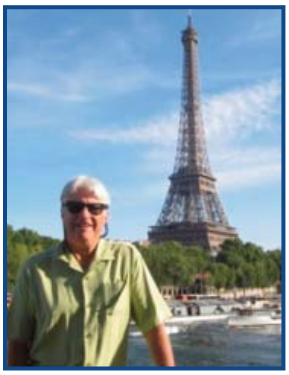
Snojob

October 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Gearing Up

Matt Rea, President

This is a busy time of year for ski patrollers. Hopefully by now you have completed your necessary CPR classes. You have at least started your OEC refresher manuals and some of you have completed the refresher session. You have either scheduled or completed your annual chair evacuation training session.

Those of you who have already attended a chair evacuation training session this year have witnessed an important change. For the first time in my patrolling experience, the paid patrol staff at the three major resorts on the mountain (Mt. Hood Meadows, Timberline, and Mt. Hood Skibowl) are collaborating on the training to ensure a more consistent and higher quality training of chair evacuation skills, protocols and procedures. We've seen a more hands-on approach to training those skills and the results have been excellent. I view this as a very positive trend which will serve to strengthen Mt. Hood Ski Patrol.

This trend of collaboration between the ski resorts on Mt. Hood goes beyond training. The areas are working together to try to standardize levels of commitment and benefits for volunteer patrollers at the areas. Your Council has been in discussion with the areas on these topics. Again, I think that this is a positive trend that in the long run can only serve to strengthen Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. However, in the short term we should expect some changes.

I hinted at some of those changes in my September Snojob article in which I highlighted two areas that I believe we need to focus on:

1. strengthening teams at all the areas; and
2. improving our dispatch numbers. I also noted that the areas observed our reduction in numbers and levels of commitment during the 2016–2017 season and were not happy about it. There is a clear expectation from the ski resorts we serve that for the 2017–2018 season, MHSP must provide an improved product in terms of consistency in numbers and quality of volunteer patrollers that we provide to the areas.

Stay tuned for more details. We hope to be able to provide them at our first General Meeting of the season on Monday, October 9, 7 pm. I hope to see you all there!

PATROL CHIEF REPORT

Training

Paul Podett, MD

Let's get serious – snow in September? Although we didn't request the snow and weather changes during Chair Evac Practice I was pleased to see that Patrollers were prepared. Thanks to all the Instructors who were there on September 17 and pro's, Libby, Mark, and Brett for making such a great hands–on training day.

TRAINING DATES REMAINING

Chair Evac Practice October 7 (Saturday) 7:30 am @ Timberline Lodge
OEC October 14 (Saturday) 6:30 am check in @ Athey Creek Middle School
OEC October 29 (Sunday) 6:30 am check in @ Athey Creek Middle School

TEAMS

Meadows, Skibowl and Timberline have all requested that we establish teams supporting the areas this year. There will be four teams at each area, alternating every other Saturday or Sunday

- A Teams: alternating Saturdays beginning November 18 (or when the area open)
- B Teams: alternating Sundays beginning November 19
- C Teams: alternating Saturdays beginning November 25
- D Teams: alternating Sundays beginning November 26

Patrolling on one team every other weekend from mid-November to end of April equals a 12- day commitment.

The sizes of the team will vary somewhat by area. All teams will be comprised of a Hill Captain (Team Leader), Associate Supervisor, Hill and Associate Patrollers. In addition, Rookie Patroller Teams, and Apprentice Coaches and Teams will be integrated into the team schedule.

We are strongly encouraging as many hill and associate patrollers as possible to make the commitment and sign up for teams. We realize that not all of our members can make that commitment and there will be open dispatch slots for each of the areas every weekend. However, the areas have requested that the open dispatch patrollers who are not very familiar with the area they have signed up for plan to shadow a team member.

Look for the Team sign-up sheets at each OEC refresher! Alternatively, you can call or email Paul Podett with your choices at **patrolchief@mthoodskipatrol.org**.

COMMITMENT LEVELS AND BENEFITS

We are still in discussion with the Ski Areas regarding expectations for volunteer patrol dispatch, levels of commitment and corresponding benefits. We have not reached final decisions, but as of now it appears that they will support the following levels of commitment:

- Level 1: 18 Service Days for Pass for Family and Self, plus daily vouchers
- Level 2: 14 Service Days for Pass for Self, plus daily vouchers
- Level 3: Fewer than 14 Service days, no passes; daily voucher benefits only

Members committing to a team at any of the areas will automatically reach Level 1.

Training and Trainer Days (OEC, Chair Evac., Avalanche) count for credit for service days. However, the areas have expressed concern about our competency in knowing and performing routine area operations and OEC skills and protocols. In order to ensure that we

consistently maintain our patrolling skills and competency, we will be requiring a minimum of 8 days on the hill actively patrolling this year in order to maintain active status with MHSP.

DISPATCH

Online pre-dispatch will be mandatory this year for all patrollers. No dispatch – no benefits.

