MHSP SnoJob June 2007

President's Choice

Ski patrolling is fun!

Outgoing President

On June first my tenure as president comes to an end. I want to thank you all for your faith and support. To have been chosen to lead this organization is my greatest pride.

I've done other things and lived in other places, but nowhere have I ever encountered the same caliber of people as on the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. It is an honor to work with you.

I'll be "retiring" to committee work on the Recruitment, Public Relations and Financial Review committees and invite you to join me.

See you on the mountain,

- Lisa

Lisa Hargrave
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Incoming President

It has been a pleasure serving on Lisa's Council for the past two years. She'll be a tough act to follow, but we have a great council coming in and I know we will continue on the upward path.

The top two goals I want to accomplish in the next two years :

Goal One: Increase our active membership, so we may better serve our areas, and make ski patrolling more fun for our members. This can only be accomplished by bringing in more new Patrollers, and reducing our turnover. Having more patrollers on the mountain makes everyone's job easier and more fun. If you have ideas about recruitment, or retention, we would like to hear them.

Goal Two: Get more of our members involved in the committees and the administration of our Patrol. If you want the patrol to continue to excel, consider working in some capacity beyond weekend patrolling. There are a lot of patrollers who assist by teaching classes, coaching apprentices, working on various committees, or assisting with the administrative duties. If you haven't picked an additional area to work in, talk to the patrol leaders or committee members to see where you skills might be best used. Like most organizations, the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it.

Remember SPIF (Ski Patrolling Is Fun),

Joel Stevens

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Mark your calendar now!

2008 Awards Banquet

Next year's Awards Banquet is **Mount Hood Ski Patrol's 70th anniversary**. The date has been set for **May 3, 2008 at Timberline Lodge.**

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

Chief Notes
– Steve Eversmeyer

Outgoing Patrol Chief

Thank you all for the opportunity to be your Patrol Chief the past two years. I think the council worked well and we were successful in most of what we tried.

To everyone that did what he or she said they would do, THANKS!

To those who covered what used to be an eight or ten person area and made it work, THANKS.

To all of the associates who helped with opening and set-up and then went back out to help close, THANKS!

To the Mt. Hosts – what a wonderful addition to our patrol. Having you there to help check out, and/or find and call in the case, control the crowd and/or help load was terrific. I'm sure this program will continue to improve and we'll find more ways to work together. I think having everyone more involved on the hill is GREAT and it builds camaraderie.

One area that continues to be an issue is the ski areas' need for pre-dispatch. I think it is important to understand the position we put the pro's in when we have 2 signed up and 6 more show up. The areas will staff to ensure coverage based on events AND our dispatch. If we have a bunch of patrollers show up without notice, they can't justify keeping the pro's there, being paid. With the cost of gas continuing to rise, this could become a big source of friction. Please do all you can to avoid putting someone in this position. Pre-dispatch or at least let the HC/AS/APC know you're going to be there if it's too late to dispatch.

I'd also like to again thank Diane Kindall and Dave McKay, they did a phenomenal job at Summit. I still chuckle over the Maui Babes' help request and I'm sure my unflattering photo of trying to hit the golf ball at the end of season party will surface. Daniel Dean, Mike Klein and Randy Carrier were able to make it work at the Bowl. Even with some last minute changes and requests and with few patrollers, two first aid rooms and the tube hill it all got covered. Daniel you did an awesome job and I know Mike and Randy will continue in stellar style. Rick Sadle made sure Timberline continues to love us! Jeff Ezzell with Debbie Norvell made our relationship even better at Meadows. And last but certainly not least, our Records APC, Peggy O'Leary. I said it at the banquet and still believe there were days were the data was entered before some of us even got home. John Howard was also there to help keep records related data flowing.

Now, as **the Incoming Junior Trustee** – If you have speakers you think the patrol would find interesting, please let me know. I'm willing to call, coordinate and get them there if at all possible. If you don't have a speaker but have a topic suggestion, please let me know that as well. I'm looking now so don't wait until February as I hope to have things lined up by Labor Day.

And last, a plea as the new Clothing Committee Chairperson – H E L P ! David Locke will allow us to store things at his place BUT I would appreciate help with set-up, selling prior to and after the meeting, finding and/or ordering stuff like red and blue coats, t-shirts, vests, etc. For you new patrollers and apprentices, you do not need to wait, you can help now.

THANKS AGAIN!

Summer Ski at Timberline

Timberline summer hours of 7:00 am to 1:30 pm started, Saturday May 26. Morning meeting is at 6:15.

