Mt. Hood Ski Patrol

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Message from the President

By Jim Trett, President, AS 90244

Where has the winter gone? It doesn't seem that long ago when we were talking about gearing up for this ski season and now we are looking at it winding down. While it was a slow start we are still enjoying great and fresh snow as I write this.

At the beginning of this season, we announced that we were going to try the team concept at Timberline to see how it would work. An evaluation of the program is on the June agenda of the Council and we *really* want your input and thoughts regarding the continuation of the program, changes that might make it better or returning to the previous program.

Your input is vital to Council members so we may respond appropriately. I would appreciate it if you would contact me or any member of the Council with your remarks. Email or phone any of us – you can find a list of council members on the first page of the dispatch website, and then click on the email address next to a name to send a message. If you would prefer your name not be used in our deliberations, I will cut it off your name/email address on any printed communications to honor that request. Please understand this is your opportunity to shape Patrol policy and allow the Council to try to respond to our members' wishes.

I hope you are making your plans to join your fellow patrollers to celebrate another great year of serving snow sport enthusiasts and honoring this year's apprentice classes as they obtain Patroller or Host status and receive their badges. You should have received your invitation in the mail by now so be sure to RSVP to Dave Hornibrook by May 4. The banquet is Saturday, May 10, at the Embassy Suites Portland Airport. Gathering begins at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. We will be looking for you.

Finally, plans are well under way for the Pacific Northwest Division Convention on May 8 - 10 at the Embassy Suites Airport hotel. Pat Stevens and the committee are putting together a great program. MHSP members will receive a special registration rate. You will see more information coming your way soon. If you would like to help with this special project, contact Pat Stevens and she will be happy to find a job for you.

See you at the banquet.

Awards Banquet is May 10

Embassy Suites Hotel; 7900 NE 82nd Ave., Portland, OR
Saturday, May 10, 2014. No host cocktails at 6:00, dinner served at 7:00.

RSVP for annual Awards Banquet by May 4, 2014.

First & Last Name	Member # or "Guest"	Meal Selection

Cost: $33.50 per person; make checks payable to "MHSP"

Entrees: Prime Rib | Chicken Portofino | Northwest Salmon | Chef's Choice Vegetarian

Mail to: MHSP Banquet Committee, c/o Dave Hornibrook, 13112 SW Winterlake Ct., Tigard, OR 97223

ADMINISTRATION

Elections Results

By Kathy Lee, Senior Trustee, SS 90232

Elections for the executive council and voting on two bylaw amendments were held at the General Meeting on April 14, 2014. There was a turnout of 30% of eligible patrollers and 74% of eligible hosts, which constituted a quorum. The results of the election are:

Bylaw Amendments: both passed

President: Jim Trett
Vice President: Jaye Miller Carlson
Secretary: Karen Swinkels
Treasurer: Terry Donahe
Patrol Chief: Doug Stanton
First Aid Chief: James Schuler
Associate Director: Jodie Jeffers
Nordic Director: Jeff Hepler
Mountain Host Director: Mike Cullen
Middle Trustee: Tom Payne
Junior Trustee: Cleo Howell

Thank you to the following for their help in the election process this year.

Nominating Committee: Gordy Winterrowd, John Howard, Cliff Leighton.
Voting Tellers: Lynnette Clapier, Paul Matera, Paul Wellner, Matt Wood.

Social Media Guidelines for Hosts and Patrollers

Our stakeholders, the resorts on Mt. Hood, are sensitive as to how images and text are portrayed by the public. What may seem like a funny moment can in reality may be interrupted differently by general public. If you have any question please contact Social Media Manager, Ian Lass (oregounoutback@hotmail.com) or Lisa Hargrave (mhsp@okelydokely.com) before posting a picture.

Guidelines for posting to the MHSP Facebook page:

1. Absolutely no photos of 10-50's.
2. Absolutely no photos in any first aid room.
3. No commenting on cases that may have gone to the news due to a fatality, or any other reason. No commenting on cases period. If someone posts on our page that they're grateful for our assistance to them, we can respond to them but we must omit details about their case.
4. No posting pictures that let you distinguish what resort you're at.
5. All posts from the public have to be approved by a page manager or admin before posting to the page
6. The profanity filter is set to "strong" and will stay in that setting indefinitely
7. Posts will be limited to: training, events, photos showing patrollers working hard (except in 10-50's), historical facts about the patrol, and recruiting information
8. Posting about events at resorts like Hope on the Slopes, Timberline's freestyle events, info on races occurring to inform the public when and where they will be if they'd like to watch.
9. Updates on travel conditions to the mountain, so people can prepare their car properly for the conditions.
10. No negative posts about anything. The page is meant to be fun and informative.
11. If a person with access to the page violates any of these terms, the post will be deleted and their privileges to access the page will be revoked.

