# Mt. Hood Ski Patrol

# Snojob

## September 2013

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## President

***By Jim Trett, President, AS 90244***

If you are like me, you are asking one question right about now. Where did the summer go? I mean, it seems like I was watching the July 4 fireworks show going off over Detroit Lake; and now the days are getting shorter, the nights are getting colder, and stores are putting up their Christmas displays. (Yes, I've seen one going up).

As for MHSP activities, it's time to start gearing up for another season on our favorite mountain. So please mark your calendars with the annual training events, like OEC refreshers, chair evac and swap dates in your calendars.

I am pleased to report that your council has been meeting through the summer to come up to speed on issues facing the patrol as we enter our 76th year of service to the area and the visitors we serve.

First of all, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve this fantastic organization as your president. I am once again humbled by your trust and support. The only bad thing about assumption of this office is the huge shoes I will have to fill following Steve Eversmeyer's two years of service. I am only glad he agreed to carry on as our representative with Mt. Hood Meadows and the U.S. Forest Service in drafting a lease agreement for the continued use of our building in Government Camp.

As many of you know, the U.S. Forest Service and Mt. Hood Meadows have been in negotiations to do a land swap between the two organizations. This swap package would deed to Mt. Hood Meadows our building and Hoodland Fire District's station in Government Camp. At the beginning of this process, members of the Forest Service, Mt. Hood Meadows and the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol began negotiating a long term lease between MHSP and Mt. Hood Meadows for our continued use of the building. Steve Eversmeyer was our chief negotiator in these negotiations.

The effort to draft a document that meets the needs of both Meadows and MHSP have been in progress for over two years now and Steve has been our point person the entire way. He has read and reread a document that puts most people to sleep in the first five minutes. He has strongly stood up for our interests time and time again.

I am happy to report that his efforts are proving to be very successful. We are very close to a final document that will allow us the continued use of our building for ninety-nine years. The Patrol owes a huge debt of gratitude, about two million 'atta-boys to Steve for his efforts. Thanks Steve!

The first general meeting of the patrol is scheduled on October 14. One of the things the council is looking at, is what you would like to see at these meetings? Do you like the current format? Would you be interested in discussing issues affecting patrol operations at the meetings? Come and let's talk about it.

I hope you are all having a great summer and I look forward to seeing you soon as we gear up for another season on the slope.

# MT. HOOD SNOW SPORTS SWAP

## Mt Hood Snow Sports October 3, 4, 5 & 6

***By: Stewart Carter, Swap Manager, HC 1559 &***
***Pat Stevens, Human Resources Director***

### DISPATCH NOW!

Go directly to www.mhspdispatch.org/cgi-bin/swap/login.html and lock in your preferred shift(s). If you're not entirely sure of your schedule dispatch for what you think you can do. If things change there are still six weeks to change your days. Do it now, before Pat gets out the voodoo dolls.

**Dispatch schedule:**

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| Thursday, October 3<br>1st shift - 12:00 to 6:00<br>2nd shift - 2:30 to 8:30 | Friday, October 4<br>1st shift - 8:30 to 3:30<br>2nd shift - 2:30 to 9:30 | Saturday, October 5<br>1st shift - 8:30 to 3:30<br>2nd shift - 2:30 to 9:30 | Sunday, October 6<br>9:00 - 4:00 (or earlier) |

If you can't swing any of the above shifts alternative work opportunities are available including: vendor tagging groups, flyering squads and yard sign teams. Due to the random nature of these projects we can't put them on the Swap Dispatch. Kimberly Granning schedules and tracks them manually. Contact Kimberly Granning at: 360-901-9417 kgranning26@me.com. As with the normal dispatch, contact Kimberly NOW to be at the top of the list for your preferred project.

### Leadership

This year we have a few changes and additions to the MHSSS leadership team. Lisa Hargrave is the new finance chair. Robyn Gelfand has stepped up to lead the marketing teams. Bob Stephens is now the team lead for setup and take down. We are still recruiting for an assistant or two for Dean Phillips who injured his back several weeks ago and has been confined to bed with meds. Contact Pat Stevens ASAP if you're interested in helping to take the load off of Dean. The rest of the swap leadership remains largely unchanged, they are (in no particular order):

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| Stewart Carter | General Manager |
| Joel Stephens | Asst. Gen. Manager |
| Lisa Hargrave | Finance |
| Pat Stephens | Human Resources |
| Robyn Gelfand | Marketing Director |
| Dean Phillips | Retail Operations |
| Toby Willey | Shop Coordinator |
| Dave Miller | IT |
| Mike Anderson | Security |
| Kimberly Granning | Alternate Projects |
| Bob Stephens | Set Up / Take Down |

You can contact these people at their email or phone numbers in the roster or email mhsp@onebox.com to have your message forwarded.

