



The Sweep December 2020

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Season's Greetings to all of our Patrollers, Mountain Hosts, and Alumni. I hope that you all had a safe and happy Thanksgiving with those closest to you.

It has been a challenge to keep our patrol operational and functioning on hill and off throughout this year of the COVID-19 Pandemic. At this time, we are providing service to all of our ski areas, although at a much-reduced capacity.

We are also keeping our fingers crossed that with multiple vaccines and improved treatments now available, we will be increasing capacity throughout this coming season and can soon put this pandemic behind us. Wouldn't that be a wonderful New Year present for everyone?

The Council did not hold a General Meeting of the Membership in November (the official name for our "town hall" video conference) so we will be scheduling an online meeting for Monday, December 14th at 1900. This is your opportunity to ask Council members your questions and to find out about MHSP plans for the coming months.

We will also throw in some Holiday Cheer to fit the season.

Normally, during this meeting, we have a vote of our membership to approve a new Election Committee, which organizes the election of a new Executive Council in April. This year, we may need to approve the Election Committee through a Survey Monkey vote sent to you by email.

'Till then, I hope you are all safe, healthy, and hopeful for some good news to come. I look forward to seeing you on our General Meeting conference.

James Schuler, MHSP Council President



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DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Joel Stevens, MHSP Council Junior Trustee, T/GP 736

The General Membership Meeting will be held virtually during its normal time and date.

Expect information to come out for our December 14th, 2020 (the second Monday) meeting. Connection information will be relayed to all members via email. If you have not received connection information by Saturday, December 12th, 2020, please contact your director or team lead for information on how to attend. Hope to see you virtually then.

Be prepared with your questions for the Council.

MESSAGE FROM THE VP – OCTOBER 2020

Matt Wood, MHSP Vice President, HC/AP 1768

Please Be Prepared to Vote on AOI and Bylaws

The Council and Review Committee have reviewed the **MHSP Articles of Incorporation** and are submitting an amendment to a vote of the general membership, as required in the Articles themselves. Voting will be by electronic means – *please vote* as soon as you see your ballot arrive in your email inbox.



The most substantive change in the AOI is simply the date by which newly-elected Council officers are to assume their roles – we have aligned the AOI document with our practice of the Council being seated in June, following the election.

The rest of the language is to modernize the Articles for 2020 and beyond. Your Council and the Review Committee recommend a “Yes” vote on the changes in the AOI.

In early 2021, you will be asked to vote on a revision of the **MHSP Bylaws**. Our governance documents (in order) are our Articles of Incorporation, then Bylaws, then Policies & Procedures, followed by any annual/seasonal or specific program changes and instruction by committee heads or discipline advisors.

A vote of the general membership is required to amend the AOI and Bylaws. The Review Committee has spent much of the last year working to align the structure of our AOI and Bylaws in order to adhere to best practices as mandated & suggested by the State of Oregon and the state Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO) of which MHSP is a member.

It is important to note that while we are presenting the membership with very streamlined AOI and Bylaws, the structure is in accordance with state and national recommendations and all previous content has been reviewed and placed according to best practice. This means some content moves from AOI to the Bylaws, and a lot of excess content from the Bylaws to the P&P. Details will follow in the January edition of *The Sweep*.

By the time you read this, the committee for review of our Bylaws as well as **MHSP Policies & Procedures** (Kathy Lee, Lisa Hargrave, and VP) have completed the meatiest work of chapters 3 (Administration, just completed), 4 (Programs and Training), and 5 (Member Guidelines). Chapters 8 (Insurance/Risk Management) and 12 (Awards) are not far behind.

For rookies and newer patrollers, the P&P may be a weighty read, but are a good way to answer questions that may have bubbled up for you as you begin patrolling. For seasoned folks, I encourage you to re-read this material, since it’s probably been quite a while since you saw it the first time (only time?), and you should be impressed with the thought and detail the committee have put into this review.

To the greatest degree possible, the structure of MHSP P&P is in parallel with that of NSP and the Review Committee have completed some chapters that were in draft form only during the previous, 2016 revision.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee Hall, MSHP Treasurer, HP/BP 1565

Hello folks,

Just a friendly reminder that we need your help with dues.

We keep the organization going between trips up on the mountain, with your dues.

Most of our fundraising events are not expected to bear fruit or even be an option this year.

Please help us keep the organization going by doing your part by paying a small amount for the freedom of access you have to the ski areas, mountain bike trails, boarding, skiing, X-Country, Nordic, etc.

