



Mt. Hood Ski Patrol **Snojob**



April 2015

Ski Patrol Tryouts

Last chance to try out for the 2015-2016 apprentice class is April 12. This event will be for the interview only, the ski/snowboard test will be in the fall when snow permits.

Please refer interested candidates to the website to register:
<http://www.mthoodskipatrol.org/www/?n=Join.JoinThePatrol>

Election Meeting, Monday April 13

We will be voting on a bylaw change and electing officers to the council at the April General meeting. Please come to the meeting, or if you absolutely are unable to attend, vote by absentee ballot. We need to have a quorum to have a valid election.

See the Special Edition of the Snojob that was published last month for information on the bylaw change, statements from the candidates, and the absentee ballot.

http://www.mthoodskipatrol.org/www/uploads/Main/Snojob_2015_Election_Special.pdf

ADMINISTRATION

Snowball Awards Banquet May 9

Remember to mark your calendars for the Snowball Awards Banquet on May 9th at the Portland Airport Embassy Suites hotel. Cocktail hour and silent auction, photo booth, dinner and a DJ. This will be a great time to see all of your patrol friends who you have been longing to see. Invitations will be available at the April general meeting.

Awards Nominations

It's now time for us look at our wonderful members and ask who should be recognized. We ask you to review from the last banquet (May 2014) and let us know if there is someone you believe should be nominated for any of the awards below.

If so, please send your email to millerjaye@comcast.net or another Council member by April 3rd. The Council meets April 6th to review your nominations.

In your email, please include the award, the patrol/host name, and a short statement on why they deserve the award.

Rod Morrison Apprentice of the Year is presented to the Hill Apprentice who demonstrates superior attitude, dedication and leadership potential.

Barney Macnab Patroller of the Year is presented to the Hill Patroller who demonstrates superior commitment, service and excellence.

Jerry Edgar Hill Captain of the Year is presented annually to a Hill Captain who is judged to be an example of leadership, service and competence in those many skills that make a patroller valuable.

Associate Apprentice of the Year is presented to the Associate Apprentice who demonstrates superior attitude, dedication and leadership potential.

Irv Huppin Associate of the Year is presented to the Associate Patroller who demonstrates superior first aid, commitment and service.

Associate Supervisor of the Year is presented annually to an Associate Supervisor who is judged to be an example of leadership, service and competence.

Outstanding Nordic Patroller is presented annually to a Nordic Patroller who is judged to be an example of leadership, service and competence.

Outstanding Mountain Host of the Year Demonstrates an outstanding commitment to the Mountain Hosts, a positive attitude and excellent people skills. He/She is knowledgeable about the resorts and services available and goes the extra mile to help guests. He/She is also a good example to fellow Hosts and is a mentor to apprentices.

Host Apprentice of the Year The recipient of this award has exceeded the requirements and standards of the Mountain Host Apprentice. He/She has shown an eagerness to train and become accomplished at all the duty stations, and has exhibited excellent people skills. He/She has become knowledgeable about the resorts and available services and goes the extra mile to help guests.

Outstanding Mountain Host Supervisor of the Year The recipient of this award provides outstanding leadership and commitment to the Mountain Host program. He/She is knowledgeable about the duties of the Host Supervisor and executes them with skill and enthusiasm. He/She is also a good example to fellow Hosts and exhibits excellent communication skills. He/She ensures that assignments and responsibilities are covered, takes into consideration the special needs and events of the resorts, and can successfully interface with resort management.

George Anderson First Aid Excellence is presented to patroller(s) who have demonstrated first aid excellence in a difficult situation. This award is not necessarily presented every year.

Ralph Wiese First Aid Instructor of the Year is presented annually to the patrol first aid instructor who is an example of commitment, service and excellence.

John Keyes Meritorious Service is presented to individuals who have provided special service and support in non-patrolling areas. Recipients may be non-active, alumnus members.

Dave Hitchcock Avalanche Service Award is presented to Patrollers who have performed exceptional service in running the Mt Hood Ski Patrol's Avalanche Training.

At the Swap

Mark your calendars for the 2015 Swap, scheduled for Oct. 1, 2, 3, and 4. Setup is Thursday and Friday, sales will be Friday evening and all day Saturday, with final teardown on Sunday.

Please open your schedule for the swap weekend. Every Patroller and Host must do at least one swap shift. We will be sending out more information later this spring. If you are interested in helping the Swap Committee please contact Pat Stevens. Pat@SDELtd.com

OPERATIONS

Mountain Host Director

By Mike Cullen, Mountain Host Director, HS 60009

Host Commitment Level

The low snow pack has definitely been a factor this season in what would otherwise be considered normal expectations for commitment levels. Many of our membership have been emailing me with questions and concerns about their lower than normal shift numbers, and how this will affect their future participation. Here are some key points that may shed some light on this.



- The winter season has pretty much come to an end, with minimal operations subject to early closure, thus limited opportunities to get in more shifts.
- Summer operations at Skibowl will likely start up early for those who are interested.
- The Host Director usually does the review of commitment levels at the end of the summer season.
- As always, one low year does not give cause to consider any action regarding future eligibility.
- We have always looked at track records for previous seasons.

The “bottom line” is this: The review process will definitely take into account prior years of service, as well as note that this year had an exceptionally low snow pack.

Looking Ahead

The MHSP annual banquet is scheduled for May 9. Please review all of the Snojob articles that provide information about the banquet. Also, please put this event on your calendar to attend. It is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow patrol members.

Nordic News

By Jeff Hepler, Nordic Director, 30006



In the hope that we might still get some late spring snow the Teacup sled will remain in service for a few more weeks. In late April there will be an opportunity to patrol one more Nordic day for purposes of retrieving the Teacup sled and going through all of the gear to ensure it is ready for next year – which I understand will be a snowy one.

Everyone on the Nordic team has done a great job of training and patrolling this year. I hope the lack of snow has only increased your desire to patrol next season. Thanks so much for your service.

CALENDAR

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

April

6 Council Meeting
13 General meeting, ELECTIONS
20 Snojob Deadline
28 Alumni Luncheon

May

4 Council Meeting
9 Awards Banquet
20 Snojob Deadline

June

2 Council Meeting
9 General Meeting
23 Snojob Deadline

MHSP Alumni Luncheons:

Last Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 1:00 PM
Eastmoreland Golf Club Grill, 2425 SE Bybee Street, Portland, OR

2015 OEC Refreshers

Saturday, October 10
Saturday, October 24
Sunday, November 15

2015 Mt. Hood Snow Sports Swap

October 1-4, 2015