



The Awards 2019 Sweep

This special edition of The Sweep summarizes and documents the annual awards and service recognitions that were announced at our 2019 Awards Banquet on May 11th. Many thanks to those of you who were in attendance at the Mt. Hood Oregon Resort. It was a fun evening at a great venue. Let's have another round of applause for our Banquet Committee (Courtney and Mike Walsh, and Zoe Lynn Powers) and all the others who supported them in making this a great event. Mark your calendars for May 16, 2020 (NOT Mother's Day weekend!) for next year's banquet at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver

While the banquet was a great party with lots of opportunity for socializing and catching up with our fellow MHSP members, we can't forget that its primary purpose was to identify and honor special service by those members who went above and beyond the call of duty during the 2018/2019 season, and in some cases through the course of their ski patrol careers, to continue to make Mt. Hood Ski Patrol the outstanding volunteer organization that it is.

In addition to the named awards, we also recognized individuals for administrative support, service on committees, and length of service with MHSP. In other words, the people who make MHSP work.

Next time you are in the Government Camp Building, take a few minutes to stop and look over the plaques listing the winners of our various named awards. The people identified on these awards are our leaders going back over 80 years. These awards reflect the long, distinguished, and proud legacy of MHSP.

We should be particularly proud of the Merit Star Awards given by National Ski Patrol to MHSP members in recognition of first-aid rendered in difficult situations. These awards recognize the quality of our training and skills and our service to the broader communities within in which we live.



I am writing this introduction as my last formal activity as President of the MHSP Executive Council. Thank you for two excellent years!

Matthew Rea, Outgoing President, Mt. Hood Ski Patrol

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MHSP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 2019 / 2020

Your new Executive Council will take office June 1, 2019. The members are:

- President – James Schuler
- Vice President – Matt Wood
- Secretary – Dave Winterling
- Treasurer – Jaye Miller
- Patrol Chief – Rachel Leiber
- Associate Director – John Howard
- Nordic Director – Steve Potter
- Mountain Host Director – Jan Silagi
- First-aid Chief – Will Parly
- Senior Trustee – Cleo Howell
- Middle Trustee – heather Van Houten
- Junior Trustee – Matthew Rea

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on June 10, 1900-2200, at the Portland Providence Medical Center. As always, MHSP members are welcome to attend and observe Executive Council meetings.



MHSP 2018/2019 AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

The following individuals were recognized and honored at the 2018/2019 MHSP Annual Awards Banquet on May 11, 2019. Please congratulate them for their award and thank them for their service when you see them.

Named Award Winners

The **John Keyes Meritorious Service Award** is presented to individuals who have provided special service and support in non-patrolling areas.

This year's winner is **Lisa Wilberding-Hargrave**. Lisa joined MHSP in May 1985. A legacy member, she followed her father John Wilberding's footsteps into MHSP (#487, 1968).

Since joining, Lisa has been a constant leader with MHSP. In 1987, just her second year of patrolling, she was named the Barney Macnab Patroller of the Year.

She has served four terms as Treasurer of MHSP, two terms as Vice President, and, in 2005, she became the first female President of MHSP, serving two terms in that position.

She has been consistently involved in training, in OEC, and as a sled coach, and has served as MHSP Training Director.

She spent five years working as the financial director for the MHSP Swap Committee. Nobody knows the MHSP books as well as Lisa; she is the fiscal conscience of our organization.

Likewise, nobody knows the MHSP policies and procedures better than Lisa. She has been past Chair of the MHSP Policies and Procedures Committee and recently has agreed to step back into that role to help us do another comprehensive rewrite of our P&P manual and bylaws.

Lastly, with their long family history as members, Lisa and her Dad share a deep love of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. She is the person that we turn to for institutional knowledge and is our semi-formal historian. Lisa received National Appointment #10942 from NSP.



