

# Snojob



## December 2017

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**December**

**Matt Rea, President**



As I write this, our team sign-ups are looking really good. Many thanks to those of you who were able to make that commitment. There are a few slots still available for Hill Patrollers at all of the areas and one slot for an Associate Supervisor at Ski Bowl. If there are any of you out there having second thoughts and are now wanting to get in on a team, it is not too late to sign up, but please do it soon. Talk to Patrol Chief, Paul Podett.

One thing that we are emphasizing for everybody this year, but especially for people who are on teams, is to actively seek replacements for yourself on days that you are unable to make a dispatched day. Please do not just default to requesting a sub on the Dispatch if you cannot make a day. Every team member should make a solid effort to find a replacement from another team in your area of choice. Make arrangements to swap dates or see if somebody else wants to get in extra duty days. If that fails, get in touch with your Team Hill Captain and let them know as soon as possible that you cannot make a day. Team Captains may have contacts to help fill a vacant slot. As a last resort, the HC may decide if a substitute is needed based on numbers from the day. Our goal for the season is to provide as full a dispatch as possible to the areas on every weekend day.

One of the concerns about our ongoing team approach is that it will lead to fracturing MHSP into team or area-based cliques. I acknowledge that that risk exists. It is critical for all of us, especially our APCs, Hill Captains, and Associate Supervisors, to foster and support an open and welcoming environment for all of our members. Please do not allow our "shadow" patrollers this year to be treated as second-class citizens. They have a valuable job to do in supporting team members.

I ask you to consider that MHSP serves five different areas and has 250 active members. Some of us prefer Skibowl, some prefer Timberline, some prefer Meadows. The opportunity to experience a diverse patrolling experience on Mt. Hood is actually one of the strengths of our organization. We talk and sometimes argue amongst ourselves about our area preferences and, unfortunately in some cases, that may mean making negative comments denigrating the other resorts. I was recently informed of a case where an MHSP member spoke derogatory comments about one of the areas that we support to a person that they did not know worked at that area. Those remarks made it back to area management. Obviously, that does not do our organization any good. I ask you to keep your conversations between yourselves and especially with those outside our organization upbeat and professional. This is especially true of anything in social media.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on that first day of patrolling on the hill!



## THE SECOND ANNUAL MHSP PHOTO CONTEST

Last year we had an outstanding photo contest with nearly 100 really high quality photos submitted by MHSP members. So this year we are kicking off the Second Annual MHSP Photo Contest. The rules will be a little different this year:

- Photos are submitted to [president@mthoodskipatrol.org](mailto:president@mthoodskipatrol.org);
- Photos must either have been taken by an MHSP member or include MHSP members and/or activities in the photo content;
- Only one photo per month/per member may be submitted (pick your best – don't shotgun them);
- Photos must have been taken during either the 2016/17 or 2017/18 season;
- Photos will be judged on content and quality; content should include patrol members engaged in patrolling and or skiing/snow related activities. Mountain and winter scenic photos are also encouraged.

There will be suitable prizes awarded for the winning photos at the April general meeting. We will use photos submitted in General Meeting presentations, Snojobs, and social media during the year (with appropriate attribution of course!).

I am looking for a small group of people to help me collect, organize, and judge the photos submitted. Any volunteers?

## PATROL CHIEF REPORT

### 2017-2018 Season-It's Here.

Paul Podett, MD

I haven't seen the MHSP Dispatch look this green since 2007. Thanks all for your support, patience, and continued commitment to MHSP.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Since 1937 MHSP has provided volunteer patrol services to our beautiful mountain. But did you know that the world famous Summit Ski Area started informal lift operations around 1927? According to legend, there were a handful of motivated individuals with reason to ride who drove up to the Summit base area and set up one of the first rope-tows, using the engines in their Model T's.

### ASSOCIATE EMPTY BUCKET CERTS

We have a great group who will be completing empty sled training and certification shortly. A new course begins in the spring; please contact Steve Giesey, your Associate Director, if interested in training.

### Hill Patrollers – Sled Updates

Upon completion of your sled updates please register with NSP in order to get credit. The course number is **P050170010**.

### DISPATCH

You may pre-dispatch over the entire operational year (12/2/17--8/19/18) in order to complete your commitment level.

### DOUBLE CREDIT DAYS FOR 2017 – 18 SEASON

11/23/17, 12/25/17, and 1/1/18 at Summit, Ski Bowl, and Timberline.

[www.mthoodskipatrol.org](http://www.mthoodskipatrol.org)  
December 2017



## GENERAL PATROL DISPATCH

If you have not dispatched for Module One and have a reason, please contact myself or Steve Giese; otherwise we will be filling in Dispatch as needed, with your help, and will then be contacting you regarding your Dispatch duty day. We will also be reminding you of your commitment 48 hours prior to your dispatched day. Once you are dispatched you are locked in to that scheduled date and are NOT be able to UN dispatch unless you find a substitute. If you can't make a scheduled day start by logging on to Dispatch. Click "My Schedule "and "Request a Substitute." You will need to contact the HC of the day 72 hrs. before your dispatched shift if you are not able to find a substitute. If you are unable to fulfill your duty day or find a replacement you will be listed as incomplete and you will still be responsible for completing your commitment level/number of days for the year. Two unexcused missed days will place all of your pass privileges on hold with the areas for the rest of the season.