Please help us move beyond this phase of operations, and on to the fun on the mountain.

We have done a lot of training, extra training, extra testing, and extra work to even give us the option of supporting each other and those in need of aid on the mountain.

Please honor the work many have done to give us this option by paying your dues.

We are now into November and while a late fee (\$5) for MHSP is now required, we still will accept payments (\$45=Hosts, \$58=Hill/Associates, \$118=Apprentice) though multiple mediums:

1. **Checks** (personal, cashier's, bank, Money Orders) are the preferred/primary (mail to AND make payable to: "MHSP", PO Box 4384, Portland, OR 97208-4384). *I pick up all of the mail so no need to address it to me/treasurer. [Please put your MHSP membership number on the memo line of your check \(this speeds up the processing for our membership groups\).](#)*
2. **Cash** is secondary (1x/wk staging in Gresham and at Clackamas Town center) available on Thursday nights (with prior coordination).
 - a. 1800-1845 at Wood Village Walmart.
 - b. 1900-1930 at Target across from Clackamas Town Center.
 - c. Call/text Treasurer (503.683.1822) at least 24 hrs in advance of Thursday night to coordinate time/location.
3. **PayPal**: if you do not have a checking account and are too far away for a cash/check drop, I will set this up for you. Paypal payments will also incur an additional fee to cover PayPal's transaction charges. Coordinate via email: Treasurer@mthoodskipatrol.org.

As a reminder, if you elect to not patrol over the upcoming season but want to stay as an active member of MHSP, dues are still a necessary membership expense.

NSP dues will be coming in about a month. We have to coordinate for every paid/eligible member of MHSP so the link will be available to you.

I hope to see you on the slopes soon so that we can focus on the good times and not this administrivia!

A foot of snow on the mountain just yesterday!

MOUNTAIN OPERATIONS UPDATE

Dave Winterling, Patrol Chief, HP 1806

Fellow members.

The winter season is here!

MHSP alpine operations started Wednesday 11/25 at Timberline, Saturday 11/28 for the tube hill at Skibowl, and will start Saturday 12/5 at Meadows.



Conditions on opening day at Timberline were the best they've been in at least six years, with solid snowpack on all runs below the lodge, and Mile open on both east and west sides.

The start date for Skibowl alpine operations is listed on 12/5 on Troopiter, but is on hold pending additional snowpack. Coverage looks good on Lower Bowl so we're close.

We had strong showings of patrollers and hosts on the hill all through the long Thanksgiving weekend. Dispatch remains open Mon-Fri the first week of December for all active patrollers at Timberline, prior to the start of team patrolling on Saturday 12/5.

Winter break weekdays are also now up on Troopiter and available for dispatch at Timberline and Skibowl. These days are open to all active hill and associate patrollers. If you're available to dispatch during the week, the areas would love to have the help!

The new Pucci chairlift is now in operation at Timberline, with the "opening party" on Saturday 11/28. Pucci is now a high-speed quad, with beautiful terminals at the bottom and top, and a much faster 4-minute ride uphill. This is a great improvement for Timberline's first and signature chairlift; it is much easier to ride, especially for newer skiers/riders.

Heads-up: as we wrap up our annual training and requirements season, there are several patrollers who apparently planned to patrol this year who have NOT completed their requirements: dues, COVID-19 training, etc. As in prior years, those patrollers will find that their dispatch access has been turned off at the beginning of December.

In many cases this can be fixed with further follow-up, but the season has started so we're out of time and the updates are being made.

Along these lines, many thanks to the members who completed their annual requirements on time, as this makes things SO much easier for the training and admin teams. For any members who were late in getting requirements done, this is just a gentle reminder to be prompt next year, and save us all the extra effort. 'Nuff said...

The Meadows management team just released a more detailed online training program with several modules to be completed by all MHM patrollers, in addition to the training we've already done for MHSP members.

There is also a more detailed MHM operations plan, which includes (among other things) some significant structure into the process around transitioning care from the on-hill first responders to the clinic. I haven't yet gone through this myself but the summary provided by Roger Meier to the MHM team patrollers looks well-prepared and very good.

As we gain experience with winter operations in December, we'll look to streamline and improve our new on-hill processes. These include the process around morning check-ins at the Govy Building, morning team meetings, end-of-day radio returns and chit distribution, and the multitude of new on-hill protocols.

