Mt. Hood Ski Patrol

Snojob

February 2012

DISPATCH DEADLINE FOR MAR-MAY

Please sign up for your minimum days by 2/15 and any additional days AFTER 2/15

Minimum 5 days for gold members, 4 days for silver members, 2 days for bronze members
Hill Captains need 2 HC days for the module and 6 for the year,
Associate Supervisors need at least 1 AS day for the module and 4 for the year
Meadows team members need to dispatch for their team days so the area knows who will be there.

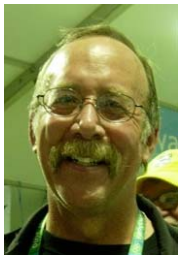
General Meeting

Date: Monday, February 13, 6:30 for clothing committee and vendors, meeting runs 7-9 pm.

Location: Athey Creek Middle School
2900 SW Borland Rd.
West Linn, OR 97068-9338

President's Message

By Steve Eversmeyer, President, HC 1170



When I started this over the MLK weekend, delivery on the promise of more snow had just begun. Now we're looking more like we should on the mountain. Being up there every weekend since just after Christmas, I really like the transformation. I know I had a great day skiing the trees January 22, something I couldn't do in early January. Regardless of the weather and snow pack depth everyone I've talked to have been enjoying their patrol days. Some days busier than others, but rewarding regardless of the snow depth. I think a large part of that is attitude, looking at the glass as half full, making it a good day by remaining positive. Looking at the area parking lots, the need for us to be there is clear. This will continue to be true regardless of the storm cycles. Please continue to dispatch, car pool, take the shuttle to Skibowl, in short, keep up the good work you are all doing.

The apprentices are all in full training mode. I've seen the hill apprentices a number of times working on their drills and training. I know the associate apprentices are active and moving through the process of becoming patrollers along with the transfers and apprentice hosts.

There were a couple things discussed at the general meeting that everyone should be aware of. Recognizing the fine service provided by Pete Campbell and Dan Gates at Skibowl on December 27, we

received a donation from a 10 year olds grateful parents. Cleo mentioned some other folks that were also doing a stellar job in responding to cases. In addition, the care received by patients has been noted by the area hospitals and kudos given by them to MHSP.

On a different note we have an agreement for the coming year's ski and snowboard swap to be at Washington County Fairgrounds. They can ensure a place to hold it, provide room to expand and could offer earlier equipment drop-off times if we want to do that. Look for more information from the swap committee but PLEASE, block out time so you can help on at least one shift October 26 through 28.

It's not too early for you to start thinking about recognizing outstanding patrollers. As quickly as the past year zipped by, it will be May 19 and the banquet before we know it. Please make sure you let the associate supervisor and/or hill captain know so they can get it on the green sheet. If you don't think about it until after, please contact someone on the council. We need specifics to get the recognition process rolling.

Now seems like a good time to remind members that if they have concerns or issues with the areas the first point of contact should be the area patrol chief (APC). If it's specific to the day, please talk with the hill captain and/or associate supervisor as well. Hosts should speak to the supervisor of the day, the area host coordinator or the mountain host director.

If you feel your concern is not addressed by these people, please talk with me or the patrol chief. The trustees are another place to go. They are here both to help us remember how we got to specific practices but also to help with patroller concerns. And of course you can contact anyone on the council if that's your preference. What you should not do is take a concern outside the patrol without giving us a chance to resolve the issue. Often, things are not as they seem, there's a reason for what's being requested or happening and simply communicating will help clarify if not resolve the issue.

Your APCs are listed on the dispatch site on the home page. Diane Kindell-Potter and Claudia Pieters have Summit, John Howard and I have Timberline, Matt Rea and Shelly Johnson have Skibowl, Eric Pool And Kat Moore have Meadows.

Last but not least, a big THANKS to David Atkinson for proofing the list for patrol cards and John Gastineau for getting them printed. Please get yours and make sure you have it while patrolling. You should always carry your MHSP, OEC and NSP cards (these will be coming soon). The forest service representative, Andrew Burrows, may ask to see your card. A list of patrollers was provided to each area but for confirmation it's possible he'd want to see them.

Keep up the excellent service and remember, SPIF!!!

Getting ready for New Year's Eve torchlight parade at Skibowl. Photo by Doug Henderson

FIRST AID

Back Raft for Backboards

By Cleo Howell, First Aid Chief, AS 1444

At the request of AMR most of the areas are now using the Back Raft™ as a way to cushion patients who will be on a backboard for a long transport time. Any time that we put a patient on a backboard at one of the resorts that we serve the transport time will be a long time and cushioning should be used.