The **Rod Morrison Apprentice of the Year** is presented to the Hill Apprentice who demonstrates superior attitude, dedication, and leadership potential. Nominees this year included Daven Berg and Stacy Stokes.



This year's winner is **Stacy Stokes**. Stacy started this year as rookie associate patroller who diligently worked on her ski skills to become a hill patroller. Between last year and this past season Stacy has put many hours into both patrolling and training. She took advantage of extra toboggan training days that were offered, including TES participation. She has a great disposition and it has been a joy to work with her on toboggan skills along with getting to know her better.

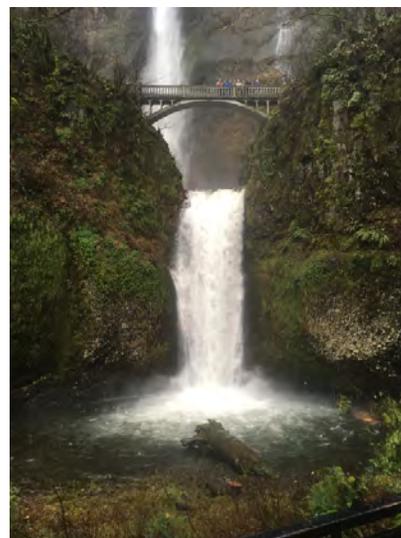
The **Barney Macnab Hill Patroller of the Year Award** was the first annual award established by MHSP. It is presented to the Hill Patroller who demonstrates superior commitment, service, and excellence. Nominees this year included Chuck Corcoran, Kory Diess, Zeljko Grahovac, Ed Hodges, Mike Miller, Paul Van Der Bosch, Mike Walsh, and Matt Wood.



This year's winner is **Chuck Corcoran**. Chuck is a dedicated and passionate patroller. He has logged 25 days this season so far as a member of Timberline C Team and as a supplemental patroller at Skibowl. An unabashed case hog, it is not unusual for Chuck to have hands on three or more cases each day he patrols. This season he embodied our goal to try to minimize responses from bump by responding to as many cases as possible from the hill.

The **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. This year's nominees included Chopper Boyd, Matt Harms, Rachel Leiber, Dave MacIntyre, and Dave Winterling.

The award winner is **Chopper Boyd**. Chopper has been a valuable leader this season; with several new rookie members on his Meadows team, he is credited with solidifying a true team environment. Chopper is well trained and has ensured that his team is integrated with the Meadow's paid patrol staff. The paid Patrol staff reported overall positive response regarding their enjoyment of working with all members of Chopper's team.



The **Outstanding Alpine Coach Award** is given to the Hill Patrol Coach who puts their heart and soul into bringing up the skills of our apprentice hill patrollers to the point where we can set them free to patrol on their own. This year's Nominees included Matt Harms and Mike Miller.

The award winner is **Matt Harms**. Matt Harms, Skibowl APC, IT, Team Hill Captain, and Alpine Coach, has been teaching MHSP and Skibowl patrollers how to safely and efficiently manage toboggans for more than 10 years.

He has helped our organization train to beyond the highest standards. He appropriately insists that all patrollers continuously demonstrate full proficiency in moving unloaded and loaded toboggans - often in very challenging conditions.

Most (if not all) apprentices, Senior S&T candidates, transfers, and active patrollers have had the chance to work with Matt and improve their sled handling skills.

We appreciate that Matt Harms asks more of each patroller and challenges each of us to continue to refine and improve our skills. We are sincerely grateful for his leadership, high standards, and ongoing service to MHSP.

You can find him on Powder Days in Skibowl's Outback - just don't ever cut his line.

The **Associate Apprentice of the Year Award** is presented to the Associate Apprentice who demonstrates superior attitude, dedication, and leadership potential. This year's nominees included Michelle Harsono and Rita Somagyi.

The winner is **Michelle Harsono**. Michelle is richly deserving of the award, having over-fulfilled the AA training plan by making every training day and participating in multiple ski improvement clinics.