Members committing to a team will be automatically be dispatched for those days but may opt to dispatch for additional days at areas where slots are opened.

We do realize that work and family schedules do prevent some of you from committing to a dispatch schedule more than a week or two in advance. Therefore, if you absolutely cannot pre-dispatch, you must request approval in advance from Patrol Chief Paul Podett (for Hill Patrollers) or Steve Giesey (for Associate patrollers.)

There will be three modules for the upcoming season. **Dispatch will open on November 1, 2017, the first dispatch due date is November 15, 2017.**

Dispatch Season Requirement; 18 day family, 14 day single benefit.

Family	Single		
		Module 1	
7 days	6 days	11/4/17 – 2/25/18	**Dispatch due 11/15/17**
		Module 2	
7 days	5 days	3/3/18 – 5/20/18	Dispatch due 2/15/18
		Module 3	
2 days	1 day	5/26/18 – 9/19/18	Dispatch due 5/15/18
2 days	2 days	OEC and Chair Evac practice count as part of your required dispatch days.	
18 days	**14 days**	**Total**	

All Associates and Hill Patrollers who did not meet their dispatch commitment for the 2016–2017 season will have to meet with the dispatch coordinator at one of the three OEC refreshers to be cleared to dispatch for 2017–2018.

Your dispatch as of 11/15/17 will determine your benefits for the season. If you agree to benefit level and you do not dispatch by 11/15/17, the MHSP Council will dispatch for you. If you dispatch for Module # 1 and then don't dispatch for the Module # 2 deadline–your pass privileges may be revoked for the rest of the season.

Instructors will need to pre arrange their dispatch schedule with the training director.

We will be providing you more details for dispatch, benefits, and team sign–up at the OEC Refreshers.

Safety and proficiency through practice. Review–check, prep, and become intimate with your equipment.

OEC Refreshers: There are Changes

Bob Tise

Since the last Snojob, we have made changes to the OEC Refresher.

1. We will be adding your CPR skills demonstration, previously part of chair evacuation.

   Approximately half of us will be involved with this added module. The rest of you will simply have a little bit longer lunch break. If you renewed your CPR card this year, you don't need to do the skills demonstration. If you don't renew until next year, you will be given instructions for this fifteen to twenty minute module.

2. The location of the **OEC refresher** has changed. It will be held at **Athey Creek Middle School**, 2900 SW Borland Rd, Tualatin.

3. The scheduled date of the third OEC refresher has changed to Sunday October 29th in order to accommodate those of us whose schedule conflicts with Saturday patrol activity.

Patroller Refreshers: October 14, October 29, **Athey Creek Middle School, 7:00 am check in, 7:30 am start.**

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. I will be happy to make up a plausible sounding answer.

IMPORTANT PART

We all need to enroll in the class through NSP. See Kathy Lee's article with procedures for this process. It's not hard, I've checked it out, you can do it.

We also all need to go through the online portion of the OEC refresher. Some will love it, some will experience a different reaction. Just remember it is necessary, and get it done. See Kathy Lee's article for instructions.

You will definitely need to have your OEC refresher workbook completed before you come to the class. If your dog ate it, no problem; log into the NSP website and hunt it down. Click on Member Resources, Education Resources, OEC, then just click on the 2017 OEC Refresher Workbook Cycle A link. Fill it out, scan it, and email as directed in Kathy Lee's article.

If you haven't done any real first–aid for a while, you will want to practice some basic skills. Get back in the habit of doing a full assessment, SAMPLE, splinting, sling and swath, bandaging. Family members make great patients; if you live alone, buy a great big teddy bear and practice on that.

You probably won't have access to a backboard or traction splint, but please do glance at those sections of the OEC manual and at least give it some thought.

THE CLOTHING COMMITTEE WILL HAVE UNIFORM PATCHES AVAILABLE AT THE END OF DAY AT ALL OEC REFRESHERS.

If you need a name tag, please email **millerjaye@comcast.net** an individual line, with the exact spelling of your name (how you want it to show up on your name tag) by November 1st. We will submit the order and have the name tags available at the November meeting.

Prices for patches:
Large back crosses: $12.00, Sheilds $7.00, Name tags $7.00, Shoulder rounds (associates) $5.00, Shoulder crosses (hill) $5.00, Small crosses (packs) $5.00

REFRESHER INFORMATION

The How–To for Refreshers and Paying NSP Dues

Kathy Lee

As we start to prepare for the ski season, there are some computer related activities every patroller needs to do. (New apprentices do not need to do these activities this year.)

A. NSP WEBSITE PASSWORD UPDATE - AS OF 9/22/17:

- Passwords must have at least 7 characters and be alphanumeric
- If your password does not meet these requirements, you will receive an error message
- Error message will ask you to click on the **"Forgot password?"** link to reset your password
- You have three chances to enter a correct password before you are locked out
- **Avoid getting locked out - use the** "Forgot password" link after two incorrect tries
- If you are locked out, contact Member Services at memberservices@nsp.org or 303.988.1111.
- **NEVER** click on "Create Account."

