



Mt. Hood Ski Patrol
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November 2014



PATROLLER PRE-DISPATCH DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15

Dispatch for patrollers will open on November 10.

- Level I or Level II commitment should be based off of your gold sheet commitment for the season. Review the Wiki for specific details related to each Level. Please do not dispatch for extra days until everyone has had a chance to schedule their minimum days.
- Team members should be dispatched for their entire team schedule. Please review your schedule and make adjustments as necessary. Remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement for any team days you will be missing.
- If you cannot dispatch in advance, for whatever reason, please contact the Patrol Chief, Associate Director, or Nordic Director to make alternative arrangements.

Message from the President

By Jim Trett, President, AS 90244



By the time you read this, we will have completed most of our fall updates and trainings to be ready for another year of service to the resorts of Mt. Hood and their guests. Thank you for your diligence in attending these events and refining the skills we use in serving our constituents.

As we look forward to the start of the 2014-15 season, I hope you all are beginning to look at your calendars so that you can begin to fill the dispatch. We need everyone to fill their commitment days so that the organization can meet its commitment to cover our mountain with top quality service.

A big thank you to Pat Stevens and crew for putting on an outstanding Pacific Northwest Division Convention in August at the Portland Airport Sheraton. We heard many comments from attendees that the event from the Friday night salmon barbeque to the breakout sessions and the Saturday night banquet were outstanding. The committee gave a tremendous amount of time planning and implementing this program. If you missed it, you missed something very special,

We also owe a huge thanks to the Snow Sports Swap Committee for conducting another successful swap. It sounds like attendance was up again this year. The committee is coming up with final figures and will report to us soon on how we did financially.

There are several committees that could use your help. Many of them do not require a big time commitment but do make a big difference in the operations of the patrol. Contact Jaye Miller for information on the different committee opportunities that are available.

I hope you can join us at the November General Meeting on Monday, November 10, at Athey Creek Middle School. It is a great time to meet patrol friends, pick up gear and get the latest information on patrol happening. We start at 7:00 PM and get through our agenda quickly so there is plenty of time afterwards for visiting.

Stay safe and we will see you at the meeting and on the mountain soon.

2015 MHSP Elections

By John Malowney, Senior Trustee, SHC 1153



As your duly-elected Senior Trustee, it's my pleasure to officially announce and help facilitate this year's elections which are slated to take place Monday, April 13, two days prior to having to square up with Uncle Sam. Remember to take advantage of all those MHSP tax deductible expenditures...

The MSHP election process is an important one. This April's successful candidates will help guide and transition this great organization into the coming years, via inheriting a great deal of responsibility and respect from the various ski resorts we interface with, to vendors, the general public and more importantly, the hundreds of dedicated members who are the DNA of this patrol.

In my MHSP tenure, that previously mentioned DNA has gyrated back and forth like the needle of a compass during a lighting storm at the top of Palmer. Our Patrol consists of some really sharp individuals with a ton of fresh ideas that need to be vetted out and eventually implemented by a group of high energy individuals willing to shape the future of your non-profit organization, the one you've decided to spend nearly twenty plus days per year representing. For so many of you, this is the time to take an active role in MHSP's future, as we desperately need some fresh blood being that the average tenure of MHSP's leadership is longer than you've been a member....

Via the stipulated term limits of our by-laws, this year every Council position except for the Middle and Senior Trustees will need to be back-filled via the ranks of our membership (i.e. Junior Trustee, Patrol Chief, Secretary, President, Vice-President, etc.). The best way for you to get the 'low down' on the various positions is to personally contact a former MHSP Council member, in addition to checking out the associated responsibilities as listed on the Wiki.

The following patrollers have agreed to stand for election as the 2014-15 Nominating Committee at the November meeting. They will be tasked with identifying at least two candidates for every position; Dave MacIntyre, Dave Miller, Aaron Patnode, Kathy Lee, Mike Miller, Gail Rapf, Steve Johnson, Matt Harms, and Jeff Ezzell. Please contact any of these patrollers with your suggested candidate(s) after having of course twisted whoever's rubber arm.