### Marketing

In MHSSS marketing news, Robyn has negotiated a title sponsorship deal with Adidas Snowboarding and we are still working to partner with a local car dealership. Robyn has also presented a comprehensive MHSSS marketing plan that places even more emphasis on social media and non-traditional marketing venues. Get your thumbs limbered up for more texting. Again this year, please take an active role in driving business into the MHSSS by posting to Twitter and Facebook about how great the Swap was last year; the great deals; what you're bringing this year; who you met last year; who you hope to meet this year. Make some noise!

Dave Miller has redesigned and put up a new, very clean, mobile-friendly MHSSS web site on a new platform. Check it out at www.mhsss.com. Please note that, close to the bottom of the page, there is a link to print out flyers suitable for posting at work and other venues. Also, let folks know they can get $1 off admission coupons and enter the season pass drawing on the website.

### Swap Schedule for the General Public

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| Drop off gear | Thursday. 4pm – 8pm<br>Friday, 1pm – 9pm<br>Saturday, 9am – Noon |
| Sales | Friday, October 4, 4pm – 9pm<br>Saturday, October 5, 9am – 6pm. |
| Pick up unsold gear | Sunday, October 6, 10am – 2pm |

As a final reminder, remember the three key steps in not mysteriously contracting a voodoo related malady:

Dispatch now.
Dispatch now.
Dispatch now.

# PATROL OPERATIONS

## It's Time to Refresh!

***By Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995***

Like the changing of seasons, it is time to start refreshing for the coming ski/snowboard season. To remain qualified for the coming season, each and every member of MHSP is required to participate in seasonal refresher clinics to be allowed to patrol during the 2013-14 season. Refresher clinics required annually are OEC and chair lift evacuation.

### Outdoor Emergency Care

This year, OEC Cycle C is required. You should have received your Cycle C refresher workbook earlier this summer. If you haven't opened it, get started. There is material that needs to be completed prior to the refresher and will be the core of the all refresher clinics. Don't forget to bring your patrol pack to the refresher, you'll need it. OEC refresher dates are October 13, October 20, and November 2. Dispatch is required. If you can't make one of the three dates for our patrol, you'll need to contact one of the other patrols in our region and attend their refresher. Questions should be directed to James Schuler. No OEC refresher, no patrolling.

### Chair Evacuation

Chair evacuation training is planned for September 14 and 22. Like OEC, this is a required annual refresher. No additional dates have been planned for chair evacuation although a joint pro/volunteer refresher with Skibowl is possible, but not firm, as of this writing. Chair evacuation training will be held at Timberline this year and as in the past we will include an avalanche transceiver refresher as part of the training day. Dispatch is required for both days. Questions regarding the training should be directed to Tom Payne, MHSP training director. No chair evac, no patrolling.

### CPR

In addition to OEC and chair evac, a current CPR card is required for all patrollers to start the season. CPR cards are good for two years. If your card is about to expire between now and the end of the year, you need to get a refresher class completed. See the *Training* section for CPR refresher classes. If you cannot attend one of the classes that James is coordinating, you'll need to refresh through a local organization like American Heart Association or American Red Cross. No current card, no patrolling.

### Avalanche

Avalanche I training with a refresher once every three years is required of all patrollers. If you completed your Avalanche II training offered last year and your Avy I refresher came up during your Avy II training or is required

this year, you're good for three years. John Gastineau will be notifying patrollers that require Avy I refresher. Dates for classes are listed on the Events Calendar at www.mthoodskipatrol.org. Although Avy I is required, refreshers occur during the ski season, so if you're required to have Avy I refresher this year, you're OK to start the season as long as you complete the refresher during the season. If you do not complete your required refresher during the coming season, it will affect your status in 2014-15 ski season.

