

Snojob



February 2017

Banquet, May 13 at Timberline Lodge

Cheap rooms: Standard queen \$165.00 – Queen w/twin or double \$185.00
Call 800-547-1406 to reserve your room. Please tell them you are part of the Mt Hood Ski patrol event.

More event information to follow.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Request beyond Area Commitments

Jaye Miller Carlson, President



Each year the Council and members struggle to fill dispatch. This year is not any different. Commitment is on the agenda for the February Council meeting. If you have any input, we'd like to hear from you.

One question for us, "If we cannot meet our commitment to the areas, should we offer to help other groups?" We currently do not raise money at in-town race events when our areas still need our help. We have request from other non-profits for our help with their events on the mountain. Again...if we cannot meet our primary responsibility should we expand? Are we over committing our membership?

We hope to use this conversation and provide guidelines for your next Council. Elections in April and I hope everyone will take an active role in finding new officers.

Please see Carl's article on dispatch and a Call List if you need a substitute.

Congratulations to our Nordic's. Please see Jeff's article and their award. Good job!!!

See you on the mountain.



PATROL CHIEF REPORT

Dispatch

Carl Gatzke, Patrol Chief

Just a short blurb on fulfilling your commitment to the areas. I'd like to thank the current leaders in dispatched days – Mr. David Winterling and Marilyn Hanson – both with 18 dispatched days each as of the 6 of January, 2017. By the time you read this, I'm sure they will both have 20 or more days in. Thanks to you both! Now, the bad news.....70% of the people currently on the patrol have patrolled

3 days or less since the start of the season. There are, of course, exceptions, as many of you have life and family issues that take precedent overpatrolling, and I know who you are. I must admit that I am one of the

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slackers who has not put in any days. My new job has taken me to Sparks, NV – and it kills me to read about the new dump every day at Ski Bowl, Timberline, Summit and the Meadows. But the rest of you, I just can't figure out what you're waiting for. Mother nature has, so far, provided us with some of the best snow conditions in over a decade. Cold deep snow with almost new accumulation daily – its unheard of! Those of you that are patrolling must be having the season of your life, skiing as much powder as you are. For those of you who have missed it – the drug of deep powder skiing, and patrolling, await you, so, please don't delay any longer. The mountain is calling. There is nothing better than getting face shot after face shot while you ski the lift line raising tower pad after tower pad.



Dispatch

Wendy Stuart, APC of Records

The season is off to a great start. While we're in full swing, I thought it would be a good time to review some things that seem to keep coming up.

DISPATCH:

- 1 Remember to dispatch for all patrol days, OEC classes, training days etc... (If you dispatch, there are less reporting errors).
- 2 Everyone has the ability to dispatch up until

9 pm the night before the day they patrol. This only works if you go through the **Schedule** option of the dispatch; going through the Master Calendar only allows you to dispatch up to two days before.

3 Credits are updated soon after receiving them. Because we are all busy, please give us 10 days to get the updates made. 12 hours is not enough time.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION/QUESTIONS:

- 1 Please include your patrol number and the role you are inquiring about. (HP, A, HA, AA, etc) in your e-mail for all credit issues or requests. We are very involved group many people wear many different hats. I want to be sure you get the appropriate credit without guessing.

ROSTER PICTURES:

- 1 Roster pictures must be a clear head shot of yourself; no animals, kids or other people.
- 2 Remove your sunglasses.
- 3 Send pictures jpeg format only.

GREEN SHEETS:

- 1 If you patrol without a Hill Captain designate someone in the group to send me a copy of the Green Sheet to apcrecords@mthoodskipatrol.org
- 2 If you cannot locate a copy of the Green Sheet email me at apcrecords@mthoodskipatrol.org to let me know who patrolled.



MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Mountain Host Director

Mike Cullen, Mountain Host Director



TIMBERLINE REQUESTS

- I-Pads for season pass sales: Please continue the great work helping pass purchasers use the I-Pad to complete “station 1” in the purchasing process. Some folks complete “station 1” at home with an online purchase. These folks can go straight to station 2. If you haven’t been up and become familiar with the stations, it will be fairly obvious when you come up.
- Congestion areas: Both the hall way in front of guest services and the area where we have morning meetings have become areas of concern about congestion. It is important that hosts disperse quickly to the duty stations and don’t add to the congestion that is fairly common on busy mornings.
- Closing the front doors: The front doors (East doors) by the ticket lobby are sometimes held open for extended periods when they could be closed. This has long been a concern by Timberline management. They totally understand that we may need to hold a door open for a continuous line of guests. Otherwise, the door needs to close as much as possible.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Snow Cat: There is something new this year as well as a couple handy reminders.

- New operating hours are 10:00 to 2:00 pm. This start time is an hour earlier than in previous years. They plan to make this a new standard practice.
- Due to the new start time, we now need to send a host up on the Mile chair as soon as it opens in order to stage the loading area. Guests start showing up and waiting as early as 9:30 am almost every time, so we need to be there first and establish an orderly system.
- Reminder: We are not allowed to save spots for someone. They must put their skis or board on the ground to have a seat.
- Reminder: Let the driver load the gear on the Cat. We serve our guests the best by staying behind them and insuring that others do not join the group and crowd someone out of a seat that they just waited 45 minutes for.
- Reminder: The first Cat ride of the day may not take the usual 12 guests. Some of the seats may be taken by patrollers that need to station themselves at the top. Best practice is to plan for 10 guests on the first Cat of the day. Any additional seats are a plus and make someone happy.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

SUMMARY

Our apprentice group will be joining our veterans on regular duty shifts.

Please follow the guidelines listed below:

- Your apprentice should stay with you at all times during your entire shift.
- Share your experiences and knowledge with the apprentice.
- Look for opportunities for the apprentice to handle situations that arise so that they get firsthand experience, rather than watching.

SKIBOWL:

- The kiosks (located at the bottom of the steps on the West side) are a high priority host station. SkiBowl has requested that we try to have a host at that location all day to help guests use the machines.

The “A” shift has returned at SkiBowl in order to meet the request for help at the kiosks.



THANK YOU FOR FUNDRAISING IN 2016

You Helped Bring In \$9200 For The Patrol

Cleo Howell, Vice President



I want to give a big “Thank You” to all of you who helped do fundraising in 2016. Through your efforts approximately \$9200 was donated to the patrol. This money has helped us to reduce the MHSP dues three years in a row.

Throughout the year MHSP helped at twelve different race events in Portland, Vancouver and a couple of out of town events. Thank you to all of you who helped at those events. Thank you especially to Eric Granning, Mike Anderson, and Dave MacIntyre for coordinating the various events.

Many of you helped at the Ski Fever event where we made approximately \$4700. Thank you to Jodie Jeffers for coordinating this event.

A new event for MHSP this year was Snowvana, held in October at the Memorial Coliseum. The patrol brought in approximately \$2375 during this two day event. Thank you to Kelly Hays for her work to put together this first time event. (FYI this is Kelly’s rookie year.)

At Ski Fever and Snowvana you sold Sno Park permits for a \$5.00 profit on each permit sold.

Listed below are some of the themes that ran through all of the above listed events.

- Minimal staffing was required for each event
- Little or no investment up front
- We were able to promote overall safety messages at all of the events
- There was positive exposure for the patrol, including some recruiting for new members

Thank you again to all of you who helped at fundraising events throughout the year. I really appreciate all your work.

PATROLLER INFORMATION

February General Meeting

Matt Rea, Junior Trustee

The February general meeting will be held **February 13, 7:00**, at **Providence Portland Medical Center Portland, SE 47th and Glisan, in the Social Room**. This will be a regular business meeting and we will have a number of important topics to cover. Stay tuned for more details and please plan to attend.





Preparing for April 2017 Elections

Scott Collier, Senior Trustee



The nominating committee was approved by the general membership at the January general meeting. The committee consists of Jaye Miller, Sean McLoughlin, Eric Einspruch, Sue Bishop, Joel Stevens, Matt Wood and Scott Collier.

