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April 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is Here

Matt Rea, President

Fellow patrollers: this ski season is still going strong! As I write this article it is snowing in the west hills of Portland and dumping new fresh powder on Mt. Hood. March and April are indeed the best months for skiing in Oregon. Please keep up the great work of patrolling that you have been doing all season. Looking at the dispatch there are open slots and substitute slots available for hill and associate patrollers almost every weekend day. Please keep getting days in! The skiing is excellent out there!

KUDOS TO THE MHSP NORDIC PATROL

On March 15 I had the opportunity to observe a SAR training exercise conducted by our Nordic Patrol at Teacup Lake. The exercise included participation by the Hood River County Sheriff's Office SAR team and the Teacup Lake management. The exercise involved rescue of an injured patient several kilometers out on the trail system. It was a great exercise that really facilitated coordination between the MHSP Nordic Team and their partners. Our MHSP Nordic team has developed a really outstanding relationship with Teacup Lake. They are very professional, dedicated, highly trained and motivated; they bring honor to MHSP. Most importantly, they really enjoy what they do! Those of you who have some capability to ski on skinny skis should talk to Nordic Director Jeff Hepler about possibly trying a shadow day before the season ends. That day was my first on cross-country gear in nearly 30 years. My biggest fear was embarrassing the Nordic team in my MHSP uniform. I don't think I did too badly under the circumstances but I did miss my metal edges.

SUMMARY OF THE VOTE ON BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Many thanks to those of you who either attended the March General meeting and voted or submitted an absentee ballot on the bylaws amendments. We had a quorum for the vote and the results are as follows:

Vote #1: Amends Article IV – MEETINGS, Section 3 Quorum. This amendment would change the quorum required for election of MHSP Officers from not less than 25% of the eligible voting membership to not less than 15% of the eligible voting membership. This amendment FAILED:

- 32 in favor, 34 opposed
- The quorum required for an election will remain at 25% of eligible voters

Vote #2: Amends Article 4, Section 4, ELECTION OF OFFICERS. These amendments would change our methods of nominating candidates for officer positions. This amendment PASSED:

- 61 in favor, 5 opposed
- Nominations will now be made by the candidate or other party contacting the nominating committee, call for nominations at the meetings no longer required.
- Allows online voting and vote-by-mail
- AS A RESULT OF THIS VOTE, OUR APRIL ELECTION OF MHSP OFFICERS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MAIL. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS

Vote #3: Amends Article V - OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, Section 4: Terms of Office. This amendment would change MHSP term limits by increasing the number of consecutive one-year terms that most officers of the Executive Committee can serve from two to four. This amendment PASSED:

- 49 in favor, 17 opposed
- Offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Patrol Chief, First Aid Chief, Associate Director, Mountain Host Director are limited to FOUR consecutive one-year terms

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019

See below for details from Senior trustee Lisa Wilberding Hargrave on the details for the election of MHSP Council members for the 2018-2019 season. Based on the bylaws amendment passed in April, this next election will be conducted by mail. WE STILL NEED A QUORUM OF QUALIFIED MHSP MEMBERS TO SUBMIT BALLOTS. Please vote. Ballots can also be handed at the April 9 General Meeting.

MHSP AWARDS BANQUET, MAY 19

Our annual banquet is coming up. See below for details. Plan to attend and help to honor our new members as well as our fellow members who will receive well-deserved recognition for patrolling above and beyond the call of duty. The banquet is always a hoot and a great way to celebrate the end of the winter season with your Patrol buddies.

MHSP ANNUAL AWARDS

Speaking of awards, it is not too late to nominate fellow member worthy of recognition for awards, including:

- Rod Morrison Apprentice of the Year
- Associate Apprentice of the Year

- Barney Macnab Patroller of the Year
- Jerry Edgar Hill Captain of the Year

- Irv Huppin Associate of the Year
- Associate Supervisor of the Year

- Outstanding Nordic Patroller

- Outstanding Mountain Host of the Year
- Host Apprentice of the Year
- Outstanding Mountain Host Supervisor of the Year

- Outstanding Alpine Coach
- Outstanding Associate Coach
- Ralph Wiese First Aid Instructor of the Year

- George Anderson First Aid Excellence

- John Keyes Meritorious Service

- Dave Hitchcock Avalanche Service Award

PATROL CHIEF REPORT

Fun Days Ahead

Paul Podett

MY FELLOW PATROLLERS:

As we transition into the spring and summer season I would like to thank all of you for making this patrol great again.
We had a major reset this season and it is working well.
This is the funnest job I never got paid for.
I would also like to thank you for letting me be your Patrol Chief and I look forward to our seasons ahead.