### Mark Your Calendar

There's a lot to be accomplished in the coming months so plan your calendars accordingly. All of the leadership of the patrol is trying to make this as convenient as possible but we know there will be conflicts for some of our members. With over 300 members, there's bound to be someone who can't make some of the dates. We'll do what we can to accommodate but there are no guarantees other than the dates already established. Don't be that patroller that can't patrol because you didn't get your refreshers completed.

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## Associate Director – It's all about the COMMUNICATION!

***By Jodie Jeffers, Associate Director, AS 90526***

It is amazing that we are upon September already with the new season being actively planned for by your council. Many kudos to Kathy Lee for all of her hard and excellent work the last two years as Associate Director, I plan to do the best I can in her great footsteps. Pete Campbell is continuing his fine work with the apprentices and will be the Associate Apprentice Director. We have been meeting and he is very enthusiastically working with the coaching staff and the new plans for next season.

All of us are pulling together on the council and learning each other's roles while we work toward another great and new season. We can use your help by ensuring that you communicate with us and to the right person. Questions, please ask anytime. New this year on the opening page to our dispatch website, the *Who's Who* list now has a quick link to the respective email addresses. You will no longer have to go to the roster to look up emails anymore. Hopefully that will help to expedite your communication. Thank you John Gastineau for making this happen.

Speaking of dispatch, COMMUNICATION, COMMUNICATION. Peggy has been awesome and reminding people but remember it's everyone's responsibility to make sure your days are correct, your contact and patrol information is accurate both for MHSP and NSP. Please ensure you completed your summer days if you have signed up for Gold or Silver last season. If you haven't, then Kathy or I should have already heard from you about what happened. We have an obligation to the areas, the public and ourselves to complete this. Please contact me immediately with questions or concerns. Remember successful, productive communication is the key here.

Almost upon us are chair evac, OEC refreshers and the Swap. Before you know it, the snow will be flying and we will be actively enjoying fresh new tracks! So get on the dispatch and make sure you have signed up for everything. Refer to the calendar for all important dates.

Don't forget the MHSP Wiki for resources such as uniform requirements. Dust off the items in the closets, your packs, your cards. Make sure you have the right color combination and patches in the right order. We are volunteers and proud of it, please ensure your uniform shows it too! Questions? Communicate them to me! (Hmmm, there is a theme here, isn't there?)

Change things up, try something new, maybe get involved with a committee or a project? Look into helping out with OEC, becoming an NSP Senior, taking Avy 2? There are two newer projects for this year as well and definitely need help with: Safety Day on the mountain in January and, in August 2014, the Wy'east Region (that's us), will be hosting the next NSP Pacific Northwest Division convention in Portland. Lots of help will be needed. Please see related articles in the Snojob for information.

COMMUNICATION – Make sure you pass on concerns, suggestions, and out-of-the-box new ideas. Let us get a successful jump on this year's season. I look forward to working with all of you in my new role but obviously will need all of your help for us to pull together for an amazing year!!

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## The Ten Essentials

***By Brett McLane, Nordic Director, HP/NP 1603***

As we start putting our packs together for the upcoming ski season, we all know that we'll be packing our first aid kits, our avalanche gear (shovel, beacon, probe), our favorite gloves, and maybe some extra hand warmers. But are you packing The Ten Essentials as recommended by The Mountaineers? Consider adding the following gear to your pack and be ready to survive a few extra hours out in the elements in case you get called out of bounds.

1. Navigation: map, compass and the knowledge to use them!
2. Sun protection: sunglasses and sunscreen (Yes, even in the winter in Oregon.)
3. Insulation: extra clothing (Check out the NSP catalog for great deals on Patagonia insulated jackets.)
4. Illumination: headlamp or flashlight with extra bulbs and batteries
5. First aid supplies (OK, you've probably got this already).
6. Fire starter kit: matches and/or lighter and some starter (I use cotton balls soaked in Vaseline, but dryer lint also works well)
7. Repair kit and tools: multi-tool, knife, duct tape
8. Nutrition: extra food (I hear they're making Twinkies again!)
9. Hydration: extra water
10. Emergency shelter: bivy sack or space blanket or even just a blue tarp to get yourself off the damp snow

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## New Palace for the 2013/14 Season

***By Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995***

As many of you know, the Palace has seen better days. It has served its purpose but it's time to retire the building and move to new digs. Rick Williams and I met with Kirk Hanna and Erich Mauer on July 19 to discuss improving the facilities that MHSP currently uses to support our activities at Skibowl. Our goal was to get a commitment from Kirk Hanna to provide new space for our patrol for meetings and storage. The good news, we accomplished our mission but there still needs to me some monitoring of progress towards finalizing the new space prior to season start.