B. Make sure you can log in to the NSP website, www.nsp.org. Do this **WELL BEFORE** going to the OEC refresher –like today!

C. IMPORTANT: Check that your email address is correct. NSP will send an email to that address so you can pay your NSP dues. Also check that your home address is correct so you receive the yearly Refresher Work book and NSP magazines/catalogues.

- Sign in and then click on the **Hi (your name)** at the top right of the screen.
- To get to the edit screen to correct your email, home address, or other information, click on the gray pencil next to the information area that needs to correction.

D. Check that your training/education information is correct.

- If information is missing or incorrect, contact the instructor of the course to get it corrected.

E. Enroll in the OEC refresher course **BEFORE** attending the refresher.

- Login to the NSP website.
- **Click on "Member Resources,"** then **click on "Course Schedule"**
- In the field titled "Course Number Starts With," enter one of the following course numbers:
  a. **P052170002** (Pzero52170002) – **Patroller Refresher,** lists Bob Tise as instructor
  b. If you have trouble entering the course number, do a search using the following:
  Title Contains: **oec**
  Patrol Contains: **mt hood** (no period after mt)
  Then select **P052170002**
- Make sure you go all the way through to the Order Confirmation screen. You will receive an email from NSP when you have successfully enrolled in the course.

F. Complete the On-Line Refresher.

- Login to the NSP website
- Click on "Online Learning" box – upper right
- Click on "Click here to enter the OnLine Learning Management System"
- At the top of the page, click on "Courses" menu item
- Click on "2017 Refresher A" box
- Complete all modules and the course survey.

- Save the Certificate of Completion or take a picture of it, and email it to: **oecrefresher@mthoodskipatrol.org**
- **Do not send a link to your certificate – it will not show us your certificate.**
- If unable to send the certificate, be sure to bring a copy to the refresher.

G. Complete the OEC Refresher Workbook. If you misplaced it, you can download it from the NSP website.
- Login to the NSP website
- Click on "Member Resources," then click on "Education Resources"
- Click on "OEC," then click on "2017 OEC Refresher Workbook Cycle A"
- Complete the work book and, if possible, scan and save your completed pages, or take a picture of it. Email it to: **oecrefresher@mthoodskipatrol.org**
- If unable to send the workbook, be sure to bring it to the refresher.

H. Sign up on the MHSP Dispatch for the refresher that you will be attending.

I. NSP Dues: When all the OEC Refreshers have been completed, the patrol will formally 'Notify' National, and each patroller will receive an email notice to pay National dues - $55.00. **Again, it is critically important that your email address is correct with National.**
- Pay your National dues as soon as possible after receiving the email notice
- After you pay your National dues, you will receive by email a receipt and Membership Card to self-print.
- If dues are not paid on time, there will be late fees:
  Division – effective January 1, 2018, $5.00
  National - effective February 1, 2018, $10.00

Questions on the OEC refresher: Contact Bob Tise, **firstaidchief@mthoodskipatrol.org** or Kathy Lee, **leek232@gmail.com**.

Questions on logging into NSP or paying dues: Contact Kyle Richard, **registrar@mthoodskipatrol.org**

FROM THE TREASURER

Dues for 2017–2018

Allen Hansen

Based on a projected operating budget of $37,050 the MHSP portion of our dues for SY 2017–2018 will be $30.

TOTAL DUES BUILD–UP:

PNWD	$8.00
Wy'East	$15.00
MHSP	$30.00
Total due @ OEC	**$53.00**
Snowpark pass	$25.00
Grand Total due	**$78.00**

This is what you'll need to write a check for at OEC refreshers. Cash or Check are the payment methods. **Remember, NSP dues are now directly paid through the NSP Website.** This is new for this year.

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Fall Information

Sam Smith

It has been a long and good summer, but I am happy to see winter on the horizon so we can all get back up to the mountain and enjoy the good work we do. There are a few things to mention at this time.

Membership renewal for hosts will be pretty much the same as in past years. As soon as we have the necessary documents collected, we will notify everyone of the details for processing membership this coming season.

The benefit packages are being worked on with the areas. There are a lot of new ideas on the table from all of the resorts. We hope to have everything finalized soon. Details will be sent out as soon as possible.

Commitment levels for hosts are expected to be the same at 11 shifts.

Skibowl operations made an adjustment last season to start at 8:00 am instead of 10:00 am. Some of the Skibowl staff, as well as many of the patrol Hill Captains, requested this earlier start time. Our plan is to continue this practice as we move forward.

Host Uniform Orders

Jan Silagi

It is time to order uniforms, get our skis and boards tuned up, and dance for snow on the mountain! First and foremost, **ALL ORDERS FOR UNIFORM ITEMS AND CHANGES TO EMBROIDERED NAME PATCHES MUST BE MADE THROUGH ME.** PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT OUR MANUFACTURER YOURSELF. Thanks!