In the meantime, as many of you have told me, we need to continue to embrace the concept of **SPIF (Ski Patrolling is FUN).**

FUN DAY 2018

Saturday 4/28/18 – 11AM – 6PM
SkiBowl – Multorpor Lodge
Friends, Family, dogs and well behaved children are welcome.

It's a potluck this year, with complementary patrol nectar and the main course provided by your beloved council.
As well-balanced Oregonian and MHSP patrollers, please be prepared, as always.
So that means bring one or all of the following;
Mountain bike, skis, rain coat, fleece, jacket (2), t-shirt, favorite beer mug and an extra pair of underwear.

Silent auction – got stuff?
As in years past, we rely on tax deductible silent auction items: Bring your dog, your cat, a coupon, gift certificate for lodging food, or… STUFF!
Register your items at the door. All donations are tax deductible.
Snow pack pending – free rides on Cascade from 11-2.

FUN DAY = An MHSP tradition for patrollers, their family and friends. The Fun Day is a thank you from the Council and the ski areas for a well-served winter season and ongoing commitment.

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY?

Did you know that in 1915, climbers built a fire lookout on the top of Mt. Hood, on the summit?

1. Rumor has it that during the days when Mt. Hood was becoming a destination area, one of the fire lookouts stationed at the summit, with sparse supplies, had a craving for eggs. He mentioned to a passing climber, who was sharing his breakfast, that as a fire lookout he really had limited provisions and how he really missed having fresh eggs for breakfast. Jokingly he said he would pay any climber up to 35 cents for a dozen eggs; in those days this was quite a hefty price for eggs. The breakfast guest couldn't make another climb in a timely manner but somehow the word got out to the newspaper. Soon, the station lookout had too many eggs and not enough money and wondered how, on one particular weekend, he was going to eat over a 150 eggs.

2. The Summit Hut was taken down in 1933 and, when the summer snows melt, you can still find the old building materials left on the summit... if you know where to look.

This mountain has incredible history; get to know it, share it and continue to make it as a part of MHSP.

1. http://www.shredhood.org/resources/history-of-mount-hood/3-a-storied-history?showall=1
2. Mount Hood, Adventures of Wyest Climbers 1930-1942, by Ric Conrad

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Information

Sam Smith

DUTY STATION CHECK-IN WITH HOST SUPERVISOR

When you are scheduled at a foot duty station, please call the HS at the time you are scheduled to be there. If you have arrived, let the HS know. If you are delayed, let the HS know this as well, along with an estimate of when you will make it to your foot duty station. No check-in is necessary when starting a slope patrol duty. The foot duty stations are the only time we request that you call the HS; this will cut the radio traffic in half.

HOSTS SKING TOGETHER

Hosts and patrollers alike occasionally ski together down a run. So long as you are still performing the duties expected of you as a MHSP member, there is no wrong in doing this if it is on an occasional basis. Please keep in mind that this activity is noticed by many, such as area staff. We want to do our best at all times, so please limit the amount of time spent with fellow MHSP members on the slopes. We provide better overall coverage when we split up and take different runs.

HOST WINTER SEASON ENDS APRIL 29

The winter season is scheduled to end on Sunday, April 29, 2018. It is possible that SkiBowl & Summit may close earlier due to conditions. Timberline will continue operations through May and into the summer but normally do not request hosts during this time period. The dispatch will be kept as up-to-date as possible if any changes occur.

HOSTS SUMMER SEASON

The SkiBowl summer season will begin as early as possible following the ending of their winter season. Once they have a solid start date we will be sending out plenty of detailed information. Shifts worked during the summer count toward your commitment for the 2017-18 season.