Passing notes
– Outgoing MHSP Secretary Donna Disch

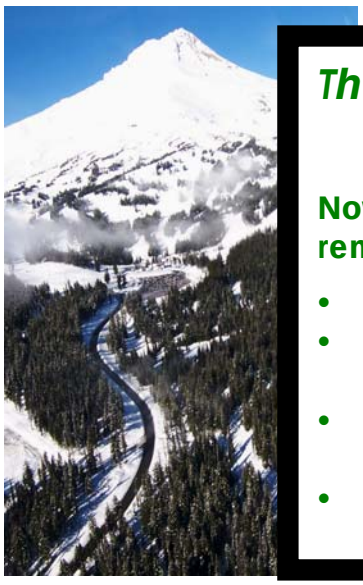
As I pass the baton to incoming secretary Mark Diamond, whose name I really dig because it well states what a gem this guy is, I say thank you to everyone. Thank you to the 2005 – 07 Council, the patrol and the amazing experience. The last council meeting I attended was with friends who all put their best into two years of accomplishments. The morphing of the council and the patrol are notable.

So what's happened in the last two years?

- We boosted the patrol recruitment efforts through outstanding efforts spearheaded by Jaye Miller and Cher Hinerman.
- We held additional Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) classes, which stretched our beloved First Aid Chief, Jodie Jeffers, and every instructor. I feel the need to genuflect.
- We were in constant request for support for searches. Nordic Director Michael Curtis parlayed a relationship with county sheriffs' during search and rescue operations making MHSP Nordic Patrollers a hot commodity during the frequent high profile incidents during the last two years. Well, okay, I'll admit he's my truelove and I am biased, but as part of MHSP, aren't you too? And this yielded a hearty donation, in the $6,000 range, from Velvet and gang to boot.
- Pat Stevens and the whole golf tournament committee continue perched on a pedestal in my eyes as they continue to produce a successful and credible event supporting MHSP.
- We plunged into online resources—namely dispatch. Let's add the roster and calendar too. And now Wiki (see page 4). These are quick and easy to access allowing quick updates while reserving patrol funds.
- YOU! Patrollers, Alumni, Mountain Hosts were all outstanding contributors to the MHSP SnoJob. Believe-it-or-not this is one duty I will carry forward and continue. I am grateful for the supporting and appreciative comments I have received on the SnoJob. Throughout the two years Lisa Hargraves has been a big part of this production; she and I will continue in this effort. The SnoJob now has it's own email too: **SnoJobEditor@gmail.com**.

Though it's hard to move on without the usual 'I should 've, would've and could've", I am excited about our new council, their energy and their possibilities. They will have my full support.

There are so many more to thank—so know I appreciate you too.



The MHSP SnoJob has a new address!

SnoJobEditor@gmail.com.

Now that you can hardly wait to be a contributing writer, remember:

- **Send copy as simple text in emails**
- **Send copy and all graphics separately; avoid imbedded articles or pdfs (no fancy stuff please)**
- **Editors DO get editorial privileges to help formatting and standards of the publication.**
- **Make sure to identify who is in your contributing photo.**

MHSP Wiki

Thanks to John Gastineau and Dave Miller, the MHSP has a new Web resource. We now have a wiki that will allow us to post operations manuals, area operations details, technical Info and almost anything else we want to put there.

For us dinosaurs: Webster's new Millenium Dictionary defines "wiki" as a collaborative web site setup to allow user editing and adding of content. From Hawaiian, wiki wiki *means quick. – ed.*

The wiki can be accessed from the Members Area of the mthoodskipatrol.org website. The login and password are the same as the dispatch site, and will update if you change your password on the dispatch site.

Please use good judgment about what you post or edit. Even though this is a members only area, ski area management and others have access to it.

One of the topics on the wiki is a page to list contacts and donations for the 2007 Mt. Hood Ski Patrol (AKA John Keys Memorial) Golf Benefit. Please visit this page and log your targeted donors and then your committed donations. The process is simple and easy. Call Pat Stevens at 503-293-6896 or pat@sdeltd.com if you have any questions.

Wow—I didn't think there'd be this much snow.

Photo by Jodie Jeffers

A Host of Sentiments

I washed my car today. As I rinsed off the grime of the last half dozen trips to Timberline, I had to smile. It's been quite a year! Deep snow, great comrades and lots of happy folks!

We Hosts jumped right into the fire the first three weeks of this season. With Mount Hood Meadows closed because of the damage on Hwy 35 we were busier than any season opening I've experienced in 19 seasons! With the road repaired, we settled into a more typical routine of meeting-and-greeting, providing information and supporting the Timberline staff and our MHSP pals.

There are always exciting moments each season. This year offered a fire in the Wy'East Lodge on New Years Day, a family of beginner skiers who thought those black diamonds on Molly meant easy terrain and the odd injured skier/rider who was glad to have me and my radio arrive. But despite the exciting and challenging moments every season provides, the small interactions with guests continue to be very rewarding. Moving a guest through the rental shop or chatting with someone on the hill changes the experience for that guest and gives me enormous pleasure!