Guidelines for Personal Social Media Accounts

When posting about MHSP on your personal account please remember:

1. Absolutely no photos of 10-50's.
2. Absolutely no photos in any first aid room.
3. No commenting on cases that may have gone to the news due to a fatality, or any other reason.
4. No posting pictures that let you distinguish what resort you're at.

THANK YOU to patrollers and hosts with social media who promote MHSP.

PATROLLER OPERATIONS

Will you be Returning Next Season?

By Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995

One of the biggest challenges the patrol has is determining how many new resources will need to be trained to fill vacancies left by patrollers that either retire, move out of the area or have changes in their lives that prevent them from actively patrolling. In an effort to get a sense of how many patrollers will be returning next season, please drop me an email if you plan on **not patrolling** next season along with a brief explanation of why you are leaving, if you plan on returning and an expected return date. This information will help in planning our resources year-over-year, assuring we have the right mix of patrollers to support our commitment to the resorts.

Patrol Chief

By Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995

Summer Schedule at Timberline

Hard to believe the winter season is coming to a close. As I write this article for the Snojob, it is cold and snowing on Mt Hood. I was riding the chair the other day wondering if there would be one more powder day this season but as that thought ran through my mind I recalled skiing powder in May and June on Palmer and Mile many times over the years. So as long as we are blessed with having a coastal mountain located in the Northwest, new snow in late spring will not be uncommon.

Timberline summer dispatch has been setup and is available to all patrollers especially our newest members who will soon receive their formal induction into the patrol. With summer operations just around the corner, modification of how we move from the patrol room onto the mountain with work assignments changes. When you arrive on the mountain, you should be dressed, boots on and ready to head out the door loading the Mile chair by 8:00 AM sharp. Once on the chair, the Hill Captain will notify dispatch with the number of patrollers loading the chair. If there is no HC for the day, most senior patroller will act as the HC. Unload the chair and head to dispatch to receive any opening work and bump assignments. Day will end as usual with closing and sweep assignments. Questions? Direct them to Brett or dispatcher of the day.

Nuts & Bolts

Nuts & Bolts is coming up May 30 through June 1 at Timberline. This has become the preeminent skills development clinic for all patrollers. Want to improve your skiing skills? Sign up for a Skiing Enhancement Seminar. Interested in becoming a trainer/coach? Take the Tool Kit for New Instructors clinic. Just want to gain improved skills in running a toboggan? Jump into handles in the Toboggan Enhancement Seminar. And don't forget the Patroller Challenge. There's something for everyone at Nuts & Bolts. On top of skills development, patrollers from around the region and from across the country will be on our mountain to learn new skills and enjoy the camaraderie of other patrollers. So if you haven't signed up, get on board for one of the funnest weekends on our mountain.

Associate Director

By Jodie Jeffers, Associate Director, AS 90526

Wow, what a winter season it was!!! Now the spring season is starting and possibly with more snow and then we will transition into the summer fun at both Timberline and Skibowl. Please get your dispatch times secured.

I hope to see all of you at the banquet on Saturday May 10 at the Embassy Suites, Airport as a celebration end of the winter season and everyone's hard work!

Rookies and Apprentices

REMEMBER- I need to get your cards/booklets to validate your completion PRIOR to the banquet. Please ensure I get them either by email- photo of it or by snail mail. Call me with any questions.

End of year wrap up- we are looking for suggestions on how to improve for next year overall as well as specifics. Please call or email me so we can try to continue to improve. Thoughts on area teams whether pro or con are needed as well.

Summer Dispatch is Open

By Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995

Our second season is about to get underway. Lots of days available and lots cases to be had. If you're short days from the past winter, now's the time to pick up three or four days, keep your ski skills sharp and have some fun in the sun.

Timberline

Dispatch at Timberline is similar to last year with a total of 10 dispatch slots available every weekend day through Labor Day. We have left open all weekdays with no defined dispatch. If you wish to patrol mid-week at Timberline, please send an email to Brett letting him know you're headed up. You'll also need to let Peggy know so she can provide credit. Summer patrol days start with loading the Mile chair at 8:00 AM sharp. Contact dispatch letting them know who and how many patrollers are heading up the mountain. Once you've unloaded the highest lift, check in with dispatch for assignments. Day will end with sweep.