NEW RECRUITS

If you know someone who is interested in joining next season, please let Mike Cullen know as he will be tracking interested folks. The interview/tryout period is usually in September & October. Training begins in October & November.

RACE SUPPORT

There will be a number of race support events during the months ahead. Your participation in these events earns shift credit and fulfills your requirement to participate in at least one of the patrol training or fund raising events.

NORDIC

News

Jeff Hepler

March was a busy month for patrolling and special events. On March 6 & 7, 2018 Teacup Nordic Ski Area hosted students, staff and volunteers from the Washington School for the Blind (WSSB). This has become an annual event that gives children who otherwise might not have the opportunity a chance to ski. Big thanks to Mark Merkens, Rod Legg, Lyle Neville, Tom Morrow, Gavin Giovagnoli and yours truly for providing first aid support. Just one week later on March 15 the patrol conducted a search and rescue (SAR) exercise called “Elkhorn Evac 2018.” This exercise brought together 10 patrollers, two SAR Deputies from the Hood River Sheriff’s Office and Teacup area managers. The exercise tested current rescue protocols and used the HRSO snowmobile to haul our primary rescue sled. The 2018 patrol season at Teacup is expected to end in early April.

Everyone on the team is dispatching and contributing to a highly successful season. Keep up the great work!

INSTRUCTOR UPDATE

Training

Kathy Lee

Hopefully you've heard or read that the Pacific NW Division will be holding an Instructor Continuing Education clinic April 21 at Collins Lake. See registration form below.

There will be a brief global session in the morning for all NSP Instructors (Avalanche, MTR, OET, Nordic, OEC), and then break-out sessions for each of the disciplines. Attending this clinic will fulfill one of the requirements that is needed every three years to maintain your instructor certification.

Also, if you are a Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluator, a refresher clinic will be offered the following day, April 22, at Collins Lake (this is required every three years).

So - what do you need to do to attend?

1. Complete the attached form and return it to Anne Greenwood (her information is on the form).
2. Log into NSP and enroll in the course NSP Instructor Skills Review for Continuing Education: **P024180007** (everyone needs to do this).
3. Enroll in your discipline specific course - NSP course numbers are on the registration form.

Let me know if you have any questions. Hope to see many of you that weekend.

PNWD INSTRUCTOR CONFERENCE 2018

APRIL 21, 2018 MT. HOOD
COLLINS LAKE LODGE, GOVERNMENT CAMP

NSP Instructors and ITs for OEC, Avalanche, MTR, OET, Instructor Development (ID) and Nordic/Backcountry.
Note: If there is room, Instructor Mentees are encouraged to attend if they are already in the mentorship stage of their instructor training, with applications submitted and the process well started before the conference.

CE Credit: This conference will fulfill part of the NSP's requirements for instructor recertification. Instructors need to complete an instructor continuing education seminar for their discipline during each 3-year period of instructor certification. Attendance does not guarantee instructor recertification.

Saturday, April 21, 2018, All Discipline ICE Courses
8:00am: Sign-in
8:30am - 10:00am: Global session - all participants
- Update on NSP Programs and Review of NSP & Division Policies
- Instructor Development Process, including recruitment, mentoring, & certification
- Quality Assurance and Records

10:00 - 4:00pm: Break-out sessions for all disciplines
Lunch - Something will be provided to those going off-site

In addition, we are offering a different course on Sunday, April 22, 2018. This will be an OEC Module of the Senior Program (OEC-MSP) Trainer Evaluator Clinic.
8:00am: Sign-in
8:30am – noon: SR OEC TE training
Depending upon the number of participants, we hope to complete this training by noon.

To Bring:
- Textbooks and Manual for your NSP educational discipline and Guide to Mentoring.

Registration: Please pre-register for this conference by **April 11, 2018**. Lunch is provided on Saturday. Please turn in your registration form early so we can order the proper amount.

