



Mt. Hood Ski Patrol

Snojob



August/September 2009



President's Message

By John Gastineau, President

A while back I was at the top of Palmer. We were thinking about sweep. You know how it somehow seems inevitable to get multiple cases at that time? First a call came to one camp, then to another camp. We were down to only two patrollers on bump. Then came a call for a third, unconscious patient way down in one of the parks. Crap. (Well, maybe we said something stronger.)

I headed down with a sled, backboard, O2. On the way I heard the first responder, a paid patroller, upgrade the case to Life Flight. When I got there, bystanders were assisting by closing the jump and directing me to the spot. In short order, the patient received O2, was back boarded, and loaded into the sled. It was one of those things where your training kicks in and you just *do*. The patient headed off down to the base, and the waiting helicopter.

At each stage, a different group of patrollers helped move things along to the common goal of helping this patient. Everyone did their jobs quickly and efficiently. In no time, the helicopter was on its way. All that remained was some paperwork and some decompression.

In the end, this is why we do what we do. This patient was severely injured, but was transferred quickly to definitive care. It was a powerful thing to see the patrol team in action. Paid and volunteer, hill and associate patrollers, as well as area maintenance employees all played their roles. Everyone made it happen.

It's September now, and another season will start soon. What will be your role? If you have it within yourself to teach or lead, great. But more than anything we need good strong patrollers willing to keep up their training, and then to go patrol.

As you prepare for OEC refreshers, lift evac, and decide how you will participate this year, think about why you started to patrol. Find that motivation, and use it to learn a new skill. Maybe take a new avy course? Or start work on your Senior level? Or, use that drive to just be a good patroller, ready for what comes. You can't do any better than that.

I look forward to patrolling with you all this season.

John Gastineau

PS: At the banquet, we also somehow neglected to recognize Paul Podett for his service in instigating the ski and snowboard swap. Thank you Paul, for getting us started along this promising fund-raising path. We couldn't (and wouldn't) have done it without you.

Your Council

By John Gastineau, President

It takes more to run the patrol than having patrollers show up to work. It takes patrollers doing work off the hill to organize training, plan the dispatch, buy sleds and first aid supplies, and communicate with ski areas.

Each spring members of MHSP elect an Executive Council. This group makes decisions on behalf of the members, sets dues and policies, and generally directs the patrol. Council members don't do this alone, though, depending on a number of additional assistants to make things happen.

Council members (other than the three Trustees) are elected for one-year terms, with a two-year term limit (excepting the Nordic Director). Council members must have at least three years patrolling with MHSP before serving.

If you've got questions or concerns about the way something is being done on the patrol, talk to a council member. This is the best way to learn authoritative information, and to get your ideas considered.

The twelve council members do a variety of tasks. The President (John Gastineau) leads meetings and sets agendas. The Vice President (Steve Eversmeyer) is ex officio member of any committees, and takes over for the president as needed.

The Patrol Chief (Jeffrey Weitz) is the only position required by the bylaws to be a hill patroller. The PC is the operating officer of the patrol, and takes care of day to day issues. He can answer many general questions about operations.

The Secretary (Pam Louie) records what happens at meetings, and ensures members know what is happening.

The Treasurer (Jaye Miller) takes care of financial records, and writes our checks.

The First Aid Chief (Jodie Jeffers) is responsible for first aid training and recertification of all members and apprentices. The FAC also makes sure we have the supplies we need.

The Associate Director (James Schuler) is required to be an associate patroller. The AD oversees associate patrollers, their training, and scheduling.

The Nordic Director (Michael Curtis) oversees Nordic patrollers and their training.

There are three Trustees (Carol Gleason, Senior; Lisa Hargrave, Middle; and Mark Diamond, Junior) who serve three year terms. They serve as advisors to the council, providing history and perspective. Traditionally, the Senior Trustee is in charge of elections, the Middle Trustee is an ombudsman for members, and the Junior Trustee arranges speakers for the general meetings.