Most of the backboard bags have been stocked with the Back Raft. To use the Back Raft simply blow a few breaths of air into the Back Raft. The shut-off valve is different from many other valves. The shut-off handle must be perpendicular to the inlet tube when blowing air into the Back Raft. The closed position is in-line with the tube. (If you think about which position is less likely to be accidentally knocked to the open position it will be easy to remember which way is closed.)

Place the Back Raft on the backboard using the two built in straps for the top of the board. There is some tape on the lower bottom of the Back Raft to secure it to the board. After securing the Back Raft to the backboard place the patient on the board as usual. AMR can put more air into the Back Raft if necessary.

Senior OEC Joint Training Session

By Gina Malamphy, SS 90303

The Wy'east Region was host to the Oregon Region for our Senior OEC Joint Training Session held at Summit on January 7 & 8. We were lucky enough to have beautiful weather both days. The session was attended by 20 patrollers from both Santiam Pass and Willamette Pass Ski Patrols. The Wy'east Region has 7 candidates this year: Sarah Balog, Mark Diamond, Alix Henry, Dave Nead, Claudia Pieters, Charlie Wessinger, and Christopher Yarrow. They are working hard to pass the final evaluation, which will be held at Hoodoo Ski Resort on March 31st.

A BIG THANK YOU especially goes out to those who step up to play the most important role for our candidates...THE PATIENTS! I've heard many comments about how much the patients learned themselves. They were: Moira Bono, Alex Burkleaux, Tonya Drayden, Chuck Faulk, Hank Flake, Jeff Hall, John Howard, Nancy Jacobson, Gayle Maize, John Mortemore, Lori Neal, Dina Peganoff, Steven Schafer, Joe Tucker, Margaret Usher and Shannon Williams. They all deserve an Oscar!

And this program would never exist without the help of our members who volunteer as evaluators. A big thank you goes out the very experienced and well respected Wy'east Region Team who signed up to help this weekend: Mike Anderson, Larry Cahill, Andrew Degner, Eric Einspruch, Cleo Howell, Kathy Lee, AK Ma, Terry Niedermeyer, Paul Podett, James Schuler, Reba Sharp, Karen Swinkels, Bob Tise, and Jim Trett.

All training sessions will be held at Summit. THANK YOU CHARLIE!! We couldn't do this without his support of MHSP and Senior OEC. Come out and see what the Senior OEC program is all about. We have 4 more

training sessions coming up where we will need 4-6 patients and 6-8 evaluators. The dates are: 2/12, 2/26, 3/11 and 3/25. If any of these dates work for you in either role, please pre-dispatch. All sessions will be held from approximately 8am-3pm and you do get patrol credit for your participation, too.

SKI PATROL OPERATIONS

Associate Director

By Kathy Lee, Associate Director, SS 90232

All the snow dances and prayers for snow finally worked! As I write this, the mountain is covered with fresh snow and more is on the way! I'm hearing reports of good work by associates in the first aid rooms, first responding and sitting bump on the hill, OEC training and senior OEC training. MHSP really appreciates your commitment, time and effort to provide excellent patient care and training.

Dispatch

In a review of the dispatch for the next few months, there are a few days where more associates and/or supervisors are needed. Let's all do what we can to "go green" on dispatch at all areas!

I know that life sometimes takes an unexpected turn and if you are having scheduling issues or finding it difficult to meet your dispatch commitment, please contact me as soon as possible. We can work through things as long as there is communication and I know what is going on.

Recruitment

We will start recruiting for new members in March and have found that family and friends make excellent candidates. Go through your little black book or iPhone contacts list, select one or more people to talk to about patrolling and encourage them to come to tryouts. The skiing portion of tryouts for Associate Apprentices is not a test but more of an evaluation of skiing/boarding skills so we can provide necessary training for improvement, and increase their participation in hill activities. If you have any questions about this, please contact me.

Awards

It's not too early to start thinking about awards at the May banquet. If you notice some outstanding work by a patroller, Associate or Hill, send a note to me or someone on the council. Your help in being the eyes and ears to the council for awards recognition is invaluable.

Thanks everyone, and keep up the good work!