Lodging and Expenses: See Registration Form

For additional information, please contact:
Janie San Romani, PNWD OEC Supervisor; jsanromani@comcast.net; 541.953.5373
Kathy Lee, PNWD Asst. OEC Supervisor; leek232@gmail.com; 503.654.7494

PNWD INSTRUCTOR CONFERENCE 2018
REGISTRATION FORM

Please provide the following information to:
Anne M Greenwood
960 Sunmist Ct SE
Salem OR 97306-1201
greenwoods@centurylink.net
503-399-3518

Name: _____
NSP #: _____
Patrol Area: _____
Contact Phone Number: _____
E-Mail: _____

Select Discipline (Only one):
Saturday ICE Courses: OEC____ Avalanche____ MTR____ OET____ ID____
Nordic/Backcountry_____

Saturday 4/21/2018 Course Numbers:
NSP Instructor Skills Review for Continuing Education: P024180007 (everyone enrolls in this)
OEC ICE: P024180005 Avalanche ICE: Q087180001
MTR ICE: P008180001 OET ICE: P053180001 ID ICE: P024180009
Nordic/Backcountry ICE: P059180007

Sunday 4/22/2018 Course Number: OEC Module of the Senior Program (OEC-MSP) Trainer Evaluator Clinic**:** P024180006

Lodging: Collins Lake has a variety of Chalet and Grand Lodge rentals:
For more information, call 800-234-6288 or see their website:
http://collinslakecondoresort.com/
Best Western as another lodging option: website - http://bestwesternoregon.com/hotels/best-western-mt-hood-inn, phone - 503-272-3205

Reimbursement: Mileage and lodging (1/2 of double occupancy) will be reimbursed up to $200/instructor if a reimbursement form is submitted, accompanied by all detailed receipts, after attendance at the conference.

❄❄❄ Remember to register by April 11, 2018 ❄❄❄

OFF THE MOUNTAIN

We Need You at the April General Meeting

Cleo Howell

ELECTIONS

Date: April 9, 2018
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, 9205 SW Barnes Rd, Portland
New Officer Elections for 2018-2019 Season
Members of the Clothing Committee will also be there. Bring your money or plastic.

MHSP Banquet 2018

Courtney and Mike Walsh

The 2018 MHSP Banquet will be from 5:30pm – 11:00pm on Saturday, May 19, 2018. The event will be at the Red Lion Hotel on the River (Jantzen Beach) in Portland.

This year invitations to the Banquet will be emailed and RSVP to and payment for the event will be managed online. In order to prevent invites being unseen or lost in spam
or junk-mail folders, we will send a separate email immediately after sending the official invites encouraging invitees to ensure receipt of their invitations.

The following hotel reservation information will also be included in the invitations: Attendees are offered a hotel group rate of $135.00 per night (plus tax) for a standard guestroom with two queen beds. Attendees are welcome to make reservations by calling the hotel directly at (503)283-4466 and asking for the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol rate, or by using the reservations link at https://aws.passkey.com/go/mthood.

ON THE MOUNTAIN

Avalanche

Kar Rai Khalsa

Thank you all for a great season so far. For the first time in five years, we are going to complete an Avalanche Level 2 class! Thanks to Eric Einspruch for organizing the course, and the weather, for cooperating slightly more than it did in 2015.

The season is almost over, but there are still a few refresher offerings available on April 7th and 8th. MHSP Hill Patrollers under 65, Nordic Patrollers, and anyone else who has elected to take and maintain the NSP Level 1 Avalanche Certification, are required to take a refresher once every three years. So if you look at your ski history and don't see any avalanche courses during the winter of 2015/2016 or later, then you are due to refresh. As I'm writing this, there are still 31 of you who are due and haven't dispatched. Please do. We look forward to seeing you on the snow and sharpening up your beacon skills with our brand new BCA beacon basin and a fleet of new Pieps transceivers.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We Must Have a 25% Quorum for the Election to be Valid.

Lisa Hargrave

That works out to:

54 Patrollers (quorum required for President, VP, AD, ND, PC)
29 Mountain Hosts (quorum required for Mountain Host Director)
83 total voters (quorum required for Sec, Treasurer, Trustee)

Ballots for the Executive Council election are in the mail. Please return yours as soon as possible.

- Returning by mail, plan on mailing by Wednesday, April 4, to ensure timely receipt.
- Or you may return your mail ballot in person (or by friend) by 7 PM at the Monday, April 9, general meeting.
- Or you may opt to cast an in-person ballot at the meeting (if you have not already cast an mail-in ballot).