Our newest council position is the Mountain Host Director, a position now held by Bill Johnson. Bill was appointed to this task since the position was created only last spring, when our bylaws were updated to make Mountain Hosts members of the patrol. The Host Director oversees the entire host program.

All of these positions are voting members of the council; each has the ability to delegate tasks to assistants. In particular, the Patrol Chief has multiple assistants. His article will detail those positions.

All this is necessary work to keep the patrol moving forward. If you have ideas or questions, please talk to your council members. And, once you've patrolled a few years, consider helping out with these tasks. There are many ways to get involved.

Operations

By Jeffrey Weitz, Patrol Chief

Welcome our new leadership on MHSP:

Area Patrol Chiefs (APC)

Our new APC's are liaisons between the ski areas and MHSP in regards to personnel and protocol and are there to answer and report to the general patrol on all area specific issues. We welcome the following dedicated Patrollers:

Mt Hood Meadows
Ski Bowl
Timberline
Summit

Eric Pool & Kat Moore
Andrew Degner & Shelly Johnson
David Atkinson & Mark Diamond
Claudia Allen Pieters



Training Staff

Tom Payne will be our acting Training director this year and brings an amazing amount of expertise and experience to the position. Tom has 25 years plus as a NSP Patroller, He is a Senior Alpine Patroller and an MHSP Hill Captain as well. He has been serving on our patrol since 2001 and has been involved with S&T Training for many seasons now. Tom is also one of our valued Instructor Trainer's for the NSP Mt Hood Region. His job is to be in charge of all on-the-hill training for our patrol so if you have questions give him a call.

We welcome our fantastic Apprentice Training Director with his positive energy and very capable hands the one and only Mr. Toby Willey, Hill Captain and Patroller for over 15 years. Toby has the daunting job of molding the newest to our patrol with an amazing program set out for the Hill Apprentices this season. Toby has prepared a jam-packed season for all and has an amazing group of coaches to help deliver training excellence to the apprentices.

Transfer Training Director will be Matt Dindia this season. Matt brings many years as a Hill Captain, NSP Senior S&T and overall dedicated patroller at all areas. He will be training and orienting those who are new to our patrol from other areas and those who will be re-joining our patrol after taking a leave.

Some of your Patrol Chief's plans for the coming season

This is going to be a great season, we have excellent leadership in place and my goal is to continue to develop future leaders throughout the season.

I am also seriously committed to strengthening the leadership by women in our patrol and will be working with the new and experienced ladies to strengthen their skills in the leadership roles as well as their S&T Skills. Look for women-specific ski and toboggan clinics this coming season.

I am also focusing on simplifying our hill and training commitments to both meet the needs of the resorts we serve and the needs of our patrollers. Look for those changes and benefits package with your registration packets at the OEC Refreshers in the fall. See you at OEC and Chair Evac soon!

Let it Snow! SKICZY
Jeffrey Weitz, MHSP Patrol Chief.

Lift Evacuation Practice

By Tom Payne, Training Director

Weee're baaack! A perfectly good summer is almost over so it's time to get rolling on the new season. A few important dates for you are here. Lift Evacuation practice, which is required of every Patroller, is scheduled for October 3rd, November 1st and December 5th. Please sign up as soon as possible as space is limited in each session.



We're planning on starting at 8:00 AM and should wrap up at 3:00 or so for the October and November sessions. There will be a BBQ during the day. The December session will be at Summit and start at 4:00 PM. The December session is typically a dark and rainy night so try to get to one of the earlier ones.

This year we will be practicing on the high speed quad at Timberline. I believe that this will require teams to be more attentive to those in

the chairs, as there will be more riders to communicate with at one time. Be very clear in your instructions. Hill Captains will run the evacuation groups as usual.

Another new item will be orientation from the paid patrol from each area. The purpose of this orientation is to review each area's unique practices and procedures.

We will have more time to practice with transceivers. Please be sure to bring your own if you have one. Expect to have more informal on-hill transceiver training as well this season. It is one of the few skills that we are most likely to have to use amongst ourselves and we owe it to each other to be really good at this!