Lastly, I've had the pleasure of working with well over a hundred of you via being an active sled and toboggan instructor for years, where a few you actually tried to run me over... so I am strongly encouraging each of you to talk amongst your peers and collectively make a plan to "carve" this organization into the future with the style and charisma you demonstrated on the slopes.

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Mountain Host Director

By Mike Cullen, Mountain Host Director, HS 60009



Renewing Host Membership

The closing date to renew your membership with the Mountain Hosts is November 15. The dues this season are \$30 for Mt. Hood Ski Patrol membership. Hosts are not members of National Ski Patrol, so there are no additional fees. There are required release forms for Timberline that need to be included with your dues. The forms will be delivered to you though the mountain host list server as soon as they are available.

The dues payment and required forms need to be delivered to me by mail or at the November monthly meeting.

Dispatch

The dispatch site will be populated with shifts for hosts shortly after the November 15 closing date for dues collection. The short period between dues collection and dispatch opening is used to update the current active membership. An announcement will come out via email when shifts are available for sign up.

Host Apprentice Group

The current size of the apprentice group this year looks to be between 15 and 20 eager folks. The number is still growing in the final days before the apprentice orientation training day. The group is committing to Skibowl as their priority resort, but will start their training at Timberline in December when the snow allows.

PATROLLER OPERATIONS

Let's Do the Numbers

By Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995



Running an organization without numbers is like driving a car blind. You know you're going somewhere, just not sure what obstacles are in the way. I crunch numbers every year about this time to see how our patrol did during the past season while trying to gain a clearer picture of where we need to go in the future. It's always interesting, sometimes disappointing, yet always satisfying to see how hard our membership worked during the past season. So let's do the numbers for 2013-14.

MHSP has roughly 250 active hill and associate patrollers. During the 2013-14 season this group attained 3,246 dispatch credits, about 13 credits per patroller or effectively Level I commitment. Of the total credits issued last season, 2,200 on-mountain dispatch days were available, yet as a patrol we only filled 1,682 days leaving more than 500 on-mountain credits unfilled last season. This is a sad number. We had a slow start to the season on the lower mountain but overall there were still plenty of dispatch days available to meet commitment levels across the patrol. As a patrol, we left 23% of our available on-mountain dispatch days unfilled.

But wait, there's more. Of the 3,246 credits issued last season, 80% were filled by 144 patrollers equaling 2,600 credits. This group represents 58% of our active patrollers. The remaining 646 credits were issued to 106 patroller or 42% of our active patrollers. Many in this group had only a few days with some doing none at all. To be effective as a patrol, we should be seeing a much greater number of our active members contributing. Nearly half our membership didn't meet Level I commitment last season and the days were available.

Jaye Miller likes to say that many hands make light work. In the case of the numbers from last season, few hands did lots and lots of work. If we just filled the remaining 500 on-mountain dispatch days, and did it through the remaining 106 patrollers that didn't meet Level I commitment, our patrol would have achieved Level I or higher for everyone on the patrol.

As this season begins and you sign your gold sheet commitment for the coming season, think about these numbers. We need everyone to help even the work load so that we can achieve a lighter dispatch load for all. In addition, dispatching for whatever the task may be continues to develop your skills as a patroller. So jump on the dispatch this season, build those relationships with other patrollers and enjoy the opportunities that patrolling provides.

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ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR



By Jodie Jeffers, Associate Director, AS 90526

Health and Safety

Communication and uniform information was reminded last month, so let's shift focus to health, your health specifically. What are you doing to get ready for the season health-wise? The last thing we want to see is someone hurting themselves or struck down by an illness! What can you check off from the list as being started for the new season?

- Remember, cough and sneeze into elbows not hands!
- What about a flu shot?
- HANDWASHING!
- Your diet
- Exercise
- Cardio
- Strength training

Have any special tricks or tidbits to share reference getting conditioned? Please share with all. Please take care of yourself and remember BSI as well. NSP has some general information on preseason conditioning, click on Safety, then Preseason Conditioning for more. <http://nsp.org/slopesafety/precon.aspx>.

Dispatch

Dispatching will be coming soon. Please ensure you have no problems logging on and your contact information is correct. Need help, please contact Joel Stevens and Peggy O'Leary if you're having problems.