Skibowl has proposed, and will be renovating, space in the decommissioned waste treatment building just to the east of the Westside first aid room. We inspected the area they are proposing and it looks like a great space once updates are completed. The building houses a second floor office and storage area that can be secured by an outside main door and an interior access door. The room is approximately 400 square feet in size with a storage area for radios and transceivers. Skibowl will be repainting the entire space, replacing the lights and flooring. We will be allowed to install lockers and shelving for additional storage. Skibowl will also provide parking space for up to four vehicles just outside the New Palace. We will likely be putting together a work party this fall to finish up the details so we can start the season with a new location on-site.

Now to the very important issue, what do we name the new location? I've already heard a few but aside from being humorous, really don't fit the image we'd be looking for. Got an idea, send me a note. A few that I think might work: Palace West, MHSP Operations Facility, New Palace, The Harms/Patnode Building? Get your brains a thinking and come up with a new name.

Long live the Palace!

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## Timberline Work Party

***By Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995***

Saturday, August 17, MHSP provided a work party to refinish the all of the desks, benches and tables that have been abused for a few decades in the patrol and first aid rooms at Timberline. A crew of a dozen patrollers knocked it out of the park! Working as if choreographed ahead of time, all furniture was moved into the service garage, sanded and cleaned, then placed back in the patrol room for finishing. Six hours after starting, everything was complete with a durable polyurethane finish. The efficiency and pace that everyone worked exemplifies the core values of MHSP.

Brett Wesson will be having the floors scrubbed to new condition then resealed along with repainting both rooms. This winter we'll all be greeted with fresh facilities that all of us can be proud of.

If you see one or more the following patrollers, give them a special thanks and a high five for their efforts: Mark Ripkey, Jaye Miller, John Lacey, Cleo Howell, Mike Bailey, Jan Carpenter, Rick Williams, Moira Bono, Ian Lass, Steve Sirkin, and Mark Diamond. I am continually amazed at how members of our patrol just intuitively know how to coordinate resources to accomplish tasks.

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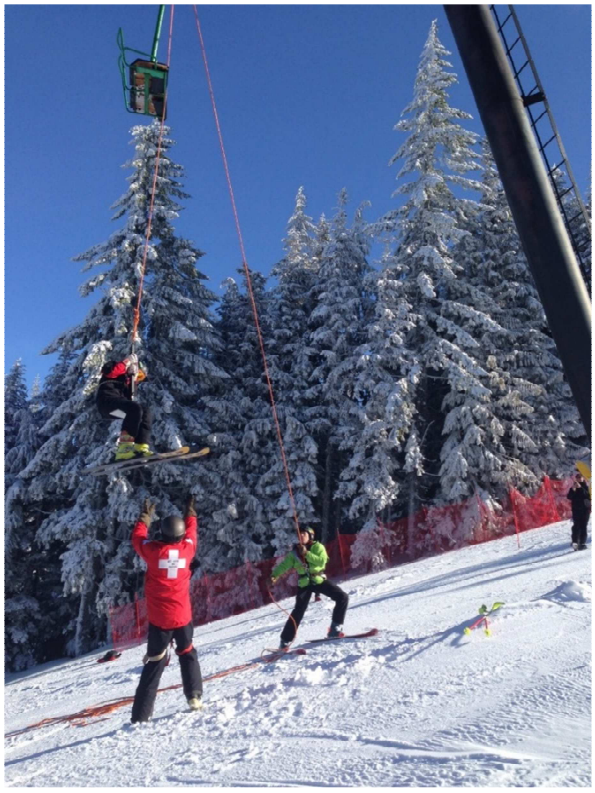
## Chair Evacuation Points to Consider

***By Eric Pool, Hill Captain, HC 1269***

Last year my son had a race at Skibowl. Just as we were about to go into the Outback while we waited for the races to start, a friend's son call to say Cascade was not turning and they were talking about evacuating the chair. I quickly decided the Outback would have to wait and skied across the area to see if I could help out. The Skibowl patrol director put together three teams of volunteer patrollers and set up a snowmobile tow to get us to the top. The conditions were sunny and the race course conditions were firm, hard pack. The chair was completely full, mostly with racers under sixteen, along with a few coaches.