The election may not be until April but it is time to start preparing for it. In April we will be electing the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Patrol Chief, First Aid Chief, Associate Director, Nordic Director, Host Director and Junior Trustee. We will be seeking nominations for all these positions at each of the February, March and April monthly meetings.

The nominating committee is seeking out good candidates for each of the above listed offices. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the monthly meetings. Please consider if you would be interested in running for any of the offices. If so please let me or anyone on the nominating committee know. Also some of you will be contacted by the committee and seeking you to run for office. If you have any ideas and would like the committee to approach someone for a particular office let us know. Over the next few months you will be getting emails and hearing announcements at our monthly meetings; please help the patrol in selecting the best people for these offices.

NORDIC

Special Appreciation Award from US Forest Service

Jeff Hepler, Nordic Director



Left to Right: Paul Blackburn, President of Teacup Lake Ski Club;
Janeen Tervo, Hood River District Ranger;
Jeff Hepler, Nordic Director MHSP.

We are having a great year at Teacup. Our rescue system got a good test over the holiday break by evacuating an injured skier after sundown. With each incident we get an opportunity to debrief and improve our procedures or equipment. In this case we found that as many as three haulers may be necessary to move the sled efficiently uphill.

As a result two long runners have been added to the front of the sled for quick deployment. These haul lines combined with MSR traction snowshoes will effectively move any patient from the trail to a waiting ambulance.

On Saturday, January 14 a competitive high school race was held at Teacup with close to 200 young athletes in addition to their coaches, chaperones and parents. We used 4 patrollers to cover the event and everyone had a great and safe experience.

That wasn't the best part of the day. Later that evening the US Forest Service surprised us with an "Appreciation Award" presented by the Hood River District Ranger. This special honor recognizes the strong and continuing relationship that exists between Teacup Ski Area, MHSP and the US Forest Service.

Teacup Ski Area is expected to remain open until April 1 (when grooming terminates for the year). Patrollers should consider dispatching for the rest of the season. Area coverage during Spring Break (March 27-31) is encouraged. Ski Patrol partners are required at all times.

Thanks for patrolling!



MTR

Class Information

Joel Stevens



We have a MTR I Class Scheduled for this Spring. It is open to all Patrollers and Nordic Apprentices. Hill and Associate Apprentices may attend with an OK from the Training Director.

The Class consists of 3 classroom sessions on: February 8, February 22, and March 8

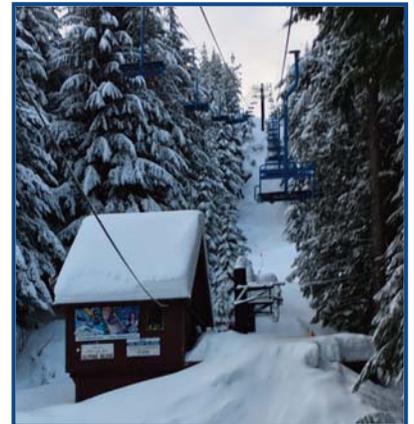
Location will be at Athey Creek Middle School in West Linn
One all day field session on March 25th in the Govy area
One overnight April 1 and 2 in the Govy/Mt Hood South side area

Please email Joel Stevens and Steve Potter if you plan to take MTR or if you have questions. Please do not "reply all". Students are expected to attend all sessions. We expect to have an alternate date for the March 25 field session. We will try to work out a work around for one classroom session.

Contact Joel or Steve if you have a conflict. Dispatch is open for these classes. Please sign up online.

CALENDAR

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



February

- 6 Council Meeting
13 General meeting- Providence Medical Center Social Room
20 Snojob Deadline

March

- 4 Ski the Glade
6 Council Meeting
12 Daylight Savings
13 General meeting-TBD
20 Snojob Deadline

April

- 3 Council Meeting
10 General meeting-TBD
17 Snojob Deadline
25 Alumni Lunch