



Sno Job



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Meeting Speaker Cynthia Gardner of the USGS will be joining us at our March meeting with a presentation re: historical and projected volcanic activity throughout the Cascades and especially related to Mt. Hood. Cynthia's presentation is sure to capture your attention and spawn thoughts and questions. Don't miss this rare opportunity to learn about our Mountain from an experienced, knowledgeable volcano expert.

General Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2003
7:00 PM
Athey Creek School

Sixty-five years of volunteer service. Three hundred members. Four ski resorts. Hundreds of miles of Nordic trails. The finest Ski Patrol on the planet! And, it's yours. All yours. So, the question is: How did I help to improve our Patrol this year and what am I going to do to improve it next year?

Dozens of our members are instructors in OEC, First Responder, Toboggan, Chair Evac., and Avalanche. This is one of the easiest ways to really make a difference to the Patrol. You don't need years of experience to be an instructor, either. As soon as you're done with your apprentice year you can start the mentoring process to become an instructor in any or all of the disciplines.

Presidents Message

By Mac Sheldon, MHSP President
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Got a computer and good with word processing and graphics? We'll need help with our SnoJob next year, and this job requires no meetings and little training. Your monthly work will be hugely appreciated by our members as we've appreciated Royal's work this past year.

Do you like to solve mechanical problems? Sled and equipment maintenance is important every year, and we could always use some new gadgets to make our jobs easier and safer.

How about construction? We're long overdue for a Rescue Center makeover. With the mild weather, we could get an early start on it this summer and have it shining by fall. We need an organizer and a gaggle of workers for a couple of weekends. Got a workshop at home? How about taking a bench or chair in for a refinish? A couple of hours could bring a tired piece of furniture back to life. By the way, materials are not a problem. We can provide most anything you request.

Got a job? Well, that means you've got an employer and probably some customers and vendors. We can help you to write a very simple and non-pushy letter asking for a donation of \$250 to sponsor a tee for our golf tournament. Let's see....if all 300 members found one tee sponsor.... Well, you do the math. Want to help, in addition to fundraising? How would you like to sit in a lounge chair on one of the most beautiful golf courses in Oregon for a morning, chatting with golfers who are having a blast, then join them for a great lunch and lots of prizes? Tough duty right? We can always use new faces on tournament day.

Do you love to talk about the Mount Hood Ski Patrol and how much you enjoy volunteering your services? The Public Relations committee is a great way to share and offers interesting opportunities to work with the media and our best sponsors.

Want an audio video challenge? We're in need of some new AV gear to interface with our LCD projector and Athey Creek School's new audio system. Not rocket science, just a fun project that will make our General Meetings all the more enjoyable.

At last we have a little snow, 100 inches at T-line yesterday, hopefully more by the time you read this. It is still a pretty scary season not only for the skiers, but also for the rest of the water users in the Northwest.

PC Notes

Maybe now we can start enjoying the Spring conditions at an appropriate time of the year. At least the days are getting longer and we may have enough snow to enjoy Spring skiing.

By Joel Stevens, MHSP Patrol Chief
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I want to thank the Patrollers who have done the Tube Hill duty at SkiBowl in the past month. Just try to remember the good days on the East Wall and in the Outback when you are helping police the tube hill. Hopefully we will still get some face shots in this year. Think positive thoughts about SkiBowl (and for that matter, all of our areas). If you have gripes, don't air them where either the public or area employees might hear them. If you are really unhappy with the way things are going, please talk to the APC, PC or other Council members.

Training:

Sled updates are in full swing now, with the skier load starting to drop, hopefully we can get everyone through this module. There will be sled coaches at all areas almost every weekend day. There is quite a bit of new information this year. Get your annual sled training out of the way early in the module.

Dispatch:

The 3rd Module Pre-dispatch was very short. We delayed processing it, to give people extra time, but we still have thin coverage. If you are not pre-dispatched and not on injured reserve, you will need to get some days in during the 3rd module. We are short on quite a few days.

You may be assigned to Summit (or another area) which is not what you requested. We have to cover all of our areas. If we are short we will occasionally move someone from one area to another to give us the best coverage. We generally will not assign a Patroller to Summit more than once a season, unless you request it. You must show up, or find a replacement. With only one patroller assigned we can't be "One Short"

Radios:

We have 10 new Motorola FRS radios to use for training. These won't impact the area operations, but the public may be listening, since these radios are very popular. Be professional in what you say. If you are doing scenarios, you might periodically mention that this is a drill. They have limited range, but can be picked up for about 2 miles line of sight. Please don't use them for real patrol business or trail sweeps.

Shuttle:

Please try to take the shuttle or carpool with a full car to both T-line and the Bowl. T-line has had a full parking lot most of the days this Winter, so every extra car, is tickets that they can't sell.

We have had a good season after a slow start. I would like to thank those of you who have stepped in when we were short people or went the extra mile to re-supply one of the first-aid rooms. By now most of you should have completed your first responder training and/or refreshers. If you have not had this opportunity please do so on your next trip to the mountains.

Associate Director

By Terry Niedermeyer, Associate Director
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Supplies:

On occasion, we are missing something for one of the first aid rooms. If you see we are short on something or would like to add an item please call me or Julie Kindall.

Awards

Please take a few moments and think of who has been the most influential and passionate about the patrol in the last year. Who would you like to nominate for and award. Who was that key Associate Apprentice, Associate and Associate Supervisor, Hill Apprentice, Hill Patroller or Hill Captain.

Keep the phone calls coming

I sincerely appreciate the phone calls, if you have had a good day, interesting day, or a day to forget, let me here from you. We appreciate your efforts and do not have a chance to thank you often enough..

See you on the mountain.