As usual, be prepared for all weather conditions and practice safety first!

Associate Director

By James Schuler, Associate Director

Like a blanket of new snow, the year ahead looks pristine and so full of promise!

As I take the reins of my new position this year, I look over the last few years to see where we have been and where we seem to be going. The overall theme of success that stands out has been our drive to improve recruitment, training and retention of patrollers. We've done an exceptional job in all three of these areas. My primary focus this year will be training, and especially the training program for new Associate Apprentices.



Associate Apprentice Training

During the last few years, the MHSP Associate Program has worked hard to improve our service to the ski areas we serve by taking a more active role with on-hill operations as well as our functions in the First Aid Rooms. The result has been the development of a much stronger organization and a genuine appreciation by everyone of how we function as a ski patrol. All new M1 (Mountain First) apprentices work together now and are given hands-on training in the daily requirements of hill AND first aid room duties. This approach, developed over the last few years by Jim Holway, and Dave McKay together with Tom Payne and Toby Willey will be continued and enhanced.

This coming year we will be recruiting the help of new and exceptionally talented individuals to lead us in our training program. Kimberly Remsing will continue to refine the Associate Apprenticeship program as the new Associate Training Director. She was instrumental in helping Jim Holway develop his successful program. A core group of trainers will be assisting her, most notably Mike Anderson, Dave Nead, and Daniel Thom. The NSP First Care training course that will be added to our program this year will also give new recruits more opportunities to gain hands on skills.

Skier Enhancement

For the first time, a skier enhancement module will be incorporated into the Associate Apprenticeship training. Margaret Usher, a Level II, PSIA Instructor will be working with the new recruits to add to their on-hill experience. The work of last year's program taught us how valuable this skill module is. As duty permits, all Associates will be encouraged to participate and improve their own skills. Margaret is a newly minted patroller herself, having been field tested (logging over 30 days this year) and found to have exceptional qualities both in the first aid room and on the hill.

Please welcome Margaret, Kimberly, Michael, Dave and Dan into their positions and give them your full support in their tasks.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you soon.

OEC Refresher Information

By Jodie Jeffers, First Aid Chief

Yes, warm summer days means fall is just around the corner and time for our annual Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) Refresher. A great time to not only meet our NSP refresher requirement but also to catch up with fellow patrollers and find out what the season holds for us!!

So let's go over some of the highlights and important information you need to know for an awesome day.

ALL patrollers need to attend the yearly OEC Refresher, whether one by MHSP or another course registered through NSP at another area. This includes all Apprentice Patrollers, Associate Patrollers, Hill Patrollers, and Nordic Patrollers.

NO DROP-INS. Please check the dispatch and pre-register for the OEC Refresher using the online dispatch. Instructors teaching OEC need to Dispatch as Trainer not GP. Having problems with dispatching? It's amazing what that summer heat can do to you; please contact me and I will notify the Dispatch gurus to help you out.

REMEMBER to bring:

- your checkbook or cash to pay dues (\$120)
- OEC/CPR cards
- completed study guide
- first aid pack to use as well as replenish
- lunch (or money for the cafeteria) because we only have a 30 minute break.

Dates of the Refreshers: DISPATCH LIMIT: 70 GP per session

Saturday, September 26

Sunday, October 18

Sunday, October 25



Time:

Registration: 6:45 – 7:25

Instruction Starts: 7:30 SHARP!

Location:

Meridian Park Hospital

Community Health Education Center

19300 SW 65th Ave

Tualatin, OR 97062

MAP: (#6- CEC Bldg) <http://www.legacyhealth.org/body.cfm?id=103>

Need to find another OEC Refresher?

By Jodie Jeffers, First Aid Chief

If you cannot attend one of the OEC Refreshers taught by the MHSP or want to see how other patrols do theirs, then find another Patrol's Refresher course from NSP. How do you find other NSP registered courses? Paste this link:

http://www.nsp.org/nsp2002/edu_template.asp?mode=course_schedule Then select Pacific Northwest for the division, and choose OEC Refresher Cycle B (2009) for the latest postings. Make sure you contact the Instructor to register and any other needs – they don't take drop-ins either! Don't forget to take your Refresher Guide so the Instructor of Record signs the Completion Record form and return it to me. This is how you get credit for attending! Please share your experiences with us if you do.

