Council Meeting	11	12	13 Senior S&T/Basic Nordic Skills—Hoodoo
14 Women's S&T/Basic Nordic Skills—Hoodoo	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18 Deadline for SnoJob	19	20 Senior EMM/ Women's S&T Snoqualmie
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—Photo by John Gastineau

SEND! Stories, pictures & those wonderful words-of-wisdom for the SnoJob to MHSPSecretary@gmail.com

The official MHSP event calendar is available on-line through Google. Links are available from the MHSP Dispatch website through www.mthoodskipatrol.org —OR— if you have your own Google account access the calendar directly from your web browser by typing *calendar.google.com.* The name of the calendar is "*Mt Hood Ski Patrol – Oregon*". It is a public calendar so anyone may view it.

Important Dates

- *February 3,4—Tentative ski try-outs—SkiBowl*
- *February 7 —Level 1 Avalanche class 1 @ 6:30 pm*
- *February 8 —Level 1 Avalanche class 2 @ 6:30 pm*
- *February 10 —Skier enhancement contact Rod Legg 503-578-2380 or legg@us.ibm.com*
- *February 12 —doors open at 6:30 7 PM General Meeting - Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Rd, West Linn, OR*
- *February 14 —Level 1 Avalanche class 1 @ 6:30 pm*
- *February 14—Mount Hood Ski Patrol Executive Council 6:45—10 PM, Portland Fire Station #12, 8645 NE Sandy Blvd. Portland, OR*
- *February 15 —Level 1 Avalanche class 3 @ 6:30 pm*
- *February 21 —Level 1 Avalanche class 2 @ 6:30 pm*
- *February 21 —Level 1 Avalanche class 3 @ 6:30 pm*
- *February 25 —Skier enhancement contact Rod Legg 503-578-2380 or legg@us.ibm.com*
- *February 25— Senior EMM@ Hoo doo—contact Kathy Lee: leek@ohsu.edu, (503) 494-2630 work, (503) 654-7494 home, leek@ohsu.edu.*
- *February 25—Senior S&T—contact Jeffrey Weitz, 503-525-1925,*

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Ground Hog Day	3 Tentative ski try-outs
4 Tentative ski try-outs	5 Anniversary of the constitution	6	7 Level 1 Avalanche Class 1	8 Level 1 Avalanche Class 2	9	10 Skier enhancement
11	12 General Meeting	13	14 Level 1 Avalanche Class 1/ Council Mtng	15 Level 1 Avalanche Class 3	16	17
18 Chinese New Year	19 President's day	20	21 Level 1 Avalanche Class 2 Ash Wednesday	22 Level 1 Avalanche Class 3/SnoJob Deadline	23	24 Senior EMM Flag Day
25 Skier enhancement/Senior EMM/S&T	26	27	28			

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