Michelle always brought a smile and strong work ethic to training and labored hard on some hill tasks at Skibowl on days when there was thin patroller coverage.

She'll probably admit that her never-ending supply of gummy bear bribes might have had something to do with her nomination, but Michelle set the bar high for apprentice work and attitude.

The **Irv Huppin Associate Patroller of the Year Award** is presented to the Associate Patroller who demonstrates superior first-aid, commitment and service. Nominees this year included Richard Crokin, Steve Barnett, Matt Adamosky, and Jay Martineau.

The winner is **Matt Adamosky**. Matt Adamosky contributed hugely to the success of the Associate program this year. He served as the guinea pig for the new First-Aid Room module of the NSP Senior program and achieved Senior Patroller status.



He put in a lot of training days and was named Associate Supervisor. As a valued member of Skibowl Team D, he fulfilled all his team requirements, often acting as a coach for Associate Apprentices, and also actively coached and mentored the OEC Senior candidates. Matt was involved in a couple of extreme first-aid cases on the hill this year, providing excellent OEC care and seeing these trying cases through to a successful conclusion.

The **Associate Supervisor of the Year Award** is given to a Supervisor who demonstrates superior service and dedication to organizing Associate support both inside the first-aid rooms and outside. Nominees this year included Mike Levis, Kelly Ambrose, and Mike Anderson

The winner is **Mike Anderson**. Mike is a really outstanding Associate Supervisor on the Timberline C Team. He is always organized and prepared and manages the FAR adeptly. Additionally, Mike is single-handedly responsible for organizing and running the MHSP support for races and other events which are critical fund-raisers for MHSP, and also very important for elevating community awareness for MHSP.



Outstanding Associate Coach. There was only one nominee for this award this year, Glen Anderson.

Glen Anderson put in a huge number of coaching days this year, more than almost any two coaches combined. He sets a high bar both when skiing and responding to cases, and made it fun for the apprentices. Glen was able to take on extra days when other coaches were sick or had other conflicts, making him a real go-to leader.



The **Outstanding Nordic Patroller Award** is presented annually to a Nordic Patroller who is judged to be an example of leadership, service and competence. Nominees this year include Michael Cummings and Tom Morrow



The award winner this year is **Michael Cummings**. Michael has exhibited an outstanding level of dedication to the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Nordic program. Michael patrolled eighteen days this season, fourteen more than the four days required for a dual certified patroller. Four of Michael's days were on Wednesdays to assist in the training of the Nordic apprentice, and seven were on Fridays, also working with the apprentice and providing coverage for the ski area.

Michael is also always ready to assist with equipment and facility care. Chores ranging from cleaning the cabin and packing firewood, to assisting with operational areas of concern are in his daily routine. Always being available to work on ways to improve the patrol's ability to be on-site and functionally ready for response have been a great asset.

While what Michael contributes to the Nordic program is commendable, he also patrols at Mt. Hood Meadows and contributes substantially to other areas of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol's operation.

The **Apprentice Mountain Host of the Year** is awarded to the person who has exceeded the requirements and standards of the Mountain Host Apprentice, has shown an eagerness to train and become accomplished at all the duty stations, and has exhibited excellent people skills.



The award winner this year is **Carter Hubbard**.

The **Outstanding Mountain Host Award** recipient is an individual who exemplifies what a Mountain Host should be. The Mountain Host of the Year demonstrates an outstanding commitment, a positive attitude, and excellent people skills, knowledge 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.

This year's award winners are **Frank and Laura Joyce**.

The **Outstanding Mountain Host Supervisor** provides outstanding leadership and commitment to the Mountain Host program, is knowledgeable about the duties of the Host Supervisor and executes them with skill and enthusiasm, and is also a good example to fellow Hosts and exhibits excellent communication skills.

The Outstanding Host Supervisors this year were **Jan and John Silagi**.