If you have not received a ballot by Friday 3/30/2018 contact **Lisa Hargrave** at **mhspnominations@gmail.com** or call **541-386-6835**.

NOMINEES

Per the new bylaws and election procedures nominations closed on March 20. This ensures that all voters will be presented with the same slate of candidates. Write in candidates are allowed and there is a space for these on the ballot(s). Vote for one person per office.

- President: Matt Rea
- Vice President: James Schuler
- Secretary: Kimberly Granning
- Treasurer: Alan Hansen
- Patrol Chief: Paul Podett
- First Aid Chief: Cliff Leighton, Will Pardy
- Associate Director: Margaret Usher, Steve Giesey
- Nordic Director: Steve Potter
- Mountain Host Director: Sam Smith
- Trustee: heather Van Houten

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Written statements submitted by the candidates are available on the Newsletter Page of www.mthoodskipatrol.org. There will also be an opportunity for candidates to speak at the April general meeting. Please note that mail-in ballots must be submitted prior to the speeches. If you wish to hear the speeches prior to voting then do not send in your mail-in ballot, instead get an in person ballot at the meeting. You will not be able to retrieve a mailed ballot after it has been received.

FUNDRAISING

2018 Bike Race Support

Mike Anderson

The Council has approved our partnership once again with Terrapin Events to provide race support for 7 races in 2018. We have not yet heard from the other groups we provide support for, but will let you know as soon as we do what other races will be involved.

It's important to remember that if you are a member of a team at Timberline, Meadows or Ski Bowl you must complete your team obligations and also provide 1-2 days during the summer at Timberline or Ski Bowl. All patrollers are expected to get 8 days active duty on Mt. Hood in addition to all of the required training. That being said, here is the Terrapin schedule for 2018.

- **Bridge to Brews:** Sunday April 15.
  This is one of the premier racing events of the year with 3,500 runners expected! We will meet around 7:30am at Waterfront Park. The exact location and time will be published a week or so before the race.
- **Cinco de Mayo:** Sunday May 6.
  1,800 runners expected. Meet at 7am at Fields Park in NW Portland. I will notify you of the exact location prior to the race.
- **The Grateful Dad Run:** Saturday June 16.
  900 runners expected. Meet at 7:30 at Kleiver Armory on NE 33rd just south of Marine Drive.
- **Rose City Relay:** Saturday June 30.
  This is a new race that they tried to put on last year (but cancelled), it will start at Chimney Park. 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. They are expecting at least 100 teams of 6 to participate. I will be meeting with Terrapin to talk about the details soon.
- **Sunset on the Springwater:** Saturday August 4.
  900 runners expected. This is the only evening run of the series. We will meet at 4pm at Sellwood Riverfront Park.
- **Country Girl Half Marathon:** Saturday September 22.
  900 runners expected. Meet at 7:30am at Kleiver Armory on NE 33rd just south of Marine Drive.
- **Run Like Hell Half Marathon:** Sunday October 21.
  This is also a very large race with over 3,500 runners in downtown Portland with the runners running in costume. This is a very fun event. We meet at 7am in Waterfront Park near Oak Street.

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

CALENDAR

For a complete listing see the official MHSP calendar at www.mhspdispatch.org

April

2 Council Meeting
9 General Meeting, 7:00 Providence St. Vincent's MC
15 Bridge to Brews Race - Bike Support
16 Council Meeting
21 Snojob Deadline
21 PNWD Instructor Conference in Government Camp
22 Senior Evaluator Training in Government Camp
30 Communications Meeting

May

6 Cinco de Mayo Race - Bike Support
19 Snojob Deadline
19 Banquet, 5:30 pm – 11:00 pm, Red Lion Hotel on the River (Jantzen Beach) in Portland
21 Tentative – Communications Meeting
30 New Rookie Meeting, 6:30 pm Providence St. Vincent's MC

June

1–3 Nuts & Bolts Clinic, Timberline
12 New Apprentice Orientation, Providence St. Vincent's MC
16 Snojob Deadline
16 The Grateful Dad Run - Bike Support
25 Communications Meeting
30 Rose City Relay Race - Bike Support

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO ON THE MOUNTAIN