



Mt. Hood Ski Patrol

Snojob



December 2011

DISPATCH DEADLINE FOR JAN-FEB

Please sign up for your minimum days by 12/15 and any additional days AFTER 12/15

Minimum 3 days for gold and silver members, 2 days for bronze members

Hill Captains need 2 HC days, Associate Supervisors need 1 AS day

Meadows team members need to dispatch for their team days so the area knows who will be there.

General Meeting (SPECIAL LOCATION!!!)

Program Meeting

Date: Monday, December 12, 6:30 for clothing committee and vendors, meeting runs 7-9

Location: Stafford Primary School
19875 SW Stafford Road
West Linn, OR 97068-9338

Basically it is just behind/north of Athey Creek. Go North at the rotary, the school is on the left/west.

President's Message

By Steve Eversmeyer, President, HC 1170



From the people that were on the mountain November 20 it sounds like we are off to a great season!!!

Remember that as the areas move into winter operations we may have last minute changes to start times and operations. If you are unsure what your role is, what to do or how to do something, please check with the hill captain or associate supervisor. As with so much of what we do, being flexible is key. With staff changes at the areas we can expect to see some changes in what we are asked to do.

We should also expect the skiing/riding public to be unfamiliar or out of practice. Please make sure you have trail maps. If someone is down, stop and check to see if you can lend a hand, even if they are not hurt. They may not realize they are "resting" in a bad spot and we all know preventing a 10-50 is far better than treating them. As you pass by unloading areas, take a minute to watch and ensure the area is staying clear. If the hosts are helping, see if they need a hand. As much as we all enjoy riding with

other patrollers, unless you're needed back up top, take the time to ride up with the guests. See how their day is going, are they enjoying it, looking for more challenging or easier runs? Share your knowledge of the area and try to ensure they have a great day!

One last request (and this is true for all of our areas) car pool as much as possible. Find places in town to meet, meet at the Govy building or do both. This is really critical to the areas and regardless of who we were talking to they wanted to emphasize that point. We have done a good job but we need to try and do better. So look at the list on your dispatch days, send a note to the group and see what you can work out. The shuttle at Skibowl will be running soon and is the way to get there. Training groups (apprentice, avalanche, etc.) all need to car pool before leaving the Govy building if you're headed to Summit, Timberline or Meadows.

And please start thinking about how you'd like to celebrate our 75th year of service to our areas. It'll be here before you know it. Please contact Lisa Hargrave or me.

THANKS for what I know will be a great season. See you on the mountain!!!

SPIF

FIRST AID

USFS Wants You to Carry Your OEC CARD

Would you get into your car and drive without having your driver's license with you?

The same thing holds true for your OEC, CPR, MHSP and NSP cards when you are patrolling. The US Forest Service has recently communicated that patrollers are to carry their cards while patrolling.

Take a look at the back of your OEC card and check that the appropriate lines for completed refreshers have been signed. We just completed Cycle A and you should have gotten it signed at the end of the refresher during checkout. If it is missing a signature, come to the December meeting and see Cleo Howell, Jim Trett or Kathy Lee to get it signed. If your card is missing a signature and you are unable to attend the December meeting, contact Cleo Howell.

First Aid Chief

By Cleo Howell, First Aid Chief, AS1444



The ski season is upon us and as you dust off your patrol uniform, skis/board, and boots, remember to go through your fanny pack. Check that the supplies are in good order – no moldy bandages!

If you need to replace/restock any items in your pack, be sure to take the supplies from the cabinet in the Government Camp building – do not take them from the first aid room at the ski areas.

Also, keep your fanny pack in your vehicle - you never know when you might need it to help someone when you are not patrolling.

SKI PATROL OPERATIONS

Associate Director

By Kathy Lee, Associate Director, SS 90232



Snow – finally! And soon all the areas will be in full operation. The dispatch through December is filling up although there are a few days where Summit and Skibowl need more support. Please check your calendar and see if you can fill an open slot. And start looking ahead to the next module – January/February. The pre-dispatch deadline for it is looming – 12/15/11 - and will be here before you know it!

There are 10 associate apprentices who start their OEC training 12/6/11, then have their first on-mountain training day mid-December. They get a two week break and then dive right back into OEC and more training days until May. What a dedicated group – be sure to give them a lot of support and encouragement when you see them!

To repeat a message from my article last month - Margaret Usher will hold several ski enhancement sessions for associate patrollers:

- Dec 11, 2011, Skibowl (afternoon)
- Jan 21, 2012, Timberline (morning and/or afternoon)

As I write this, Skibowl for Dec. 11, 2011 is a bit on the thin side for associate patrollers. Consider pre-dispatching for the day and take advantage of Margaret's PSIA training. If neither of these dates work for you, please contact Margaret or me to coordinate a date that works for you.

See you on the hill!

Nordic Patrol

By Brett McLane, Nordic Director, NP/HP 1603



I want to take the opportunity to tell everyone about some Nordic events to put on your calendar this season. Whether you're a seasoned Nordic skier or just want to learn more about Nordic skiing, check out these events.

Saturday, 12/10/11 - Nordic demo day and lessons at Teacup Nordic Club. A great opportunity to try some new Nordic gear and learn a bit about the sport (for beginners) or refine your skills (for intermediate to experts).