TRAINING

Senior Ski & Toboggan Clinics

By Tom Payne, Senior S&T Coach, HC 1378

Senior ski and toboggan dates have been set and are listed below. This training is appropriate for those who want to complete all Senior training or those who just want to have an advanced course of sled training. We will work on fundamentals and then move on to perfecting all the skills necessary for well executed sled running. In addition, we will drill in fundamental skiing skills and learn skills to teach others these important elements of patrolling.

One enjoyable part of Senior S & T is the ability to train with other patrollers at other areas with very skilled trainers from across Oregon. It is not required that you attend all sessions, but experience has shown us that the more sessions attended by the candidate the more likely they will be successful in the evaluations.

Dates:

2/11	S & T @ MHM
2/19	S & T @ Skibowl
3/24	S & T @ MHM
4/1	S & T @ Mt. Ashland

2012 OEC Refresher Dates

Mark your calendar now.

September 29
October 6
November 3

HOST OPERATIONS

Christine Cao Memorial Race

By Bill Johnson, Host Director, HS60001

A big thanks to all the hosts that assisted and staffed the Christine Cato Memorial Race. The event went well and very few, if any bumps....400+ racers plus support and course workers....all lots parked out around 10:00am....could be a new record.

A special thanks to Mike Cullen for supervising and coordinating requirements in Wy'east as well as slope side. Another great job by Jan Silagi and her host team in the Lodge, at the winter entrance, top and bottom of the chute for information and directions, results posting, registration, security at the ski corral, and of course during the awards lunch.

Timberline and I thank you for a job well done.

Radio Handling

By Mike Cullen, HS 60009

It looks like WINTER is here again.

With this, it is important to remind everyone about radio handling protocols.

Please never wear the radio on the outside of your coat. This exposes it to the weather and is responsible for diminished performance from our radios and early failure. Wearing the radio inside your coat will give the best protection.

Please never handle the antenna, it is not a handle. The tiny fibers in the antenna are easily damaged by the bending of the antenna.

At present, we have a number of radios that are operating below the 100% performance level for the very reasons just mentioned. With proper care and handling, we can avoid unnecessary repairs that are not only costly, but take radios out of service which can impose tighter limits on how many hosts can do shifts because we need a radio for each host in uniform.

I know that when the sun is out, there are no exposure issues to wearing a radio on the outside of your coat. The problem lies in when to draw the line and wear it inside. It would be best if we eliminate the "outside the coat" option unless you find a clever way to totally protect it. Some of our group wear it outside because they saw someone else doing it first.

One option is a totally waterproof radio pouch sold thru a "whitewater kayaking" catalogue. I actually own one of them and will be happy to bring it in and show it to anyone interested. The cost was about $30.

ADMINISTRATION

MHSP Can Get Employer Matching Funds

By Gina Malamphy, Treasurer, SS 90303

It is that time of year when employers who make charitable donations based on "volunteer hours" by their employees need their reports. Every year we get $$ from corporations like Intel and PGE because our members who work there complete the necessary paperwork to generate these checks.

First, please check with your employer. You may be surprised to find they have a program like this. Second, you'll need to provide them with our 501(c)(3) tax ID number, which is EIN 93-6034549. Please contact me if you find you need additional information.

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to earn these contributions for us!!

Mt. Hood SnoSport Swap Results

By Stewart Carter, Swap Manager, HC 1559

Financial Results

Sales for the 2011 SnoSport Swap were up nearly 25% over 2010, generating $26,000.00 in net proceeds, which will be split with the West Linn High School Snowboard Team. The driving force behind this years' increase was the marketing push lead by Steve Johnson, Doug Stanton and their teams. They did an outstanding job getting the word out at a grass roots level and gathered a lot of data that will go towards making next year's efforts even more effective.

I must also report that over the first years of the swap net income was over reported. This happened largely as a result of a lack of clarity with respect to Sno-park incomes, complicated by Ski Fever and MHSP Sno-park sales coming right on the heels of the Swap and drawing on the same pool of Sno-park passes.

Lisa Hargrave has worked tirelessly over several months autopsying past years' records to give us a fully documented accounting of all swap income. Corrected total net swap income from the first three swap years is as follows:

2008	$2,335.00
2009	$7,962.00
2010	$16,897.00

In the process of reviewing past years Lisa also discovered our partners had been overpaid a total of $3,900.00. West Linn has paid back a portion this year and will clear up the balance over the next two events. Systems are now in place to insure that all future swaps will be conducted in full accordance with commonly accepted accounting practices and procedures.

Change of Venue for 2012

In 2012 the swap will be moving from West Linn High School to the Washington County Fairgrounds. After a long and extensive search encompassing all of the greater Portland Metro area, it was determined that the facility at Washington County was the only one in our area that was able to guarantee dates and meet the events need for expanded space in the years to come.