There are always unforeseen and extenuating circumstances that take precedence in our lives and scheduled commitments. This patrol needs you to fulfill and maintain your commitment levels to the areas we serve.

## TEAM DISPATCH

If you cannot make a scheduled team day, advise the HC or AS as soon as soon as possible. However, it is up to you to find a replacement for your shift. Reach out and contact your fellow area team members first and then a patroller who you know is knowledgeable with area operations who can fill your team slot. All shift swaps must be approved by the HC and/or AS.

## BENEFITS

If you signed up as a team member and requested a season pass, those should become available on your first team day. Please coordinate with your team Hill Captain.

Looking forward to a fantastic season –

The council and I thank you for your continued support of this great Patrol.

## NORDIC

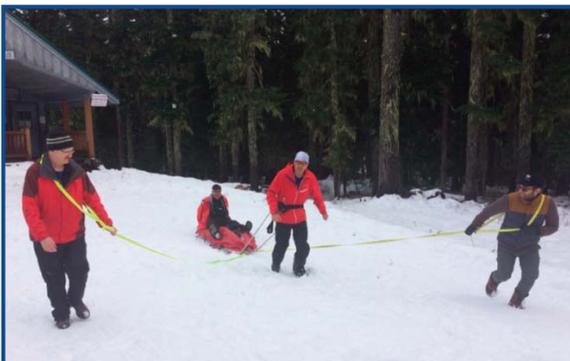
### News

Jeff Hepler



The Nordic team this year consists of 15 patrollers and 3 candidates for a total of 18 members. This level of staffing will be stretched to provide minimum coverage at Teacup Ski Area (two patrollers per day on weekends and holidays). Our first Nordic "On-the-Hill" refresher was held on Saturday, November 11 and went well. Topics covered included both backcountry, Teacup equipment, and procedures (see pic). The patrol season starts

on November 18, 2017 and is expected to continue into April 2018 with sufficient snowpack.



Patrollers and Hosts are encouraged to come ski 20 Km of groomed trails at Teacup Ski Area. Feel free to contact myself, Steve Potter ,or any other Nordic patroller if you want company. Please do not wear any ski patrol uniform or pack. Also be aware that Teacup Ski Area is a non-profit organization and asks all guests to make a \$10 per person trail maintenance donation.

[www.mthoodskipatrol.org](http://www.mthoodskipatrol.org)  
December 2017

Thanks for volunteering!



# MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

## Fall Information

Sam Smith



### HOST INTEGRATION

We are always working to find more ways for host operations to be integrated into MHSP. There are some topics under consideration for the 2018-19 season host requirements. This allows all of us a year to prepare and structure training opportunities.

The list we are looking at for consideration includes the following:

- CPR card
- Basic First Aid card
- OFC = Outdoor First Care card. This is a more advanced first aid card as it would apply to situations at the resorts and out on the hill in winter conditions.
- Chairlift Evac training as it would apply to hosts in a support role, not actually performing evac.
- Refresher training on radio protocols.
- Refresher training on host protocols at 1050s.

The next list includes some of ways we have already integrated with patrol:

- 1050 response for scene safety control.
- 1050 help with transporting patients' ski equipment.
- 1050 help with escorting patient's friends or family to the first aid room to re-connect with the patient.
- 1050 help with identifying witnesses and connecting them with patrol for statements when needed.
- Helping with loading and unloading toboggans at the chairlifts.
- Assisting with "Over-Due Guest" searches.
- Participation as patients at OEC classes.
- Participation in fund-raising events.

### HOSTS AT 1050'S

Host response and help at 1050s is usually "priority #1" over our normal duty stations. The SNO CAT duty is the only station we cannot leave vacant.

Our mission is to help secure the scene by diverting traffic. This creates a safer environment for the guest and the patroller.

- 1 Position yourself uphill to divert traffic.
- 2 Use your equipment and any other available equipment to establish the "stay clear" zone.
- 3 If you arrive prior to patrol, inform the guest that patrol is on the way and then proceed with steps #1 & #2 quickly.
- 4 While stationed uphill, stay close enough so that the patroller can communicate with you if your assistance is needed.

The steps listed above are the standard guidelines that apply to most 1050s.

A secure scene is essential for the safety of everyone involved.

### CALLING DISPATCH

It is very important that calls to Dispatch be kept short as possible, so Dispatch can use the channel next.

- Call: Dispatch, Host "your name" = that's it (three words is the perfect initial call).
- Wait: Give them time to respond.
- Inform: There is a 1050 @ "give location" = STOP = no more details needed at this time.
- Wait: Give them time to respond.
- Answer questions: Keep it as short as possible. They will usually want to know the nature of the injury.
- Stay on patrol channel until they arrive in case they need additional clarification on your location, then switch back to host channel.