Annual CPR Skill Check

By Jodie Jeffers, First Aid Chief

NSP requires every patroller to demonstrate their CPR skills each year.

We will do this again at the chair evac training. But remember, this is for practice and demonstration only, not recertification for a new card!

Now is the time to find a class if your CPR card is expired or is going to expire during the 2009/10 Ski Season! **Remember, you must have a valid CPR Card by the OEC Refresher you attend to be considered an active patroller and eligible for benefits.** M1's must have their CPR card prior to fall training as outlined in your Welcome Letter.

Many options are available for getting an acceptable CPR card.

National Ski Patrol recognizes the following organizations for CPR certification:

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

Each entity has its own names for the courses. To be accepted by MHSP the course must cover the following components for the professional rescuer:

- Choking and 1 & 2 person rescue CPR for Adults, Children, Infants,
- Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)
- Use of pocket mask and bag valve mask.

Your local Fire Department, nearby Hospital, American Heart Association, and the American Red Cross are just a few places to try for CPR classes. Legacy Health Hospitals in Portland/Vancouver offer classes for about \$35.00. See the website at http://www.legacyhealth.org/documents/Nursing_Education/BLS2009schedule.pdf.

Several of our patrollers offer recertification or may know of others that can help. Some include James Schuler, Harold Crawford, Carol Gleason, and Diane Kindall.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need any help.

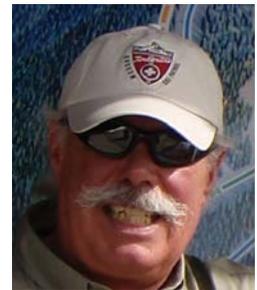
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MHHP: Mt. Hood Host Patrol

By Bill Johnson, Mountain Host Director

August proved to be a rather eventful month for Timberline Lodge. The recent passage of The Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act of 2009, including the very special designation of the Richard L. Kohnstamm Wilderness, was celebrated at the top of the Palmer Snowfield, Saturday, August 8, 2009. We had excellent participation by the MHHP, and a special thanks to members of the MHHP, John Gastineau, Steve Eversmeyer, Bob Smith, and some guy known as "Buzz Cut" for their involvement. Even Mother Nature cooperated.

Several days prior to the celebration, it was announced that the Mt. Hood National Forest will receive \$4.25 million stimulus dollars for improvements in and around Timberline Lodge. This will include paving, windows, chimneys, generators, and a new hospitality terrace, just to name a few projects. Work will start within 90 days and run for approximately 1 year. This is really great news, and the timing was perfect.



We have 22 Host candidates in the queue for the 2009-2010 Season, and I'm confident there will be more. It's a great mix of individuals and several have expressed interest in spending a lot of time at Skibowl as well as Timberline. The Host Orientation is planned for October 17, 2009 at Timberline in the Market Cafe. Details to follow later.

Again, thanks to all who participated in the RLK Celebration and for a job well done.

Update: Timberline was so pleased with the participation of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Hosts and Patrollers at the wilderness event that several Snow Goose awards will be presented. Here is text of the commendation:



TEAM TIMBERLINE
SNOWGOOSE APPRECIATION PROGRAM

Pin issued

NAME of Team Member being recognized today: Date: 8/10/2009
Mike Cullen, Doug Fischer, Aaron Irish, Carlin Irish, Bill Johnson, Holly Kosko, Phyllis McCanna, John Moss, Jay Pearce, Jan, John and Kevin Silagi, Gary Smith, John Gastineau, Steve Eversmeyer, Bob Smith, Buzz Bowman, Britt Bechtel Browning, Curt Browning

Home Department
Mt Hood Host Patrol and Ski Patrol

Explanation: These members of the Mt Hood Ski and Host Patrol were an integral part of the huge success of an historic event, the commemoration of the R.L. Kohnstamm Wilderness Area. Every one of this group volunteered to be a part of this event, outside of their normal commitment, and they made the difference in what I consider to be one of our proudest moments.