Coats and vests are **unisex, military sizing, and cut generously** to allow you to layer up underneath on cold days. I highly recommend that you try on a coat to make sure you are ordering the size you want. **These are custom orders, so you cannot return the garment if you are unhappy with the fit.**

Below, you will find an Order Form and a sizing chart that may help you determine the size you want to order if you are unable to come try on samples.

Here are a few reminders, followed by information about opportunities to try on uniform items:
COAT: Hosts are **required** to have the Mountain Host coat made by our manufacturer. It will come with your name embroidered on it, included in the cost of the coat (you do not need to order a coat name patch with the new coat).

USED COAT: If you have purchased a used coat, bring the coat with your order form to have the embroidered name patch changed, as well as a check for $15.00, to me at one of the try-on opportunities listed below, and I'll take it to the manufacturer with our group order. The manufacturer will open the seams on the coat to properly sew on your new name patch without compromising the water repelling quality of the garment.

I am unable to hook you up with a former member who has a used coat for sale. It is a conflict of interest with my relationship with our manufacturer.

If you're in the market for a used item you may want to contact other Hosts and ask them if they know of any opportunities.

VEST: The vest is not required, but **highly recommended**! The vest is used as an indoor uniform and as an outdoor uniform on those sunny days that will arrive next spring, as well as at any other off–mountain event, such as summer race support or fundraising when a coat is not needed! **If you purchased a vest prior to 2014 and it did not come with an embroidered name patch, you can have one added for $8.00.** Bring the vest, your order form, and check to me, and I'll take it to the manufacturer with our group order. New vests will come with an embroidered name patch.

Baseball caps are made from a warm fabric with adjustable sizing and have our logo embroidered on them.

Fleece hats are available in 2 sizes, small/medium and large/extra large, and are embroidered with our logo. This is a bucket hat style.

Micro Fleece half zip shirts are embroidered with our logo, and the sleeve fits over the wrist and thumb into your glove. These are great layering garments for under your coat and/or indoor uniform paired with your name tag.

Plastic Name Tags: If you have lost your plastic name tag and need to reorder, use the Order Form. The plastic name tag comes in straight pin back or magnet back styles. This name tag is used on shirts, bibs, etc. when not wearing your coat. Vests made prior to 2014 require a plastic name tag, or you may have an embroidered name patch added.

ORDERING UNIFORMS:

If you know what you want to order, you may send your order to me now. Fill out the order form and send it with your **check made out to MHSP**. Send your order to: **Jan Silagi, 4605 SE 15th Street, Gresham, OR 97808-6120**.

TRY-ON OPPORTUNITIES:

There are two dates available to meet me and try on coats, vests, etc. **Please bring an order form and your check with you. Make checks payable to MHSP.**

WEST SIDE

Monday, October 2 **5:30–6:45 pm**

Providence St. Vincent Medical Center 9205 SW Barnes Road Portland, OR 97225

I will be inside the doors of the Pavillion, east side of the building by the fountain.

EAST SIDE

Monday, October 9 **5:30–6:35 pm**

Providence Portland Medical Center 4805 NE Glisan St. Portland, OR 97213

I will be on the east side of the building adjacent to the parking structure, first level, outside the Social Room. At 7:00pm our first General Membership Meeting of the year will begin in the Social Room. Come join us!

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

If the above dates do not work for your schedule you are welcome to come to my home and try on garments. Please give me a call and we can make a plan! 503-750-6848.

Uniform orders will close on October 11. Please call me if you have any questions!

Mountain Host Uniform
Sizing Chart

Chest measurement, from side seam to side seam under the arms.

Sleeve measurement, from shoulder seam to the cuff.

Torso measurement, from center of the shoulder to the hem.

Size	Chest	Sleeve	Torso
Small	22”	24”	30”
Medium	25”	25”	32”
Large	26 ½”	26”	34”
Extra Large	28”	26”	34”

MHSP Mountain Host
2017 Uniform Order
Coat, Vest, Fleece Shirt, Hats

Coat sizes are unisex and are generously sized to allow for layering underneath.
Because these garments are custom made, they cannot be returned.
Coats and vests have our logo on them and your name embroidered on a patch.

Fleece shirts, fleece hats and baseball caps have our logo embroidered on them.

TALL coat add 2" in sleeve and body length.
SHORT coat reduce the sleeve and body length by 2".
Tall or short coat **add $25**.