Each of us has a personal motivation for the volunteer work we choose to do, and if we are lucky, we find a niche that continually makes us feel valuable and renews our sense of service. The environment of Mt. Hood and the unique setting of Timberline resonate with me. The interactions with people who are visiting for the first or the fiftieth time make me feel my contributions are valuable. I take pride in the mission of our program and being a member of the Host Patrol and I am equally proud of our partnership with the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol.

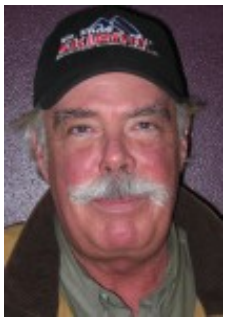
The season is winding down, but I'll be back next fall! I'll be driving back up the road with the mountain in site. I'll be in the company of great folks, offering information and lending a hand. And every few weeks I'll wash my car and when I rinse the grime off, I'll smile!

Jan Silagi

Supervisor of Administration

Mt. Hood Hosts

MHHP Ramblings - Bill Johnson



End of Season (EOS)

I would like to thank the Hosts', their family members, Lisa Hargrave, outgoing MHSP President, and Joel Stevens, incoming MHSP President, for participating in our 2007 Host EOS gathering……and a special thanks to Pat McManus, injured in November, who "crutched-it-up" to also be there.

The Ratskellar proved to be a very good site and the food provided was excellent….and thanks to Jill Inman, Ski Bowl Group Sales, for setting this up and providing a sample of her "High Mountain Treats."

The "Outstanding Ski Host" award went to Gary Smith. Plaques for special contributions and "Honorable Mention" were presented to Jan and John Silagi as well as John Moss. The Timberline "Snow Goose" award/pen was presented to Lisa Hargrave in recognition of her ongoing support and guidance in the development and growth of our Host Patrol.

We've had an outstanding Season and 2007-'08 promises to be even better. Still Creek Basin is just on the horizon !! Thanks again for the effort and commitment by all that's made the Mt. Hood Host Patrol what it is today.

Have a great Summer !!

Bill Johnson

Director, MHHP

Outgoing First Aid Chief – Jodie Jeffers

"See you on the mountain. Leaving tracks of all kind!"

HIPAA

Please remember, as a patroller, you are help to the professional standards including the HIPAA laws. (The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191)

What do I need to know?

Do's

- Be aware of what is said to fellow patrollers, friends, family, and public about a case. If you didn't take care of the patient then your curiosity does not give the right to know about them or their injury.
- Be respectful of their privacy

Don'ts

- Don't leave paperwork visible for others not taking care of the patient. This includes:
- Name, age, sex, date of birth, social security number
- Medical record or account number from paperwork obtained from hospital
- Chief complaints; Unless you are taking care of the patient it's not your business to ask:

Hey, I see your leg is hurt, what did you do?

Did you hear about the young girl on Puccit? How old was she? Yeah, the one who hurt her head on a tree? What was her name?

As innocent as it may seem, these can comments when overheard and repeated have the potential to become a punishable criminal offense with fines.

Please help each other and remind others to keep quiet or not to ask.

Questions? Feel free to email me.

OEC

OEC Class is going strong. We had our first on hill session at Timberline in the snow on May 19th. The weather was fairly cooperative. A minimal number of backboards and equipment went sliding down the slopes!! Truly an impressive group braving the wind, cold, and sleet in the morning. The reward was lots of fun, learning, and the sun coming out in the afternoon. Major "Ah ha's and Oh's" were uttered throughout the day!!

We can still use help on Thursdays including June 14th (MCI) and June 28th (Finals). Please pre-dispatch and have some fun!

Getting the practical - OEC on Mt Hood.

Photo by Jodie Jeffers

A little of the who's who on the Executive Council

Incoming Council, from left to right, Steve Eversmeyer, Mac Sheldon, Kathy Lee, Mark Diamond, Michael Curtis, Dave McKay, Paul Podett, John Gastineau, Joel Stevens

As we transition to a new council—here's a quick review of who does what:

President: Joel Stevens will provide overall patrol leadership and inspiration.

Vice President: John Gastineau will motivate and direct committees.

Secretary: Mark Diamond will provide communication and oversee records.

Treasurer: Kathy Lee becomes the official bean counter and finance guru for the patrol.

Patrol Chief: Paul Podett is the pivot of all we do! The Patrol Chief provides oversight to area patrol chiefs (APCs) to ensures MHSP standards.

First Aid Chief: Cleo Howell heads the patient care for our 'treat and transport' duties. Ensures MHSP has first aid training and equipment to do the job.

Associate Director: Dave McKay ensures the quality and development of the MHSP Associate Program. The associates keep the first aid rooms humming when not on the hill.

Nordic Director: Michael Curtis provides leadership for the balance of the mountain without lifts = backcountry patrol.