Skibowl

Skibowl dispatch has been set up through the end of Sept. Patrol days after August 31, 2014, will count toward your 2014/15 commitment. Skibowl has a planned summer opening of Memorial weekend. They will operate weekends until June 10 when seven-day-a-week operations kick in through Labor Day weekend. After Labor Day, Skibowl will operate weekends through September 28. Be ready to roll by 9:00 AM sharp.

Dispatch has been set up with four GP slots on all weekends, two GP slots on week days. There are a few dates that we need to assure support so note your calendars:

- June 20-22; Bike Race
- July 11-13; Bike Race
- July 19; Corporate event with 1,300 guests
- Sept 27-28; Bike Race

Look forward to seeing you this summer. Thanks for all your support.

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

What a Great Season!

By Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, MHSP 60054

I get a bit melancholy this time of year. The snow is thin and we are wrapping up the winter season, but what a season it has been! We had a slow start with the snow this year, then some whopper storms, both on the mountain and in town, and more injuries within our membership than I can remember, but through it all the Mountain Hosts have served Timberline and Mt. Hood Skibowl unfailingly, with smiles on their faces! You are a very dedicated bunch, always cheerful despite the conditions, and I thank you!

Our greatest accomplishment this year was recruiting a large group of apprentices, who agreed to make Mt. Hood Skibowl their primary resort. The group trained at Timberline in December and got some shifts under their belts before they began their training at Skibowl in January, *in the rain!* Despite the crummy conditions and the very late snow, they stuck with the program and completed their requirements. This is a very impressive bunch! We trained and mentored 21 apprentices this year,

including two former patrollers, and all of the members of this apprentice group are advancing to Active Member status for the coming season! Give these folks a pat on the back when you see them! And while you're at it, give Marilyn Hanson, John Moss, and John Silagi a pat on the back for their contributions to the training and progress of this large apprentice class! We are so pleased to welcome our newest members!

Supporting the Troops

The third Annual Troops Triumph event was a memorable success. Read Sue Bishop's article about the day, in this issue of the Snojob. The Mountain Hosts provided support to the event once again by working directly with the participants the day of the event and by contributing an enormous number of Timberline vouchers to the cause. Your contribution of vouchers, together with vouchers donated by patrollers, enable the athletes, their teams, and family members, the opportunity to enjoy an activity that we all love and appreciate. There were enough vouchers to provide lift tickets for all the volunteers who were training the day before the event as well!

I had conversations with several of the athletes who participated this year and they all expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to be at Timberline and the contribution of lift tickets. They send their thanks to you all, and may I include my thanks as well!

Chairlift Evacuation Drill

Several Hosts participated in the chairlift evacuation drill on April 26. The drill was staged to provide an opportunity for Timberline paid patrol and MHSP patrollers to practice their protocols and skills in the event of a mass casualty incident. Our fellow Hosts played the part of guests who were stranded on the lift, or were on the ground, injured. Thanks to the following for their participation: Jonathon Burton, Steve Shaw, Paul Laak, Luther Barker, John Mortemore, Anna Kullgren, and Sophie Ehlen and daughter Grace. These drills are an essential part of the continuing education and certification of patrollers on Mt. Hood. There are opportunities to participate as patients during drills, certification testing and classroom instruction throughout the year and shift credit is given to the volunteers. If this sounds like a fun way to earn a shift credit, keep your eyes open for announcements! This is a great way to learn more about the skill set of our MHSP patroller partners as well!

Time to Celebrate!

Although the year is not over, the winter season is, so it's time to celebrate and pat ourselves on the back!

The annual Mt. Hood Ski Patrol banquet is on Saturday, May 10. I encourage you to attend this fun, semi-formal event and help to celebrate the recipients of our annual recognition, and welcome our newest members of the Mountain Hosts as our apprentices advance to Active Members. You should all have received your invitation in the mail. Don't forget to RSVP using the enclosed card by May 4. Looking forward to seeing you there!

And for a bit more casual fun, please join us on June 28, for the annual End of Season bash of the Mountain Hosts. This event is a long tradition with the Hosts that predates our membership with MHSP. We will present the recipients of our recognition and our new members once again. This will also be an opportunity for you to learn about summer hosting at Skibowl. The event will be at the home of Frank and Debi Heaton on the banks of the Clackamas River. More details will be sent to you directly.