YOUR NAME _____ _____
FIRST **LAST**

COAT	**$200.00**	Size XS ___ S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___	$_____
Tall/Short coat	**add $25.00**	**Tall Coat** _____ **Short Coat**_____	$_____
VEST	**$80.00**	Size XS ___ S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL____	$_____
HALF ZIP FLEECE	**$45.00**	Size XS ___ S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___	$_____
BASEBALL CAP	**@ $18.00**		$_____
FLEECE EAR FLAP HAT	**@ $18.00**	Size S / M _____ L / XL_____	$_____

COAT EMBROIDERED NAME PATCH	**@ $15.00**	**(**stitched to used coat**)**	$_____
VEST EMBROIDERED NAME PATCH	**@ $8.00**	**(**Includes stitching to vest**)**	$_____
COAT ZIPPER REPLACEMENT	**@25.00**		$_____
NAME TAG	**Straight pin back @ $9.20** _____	**Magnet back @ $10.60** _____	$_____

TOTAL $ _____

Payments made by personal check

CHECK # _____ **Make Checks Payable to;** ***MHSP***

MAIL TO: Jan Silagi, 4605 SE 15th Street, Gresham, OR 97080-6120

NORDIC

News

Jeff Hepler

The recent Government Camp Building refurbishment included downsizing excess gear and moving the Nordic team locker and equipment to the rear of the building. This location provides organized and accessible storage with excellent lighting and safe electrical connections. Big thanks to Karen Larsen, Jaye Carlson, Joel Stevens, and others for making the move successful.

If you are looking at pre-season deals on packs, hats, gloves, or outerwear for Teacup please reference the MHSP Wiki on uniform standards. In short, red coat, black pants, and red or black on everything else. Your patrol pack may be red or black but no other color. Many Nordics are patrolling with Mountainsmith lumbar packs and fortunately these come in red or black. I know standardized uniform and pack requirements can be unpopular but recognition at the area is critical and uniforms play a major part. This is a great time to re-assess your patrol equipment and update if necessary.

The Nordic training season kicks off with "On-The-Hill" training days on either Saturday, November 11th or Sunday, November 19th, 9AM-4PM. Please select one of the two days and dispatch. This training is required for all Nordic patrollers so please plan ahead.

See you at OEC and thanks for volunteering!

PATROLLER OPERATIONS

October General Meeting

Cleo Howell

PATROL AND PERSONAL INSURANCE NEEDS

Have you ever wondered what, if any, insurance coverage you have through Mt. Hood Ski Patrol or the National Ski Patrol? Come to the **general meeting on October 9** and learn what insurance the patrol does have. A representative from the Miller Insurance Agency will be present to discuss the liability insurance that is carried by the MHSP and to give some general insurance guidance for individuals.

Monday, October 9 7:00 p.m.

Portland Providence Medical Center 4805 NE Glisan St., Portland in the Social Room

December Winter Social

SPIF ON DECEMBER 4, 2017

Cleo Howell

Please join us at McMenamins Kennedy School for a night of fun, food, and socializing with your ski patrol friends. Bring your spouse or significant other. The Council has subsidized the cost of this event, so it will only cost you $15 per person for the food. Adult beverages will be on you.

Mark your calendar now and further details will follow.

Instructor Development

Kathy Lee

Interested in becoming an instructor or coach? Instructor Development is the first step! There are two parts to the course. The first half is to complete online, the second half requires classroom attendance to present a six-pack lesson and learn about the instructor mentoring process. The online portion must be completed before attending the classroom session. The classroom session will be held **Thursday, October 26, 2017, 7:00 pm**, St. Vincent Hospital, Stanley Family Room 21.

Please contact Kathy Lee, **leek232@gmail.com**, no later than **October 6, 2017** to obtain additional instructions for the course.

Dispatch Reminder

Wendy Stuart

If you need to contact me regarding your scheduled dispatch for patrol days, OEC classes, training days, etc... you need to include your patrol number and your role for the event you're emailing about. **The system doesn't let me dispatch for you without a patrol number or a role.** If you are contacting me about an entire group, include the individuals, their patrol numbers and their roles in the event as well.

Dispatch allows you to dispatch up until 9:00 pm the night before you want to patrol. You must go through the Schedule option, to the left of the Master Calendar option, to do so.

Cut us some slack. The Hill Captains are busy and I cannot update the dispatch until I receive the attendance, from the HC or class leader. Give us a week before you start to fret.

Hill Captians, class leaders, and I field a lot of e-mails from patrollers wondering about their credit. Some take screenshots via your phone and email me if you don't want to utilize the fax machine. Give us each a few days. 12 hours is not enough time.

Roster pictures must come in JPEG format. The criteria for the photos are: no sunglasses, head shot only (shoulders up), not pets, kids, friends, or other.

If you patrol without a Hill Captain designate someone in the group to send a copy of the Green Sheet or attendance to Wendy at **apcrecords@mhsp.org**. As noted above, **include all patrol numbers and roles**.

FUNDRAISING

2017 Bike Team Race Support

Mike Anderson

- **Run Like Hell Half**, October 22
  In downtown Portland the racers run in costume and end up at Pioneer Place. There will be a new route that has not yet been announced. This is the last run of the season.

More information is available at the following websites:
www.Terrapinevents.com **www.runvum.com** **www.gorgeousseries.com**

Snowvana is Coming

Kelly Ambrose Hays

Snowvana is back! On the heels of an epic snow season, the Northwest's favorite new snow sports festival returns **October 20–21** to celebrate the upcoming season. Snowvana 1.0 was fun but version 2.0 will blow you away with high profile film premieres, live music, craft brews and spirits, and deeply discounted gear—all in one convenient location. Snowvana is the only place to pick up your season pass from all four of Oregon's leading resorts.