Based on the agreement we have signed with the fairgrounds, subsequent Swaps will be held on the last weekend of October. That means that the 2012 SnoSport Swap will be held October 26th, 27th and 28th. Your Swap committee hopes that being able to count on the event taking place the same weekend every year will make planning easier for all concerned and give the marketing teams a reference date to hang their hats on.

Thanks

My personal thanks goes out to the committee chairs and team leads that give so much of their personal time to insure this event's success every year, and of course to the volunteers, so many of whom dispatch for far more than their required minimum number of shifts.

See you on the mountain,

Stewart

OTHER NEWS

In Memoriam – Jack Mitchem #238

Jack Mitchem passed away on January 8th. He was MHSP #238 and received National Appointment #1828.

Jack joined MHSP in 1953 and was a long time member, active into the 1980s. He was a hill captain and served as patrol chief during the 1965-67 seasons.

Jack was representative of many patrollers in that patrolling was only part of a dynamic life full of the outdoors, adventure, career and community service. You can read more about Jack 's life at Oregon Live.

There will be a memorial at 3:00 PM, Sunday, February 26, 2012 at Portland Yacht Club, 1241 NE Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97211. Patrollers are invited to wear their red coats.

10th Annual Ski The Glade Trail day

The Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum will hold this annual event on March 3, 2012. Once a year, under permit from the US Forest Service, the historic Glade Ski Trail is opened and groomed for this participatory living history event. This once popular downhill ski trail starts at Timberline Lodge and ends in Government Camp, a distance of three miles.

Before the advent of high speed ski lifts, highly groomed slopes and extreme snowboard acrobatics, skiing long trails was popular. According to Lloyd Musser, Museum Curator, "this event helps fulfill our mission of preserving and interpreting the history of Mt. Hood". This is a chance for grandparents to ski with their grandchildren and share the memories of skiing the Glade Trail, when it was the biggest ski adventure on Mt. Hood."

Participants are treated to a red carpet day of skiing. Skiers are shuttled to Timberline in comfortable airport shuttle vans, escorted by local guides and senior members of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, and served a hearty lunch. Shuttles will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM allowing ticket holders to make several trail runs. The events of the day are recounted at the *après* ski party, where prizes are awarded. Wearing vintage ski clothing is encouraged.

Participation is limited to 75 skiers. Event tickets are $100.00 per person, a portion of which is deductible as a donation to the MHCC&M, a non-profit organization. Members of Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum receive 10% discount. Tickets may be purchased at the museum, or by calling 503-272-3301. Visa is accepted.

Background information on Mt. Hood trail skiing is available on our webpage in an article entitled *Trail skiing on Mt. Hood a Long Standing Tradition.* www.mthoodmuseum.org

MHSP In the News

Hey all, not sure if anyone has said anything about this yet but I read an article in the January edition of a magazine called *1859 – Oregon's Magazine*. There is a long article on page 70 about Hank Lewis and the birth of MHSP. It also covers a little history on Mt. Hood about the Summit House, Timberline, etc. I definitely recommend you all find a copy and check it out! – Ian Lass.

Editor's note: the magazine can be found at most Safeway and Whole Foods stores.

Snojob Deadline is the Third Monday of the Month

Lisa Hargrave, Snojob Editor, HC/AS 1053 and Barb Korsmo, Copy Editor, Alumni AP 90260

The deadline for Snojob articles and photos is the third Monday of each month (7 days after the general meeting). Send your submissions to snojobeditor@gmail.com.

Articles: Please submit as the body of your email rather than an attached document. If you have a long article covering several topics please break it into several articles covering one topic each.

Photos: Send as an attachment in JPG format. Be sure to identify who took the picture, where it is and who is in it.

Calendar

For the most current information and details check the online calendar at www.mhspdispatch.org.

