Mt. Hood Ski Patrol
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February 2015

Awards Banquet

We will be holding the MHSP Awards Banquet on **May 9, 2015** at the Portland Airport Embassy Suites Hotel. This was the location of last year's event. It was great fun to spend the night and take advantage of the manager's cocktail party and made-to-order breakfast in the morning. The social hour will begin at 6:00pm with dinner and awards to follow.

Reserve the date, mark your calendars, find a babysitter, make a room reservation, send your suit to the cleaners, buy that new dress, and plan on dancing the night away.

If you received an award last year we have a surprise in store for you this year that we need your help with. If you didn't receive an award last year – who knows -- this just might be your year!!

Remember to add up the years you have been on the patrol and turn them into Jodie Jeffers, Wy'east Awards Coordinator, to see if you qualify for a 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years of service pin.

If you have any ideas for the banquet please send an email to either Matt Wood (mwood@furuno.com) or Margaret Usher (margaret.usher@live.com). We will take a look and see if we can incorporate them at this year's banquet.

ELECTIONS

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

By Mike Cullen, Mountain Host Director, HS 60009

Two Year Term Limit for Host Director

There will be an amendment on the ballot in April to impose a 2 consecutive year term limit for the position of Host Director.

The membership base for the Host Division has consistently been between 125 and 150 for a number of years.

This is a big improvement over earlier years and should be sufficient to support a succession plan for the Director position.

The position of Host Director does not have any term limitations at present.

This change will help to stimulate succession planning within the Host membership category.

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Mountain Host Director

By Mike Cullen, Mountain Host Director, HS 60009

Operations Update

We've been active at both Skibowl and Timberline even though the low snowpack has been limiting normal operations.

Skibowl: Operations took a slowdown this month due to a low snow pack and a decision by Skibowl to close lifts until more snow arrives. The tubing hill has been able to keep operating, so we have been helping out there.

Timberline: Operations have continued at Timberline with most of the lifts in operation, weather depending of course. A new, and possibly temporary, duty station has been addressed in the day lodge. It involves helping to inform the guests that Timberline does not want ski and board equipment going into or though the cafeteria.

Carpooling

The number of parking places that volunteers use has been a concern at both resorts for many years.

Please use the WIKI to find possible carpooling with fellow hosts and patrollers.

Another option is to check for ride options at the MHSP patrol building in Government Camp.

Please do so 30 to 40 minutes prior to your shift in order to arrive on time.

Radio Usage

It is always important to remember to be on the correct channel when you receive your radio from the supervisor of the day.

Please handle with care (NOT BY THE ANTENNA).

If you do not already have a radio harness, please plan on getting one ASAP. We are moving closer and closer to making the harness a mandatory item in order to protect the radio and insure that we do not have accidental "keying of the microphone".

Radio Usage @ Skibowl

We will start using a separate channel for hosts at Skibowl.

This new policy has been requested by the Skibowl assistant patrol chief.

Until we can get a new channel added to our selection list, we will use channel 7 for host to host communications.

This means the Timberline crew will hear the Skibowl crew, and vice versa.

Supervisors will carry two radios to monitor both the host channel and the patrol channel to keep hosts informed of patrol operations as needed.

Looking Ahead

There are two big events that occur each year for MHSP that I want to mention here.

- MHSP Elections
- MHSP Banquet

The Mountain Hosts are the newest membership category in MHSP and it is important that we are actively involved in both of these events.

MHSP ELECTIONS:

Each year we will be voting for the Host Director position.

I am also working to have some bylaw amendments on the ballot such as:

1) Host Director term limit to be 2 consecutive years, same as most of the other council positions.

2) An amendment that will allow hosts to vote on future bylaw amendments. At this time, only patrollers are allowed to vote on bylaw amendments.

3) An amendment that will allow hosts to serve as Treasurer and Secretary on the MHSP Council.

MHSP BANQUET:

This event will be held May 9, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Hotel Portland Airport. The banquet is the official MHSP event that recognizes advancement, achievement levels, and awards. I highly encourage everyone to attend.

FIRST AID

First Aid Essentials

By James Schuler, First Aid Chief, AS 90481

While searching for happy thoughts yesterday, I went to my mail box (the metal one on the street) and discovered that my OEC Technician card from NSP had finally arrived. Due to circumstances beyond our control, NSP failed to send out many of the new cards last year. I received your panicked emails over the last year and had asked that if you didn't get yours, to remain patient... they would eventually arrive. That day has come. If you don't receive yours in the next week or so, please check your personal information on the NSP site and make sure it's up to date. Check with me after that if you still have no luck.

Another happy thought: as we go through this season, remember that we need to recognize our fellow Patrollers and Hosts that have gone above and beyond the call of duty and stand out as examples to us all. Please document those heroics and send them to myself or any Council member for recognition and awards. Be as thorough as you can with names, places dates and circumstances so we can follow up.