Sunday 12/11/11 - Join REI and Mt. Hood Meadows Nordic Center for a day of cross-country skiing. Never tried the sport before? Free lessons from Mt. Hood Meadows and free gear rental from REI Portland**. All REI Members who participate in the event will receive a Mt. Hood Meadows Nordic Center coupon for a return visit. **REI Members may reserve free Nordic gear at REI Portland prior to the event. 503.221.1938. Mt. Hood Meadows Nordic Center will have rental gear available, limited to first come, first served. More details: <http://www.rei.com/class/31587/session/39381>

Sunday, 1/8/12 - Annual Teacup Nordic Party and Clinic. Want to learn how to Nordic ski or learn Nordic skating technique? Come take part in the annual Tea Party and Ski Clinic. Take ski lessons from skiers with years of experience, have some Stash Tea, and support Teacup Nordic. More info: <http://teacupnordic.org/>

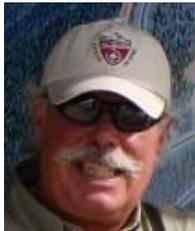
Sunday 1/29/12 - Annual Teacup Classic 5K and 10K classic style Nordic ski race. More info:
<http://teacupnordic.org/>

Also, if you are new to the sport and want to learn more about Nordic skiing, Meadows offers a introductory 2-hour lesson, all day rental, and all day track fee for just \$40. Check out their website for details.

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Mountain Host Director

By Bill Johnson, Mountain Host Director, HS 60001



This season the MHHP took on a fund raising project of selling the Oregon Sno-Park permit at the MHSP/West Linn HSSBT SnoSport SWAP, Ski Fever & Snowboard show, NW Ski Club Council event, Columbia Sportswear Ski Fair, and several other club events. We added a \$5.00 "service fee" per permit and generated a \$2900.00 - \$3000.00 donation for the Patrol. The permit was sold internally at cost. We learned a great deal in this "proof of concept" season and hopefully can be even more successful next year. A huge thanks to John Moss for the idea, commitment and follow

through, Gerry Schirado, T.J. Bennison, John White, Jeff Vachter, and Doug Fischer for their efforts in selling the permits....and special thanks to Gina Malamphy, MHSP Treasure, for her patience during the process.

Snow is falling and lifts are turning. Please dispatch and get your shifts nailed down.

The 22nd running of the Christine Cato Memorial Race will take place at Timberline on Saturday, January 7, 2012. This high school race is held each year on the first Saturday of January to honor the memory of Christine Cato. Christine was a member of the Beaverton High School Ski Team and had raced Mighty Mites when she was younger. Unfortunately, Christine died in an accident at Timberline in the summer of 1989, just before her senior year. This event is also meant to celebrate good sportsmanship, and the spirit of fun and camaraderie that are a special part of high school racing. The high light and conclusion of the event is a special awards banquet hosted by Timberline.

The race is a collaboration between Timberline, the Metro, Three Rivers, and Mt . Hood ski leagues, as well as the Cato family. While it is not an official points race, the race kicks off the local high school race season. It has also become an important event for teams and their coaches to gain experience before entering the regular season.

The Cato Memorial has become the largest high school race in the country, attracting approximately 500 racers each year...it's a great event....costumes encouraged !!!

TRAINING

Senior Ski & Toboggan Clinics

By Tom Payne, Senior S&T Coach, HC 1378

Senior ski and toboggan dates have been set and are listed below. This training is appropriate for those who want to complete all Senior training or those who just want to have an advanced course of sled training. We will work on fundamentals and then move on to perfecting all the skills necessary for well executed sled running. In addition, we will drill in fundamental skiing skills and learn skills to teach others these important elements of patrolling.

One enjoyable part of Senior S & T is the ability to train with other patrollers at other areas with very skilled trainers from across Oregon. It is not required that you attend all sessions, but experience has shown us that the more sessions attended by the candidate the more likely they will be successful in the evaluations.

Dates:

12/11 & 12/17	S & T @ COACHES CALIBRATION @ MHM
1/14/12 & 1/15	S & T Women's Clinic @ MHM
1/22	S & T @ Bachelor
2/11	S & T @ MHM
2/19	S & T @ Skibowl
3/24	S & T @ MHM
4/1	S & T @ Mt. Ashland

OTHER NEWS

Bluewood: January 27-29, 2012

There are still some open seats on the Bluewood bus. The drop dead date for signing up and getting a check to me is December 16th (\$185). Checks won't be cashed until January.

BIF! Larry Cahill

Snojob Deadline is the Third Monday of the Month

Lisa Hargrave, Snojob Editor, HC/AS 1053 and Barb Korsmo, Copy Editor, Alumni AP 90260



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 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.

December

- 3 Nordic Training
- 4 Avalanche Level 1 Didactic A
- 6 OEC Class Begins
- 6 Senior EMM
- 10 Avalanche Level 1 Didactic B
- 10 Make up Chair Evac
- 11 S&T Coach Calibration
- 12 General Meeting
- 14 Transfer Meeting
- 17 S&T Coach Calibration
- 19 Snojob Deadline

January

- 4 Council Meeting
- 7 Senior EMM @ Summit
- 9 General Meeting
- 14-15 Women's S&T Clinic @ Meadows
- 15 Senior S&T @ Meadows
- 19 Snojob Deadline (delayed this month)
- 21 Associate Ski Enhancement @ Skibowl
- 27-29 Bluewood Trip
- 31 Alumni Luncheon 1:00 @ East Moreland Golf Club

February

- 8 Council Meeting
- 11 Senior S&T @ Meadows
- 12 Senior EMM
- 13 General Meeting
- 20 Snojob Deadline
- 26 Senior EMM