Rookies

Also reminders that our new rookies will need to be working on their Rookie Card; once turned in you will be off Rookie status. Reminder for last year rookies, if your card was not completed, then I can't progress you until your days and cases are completed. Rookies are not eligible for teams at Timberline or Meadows. Please let me know questions or concerns.

Ski Enhancement Classes

Ski enhancement class? We attempted to get this going last year but our late start did not help matters. Areas have been advised of our interest again this year so to help fine tune our skills with skiing/boarding, I am working to have a couple of ski enhancement classes be established. However, I will need to get a feel for how many might be interested for this season. Please let me know by November 15 if you are interested and what ski level you are as well as ski vs board. This sounds like a lot of fun and will ultimately help us all season long. But remember, I need to know in the next two weeks the above to get this going!

Welcome New Associate Apprentices and Associate Supervisors in Training!

Eric Carlson and Margaret Usher will be working this season to complete their supervisor training, please welcome and share excellent pointers when you see them!

Also, a big welcome to the following Associate Apprentices that just completed their OEC who will be working with Bob Tise and their coaches soon:

Glen Anderson
Darin Brackett
Jenelle Candia
Nicole Gains
Kendra Klag

Joseph Schroeder
Jess Strickland
Casey Taylor
Taylore Wille

Communication

Please let me know of any concerns, suggestions, needs you might have. Yes, it's back to communication and I want to improve as well. Please work with your associate supervisors and I will always be available to help and clarify as well. I look forward to seeing you all on the mountain.

Young Adult Program Update

The Young Adult Program is getting in full swing for the upcoming season. Three cadets attended the chair evac training in September, and several more are coming to the OEC refresher on October 25.



So far we have five members of the Young Adult Program for the coming season. Which means we have plenty of space for more teens to be part of the team. If you have kids in the 15-18 year old range, who are interested in skiing, the Young Adult Program is a great way to introduce them to patrolling. And as an added bonus, they get service hours to satisfy the service requirement in high school.

We also need adult patrollers who can be coaches for the cadet's during the upcoming season. If you are interested in helping out, or would like more information on the upcoming events, contact Eric Granning at granning.eric@gmail.com.

NORDIC OPERATIONS

Nordic News

Jeff Hepler, Nordic Director, 30006

The numbers are in and it looks like we have 15 experienced Nordic patrollers (Nordic only and Dual-Nordic). This number is below the 20 or so patrollers we need for coverage but is a great team nonetheless. During the past few weeks we have collected input from "Nordic Backcountry Patrollers" (ungroomed) and "Nordic Area Patrollers" (groomed) and come up with program standards for each. We hope to put these standards on the Wiki in a few weeks. This will make participation in the Nordic Patrol easier to understand and encourage new members to join.

New O2 cases are coming that will replace the old blue trauma/O2 kits. One O2 pack will accompany each sled. Individual first aid kits will be used in lieu of the trauma kit. Please make sure you have a SAM splint in your kit and see the Wiki for all other first aid requirements. For Nordic Area Patrollers (Teacup and Trillium) feel free to lighten up your packs. Just make sure you have first aid gear and can take care of yourself and one other. I plan to patrol Teacup with a large lumbar pack (Mountainsmith).

Nordic on-the-hill training is scheduled for Saturday, November 15, 0900-1500 at the MHSP station in Government Camp. There will be important new topics covered in this training so please make every effort to participate. Since some folks are out of town we will have one make-up (to be announced).

Keep in touch and thanks for serving the mountain as a Nordic patroller.

OTHER NEWS

PNWD Patroller / Safety Advisor

By Jodie Jeffers, Associate Director, AS 90526



Safety Advisor: My job is to help all of us to promote SAFETY to all the regions in the PNWD!! We are part of an organization that expands all across the United States and Europe too! In 1938, NSP's creed was "Service and Safety" and has been a foundation of NSP and MHSP since. Our late start did not help our goal last year so we are switching up some things as well as asking for your help to make it happen!

First, at the SkiFever & Snowboard Show being held at the Expo Center, our focus is changing to the promotion of safety and awareness by MHSP! We are looking for energetic people to help spread the word by dispatching to staff our booth Friday through Sunday, November 14-16. Please dress with your awesome identifying uniform. Please let me know if you are interested or have questions.