Speaking of documents, please remember that Incident Report Forms may someday be used as evidence in legal matters and as such should be fully completed with great care and attention to detail. You'll notice on the form that there is no reference to "diagnosis". We do not diagnose injuries or illnesses with our patients and never on any of our documentation.

If you are concerned about a particular patient that you've treated and would like to follow their progress, there is an option available. Cleo Howell (howell.cleo@gmail.com) has the contacts to follow-up on patient treatment with several of the hospitals. Only "Teaching Centers" like OHSU and Legacy Emanuel will grant us patient treatment information as an educational tool for our training. If there is a case that you believe fits that criteria, please let Cleo know. He will need patient name, date of incident, hospital sent to, probable injuries or illness.

PATROLLER OPERATIONS

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

By Jodie Jeffers, Associate Director, AS 90526

Where's the snow & your communication?

The snow is still missing in its usual splendor and volume up there on Mt. Hood and seems to have overshot to the East Coast! However if we recall from last year, it DUMPED a lot of great spring snow while everyone got in some awesome powder.

So please don't give up yet and actually let's take this opportunity to regroup. Please check your dispatch, required days, Rookie and Apprentice Cards, first aid packs, uniforms, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, now is the time to let me know. Communication is in your hands now, so please let me hear from you sooner versus later. The council will be meeting Monday, February 2, to address concerns so please let me hear from you.

As mentioned before, anyone interested in being next year's Associate Director to please feel free to contact me so I can talk to you about the duties and the responsibilities. I look forward to talking to you as will the nominating committee!

Have you seen some exemplary work done by another patrollers, great first aid case, or just want to give kudos to someone? Let me know the specifics and I will pass it on. Mark your calendars for the end of the year banquet being held on May 9, at the Embassy Suites Portland Airport.

Summit Operations

By Diane Kindall Potter & Claudia Allen Pieters, APCs

Summit is open! The Mighty Mites were there for their ski race day. Church groups and Ski Days from Portland have all enjoyed Skiing, Boarding and Tubing. A family from Hawaii was there last weekend hoping to play in white fluffy snow so I told them about Timberline and the lodge and the history they could find there. They were off to Timberline and not disappointed about their mountain adventure before they left for home the next day.

Summit is a great PR place and we seem to have openings every weekend to patrol, so you are most welcome to join us.

Young Adult Program Update

By Eric Granning, YAP Coordinator, AS 90405

In spite of the challenging early season snow conditions, the Youth Patrollers continue to get in days in on the mountain. Youth Patrollers have had training days at all resorts except Skibowl.

In January, Youth Patrollers participated in an Avy Awareness class led by John Gastineau. Topics such as the avalanche triangle, safe travel in avalanche terrain, and avalanche rescue equipment were covered. The Youth Patrollers were surprised to learn of the amount of avalanche susceptible terrain within or adjacent to all the resorts. Thanks to John's efforts, we now have "Avy Savvy" Youth Patrollers on the mountain!

Also, you may notice something a little different about the Youth Patrollers. Thanks to the generous efforts of Terry Niedermeyer and Margaret Usher, the Young Adult Program now has custom designed bibs for use on the mountain. Look for the bright green bibs with the YAP logo!

Upcoming events:

- OEC First Care class – February 15th at Legacy Meridian Park
- BLS CPR class – March 8th – Location TBD
- And of course, (hopefully!) many more days on the mountain.

We have plenty of space for more teens to be part of the team. If you have kids in the 15-18 year old range, who are interested in skiing, the Young Adult Program is a great way to introduce them to patrolling. And as an added bonus, they get service hours to satisfy the service requirement in high school.

We also need adult patrollers who can be coaches for the Youth Patroller's during the upcoming season. If you are interested in helping out, or would like more information on the upcoming events, contact Eric Granning at granning.eric@gmail.com.

NORDIC OPERATIONS

Nordic News

Jeff Hepler, Nordic Director, 30006

Despite the lack of snow, operations at Teacup Lake Nordic Area have continued with surprisingly skiable conditions. Patroller-guest contacts have been positive and several guests have been provided with medical care. One sled evacuation was performed and pre-season training proved invaluable.

A SAM pelvic wrap has been purchased for the sled at Teacup and will go into the sled on February 1. If you haven't had a chance to train with this device, please take it out and practice. It's remarkably simple to use and effective. We have also ordered a replacement waist harness for the Teacup (Mountainsmith) sled. This new waist belt employs a continuous and ergonomic design that will replace the existing lightly padded and somewhat confusing harness. Look for the new harness deployed in February.

Keep in touch and thanks for serving the mountain as a Nordic patroller.