### Here's what I learned:

**Snow is slippery!**

Standing on a steep, snowy slope to evacuate a chair is NOT the same as practicing in your shoes during a summer practice. At first I planned to evac by standing in my ski boots and quickly realized this was not a good plan as I slipped and slid on the hillside. I can only imagine how hard this would be in snowboard boots with no edges; the patrol director forbade it. I opted to stay in my skis which provide solid edge control while lowering guests along with rapid movement down the hill to the next chair. The same mindset would apply in deep snow as well to prevent post holing and losing traction. The main downside to staying in my skis was the extra effort required to maintain rope control and not have it snare my skis, go under my edges, or catch on bindings. It added a new task to the anchor person.

**Pulling the T-bar up through the belay device is slow.**

All three teams quickly realized that pulling the T-bar up to the chair through the belay device is slow and hard work that exhausts the rescuer and delays the evacuation. *PC's note: Although it is tiring this is still the method that MHSP will be training for the September evac exercises. Safety first.*

**Kids are light weight!**

We all found that we had to push the rope through the belay device to assist the descent of the loaded T-bar from the chair.

**Coaches are heavy = Mandatory anchor person**

Coaches, like patrollers, carry and wear a lot of gear and can weigh around 250 lbs. On steep, slippery snow, it is essential to have an anchor person tied in to the belayer to make sure that the anchorperson stay on their feet and remain on the snow.

**Know how to flip the line over the chair**

This is both essential for saving time as well as a very visible part of the operation. Everyone has phones with video, everyone has them out and in record. Our professionalism and proficiency is in the spotlight. Practice, practice, practice!

**Evacuating multiple spans is hard work!**

I was dressed appropriately for skiing and watching races (helmet, jacket, warm layers) and found myself heavily overdressed for 2 hours of hard work. Because my harness was on over all my clothes and the hill was steep there was no opportunity to strip off layers. Think about this before you start.

Being able to evacuate chairs safely is a crucial, understated part of our job as ski patrollers. Make sure you know and understand the equipment and are comfortable and proficient with its use. Spend time thinking through how you will do it on a snowy or icy day. It will be time well spent.

# PATROLLER TRAINING

## Chair Evacuation

Don't forget to dispatch for one of the two chair evac practices to be held on September 14 and 22. There are no current plans for a make-up evac.

## Avalanche Training

***By John Gastineau, Wy'east Avalanche Adviser, HC 1393***

Last year's active avalanche season was certainly sobering. Are we looking at the right signs? Evidence is that we know the signs, but are not seeing them consistently. Reacting to signs is going to be a focus in the avalanche program this year.

Every three years all patrollers must perform some avalanche training, whether a course or a refresher. If you are due for a refresher, you'll need to take one on March 1, 16, or 23, 2014.

This year's new patrollers must take Level 1 Avalanche. Classroom work is on December 1 or 7, in Beaverton. Field work is the weekend of either February 8-9 or 22-23.

Finally, patrol apprentices must take Avy Awareness on November 5. If you cannot make this date there is an online alternative, but it costs you cash.

Dispatch for all of these dates is open now.

# FIRST AID

## OEC Refreshers

***By James Schuler, First Aid Chief, AS90481***

It has been a great summer and I hope that you and yours have taken advantage of the incredible weather. I almost hate to see it come to an end. On the other hand, there is the promise of a great ski season ahead! Here are a few fun activities to keep you busy before the season opens.

### Refreshers

The Fall OEC Refreshers are almost upon us. Everyone should have gotten their copy of the *NSP Cycle C Study Guide*. If you have not, please take the time to go to the NSP website, download a copy and start preparing for the Refresher. The Cycle C Study Guide will walk you through the appropriate chapters and lessons in the OEC textbook. As Cleo has mentioned in the past, everyone should have a copy of the OEC 5th edition and should be studying it. Here is a video link from the NSP website that will take you step by step through the process to order it if you still need one: http://screencast.com/t/SBywqcCF

Please bring your completed Refresher Study Guide Book, your NSP OEC Technician card for sign off, and a checkbook or credit card to pay your dues (sorry, we can't take debit cards).

Refresher dates are posted on the Dispatch site so please select a day and dispatch for it – no walk-ins please.