The **Ralph Weise First-Aid Instructor Award** is presented annually to the instructor who is an example of commitment, service, and excellence. Nominees this year included Ed Hodges, Mike Levis, Kat Moore, and Ed Taylor.

This year's award winner is **Mike Levis**. Mike's quiet, calm demeanor can fool you - he's an incredibly astute and supportive instructor at many levels. He is quick to offer excellent demonstration of OEC skills and equally adept at providing appropriate correction. Whether teaching basics in OEC class or leading a section of refreshers, Mike has consistently proven to be a superb instructor and mentor for many classes of patrollers. We sincerely appreciate his dedication and role modeling. Congratulations Mike Levis!!!



The **George Anderson First-Aid Excellence Award** is presented to patroller(s) who have demonstrated first-aid excellence in a difficult situation.

The award this year goes to the entire **Timberline "A" Team**, including all the paid patrol staff, hill and associate patrollers, and mountain hosts on duty on February 24, 2019.

On that day there was a fatal accident when a visitor fell into a tree well and suffered from snow immersion. The first responders on the scene were members of the public with training as Wilderness First Responders. Paid patrol staff and MHSP members quickly followed them.

Many different people were involved that day in direct hands-on first-aid, patient transport, scene management, and crowd control, first-aid room management, and post-incident and documentation.

Unfortunately, the case did not have the outcome that we would have hoped for. However, one thing we found remarkable is that in this very difficult trauma case, all members of the team followed their training and did what needed to be done to manage the area.

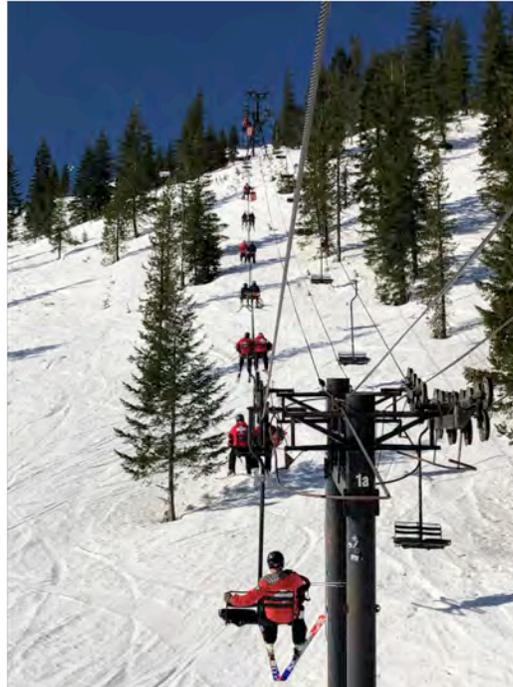
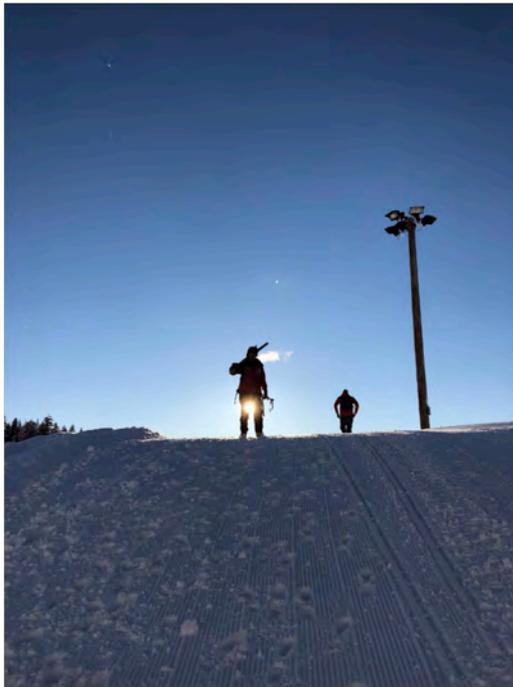
The **Dave Hitchcock Avalanche Service Award** is presented to Patrollers who have performed exceptional service in running the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol's Avalanche Training Program.