OTHER NEWS

Govy Building Reminders

By Mike Anderson, AS 1510, Govy Building Caretaker

Thank you all for keeping your Govy Building so clean and organized. We are off to a good start with it being used by both patrollers and hosts every weekend. I would like to just note a few reminders to clarify some of the policies found in the WIKI on our website. (I'm sure you all have read it)

1. When you arrive at the Govy Building and are planning to stay the night, you must sign in on the Guest Book. You then find a bunk upstairs and put your money in an envelope with your name, patrol number, and date you are staying in the mailbox at the top of the stairs. Envelopes are provided. If you don't sign in, do not leave your stuff on a bunk as it may be moved for someone that has registered (as stated in the policy).

2. Patrollers and Hosts that are working a shift have first priority for use. It's basically first come first served, unless we have an event where we may "black out" some bunks or the building. You will be notified if that happens in advance. Patrollers and Hosts have equal rights to use the building, we are all MHSP.
3. Please take your recycling home with you. Otherwise it will end up in a landfill. Also, try to take your garbage; we do not have a garbage service. Even taking a small bag helps. I can only take a certain amount of garbage home, as I have to put it in my own can, and space is limited.
4. Before you bring a dog into the building, please go inside and ask permission of those already there. Some people are allergic, some have kids with them, or there may already be a dog inside that could become territorial. We don't want to have any conflicts, so ask first.
5. Janitorial supplies are located in the hall closet. If you need TP, paper towels, or need to clean up a mess feel free to access it. There is a vacuum and mops and cleaners available. Let me know if we are running low on something and I can arrange to get it there.

Feel free to drop me an e-mail to let me know if you will be staying there. It helps me to know in advance how many people are using it. I heard we had a donation of paper towels from a patroller, so thank you very much. If you want to make a donation of something that we might be able to use, let me know, and I will check to see if we need it. I may provide you a "reward".

Finally I am looking at numbering the bunks so that when you sign in you will note the bunk you are using. This helps us to match up bunks and people if needed.

Thank you for your help in keeping this a fun (and clean) place to stay.

In Memorium

Jack Weigand, MHSP 1095

Ski Patroller, ski instructor, and mountaineer Jack Weigand has passed away. Services are January 28 in town and April 11 in Government Camp.
http://obits.oregonlive.com/obituaries/oregon/obituary.aspx?n=john-raymond-weigand-jack&pid=173810988 .

Harold Heacock, MHSP 168

Harold Heacock started his patrolling career with Mt Hood Ski Patrol and some older patrollers / alumni will undoubtedly remember him. Kathy Lee writes she had the pleasure of meeting him about 10 years ago, and worked with him at several Division OEC Instructor meetings and Senior EMM/OEC clinics. He was a quiet man but spoke highly of his days with MHSP.

http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tricityherald/obituary.aspx?pid=173668326

Mt. Hood Safety Day a Success

By Jodie Jeffers, Wy'east Region Safety Coordinator, AS 90526

A successful Safety Day was had at both Timberline and Meadows this past weekend; we even had some sunshine to finish the day! Summit also had plenty of safety material to hand out then and as the season finishes.

A huge thank-you goes out to Jan Silagi for all of her work, support, and great ideas for this day including working with Timberline for a very successful joint venture in spreading the Safety Message to all. Thanks to Gordy Winterrowd for arranging the production of 1,500 safety coloring books. And thanks also to Jaye Miller, Cliff Leighton, Matt Adamosky, and John Silagi for their excellent skills at spreading the safety messages at the two area's events.

Interested in being a part of this next year? Let me know and let's make it even better in 2016!

Check out the photo collage for a glimpse at some of the fun.

CALENDAR

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

February

2 Council Meeting
9 General Meeting
18 Snojob Deadline

March

2 Council Meeting
9 General Meeting
23 Snojob Deadline
22-29 Oregon Spring Break

April

6 Council Meeting
13 General meeting, ELECTIONS
20 Snojob Deadline

MHSP Alumni Luncheons:

Last Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 1:00 PM
Eastmoreland Golf Club Grill, 2425 SE Bybee Street, Portland, OR

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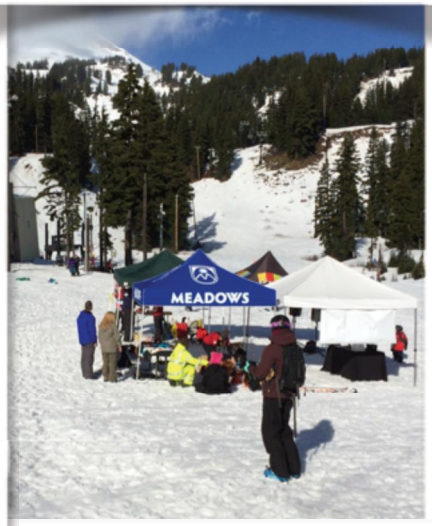
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