Are you interested in the future of our Patrol? Our Sustainability Committee is working to insure the long-term success of our Patrol. It's not hard work for any individual, yet their collective activities will shape the future of our organization.

These are but a few opportunities for you to improve our Patrol. All of these tasks need to be accomplished every year, and there are a handful of our Patrollers who tackle most of them in an extraordinary fashion. Unfortu-

nately, many of our members leave these vital responsibilities to others, and never get involved beyond their days on the hill and in mandatory training. It's a pity, because to a person, those who give the little bit extra are the ones who will tell you how much more they enjoy being a Patroller. Please select one of these tasks, or run for an office (it's not too late), or figure out some other way to apply your skills for the good of the order.

So, get the lead out and ring my phone or shoot me an email to tell me how you are going to participate next year. If it is to be, it is up to me. No fancy words here, but nonetheless powerful. Nike says it even more succinctly Just Do It!

I'll see you in the snow AND at the March general meeting. It's going to be a good one...Don't miss it!

Cheers,
Mac

Presidents Message

By Mac Sheldon, MHSP President
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The First Responder Training program for 2002-03 is now nearly completed. We had a very successful combined On-Hill and Associate Apprentice training February 8-9, with 41 apprentices participating. I would like to extend a special thanks to the trainers that helped with this event and to Charlie Wessinger for allowing us to conduct the apprentice training at Summit Ski Area. All Associate patrollers, please be sure to complete your First Responder Update by the end of Winter module. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions about the first responder program, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

First Responder Training

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Officer Nominations 2003



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Don Gardner

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Treasurer

Jeffrey Weitz

First Aid Chief

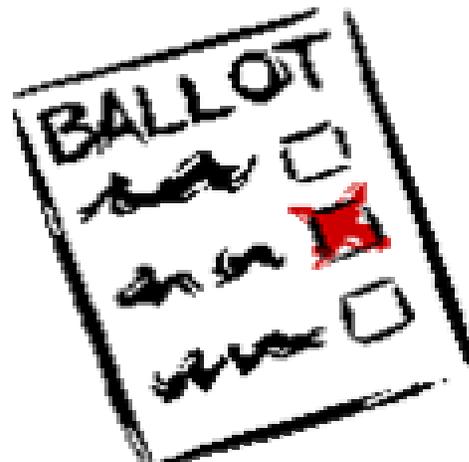
Jim Trett

Associate Director

Eric Einspruch

Junior Trustee

Mike Petersen
Mac Sheldon



There once was a fine and honorable man named John Keyes. He loved to fly, ski and golf. He was an exceptional leader in both the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol and the 939th Search and Rescue Wing of the Air Force Reserves. He lost his life on a rescue mission off the coast of

John Keyes Memorial Tournament

By Pat Stevens

California on November 22, 1996. The Keyes family and a few patrollers put their heads together and came up with an event to honor John and benefit the Patrol - a golf benefit. To date it has earned \$110,300 toward the sustainability of the Ski Patrol.

Every year the Golf Committee comes to the Patrol for volunteers to work the event in September. This year we want you to do something else. We want you to think - hard.

Think about all the people around you. Could your company be a sponsor? How about your company's suppliers? Do you have a friend, family member or neighbor who might have a contact? You don't have to ask anyone for a donation directly - ask if they know anyone who would be interested in donating. You can turn any contact over to the committee and we will run with it. See, there is hardly any effort in it at all.

The Golf Committee will be speaking at the March and April meetings. We will be handing out samples of requests for donations, a list of sponsorship opportunities and a list of items we need for the raffle and the silent auction at the meeting. Soon there will be a link to the Golf Benefit through the Ski Patrol web site. The handouts will also be available on the web site.

Thanks, guys! We appreciate your help!

Jerry Knowlton & Mark Larson, Co-Chairs

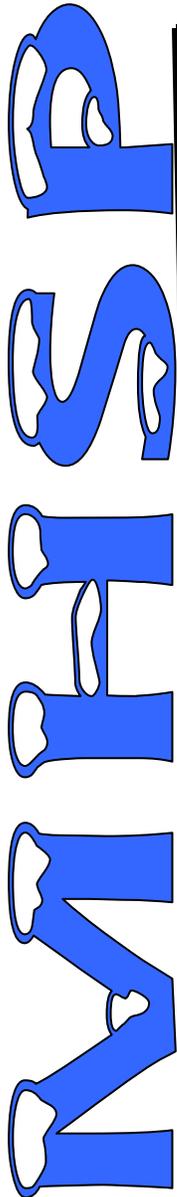
Please be sure you have the correct dates for this year's Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) scenario in your calendar: the deadline for signing up to participate is March 31, the MCI training is April 13, and the MCI scenario is Sunday, May 4, 2003.

MCI Training

By Eric Einspruch
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Thank you in advance for your interest in this exciting opportunity and I look forward to training with you. If you would like to participate, please e-mail me to let me know.

Calendar



		March
1-2	8:00am	Tryouts, Govy Building
10	7:00pm	General Meeting, Athey Creek School
16		S&T Senior Training—Mt. Hood Meadows with Oregon Region
22		Basic Avalanche Refresher
31		Sign up to participate for MCI
		April
5		S&T Senior Training—Mt. Hood Meadows Contact Dave Nelson
6		Emergency Mgmt. Module Clinic, Govy, Contact Kathy Lee
12		Emergency Mgmt. Module Final Evaluations, Mt. Hood
12-13		S&T Exam—Mt. Hood Meadows Contact Dave Nelson
13		MCI Training at Timberline
14	7:00pm	General Meeting, Athey Creek School Election of Officers
19		Timberline Ski and Tee. A benefit for the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol
26		Funday-Ski Bowl ???
		May
4		Mass Casualty Incident Scenario
10		Awards Banquet

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