Speaking of Summer Hosting

If you haven't met your shift requirement, or you are itching for a warm summer day on Mt. Hood, plan to put in a shift at Skibowl this summer. Our primary focus is to meet and greet folks and answer lots of questions as guests enjoy the Summer Adventure Park. Shifts will be available on weekends from Saturday, July 4, through Monday, September 1, (Labor Day). Labor Day officially closes the year for the Mountain Hosts. This gig is a lot of fun and I encourage all of you to do a shift at Skibowl this summer. If you are a mountain biker, this is a great way to get around Skibowl in the summer and you can avail yourself of the opportunity to use the lifts and ride the trails after your shift! See you there!

Thank you for your continued support through the winter. We have a couple of weekends to Host at Timberline before we break until summer shifts begin at Skibowl. Please continue to support Timberline if your schedules allow. Many thanks again for all your enthusiasm this season. See you at the banquet!

OTHER NEWS

Troops Triumph – A Success!

By Sue Bishop. MH 60179

Like I said last month - Patrollers and Hosts – *YOU ROCK*!! Thanks to your donations of vouchers we had over 80 athletes, instructors, assistants and family members on the snow for our third annual event. We had 16 confirmed athletes – double what we had in 2013 – as well as our first woman veteran athlete. There was a strong response of volunteers who helped with navigating guests around Wy'East Day Lodge, assisting athletes with gear, getting everyone on snow and organizing food service. Many, many thanks to Jan Silagi and the Hosts who dispatched specifically for our event. Your hard work, patience and camaraderie with athletes and guests was valued by all.

An announcement was made to the group at lunch that everyone skied for free because Mt. Hood Ski Patrol donated all lift tickets - there was a round of applause! Later, I received several thank-yous personally and wanted to pass those on to you by saying – *THANK YOU, MHSP*, for thinking of Troops Triumph and making this event happen for our veteran athletes and their families!!

In Memorium: Joie Smith, MHSP 160

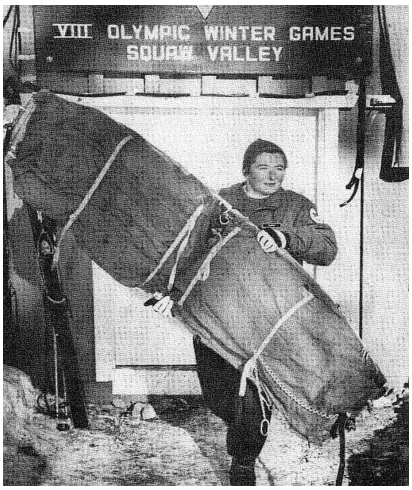
2010 MHSP Banquet

The mountain lost a legend on March 29 when Joie Smith passed away. Known to many as the proprietor of Alpine Towing, Joie was a fixture on the mountain. In addition to her many other contributions, Joie joined MHSP as a Hill Patroller #160 in 1948.

She was one of the few women to earn the prestigious designation of National Patroller (now called Senior Patroller) at a time when there were only 63 other National Patrollers in the entire country.

Joie was also the ONLY woman to be selected for the Olympic Ski Patrol at Squaw Valley in 1960.

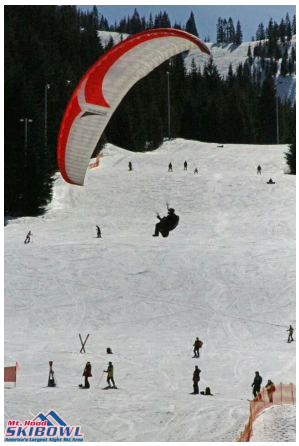
You can read more about this fascinating woman at
http://www.theeastcountygazette.com/articles/2014/03/front-page/



At the 1960 Olympics

Paragliding at Skibowl

On March 24 a member of the Cascade Paragliding Club, at the invitation of ski area management, flew from the top of the Upper Bowl to a landing near the pond skimming event.
Here are a couple photos.



CALENDAR

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

May		June		August	
5	Council Meeting	1	Nuts and Bolts	8-10	PNWD Convention, Portland
10	Awards Banquet	2	Council Meeting	18	Snojob Deadline
19	Snojob Deadline	16	Snojob Deadline		
30-1	Nuts and Bolts				

Nuts and Bolts Information:

http://www.mthoodskipatrol.org/www/uploads/Main/2014_Nuts_n_Bolts.pdf