The people who attended the event included politicians, environmental leaders, the extended Kohnstamm family and other VIP's, and I do not believe I have ever received so much positive feedback and praise for our staff, so I would like to thank each of you and as usual, we are proud to have you on the team.

Steve Kruse

No Dues Increase This Year

By Jaye Miller, Treasurer

YEAH !!!

Total dues for 2009-2010 season will once again be \$120. This breaks down as \$41 for National, \$13 to the PNW Division, and \$10 to the Mt. Hood Region. \$56 stays with MHSP.

If you're looking to save some money, note that National Ski Patrol offers a Lifetime Membership for \$550. Start now it will pay for itself in 13 years (or less if a likely increase comes into effect). The division also offers the same option \$275 for lifetime membership.

MHSP Awards Update!

The MHSP Banquet Awards list in the last Snojob was missing one award. For the *Dave Hitchcock Avalanche Service Award*, the winner was Matt Rea!

Sorry Matt!



Mt. Hood SnoSport Swap

Remember how much fun we had at The Swap was last year?
Let's do it again this year!

Save the date:
October 9, 10 & 11

Watch your email box! More details and information to follow soon...

Your Swap Team
Check out the web site:
<http://mhsss.com/2009/>

2009 SnoSport Swap Bigger Crowds & Shorter Hours

By Joel Stevens, Swap Committee, and Stewart Carter, Swap Chairman

As most of you know the Second Annual Mt. Hood SnoSport Swap is coming up in October. This is shaping up to be our premier fund raising event. To make it successful we require at least one shift of participation from all patrollers. Ski Swap days count towards meeting your total yearly commitment so there is an incentive to do more than one.

This year's swap will be a little different than last year. We will be open for public sales on Friday evening. We need plenty help early Friday morning to get the sale setup and a really strong dispatch for Friday afternoon/evening. Saturday will be a sale day the same as last year. Sunday will be teardown only, with no sales.

Swap Dates

Friday, October 9: Setup from 7:00am to 5:00pm. Sales from 5:00pm to 9:00pm
Saturday, October 10: Sales from 9:00am to 9:00pm
Sunday, October 11: No Sales. Tear down from 10:00am to 6:00pm

There will be a Day Shift and a Swing Shift each day for the volunteers. We will give you more information as soon as the schedule details are finalized.

Volunteers

We hope that most of the people who worked last year will be back this year. It should be less hectic, since we have more experience, but we also expect a lot larger crowd this year thanks to a large marketing effort, and very good swap last year.

We will have a special predispatch web site set up just for the ski swap. It will be set up so that West Linn parents and kids can predispatch with us, without compromising the security of our MHSP site. We will send out details for the Swap predispatch, as soon as the site is operational.

The Ski Swap is a lot of fun – ask the people who were there last year. It also gives us another chance to interface with the public and let people know what we do. We expect to have representatives from all of the ski areas selling season passes, and we will also be selling Oregon Snopark permits.

Records

Peggy O'Leary, APC Records

Would you please go to the dispatch system and update your roster information.

1. Log into the dispatch site at www.mhspdispatch.org
2. On the Home page click My Address in the left navigator.
3. Make changes. Don't forget your spouse and employer information.
4. Don't forgot to click the Save button at the bottom of the page.

This will ensure that the correct contact information will be printed on your refresher paperwork. It will also save me the time of inputting corrections after the refreshers.

Thanks for your help.



**Lost OEC Cards?
OEC Refresher Guide Missing?
NSP Magazine Not Arriving?**

OEC Cards-lost yours or have not received one from NSP yet? (that is the white card with blue letters with the back having Cycle A, B, C listed) Please go the NSP website and sign in to ensure your information is accurate!

Having problems signing in? Did not get your magazine yet? Let them know.

In the meantime, go to the website, look to the right and you can download the electronic OEC Refresher Guide.