The award this year is given to **Nicole Gaines**. In addition to taking over as the MHSP Avalanche Advisor this year and running the Avalanche training program, Nicole also planned and led an excellent first year training program for chairlift self-evacuation. Nicole has demonstrated an outstanding teaching and communication style and all of her training sessions are well-planned and show great attention to detail.

The **Bent Pole Award** is given annually to an MHSP Patroller who is most spectacularly injured in the line of duty.

This year's award goes to **Heather Carrion** who destroyed her knee and ended her season while patrolling at Skibowl.



New Hill Patrollers



Stacy Stokes, #1864



Daven Berg, #1905

Jenny Jackson, #1901

New Associate Patrollers



John Wager, #1587



Matt Erdman, #1902



Mark Gill, #1903



Michelle Harsono, #1904



Rita Somogyi, #1908

Garrick Alden, #1909

Marty Lanning, #1910

New Nordic Patrollers



Sean Battles, #1907

New Hill Captains

- Steve Bonham
 - Alan Harvey
 - Ed Hodges
 - Will Pardy
 - Matt Wood
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New Associate Supervisors

- Matt Adamosky
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New Mountain Host Members

- Kelly McFadzean, #61314
 - Chris Pemberton, #61035
 - Brian Ritacco, #61307
 - Kimmy Scarpine, #61308
 - Cas Sims-Knight, #61320
 - Michael Thissel, #61312,
 - John Yajko, #61315
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Newly Certified Associate Pulling Empty Sleds (APES)

- Eric Granning
 - Jim McCauley
 - Scott Chandler
 - Steve Barnett
 - Todd Maurer
 - Richard Crokin
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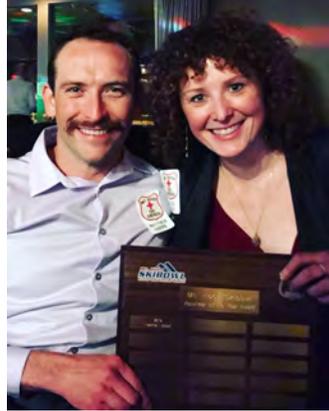
Ski Resort Volunteer of the Year Awards

These are new awards this year. The paid patrol staff at each individual ski resort selected the winners. They identify the ski area management's views on which area volunteers, including hill and associate patrollers and mountain hosts, best represented Mt. Hood Ski Patrol.

These awards also reflect the increased emphasis on the team approach of MHSP and the Mt. Hood Resorts. The winners for this year are:



Mike Walsh
Timberline Lodge
presented by:
Libby Koroch



Rachel Leiber
Mt. Hood Skibowl
presented by:
Matthew Hoppe

Chopper Boyd
Mt. Hood Meadows
presented by:
John Bain



National Ski Patrol Awards and Recognitions

NSP Merit Star Awards

Special thanks go to Steve Eversmeyer, NSP Wy'east Region Awards Advisor, and Matt Wood, MHSP Awards Coordinator, for preparing and coordinating the following NSP Awards nomination packages through to award.

The most coveted NSP awards are the various Merit Stars: Purple, Blue, Green, and Yellow.

Purple Merit Star: The Purple Merit Star is given for saving a human life through emergency care and the use of ski patrol skills.

Cleo Howell – “Mother’s Restaurant CPR”:



On November 17, 2017, Cleo and his wife Carol responded to a table in their restaurant where another patron had gone unresponsive and was not breathing. Cleo and Carol immediately activated ALS and commenced CPR, eventually resuscitating the patient and handing him off to AMR. Portland Fire & Rescue confirmed later that the patient made a full recovery.