Snowvana organizers have again given us a booth where we will sell SnoPark permits, hand out safety literature, and chat up potential new recruits. Last year we sold over 400 permits which raised almost $2,500.00 for the patrol. In exchange for the booth, **MHSP must provide at least ten volunteers to cover a single four–hour shift.**

There are several types of volunteer positions. If you have or are willing to get an OLCC card ($20 fee will be reimbursed by Snowvana at the event), you can pour beer. Permits are good for five years. The Snowvana website provides a link to the online class. In exchange for volunteering you will receive an event T-shirt, weekend pass, and beer tokens. We will not have these spots on dispatch – you will need to go to **https://snowvana.com/volunteer**. Please be sure to select Mt Hood Ski Patrol as your non-profit affiliation to ensure we get credit. **After registering please send an email to kellyapdx@gmail.com letting me know you've done it so I can keep track of our numbers and get you credit for your time.** Volunteers must be at least 21.

Snowvana will be a lot of fun and a good money maker for us! Ask your friends! Tell them how to register! Free beer! Please **contact Kelly Ambrose-Hays with any questions kellyapdx@gmail.com.**

FROM THE WY'EAST REGION DIRECTOR

PNWD Convention

Douglas Stanton

This year's PNWD convention, held in Portland in August, was a complete success, providing all attendees the opportunity to learn some new skills, reacquaint with fellow patrollers that you may have lost contact with, and just enjoy the camaraderie that is part of ski patrolling. The venues for this event were held at the Sheraton Airport with a Friday BBQ at Colwood Golf Center, both turning out to be excellent locations with stellar attention to detail. So how do these events occur? Each region within the Pacific Northwest Division has an opportunity every five years to host this event; this was our year. Our next division conference in the Wy'east region won't occur again until 2022. Because Wy'east region is essentially comprised of MHSP, unique to the structure within NSP, it is somewhat easier to establish a team to put all the necessary requirements of a large event together, but it is still a challenge. Identify a location, negotiate the contract, develop food service plans, define clinic and meeting agendas for three days, create a hospitality suite for socialization, identify vendors to show their products, solicit donations for raffle and auctions, prepare and manage a web page for registrations, prepare swag goodie bags for all guests, and on and on and on… It's a huge task that takes patience and commitment. Fortunately the team, fellow patrollers and hosts from MHSP, nailed it and deserve a huge thank you for doing an outstanding job.

So why is this important? Out of the 115 or so attendees to this years convention, very few were from MHSP aside from the patrollers that supported the convention. As a member of MHSP and NSP, it is important that you attend at least one but more of these events; they are where you learn how your patrol fits into the larger picture of NSP. I've heard on numerous occasions how bad NSP is for MHSP, how there is very little benefit for our patrol, how cumbersome it is to work with the NSP

organization... patrollers who feel this way may not be engaging at the level necessary to keep our patrol strong and growing, and that comes from interaction outside of our region (in this case, outside MHSP). The PNWD convention is one avenue to extend this engagement.

MHSP has many issues related to participation. Without participation comes apathy. I implore all members of MHSP to look inward, asking: why am I a patroller? The reasons are many but one that should shine above all others is the relationships built through the patrol experience. That experience extends beyond a patrol day on the mountain; it extends to how you support the mission that is patrolling, understanding all the hard work that goes into making our patrol work beyond just what happens on our mountain. Reach beyond going to OEC refreshers and on–mountain updates, make a commitment to learning about the division, the region, and NSP, attend the upcoming division convention in 2018, and longer term, if you can, make plans to attend the next Powderfall convention hosted by NSP. Regardless of what you do, become more engaged. It will enhance your patrolling experience and strengthen our patrol.

OFF THE MOUNTAIN

Portland to Coast Relay

Gayle Maize Hall

The Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Hoodlums team participated in the Portland to Coast Relay and made it to Seaside without suffering any injuries. The team placed 6 in the Champions Mixed Masters Division.

Great job to an awesome team: Larry Cahill, Eric Carlson, Jaye Miller Carlson, Kathy Lee, Jeff Hall, Bill High, Linda High, John Howard, Lori Neal, Steve Potter, Craig Savage, James Schuler, Dina Peganoff, Cleo Howell, Margaret Usher, David Nead, and Gayle Maize Hall.

A huge thank you to our team sponsors: Ron Maize/Hobby Smith, Ike Anunciado/360 Physical Therapy, Terry Niedermeyer/Display Star, Dina Peganoff/Therapeutic Associates, Gresham Subaru, and Suburban Ford. Also a shout–out to David Winterling and Joel and Pat Stevens for supplying the vehicles that carried the team to Seaside. All of this support helped make it possible for the team to represent the patrol in the relay and is very much appreciated! An outstanding team effort!