Senior Trustee Mac Sheldon, ***Middle Trustee*** Matt Hickock and ***Junior Trustee*** Steve Eversmeyer are the patrol historians and quality control bird-dogs. They bridge the continuity between councils. They also lead 'special' areas of development.

Beyond this, MHSP is full of terrific, dedicated, knowledgeable leadership. From area APCs, to instructors, fundraisers, supervisors, we all create a menu of responsibilities functioning as a whole meal deal.

New Officers

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Outgoing Council, from left to right, back: Eric Granning, Jodie Jeffers, Steve Eversmeyer, Kat Moore, Joel Stevens, Michael Curtis, Mike Allen. In front: Donna Disch, Lisa Hargraves

Superheroes

All ski patrollers are heroes, some are superheroes

Top 10% in days of service through April:

Mike Anderson
Lori Bennett
Larry Cahill
Peter Casey
Andrew Degner
Matt Dindia
Mark Diamond
John Gastineau
Lisa Hargrave
Matt Hickok
Cleo Howell
Mike Kurfis
Rod Legg
Kathy Lee
Todd McDaniel
Jaye Miller
Paul Podett
John Roshell
Joel Stevens
Bob Tise

Instructors who taught more than 20 OEC class sessions over the 2006 Spring and Fall courses:

Bill Boyd
Larry Cahill
Peter Casey
Mark Diamond
John Gastineau
Lisa Hargrave
Cleo Howell
Jodie Jeffers
Diane Kindall
Kathy Lee
Jaye Miller
James Schuler
Steve Sirkin
Bob Tise

Annual Awards

Rod Morrison Outstanding Hill Apprentice - 2006 Invert Class
Brian Barker
Eryn Barker
Terry Donahe
Jose Rodriquez (winner)

Rod Morrison Outstanding Hill Apprentice - 2007
Michael Bailey
Rick Hugo
Brent Hunter
Michael Kurfis (winner)

Barney McNab Outstanding Hill Patroller
Peter Casey
Mark Diamond (winner)
Joseph Sheehan

Jerry Edgar Outstanding Hill Captain
Jeff Ezzell
Toby Willey (winner)

Outstanding Associate Apprentice - 2006 Invert Class
Chris Peredney (winner)

Outstanding Associate Apprentice - 2007
Ike Annunciado
John Lacey (winner)
Isabel Schulz
Jennifer Vomaske

Irv Huppin Outstanding Associate Patroller
Cleo Howell
Peggy O'Leary (winner)
Darren Olsen
James Schuler
Steve Sirkin

Outstanding Associate Supervisor
Dawn Frasier
David Hornibrook (winner)
Dave McKay

Outstanding Mountain Host
John Moss
Jan Silagi
John Silagi
Gary Smith (winner)

First Aid Excellence
Mark Diamond (winner)
Matt Dindia
Bob Tise

First Aid Instructor
Peter Casey (winner)
Mark Diamond
Cleo Howell

Outstanding Alpine Coach
Don Gardner (winner)

Dave Hitchcock Avalanche Service Award
Matt Rea (winner)

John Keyes Meritorious Service
Pat Stevens (winner)

Bent Pole
Meg Gadler
Eric Granning (winner)

Hill Captains and Associate Supervisors New Associate Supervisors are:

Jodie Jeffers
Darren Olson
James Schuler

New Hill Captains are:
Mark Diamond
Joe Sheean

New Senior Hill Captains are:
Lisa Hargrave
Matt Hickok
Matt Rea

An evening to remember…

Mt. Hood Ski Patrol
& Mountain Hosts
Awards Banquet

May 5th at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach

Awards banquet to honor our finest and our new members.

Important Dates

- *June 1, 2, 3—Nuts & Bolts (see page 8 & 9 of this issue)*
- *June 7, 14, 21, 28—OEC Meridian Park 6:30 pm*
- *June 13—Mount Hood Ski Patrol Executive Council 6:45—10 PM, Portland Fire Station #12, 8645 NE Sandy Blvd. Portland, OR*
- *June 21—SnoJob Deadline*

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

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Nuts and Bolts S & T	2 Nuts and Bolts S & T
3 Nuts and Bolts S & T	4	5	6	7 OEC	8	9
10	11	12	13 MHSP Council Mtg	14 OEC	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21 SnoJob Deadline/ OEC	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 OEC FINAL	29	30

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OEC on Mt. Hood —Photo by Jodie Jeffers

Important Dates

- *July 11—Mount Hood Ski Patrol Executive Council Time and location pending*
- *July 19—SnoJob Deadline*

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July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 MHSP Council Mtg	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 SnoJob Deadline	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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After using biscuits to coax the dog, Patroller Rod Legg covered the shivering dog with an additional coat and transported him by rescue sled to be reunited with his family. Photo by Eric Holmstrom

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