Second, needing help to work on finalizing Safety Day on Mt Hood. Specifically, we are needing help with participants, donations, media, workers, and contacts with the areas for this to occur. Please let me know if you can help by November 15 so we can get a meeting going.

Do you need a review of what Safety programs are already out there? Do you know the Responsibility Code? Please review at <http://www.nsa.org/safety-programs/>. Thank you!!



In Memorium

James Newton Bray, #409

September 8, 1926 – October 12, 2014

Jim Bray, longtime arborist at Portland's Hoyt Arboretum and veteran of the famed 10th Mountain Division ski troops, died in his Tigard home on October 12 at age 88. He continued to ski right up to last season.

He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Dr. Elwyn Bray and Helen Hoppin Bray, joining an older brother and two sisters. He grew up in St. Paul, loved the outdoors and learned to ski on a city golf course near the family home. Jim attended the University of Michigan where he studied arbor culture and was a champion high-board diver. He met his future wife, Mary Finch at the university swimming pool.

In World War II, Jim fought in Italy with the 87th Mountain Infantry, part of the 10th Mountain Division, whose members trained at Camp Hale, Colorado, in mountain warfare and to fight on skis. He was awarded a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in action.

After the war, many veterans of the 10th returned to establish ski resorts throughout the country, and Jim visited and skied many of them. No season was complete for Jim until he participated in the 10th's annual Colorado ski-in at Vail, Breckenridge, and other slopes near Camp Hale. Groomed runs were OK, but skiing in the powder, through the trees was his great love.

Jim and Mary moved to Portland in 1953 to begin his lifelong career with the arboretum. Their three children, Bill, Catherine, and Jane were born here. When Jim retired, he was honored to have a Portland street in the arboretum named after him – SW Bray Lane.



Jim combined his loyalty to the 10th Mountain Division and his love of trees in a unique project. He spearheaded the adoption of a stretch of Highway 26 near North Plains as a litter-pick-up service project by 10th Mountain veterans, their wives, and friends. But Jim didn't stop there. As president of the local chapter, he went on to establish a plan to plant a tree along that roadside as a living memorial to each deceased veteran. Jim prepared the ground, dug the holes, supervised the planting, fertilized and pruned the young trees. He hauled tanks of water to irrigate them in the driest months of summer. The trees grew and prospered. As the years passed, 70 trees and more than 22 species were represented. The Oregon Heritage Tree Committee named them **The 10th Mountain Division Memorial Grove** in a moving ceremony in October, 2010, complete with the unveiling of a bronze plaque and a 21-gun salute.

An early member of the Mt. Hood Ski patrol, Jim continued skiing at Mt. Hood throughout his life. He and Mary were also active in the restoration of Silcox Hut on the slopes above Timberline Lodge. Jim made many friends not only on the ski slopes, but also at the Tigard swim pool and local tennis courts and until his knees said, no, he was a member of a weekly bicycling group. He rode the Cycle Oregon tour more than once. Friends and family members could always count on Jim's help when they had a tree needing care or removal.

Jim is survived by daughters Catherine and Jane, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. His wife, Mary and son, Bill predeceased him. Also surviving is Jim's caring companion of the past several years, Lorraine Youngs. Lorraine and Jim skied, swam, played tennis, and traveled together on 10th Mountain reunion trips to Italy. And Lorraine was always by Jim's side with a helping hand as he cared for all those trees!

A celebration of life is planned for Jim Bray on Monday, November 3rd at 3:00 pm.

Sanctuary Presbyterian Church (also known as Mt. Scott Presbyterian Church)
5512 SE 73rd Ave; Portland, OR 97206

Please bring any pictures, memories and stories about Jim to share with family and friends.

CALENDAR

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

November

2 OEC Refresher
3 Council Meeting
10 General Meeting
15 Pre-dispatch Deadline Nov-Dec
17 Snojob Deadline

December

1 Council Meeting
8 General Meeting
15 Snojob deadline
15 Pre-dispatch Deadline Jan-Mar

January

5 Council Meeting
10 Women's Sled Clinic
12 General Meeting
20 Snojob deadline
27 Alumni Luncheon

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