Photo by John Howard

ON THE MOUNTAIN

Rescue Center

David Winterling

The RC summer upgrade project actually started back on July 22, when Matt Ashjian led a small work team (Scott Minton, Dave Winterling, Doug Reynolds, and apprentice Meghan Brown) uphill to replace the exterior siding on the north (downhill) and east sides. The old siding that was removed was in very poor shape (cracked and brittle, with some "critter holes!"), plus the team replaced some of the insulation, so this was a nice upgrade prior to repainting the exterior.

On Saturday September 16, Matt Harms convened the RC work team at 07:00 in front of Govy, and discussed the logistics plan to get everything uphill. Due to fire danger, we were only going to be allowed to bring one vehicle uphill, and we had a LOT of people and supplies to move. Fortunately, apprentice Marc Johnson had made his heavy-duty Ford F350 SuperDuty available; we loaded the 8-foot bed with tools and supplies, and then loaded a 9-foot rental trailer with the new doors and windows, paint, ladders, coolers, water jugs and fire extinguishers for fire suppression, and more tools and supplies. Six people sat in the 4–door cab, plus two in the bed to keep an eye on the trailer – quite a load going uphill! A lighter truck would not have made the climb, for sure. Harms led our other six team members on a fast uphill hike to RC, leaving from the east side and shooting straight up Multorpor, and arriving less than 10 minute after the truck.

Up top, the day started a bit breezier and chillier than expected – more than one person wished that they'd brought another layer. The group was divided into two work teams, with Matt Ashjian leading the construction team (Glen Anderson, Will Pardy, Mike Walsh, and Mick Tarsel), installing two new windows, two new doors, metal trim on the building corners, cedar trim around the windows/doors, re-nailing loose interior paneling and exterior siding, and caulking/foaming the cracks and gaps. Sean McLoughlin was a life-saver with his paint spraying unit, he led the painting team (Rachel Leiber, Scott Minton, Allison Wibby, heather Van Houten, Marc Johnson, Dave Winterling, and Courtney Walsh), painting the exterior of the building, the interior of the entry room, the cedar trim, and the new doors.

In the early afternoon, with the exterior paint done, a small group got busy drilling and mounting two nice new signs on the front of the building, courtesy of Terry Niedermeyer. These new signs are printed on corrosion–resistant aluminum plate, rather than painted on plywood, so they should be looking good for a long time. At the tail end of the day, Matt Harms organized a team photo at the front of Rescue Center, matching the original construction photo from 1986, complete with a ladder on the front and a board hanging off the roof. Doug Reynolds got off the Upper Bowl chairlift right on time, with his nice wedding–photo camera, to take the picture. This project was a great upgrade for Rescue Center, although most of you will need to wait a few months to get a close–up look! Thanks to everyone who spent the day up top!

Govy Building Clean up and Changes

Jaye Miller

Saturday, September 16 at 8:30 am is when the day was supposed to begin with a welcome, to-do list, and description of dealing with our bottle–neck. It didn't seem relevant anymore when the over achievers and early risers started at 7:30. The toboggans, red chairs, sofa, tables, mattresses, and benches were removed from the building. The bed frames moved away from the walls. Dispatch was set up with donuts, coffee, water, and blue tape. We formed our teams and started working in our various areas.

Matt Wood, Janet Nelson, Kimberly Durkin, and Mike Chacon all cleaned and painted the entire upstairs, including the ceiling, and stairwell.

Kathy Lee and Lisa Hargrave began cleaning the First Aid Closets. Removing mice homes (masks were worn) and the supplies we no longer use, the supplies were re–organized into the left side of the First Aid closet. The right side of the First Aid closet is now our radio closet and has the lateral file cabinet for our records. Thanks to apprentice John Cartwright for removing the shelves to make room for the cabinet. Wow… you won't believe the difference.

Annie Eversmeyer and Lynnette Clapier cleaned the refrigerator and all the cabinets in the kitchen. We have an inventory list on a clipboard, so please look before you buy any items. And remember to let Matt Adamosky (Govy building manager) know when supplies run out… or better yet, when they run low!

Joel Stevens moved our HC closet door lock, put up our new smoke detectors, and was the odd job–guru. Speaking of odd jobs, Ed Taylor and John Cartwright got the run–around doing things that needed a body taller than Lynnette, Annie or, me. Thank you Ed for helping with all of your odd jobs (kitchen, sleds, painting, cleaning, etc.), and John for moving the file cabinet and radios into the HC closet.

A big thank you to Lyle Neville, Western Carpet Cleaners, for professionally cleaning the carpets, chairs, and sofa. The carpet downstairs hasn't looked that good in years. Thank you!

And last but not least, Jeff Hepler and Karen Larsen cleaned out the Nordic closet to make room for four toboggans. Doug Stanton and Josh Corey did some toboggan repairs and got them ready for winter. The Nordic closet will hold at least four toboggans during the winter and the rest should be on the hill. We now have room in the back room for training, socializing, or a square dance.