Matt Wood – “I-5 Motorcycle Crash”:



On August 19, 2018, Matt was first responder on the scene of a bad motorcycle crash on I-5 in North PDX. He directed three other bystanders to secure the patient, who was ultimately diagnosed as having a neck laceration that exposed his jugular vein, a left femur fracture, closed spinal fracture, 3 rib fractures, and a shattered left shoulder. He helped maintain the patient until AMR arrived, and assisted in the back-boarding and debrief/handoff. The patient was released from hospital almost two weeks later.

Blue Merit Star: The Blue Merit Star is awarded to NSP patrollers for outstanding or crucial support roles using emergency care and ski patrol skills in an attempt to save a human life, but whose efforts have not met the Purple Merit Star criteria; that is, life was not sustained for the minimum 24 hours, or the nominee is not individually or primarily responsible for the effort.

Margaret Usher -- “Dual Patient Cardiac Response on Amtrak Train”:

On November 17, 2017, the same day as Cleo’s case above, Margaret was riding Amtrak from Seattle to Portland when she was called to the scene of an unresponsive patient. Margaret immediately commenced and continued high-quality CPR for 45 minutes until the patient was transferred to AMR in Vancouver, WA. Sadly, Clark County EMS confirmed that patient did not survive. Almost immediately upon re-boarding the train, Margaret was called to another patient with complaints of severe chest pains and anxiety. Margaret assessed and monitored the patient and kept him calm until he was transferred to AMR at Union Station. This patient was not deemed to be in imminent peril and was said to have made a full recovery.



Green Merit Star: The Green Merit Star is awarded to NSP patrollers for an outstanding act of heroism that does not meet the lifesaving requirements of the Purple Merit Star. It is given for arduous and/or hazardous rescue work in which the recipient uses ski patrol training.

Scott “Minty” Minton – “HWY 26 Rollover Crash”:



On November 2, 2017, Minty was first responder on-scene of a single-vehicle rollover crash with a single male patient. Minty directed scene safety using other bystanders, then entered the vehicle and assessed and treated the patient for minor bleeding. He assisted Hoodland Fire in extricating the patient from the vehicle and then in backboarding him to a gurney. The Hoodland Fire battalion chief said it was the finest response he had seen from a bystander in his time in EMS.

Patroller Cross: The Patroller Cross is awarded to a patroller who is injured in the line of duty.

Paul Wellner



During opening at Meadows on February 11, 2018, Paul fell on boilerplate ice below Cascade chair. He was carried at a high rate of speed into grooming boulders and the impact at the bottom of the hill broke the ball of his right femur, with three other breaks. After a surgery, multiple rods in the leg, and a long rehab, we are happy to see Paul up and patrolling again... and dancing with his fiancée at the Banquet!

Do you know of someone who is deserving of one of these awards?

Our OEC training and scene safety awareness doesn't just leave us when we leave the hill. In any given year, our patrollers respond to some terrible accidents and perform heroic work to help those in need. If you, or a patroller you know, are involved in an incident, PLEASE do your best to document it and provide details to MHSP Awards Advisor Matt Wood and First-Aid Chief Will Pardy. We want our patrollers to be recognized for the good work they do on *and off* the mountain!

NSP Years of Service Recognition

5 Years of Service

Matt Adamosky #1753	Kyle Richard, #1763
Richard Crokin, #1755	Paul Wellner, #1767
Lisa Harvey, #1756	Matt Wood, #1768
Jim McCauley, #1759	Lynette Clapier, #90390
Mark Merkens, #1761	Heather Carrion, #1790

10 Years of Service

Cara Lewis, #1628	Steve Potter, #1630
Patrick Cummings, #1618	Jonathan Heyl, #1684
Margaret Usher, #1614	Karen Larsen, #128

15 Years of Service

Cleo Howell, #1444	Jennifer Jackson, #1900
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20 Years of Service

Eric Einspruch, #90461	Jim Kitchin, #1316	Mike Miller, #1320
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25 Years of Service

Jeff Ezzell, #1204	Toby Willey, #1334
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30 Years of Service

Matt Hickok, #1115	Al Klascius, #1135
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40 Years of Service