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| Dates: | Sunday, October 13<br>Sunday, October 20<br>Saturday, November 2 |
| Time: | 7:30 - 8:00 Registration<br>8:00 - 11:35 Skill Station Rotations<br>11:35 - 12:15 Lunch Break<br>12:20 - 3:35 Skill Station Rotations<br>3:35 - 4:00 Cleanup and Out |
| Location: | Meridian Park Hospital in the Health Education Building |
| Dispatch: | Predispatch is required, no walk-ins please. |

## CPR

***By James Schuler, First Aid Chief, AS 90481***

### Credentials

MHSP has been able to compile a complete list of all active patroller CPR card expiration dates. This eliminates the need to bring your card to the Refresher for check-off. If you are in need of a CPR re-certification class we will be contacting you.

All active NSP members are required to carry while patrolling, a current CPR/BLS Professional Rescuer or Healthcare Provider card issued by one of the following organizations:

American Heart Association
American Red Cross
National Safety Council
American Safety and Health Institute
Medic First Aid

Cards issued by other organizations cannot be accepted.

### CPR Updates

We have also been able to offer AHA BLS/CPR classes and refreshers for our members at a cost of $20. It is a bargain that we will try to continue into the future.

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| Dates: | September 7, 21, 28<br>October 12, 19, 26, 27<br>November 3 |
| Time: | Registration begins 8:30 am<br>Class begins 9:00 am<br>Class ends no later than 1:00 pm when we are required to vacate the facility |
| Location: | Kaiser Sunnyside Hospital campus in Mobile Conference Room A (Same as prior years.) |
| Dispatch: | Predispatch is required. Walk-ins will not be accepted. |

Diane Kindall-Potter has agreed to coordinate the program this year. If you have questions on classes or difficulties with dispatch, please contact her. If you have questions that Diane can't answer, please contact James Schuler.

## Ski & Mountain Trauma Conference

**When:** November 7-9, 2013

**Where:** Sun Valley, Idaho
**Official Website:** www.saintalphonsus.org/ski-mountain-trauma-conference

This is an excellent conference with lots of hands on interactions including simulation training. One of the guest speakers is climbing guide Peter Whittaker! Each year this conference has grown and they are projecting approximately 450 - 500 attendees from WA, OR, ID, AK, & MT with backgrounds in EMS, fire, rescue, ski patrol, doctors and RN's.

About 40% of attendees are ski patrollers and at least five MHSP members are registered. If you are interested in attending do not delay in registering. The conference fills very, very quickly. Use the group name *Mt. Hood Ski Patrol* to get the group discount. Contact Jodie Jeffers if you plan to attend so connections can be made for carpooling, hotel room sharing, etc.

The Pacific Northwest Division of NSP will be participating in the conference with an information table to spread the word about NSP and all the areas within our division. If you want to spend a little time staffing the display table please contact Jodie Jeffers.

# MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

## Feel The Chill In The Air?

***By Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, MHSP 60054***

Have you noticed the chill in the air, early in the morning? That slight, cool reminder that the seasons are a changin'. In a few short weeks we'll be back up on the hill, patrolling and greeting all the other pacific northwesterners who love the snow! We are winding up our last obligations for 2012-2013 and ready to launch into a new season! The Mountain Hosts are supporting Mt. Hood Skibowl and Timberline this Labor Day weekend. These are the last shifts of the season at both resorts.

We've had a great time at Skibowl this summer. Skibowl sold coupons on Groupon this summer and created some really big crowds several weekends in a row. They also sold out the entire resort once again for PGE's company picnic, entertaining 1,500 employees and family members. We had fun greeting lots of first time visitors this summer and talking with big groups of visitors from Germany, Korea, Japan and England. We also watched all the groomsmen from a wedding party come down the Alpine Slide, daring one another to ride without

touching the brake. All three of them went off the track and there wasn't very much left of their rented suits by the time they got to the bottom of the hill! It took lots of Band-Aids to patch them up, but the suits were a complete loss. Always entertaining at Skibowl!

Timberline is holding their second annual Labor Day concert in the historic amphitheater and Hosts will be on hand to greet crowds and offer information and assistance. The 75th Anniversary concert last year was a big hit, and bluegrass and Americana music will be the focus again this year.

### Prep for the New Season

Interviews for 2013-2014 apprentices will take place later this month. The Mountain Hosts are focusing on building our support to Mt. Hood Skibowl this season and we are interviewing candidates who will focus their shifts at Skibowl. We look forward to training and working with this new group of apprentices. Our group last year was a stellar bunch, so they have big shoes to fill!