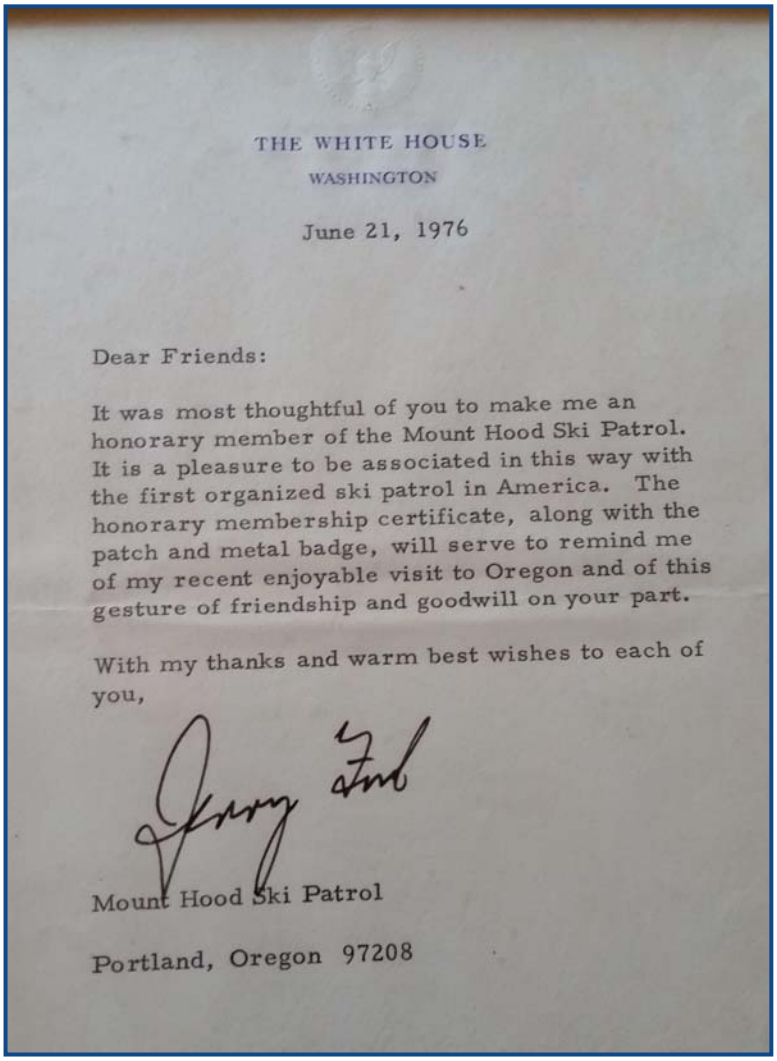
At 7:30 pm when the rugs were still wet, we moved "Free Stuff" to the road and did a bucket brigade to get the mattresses back upstairs. It was a very long day, but thank you to everyone who helped make one of my goals a reality.

THE CHANGES IN THE GOVY BUILDING:

- The old HC closet no longer has a lock so we have access to the breaker box. It is now the party closet holding apprentice paperwork and party supplies.
- The old Nordic closet will hold the toboggans we don't take to the Areas for weekly use.
- First–aid supplies are in the left side closet and our wooden cabinet for re-stocking your pack.
- Radios are in the back right closet, which is also ready for us to store some records.
- The upstairs is clean and painted.
- The bathroom and shower area were cleaned.

But the best part of Saturday wasn't the long hours, it was spending time with my fellow patrollers. When it started raining on Sunday, I knew it was going to be a wonderful season. A GET IT Done year!!!

DOCUMENTS FOUND IN THE CLEAN UP!



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 21, 1976

Dear Friends:

It was most thoughtful of you to make me an honorary member of the Mount Hood Ski Patrol. It is a pleasure to be associated in this way with the first organized ski patrol in America. The honorary membership certificate, along with the patch and metal badge, will serve to remind me of my recent enjoyable visit to Oregon and of this gesture of friendship and goodwill on your part.

With my thanks and warm best wishes to each of you,

Jerry Ford

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This is to certify that

the members of the MT. HOOD SKI Patrol under the leadership of RANDALL B. KESTER have performed services for their Country far beyond their regular duties and in accordance with our contract with the War Department.

This Certificate is therefore awarded in recognition and appreciation by the National Committee.

Roger Langley
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SKI ASSOCIATION

Chairman, National Ski Patrol System

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CALENDAR

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

October

2 Council Meeting

4 Hillcrest Ski & Sports Pro Night

7 Chair Evac, Timberline 07:30

9 General Meeting 19:00
at Portland Providence Medical Center

12 Hillcrest Ski & Sports Pro Night 16:30 – 20:30

14 OEC Refresher 07:00 check in, 07:30 start

14 Snojob Deadline

20–21 Snowvana

22 Run Like Hell Half

26 Instructor Development

29 OEC Refresher 07:00 check in, 07:30 start

31 Alumni Lunch

November

3–5 Ski Fever

6 Council Meeting

13 General Meeting 19:00
at Portland Providence Medical Center

18 Snojob Deadline

December

4 MHSP Winter Social at McMenamins Kennedy School

11 Council Meeting

16 Snojob Deadline