Contact NSP: 303-988-1111 E-Mail: nsp@nsp.org Web site: www.nsp.org

Pro-Form Deals for Patrollers

By Roger Meier, Pro-form Coordinator

Well it's that time of year when you might be thinking, "Hmmm, what do I want for myself for Christmas?" I mean, what do you NEED for patrolling this season, at least that justifiable to your better half ...

There are several opportunities as patrollers to get the gear you need at pro-form pricing. Here is a short list; we'll also be updating the wiki as we get closer to the patrol season, so check back to see what's new or options that we get:

| Manufacturer | What/When/How | Account Mgr |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Dakine Packs/Gear Bags | Order late August early September | Roger Meier |
| Arcteryx Gear | Order October General meeting | Thomas James |
| Outdoor Research | Order November General Meeting | Roger Meier |
| Smartwool | See the MHSP wiki for how to set up a personal account. | Roger Meier |
| Liberty Mountain | Pieps, DSP Beacons and other outdoor gear. Order any time through the account manager. | Roger Meier |
| Promotive Pro-form site | This site has a ton of gear, Marmot, Helly Hanson, Snow board, clothing, (See the MHSP wiki for how to access this) | Roger Meier |
| Kinco work gloves | Bomber winter work gloves, order November General Meeting (I manage this account) | Roger Meier |
| BCA | Tracker orders. Trackers now available through NSP catalog. | Matt Rae |
| Hillcrest Pro-form night | Usually mid-October. Watch the wiki for this year's date. | Roger Meier |

Also want to remind you that the NSP site has several deals, Patagonia, Hestra, DuoFold, Smith Optics, Rudy Project, and many more. We also get Friends of Industry discount from Cloudveil and we have in the past worked deals thru Columbia and Mountain Hardware.

These are just a few that have specific order dates but will give you an idea of the timeline to put in the back of your mind. There are several other shops in the area; OMC will give an extra 10% off if you show your active patrol card, but remember that just because are part of the patrol, the shops are not obligated to provide discount or pro-form discounts so be conscientious.

If you have a favorite manufacturer or product that you would like the possibility of industry pricing drop me or Andrew Degner from the clothing committee and we can contact and see if we can get a Patrol account set up so they don't have 300 patrollers calling looking for the deal .

Pro-form discounts are available to MHSP members only. Apprentices are eligible for group orders, and at stores by showing their NSP cards.

Again keep an eye on your email and the wiki for when order dates come up and see one of us at the general meetings.

Pacific Northwest Division Convention

This was a great networking opportunity for all patrollers and close by in Wilsonville OR! Here are just a few of the great things that happened. Ice Cream Social Thursday Night – Miniature Golf was lots of fun on Friday morning – Equipment Vendors from Harper Pack, BCA, Joslin Slings and more – Keynote Speaker Dan Miller was AWESOME both with the “One Degree Makes a Difference- Drama Triangle” as well as his drumming event Friday night – learned about important legal aspects from the legal advisor of NSP. And we were able to talk to the Region Advisors for MTR, Avalanche, Nordic, Alpine, Auxiliary (Associate) and Alumni.

Saturday night was the Awards Banquet where several of our patrollers received recognition as nominees for National awards or as recipients of National Appointments and Merit Stars. Please see the Awards Article for more details awards.

What patrols comprise the PNWD? Five geographic regions in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho comprise the Pacific Northwest Division of NSP: Inland Empire (10 patrols), Mt Hood (7 patrols), Northwest (9 patrols), Oregon (6 patrols), and Southern Idaho (7 patrols). There are over 2,500 registered patrollers in the PNWD. The Regions rotate hosting the PNWD Convention. This year was the Oregon Region, and next year will be the Northwest Region in Seattle next August 13-15, 2010.

Did you know that NSP awards are not MHSP Awards?

While MHSP has its own special awards named after significant leaders of past MHSP patrollers, some of NSP's are similar and others are very different. You can find out more of MHSP's awards in our Wiki.