February

6 Council Meeting
11 Senior S&T @ Meadows
12 Senior Outdoor Emergency Care
13 General Meeting
15 Pre-dispatch Deadline for March-May
20 Snojob Deadline
26 Senior Outdoor Emergency Care

March

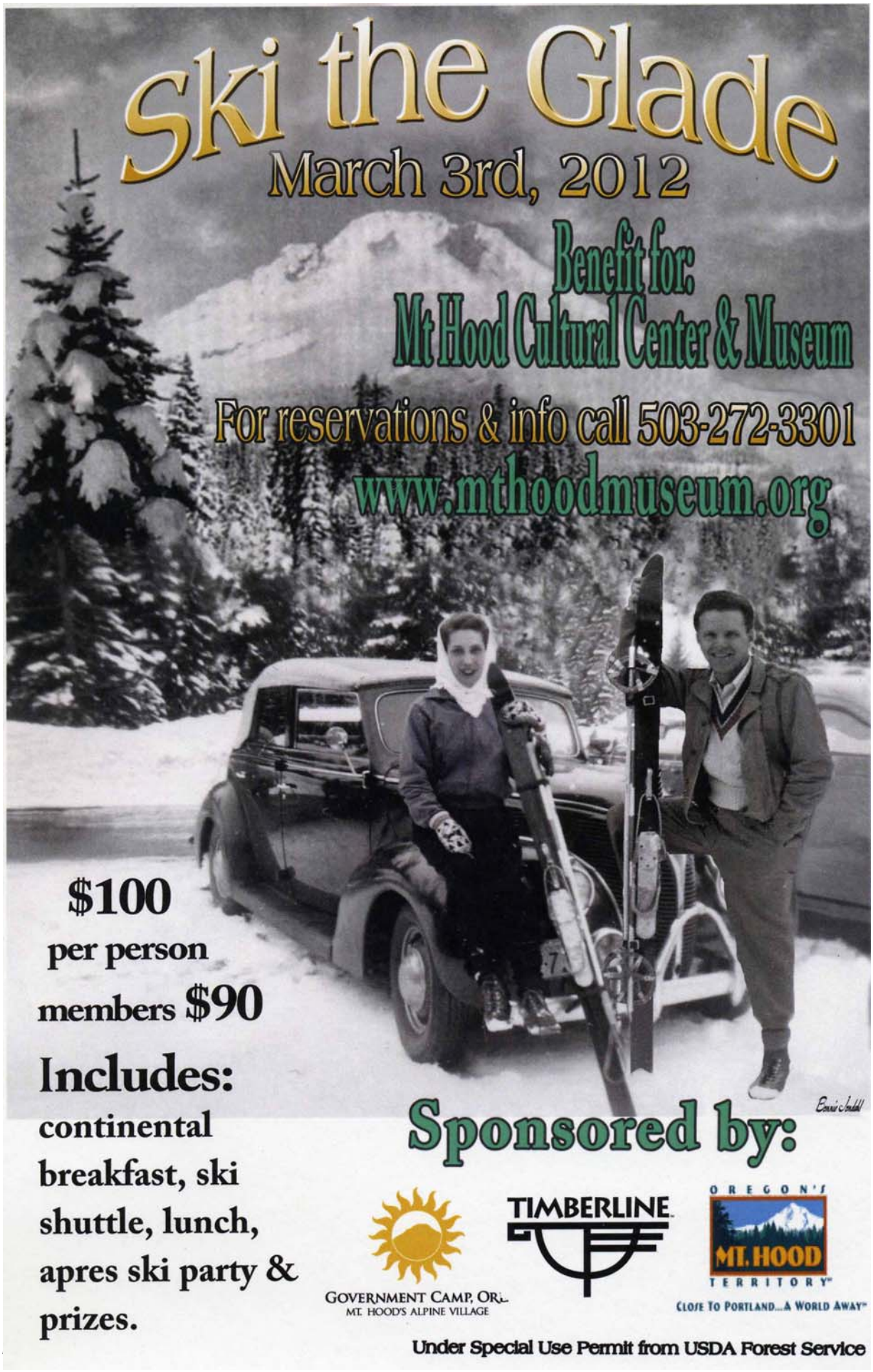
5 Council Meeting
11 Senior Outdoor Emergency Care
12 General Meeting
14 Mountain Travel & Rescue begins
19 Snojob Deadline
25 Senior Outdoor Emergency Care
24-31 Oregon Spring Break
31 Senior OEC Final Evaluation

April

2 Council Meeting
9 General Meeting
12-15 NSP Patroller Education Conf
24 Alumni Luncheon,
1 pm @ East Moreland Golf Club

May

9 Council Meeting
15 Predispatch deadline June-August
19 Awards Banquet


Ski the Glade
March 3rd, 2012
Benefit for:
Mt Hood Cultural Center & Museum
For reservations & info call 503-272-3301
www.mthoodmuseum.org
$100
per person
members $90
Includes:
continental breakfast, ski shuttle, lunch, apres ski party & prizes.
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