Joel Stevens, #736	John Halbert, #891	Larry Cahill, #1111
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50 Years of Service

Dr. Jim Hamilton, #1726

Dr. Hamilton has a relatively high MHSP number because he just transferred in with us a few years ago. But his ski patrol career goes back five decades. He is an invaluable member of MHSP, but he also serves as the Wy'east Region and Pacific Northwest Division Medical Advisor and is also a member of the NSP Medical Advisory Board that is currently working on an updated version of the OEC manual and curriculum. Dr. Hamilton was recognized with a plaque at the NSP PNWD Conference in Spokane last summer, which we presented to him at our October General Meeting.

Sam Smith, #530

Sam Smith joined MHSP in 1969 and has 50 consecutive years of service with our organization. Thank you, Sam!

Administrative Service Recognition

Members of the MHSP Executive Council realize that the members who support the administrative functions of our patrol are critical to the survival of our volunteer organization. These folks, in addition to doing their regular on-hill patrol duties, give countless additional hours of their time to keep us going.

- **Wendy Stuart**, who for the past two years has single-handedly logged every greensheet, for every area, for every day we patrol and train, and maintains our patroller data base in the dispatch, quietly, efficiently, and accurately. Without Wendy our records would be a mess.
 - **Mike Cullen**, who for the past 14 years has been the record keeper and dispatch coordinator for the Mountain Host Program.
 - **Kyle Richard**, who has been the MHSP and Wy'East Region Registrar. As you all know, over the past several seasons NSP has been transitioning to their new online database. Kyle was the guy who behind the scenes kept that registration system from imploding.
 - **Mike Anderson**, who coordinates all of our race support activities, which are important fundraisers for MHSP and provide another path for our members to use their Outdoor Emergency Care skills and provide volunteer services to the outdoor recreating public.
 - **Kelly Ambrose**, our Snowvana Coordinator, and **Jan Silagi**, our Ski Fever Coordinator. MHSP support for those two events, combined with the opportunities that they provide for selling SnoPark permits, have become by far our largest fundraising events.
 - **Mick Tarsel** for being our Govy Building Caretaker.
 - Our newsletter is our most important communication and documentation tool. This past year we changed the name of newsletter to The Sweep and **Mark Ripkey** took over as Editor. Mark has done a great job preparing an informative, readable, and good looking newsletter, often against the odds of a Council that has a hard time meeting deadlines for submission of drafts. Mark will be the first to tell you that a lot of the credit goes to his Assistant Editor **Courtney Walsh**.
 - **Michael Cummings** brought our voting processes into the 21st Century with development of electronic voting mechanisms and procedures. As a result we had the best voting turnout ever.
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2018 / 2019 MHSP PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Second Annual MHSP Photo Contest

What a wonderful response to our second annual photo contest! We received over 50 photos covering all aspects of our patrol and mountain environments; in fact, the response was so wonderful we expanded the contest to two categories, "Patrollers on the Job" and "Scenic."

Matt Rea and Madalyn Seyer had a tough time selecting the winners with so many talented photographers.

Our criteria were:

1. Is it technically good (in focus, good tonal range, contrast between light and dark, focal point, etc.)?;
2. Did it capture the spirit of patrolling (hard at work, fellowship, mountain moods, action etc.)?;
3. Does it pass the stop test (did we keep going back to the photo because something intrigued us or it was unique)?

I am proud to say that every one of the finalists in both categories received multiple votes for most outstanding photo. Kudos to all of our photographers!

And the winners are... Best "Patrollers on the Job" Photo goes to Lisa Smith for "Women's Clinic." Best "Scenic" Photo goes to Michael Halle for "First Tracks at Timberline."

The winners each received a Leatherman multi-functional tool. Keep your photos coming in for next season!

"Scenic Category" Winner



"First Tracks at Timberline" by Michael Halle

"Patrollers on the Job" Winner



"Women's Clinic" by Lisa Smith