Appointments

Among the highest honors in National Ski Patrol is the National Appointment for Alpine Patrollers and the Leadership Commendation for Auxiliary Patrollers. Many Divisions, including the Pacific Northwest, refer to both awards as "Appointments".

If you were at the MHSP banquet you heard about the Appointments awarded to Lisa Hargrave, Gina Malamphy and Carol Gleason. What you may not have known is that there are some very specific criteria that must be met for this award: the patroller must have a minimum of 8 years as a patroller, passed all of the Senior requirements and have been a Senior Patroller for a year prior to nomination. A fellow patroller who already has an Appointment must make nominations for this award. The trick is that the nomination must be made without the nominee knowing it! This is crucial! An award can be rescinded otherwise.

The Appointment is not something a patroller can "work toward" nor apply for. *"It is based on demonstrated leadership, good character, diplomacy, a positive attitude, good judgment, exemplary qualities of patrolling ability, a genuine desire to serve the skiing public, and extraordinary service to the NSP. The Appointment should be overdue rather than premature,"*

National Outstanding Awards

The individual awards for the best patrollers in the entire nation. Nominations originate from Regional level. The nominees from each region are then judged at the Division level. With one nominee from each Division then being judged at the National level until a single winner is identified for each award.

These awards are for patrollers who have made an intense and focused contribution as only the most recent 4 years of the patroller's career count toward the award.

This year the Mt Hood Region nominated the following patrollers for National Outstanding Awards:

- Outstanding Alpine Patroller – Matt Hickok
- Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller – Diane Kindall
- Outstanding Instructor (Avalanche) – Matt Rea

The following patrollers won the Division's outstanding award and are moving to the next level of judging at National.

- Division Outstanding OEC Instructor – Jodie Jeffers
- Division Outstanding Administrative Patroller – Kathy Lee



Want to learn more about awards from NSP? Check out Chapter 10 of the NSP Policies and Procedures (available at no charge from the member bookshelf at www.nsp.org) Stay tuned for the next Snojob where National Merit Stars will be discussed.

Jodie Jeffers and Kathy Lee

2009-2010 Executive Council

President: John Gastineau
Vice President: Steve Eversmeyer
Patrol Chief: Jeffery Weitz
Associate Director: James Schuler
First Aid Chief: Jodie Jeffers
Nordic Director: Michael Curtis
Mountain Host Director: Bill Johnson
Secretary: Pamela Louie
Treasurer: Jaye Miller
Junior Trustee: Mark Diamond
Middle Trustee: Lisa Hargrave
Senior Trustee: Carol Gleason



Crater Rock by Jodie Jeffers

MHSP in the News

MHSP got some great press in August. Our [press release](#) regarding a bike crash on Timberline Road was picked up by the Statesman Journal; several TV websites and even made the AP wire feed.

Help us promote public awareness of MHSP. If you render aid outside the ski area or have a newsworthy case or rescue, help us get the word out. Call John Gastineau, Lisa Hargrave or Brian Barker and we will do the rest.



Patrol Calendar

Activities for 300 members and apprentices take a lot of coordination. The Snojob will contain important milestone dates, such as listed in other newsletter articles, but for the most up-to-date listings, see the official online calendar.

You can get to the calendar most easily by logging in to the dispatch site, mhspdispatch.org. Right after you log in, you'll see the announcements page. We update this page as needed, and the calendar is always live.

Since the calendar is hosted by Google, you can even subscribe to it so your own calendar program will show patrol events.

Snojob Submissions

The MHSP SnoJob email address: SnoJobEditor@gmail.com.

Now that you can hardly wait to be a contributing writer, remember:

- Send copy as simple text in emails,
- Send pictures, graphics as jpg files,
- Send copy and all graphics separately;
- Make sure to identify who is in your contributing photo,
- Editors DO get editorial privileges to help formatting and standards of the publication.



Avalanche at Wisp Resort in Maryland. Wisp is the former home ski area to 3 MHSP patrollers and an area not known for its steep-and-deep. Proof again that avalanches can happen ANYWHERE. Are you due for an avalanche refresher this year?