Our annual Orientation is scheduled for October 12th at Timberline. This is the first introduction to the program for our apprentices, and our review of new procedures and protocols for our membership. Always a fun day and one of the few times that we all come together as a group.

The closet at Timberline has been very lonely this summer and the West First Aid Room at Skibowl will get a bit of a break soon. Dust off your skis, throw on some wax and get ready...the snow will fly soon! Look forward to seeing all the Mountain Hosts at Orientation.

# ADMINISTRATION

## Come Together, Right Now! A New Mission Statement…

***By Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, MHSP 60054***

The members of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol are a diverse and talented group. We come from a variety of backgrounds and volunteer for different reasons, but the result is a focused, well trained group who make a huge impact on the mountain. Along with the training and certifications required to serve the resorts and the public on the mountain, as a non-profit entity we must also meet the requirements of all 501c3 organizations. One of those requirements is a single mission statement that represents the focus of the entire organization.

Since the Mountain Hosts joined the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol in 2005, our patrol has had two mission statements, the Mission Statement that MHSP has operated under for many years and the one used by the Mountain Hosts. To comply with non-profit requirements, the MHSP council began working on a single mission statement. Reviewing our two existing statements and discussing the role of our membership, we recently decided on our single statement.

> **The Mt. Hood Ski Patrol is a member driven organization primarily serving the Mt. Hood recreational community. It is dedicated to providing rescue, emergency care, public safety and educational services.**

Sounds good, doesn't it! It feels good too! More united as a single unit, working toward our common goals. More changes will come as we work toward compliance as a non-profit, but our service will not change. We will help the injured, educate all and ensure that everyone visiting the mountain and the surrounding area, safely enjoy their visit and are eager to return.

## Got Ideas for Getting Money?

Have some ideas for fundraising? Maybe you have heard (or overheard) someone saying, "We should do XYZ to raise some money."

We are looking for someone with good ideas or insight on fundraising to lead the fundraising committee. So raise your hand. Or just let us know who you have heard talking – we will contact them and can keep your name out of it.

Don't be shy, the money we raise helps you and our joint mission; contact Vice President Jaye Miller.

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## Committees

***By Jaye Miller, Vice President, HP/AP 1437***

This year my goal as vice president is to help our committees. I'd like to get more people working on the committees to spread the workload and make sure we have coverage for those unexpected changes or challenges in life. Remember many hands make for light work. A lot of committees meet once and work thru email afterwards.

In the next issue I hope to have a Help Wanted section making it easier for you to share your strengths, either as a teacher, leader or helper.

Our committees are listed on the www.mhspdispatch.com home page right below the calendar and pre-dispatch dates.

If you're interest in helping we have the following committees: Banquet, Clothing, Computer, Fundraising, Ski Swap, Public Relations, and Recruitment. We are also working on the bylaws and member retention this year.

Please join the fun; contact me or the person listed as the chairman on the website.

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## Hosts and Patrollers – Check Your Ski History and Roster Information

***By Peggy O'Leary, APC Records, AS 1451***

Before the new season gets started please go to the dispatch site and:

1. Check your Ski History
   Login to www.mhspdispatch.org
   Click *Schedule* in the top navigator. Then click *Ski History* in the left margin.
2. Update your contact information
   Login to www.mhspdispatch.org
   Click *Home* in the top navigator. Then click *My Address* in the left navigator.
   Make changes, then click the *Save Your Info* button.
3. If you do not already have a photo in the roster, please email a headshot to Peggy O'Leary.

## National Ski Patrol

***By Jodie Jeffers, PNWD Patroller and Safety Advisor***

### MHSP is not alone!

Mt. Hood Ski Patrol is a member of the National Ski Patrol and part of the Pacific Northwest Division (PNWD).

Our Division is divided into five Regions. From Oregon are the Oregon Region and our own Wy'east Region. From Washington are the Inland Empire and Northwest Regions. From Idaho the Southern Idaho Region.

Within the Wy'east Region are seven patrols and patrol directors who have a vote within our division. One patrol director comes from the Cooper Spur Ski Patrol and the other six are from Mt.

Hood Ski Patrol representing MHSP, Mt. Hood Meadows, Mt. Hood Skibowl, Summit, Timberline, and Mt. Hood Nordic.