[www.mthoodskipatrol.org](http://www.mthoodskipatrol.org)  
December 2017



NOTE: This is the standard operating mode. Make appropriate adjustments if something out of the ordinary is going on at the scene. Convey all critical information as concisely as possible to allow patrol to use the radio channel.

## OFF THE MOUNTAIN

### Promoting Veterans on Patrol

Kelly Ambrose Hays



Ken Olsen frequently writes on veterans' issues so I told him about all of the wonderful veterans involved in our organization and he became very interested. He wrote an article for The American Legion Magazine about veterans involved with ski patrol. The story will be in the December issue of the magazine and our own Cleo Howell and Craig Klascius will be on the cover! The American Legion Magazine has one of the largest paid subscriberships in the country which makes this even more exciting for us.

A great video was also produced that has some beautiful footage of Mt. Hood and great shots of our patrollers. <https://www.legion.org/magazine/239994/ski-patrol>



## PATROLLER OPERATIONS

### Winter Social

Moira Bono

SPIF ON DECEMBER 4, 2017

IT'S A PARTY

So let's celebrate by enjoying some holiday cheer with your fellow patrollers and making a toast to a great season to come!

When: December 4 at 18:00

Where: **Kennedy School McMenamins**, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave., Portland

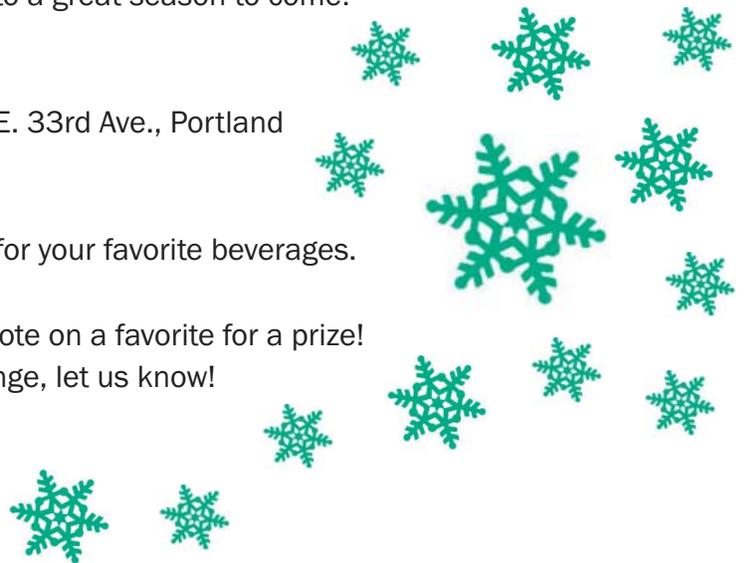
Food: Delicious appetizers

Cost: **\$15.00 with RSVP, \$20 at the door**

Drinks: There will be a full-service no-host bar for your favorite beverages.

Wear your ugliest sweater and/or holiday attire. We will vote on a favorite for a prize! If you would like to participate in a white elephant exchange, let us know!

Please RSVP Moira Bono and Cleo Howell  
[moirakb19@gmail.com](mailto:moirakb19@gmail.com) and [howell.cleo@gmail.com](mailto:howell.cleo@gmail.com)





## Charles (Chuck) B. Gibson Jr. (1927-2017)

Bob Smith

Chuck Gibson Jr (MHSP #434) was also a member of the Wy'east Climbers, Mazamas, and Portland Mountain Rescue. In April, 1971 Chuck was given the moniker "Tree-well" by Hank Lewis (MHSP #22) on a ski trip from Illumination Rock to Ramona Falls via Reid Glacier, under Yocum Ridge, and down Sandy Glacier through the woods to Ramona Falls. There were about fifteen inches of fresh snow which made for delightful skiing down Reid, but treacherous skiing through the woods. Because of Chuck's size and weight and skinny skis of the day his skis had to track several inches deeper than any others. Because of the difficult conditions, the tree wells drew Chuck like a magnet, thus the nickname.

"Chuck was a big man, 6'5" or so and strong as a bull. Despite his "unique" style I would have trusted my body in a sled anywhere. Chuck was so strong he would probably have loaded the sled and all on his back and carried it down if that was what needed doing. Chuck was one of the good guys." Glen Owen (MHSP #550) Chuck worked at Tektronix until 1972 when he started his company Vidco, where he worked until his quick passing from a brain tumor July 24, 2017. "A true giant of a man. Both physically and a giant man of character." Buzz Bowman (MHSP #134)

## CALENDAR

For a complete listing see the official MHSP calendar at [www.mhspdispatch.org](http://www.mhspdispatch.org)



## December

4 MHSP Winter Social at McMenamins Kennedy School

11 Council Meeting

16 Snojob Deadline

16 Toboggan Instructor Refresher Mt. Hood Meadows, meet at 8:00 upstairs in Lodge.

## January

8 Council Meeting

13 Snojob Deadline

30 Alumni Luncheon

## February

5 Council Meeting

17 Snojob Deadline