If your mind is spinning just go to the "Who's Who" area at www.nsp.org for a further geographical explanation.

There are several individuals from MHSP that participate in various positions with the Wy'east Region and the PNW Division.

- Jim Trett is the Wy'east Region Director and a voting member on the division Executive Board.
- Kathy Lee and Cleo Howell are the Region OEC co-administrators. Cleo is also the Region's Senior OEC Training Coordinator. While Kathy is also the Division Assistant OEC Supervisor.
- Jeffrey Weitz is both the Region and Division Transportation Advisor.
- Jodie Jeffers is the Patroller (called Associate on MHSP) & Safety Advisor for the Wy'east Region and PNW Division, and the Region's Award Advisor.
- Dr. James Hamilton is the PNWD Medical Advisor.

Please contact any of us to offer feedback or to learn more about the Wy'east Region or the Pacific Northwest Division. The PNWD website is www.nsp-pnwd.org.

## Division Convention

This August the PNWD Convention was held in Spokane, Washington, where learning, networking, and fun was had by all. Did you know that the Wy'east region will be hosting the 2014 convention next August in the Portland area?? Please contact Jim Trett as he will be needing lots of help!

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# NSP Awards

***By Jodie Jeffers, Wy'east Region Awards Advisor***

Did you know that there are ski patrol awards beyond the MHSP awards presented at our annual banquet?

There are also awards for individuals and entire ski patrols that are awarded at the NSP region, division and national levels. You can learn more about these awards by consulting the *NSP Policy and Procedure Manual* or by joining the MHSP awards committee.

We are looking for a few enthusiastic, detail-oriented, and form-loving individuals to help bring MHSP members the recognition they so richly deserve. Individuals interested in NSP awards as well as developing new ways to recognize members should contact Jodie Jeffers by October 1, 2013 at tailwaggin1@mac.com.

And when you see them congratulations to Kathy Lee (Meritorious Service Award) and Jeffrey Weitz (Yellow Merit Star) for their awards presented at this year's Division Convention by the outgoing Division Director, Dave Ulrich!
*Editor's note: Jodie Jeffers was also awarded a Meritorious Service Award.*

***Outstanding Ski Patrol Award which MHSP won for 1962***

***Kathy Lee tries out the new Cascade Toboggan Cruizer chair evac device at the Division Convention***

# OTHER NEWS

## Safety Day

***By Jodie Jeffers, PNWD Patroller and Safety Advisor***

The job of Division Safety Advisor is to help all of us to promote SAFETY to all the regions in the PNWD!! In 1938, NSP's creed was *Service & Safety* and has been a foundation of NSP since.

Did you know that every January has been designated as the month where Safety Week occurred? Do you feel that we, as an organization, do enough to promote safety? I think we can do better and hope to get several of us from the Wy'east Region to improve on it.

The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) has changed its Safety Week for 2014 to Safety Month. NSAA works with other organizations to bring about many safety awareness programs for all ages and many different aspects to winter sports. Do any of the icons listed here look familiar? Can you recite the Responsibility Code? First person to email me the entire Responsibility Code wins a prize. Check out www.nsaa.org/safety-programs/ for a refresher.

Of course every day should be considered a Safety Day when enjoying and promoting winter sports. But sometimes a special event is just the thing to renew awareness and provide a needed review. Last year we tried to participate in safety activities over multiple weekends and found this was not very effective. So for 2014 it has been decided to bring multiple resources together and make a bigger impact by having a single Safety Awareness Day with events at all our ski areas. This will require a lot of help with planning, promoting and executing an awesome awareness, learning, and fun day!! Contact Jodie Jeffers to be part of the fun.

## Snojob Deadline is the Third Monday of the Month

***Lisa Hargrave, Snojob Editor, HC/AS 1053***

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

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

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

# CALENDAR

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

| September | | October | | November | |
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| 8 | OEC Instructor Refresher | 3-6 | Snow Sports Swap | 2 | OEC Refresher |
| 14 | Chair Evac Practice | 12 | Mountain Host Orientation | 11 | General Meeting |
| 16 | Snojob Deadline | 13 | OEC Refresher | 18 | Snojob Deadline |
| 22 | Chair Evac Practice | 14 | General Meeting | 30 | Avy 1 Pretest Due |
| 28 | OEC Instructor Refresher | 20 | OEC Refresher | | |
| | | 21 | Snojob Deadline | | |