Your feedback will be appreciated. We want operations to be safe, effective, efficient, and FUN for everyone.

Best Wishes, Happy Holidays, and Stay Healthy! DW

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054



Looking for an inspirational preseason message about customer service and tourism, to share with fellow Hosts at our Fall Refresher Training, left me wanting this year. I just wasn't finding it, but then, the tourism industry has been at a bit of a standstill for a while now!

Then while listening to a webinar about Diversity and Inclusion in E-suite Level Management and Executive Boards, I found a spark of inspiration from this very unlikely source.

While concluding her comments about making efforts toward diversity and inclusion in management, Treasa Bowers, Chief Diversity Officer for 7-Eleven, Inc., stated that planning to diversify and opening up hiring opportunities is only part of the equation for success.

She commented, "Mentoring is a fundamental contribution to growth and strength in an organization! Without mentoring, you will not have the success you seek!" There it was!

I immediately reflected on what I have always felt is the heart of Mt Hood Ski Patrol. Our strength, our connectivity to one another, comes through our long history of mentoring.

That's what we do! It is a thread that reaches back to Hank Lewis and the winter of 1938 when he gathered together those first 50 patrollers. They honed skills, developed procedures, and created a ski patrol. A lineage of training the next ones to come up the line began.

So, here we go, standing on the shoulders of the many MHSP members who have come before us and those now leading, training, and mentoring us! Into a new year, with fresh snow and an opportunity to bring others up behind us. We have all been longing to 'get back to it,' so let's go! It will be a good year!

Host Apprentices

Our apprentice group completed their in-town training on November 14th and will be on the hill for training January 9th.

During the course of the day we will visit all three resorts to train at each. I am delighted with this group of individuals. They are all eager and excited about the year! We look forward to having them doing shifts alongside our team members.

Please welcome them when you meet!

Thanks

I'd like to thank all of you Hosts for your patience and understanding this fall as we have adapted to new procedures and expectations. Your words of support and encouragement are much appreciated, and I am grateful to you!

Cheers, Jan

AVALANCHE PROGRAM

Mike Levis, Avalanche Program Coordinator, AS 1742

Patrollers,

In November we had our first online Avy Awareness course. Thanks to Eric Einspruch and Luke Levin, the class was a hit. We received many positive comments from the attendees.

Our FINAL Avy Awareness class of the season will be December 10th, online as well. Associate Patrollers are required to take Avy Awareness once every three years, so if you are due, this is your last chance this season. Please dispatch ASAP.

Avalanche Level 1 (Full Class)

All new Hill and Nordic patrollers are required to take Avalanche Level 1 during their rookie year. The class will be restructured this year to meet COVID-19 guidelines. The class consists of both an online class and three days of field work.

Online sessions will be January 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th from 1830 - 2030. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ALL SESSIONS.

Field sessions will be the weekend of January 30th/31st or March 6th/7th. Sign up for ONE of these weekends.

In addition, you need to sign up for one of the Avalanche Level 1 Refresher days (see below).

Please note: there is a cost associated with this class - \$35, plus textbooks. More on this in the class info that will go out to those who sign up.

Avalanche Level 1 Refresher

All Hill and Nordic patrollers are required to take a one-day Avalanche Level 1 Refresher once every three years. This season, refreshers are scheduled for:

January 23rd, February 20th, March 14th, March 21st, and April 10th.

If you are due for an Avalanche Level 1 Refresher this year, please go ahead and dispatch.

Pieps Beacon Issue

Recently, there have been numerous reports of Pieps avalanche beacons inadvertently switching mode from "Send" to "Receive," or from "Send" to "Off." Obviously this could have dire consequences if this happens and you get caught in an avalanche.

Please read the following for more info on the problem and effected models:

https://beaconreviews.com/Specs_PiepsDSP_switch.php

An example of the problem can be seen here:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CGk2CDRn3Y0/>

If you have one of the effected Pieps beacons, you should reach out to Pieps at dsp@pieps.com to let them know.

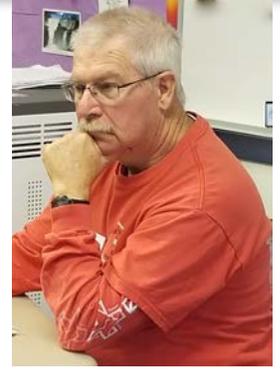


SENIOR OEC PUT ON HOLD THIS SEASON

Cleo Howell, Senior OEC Director, AS 1444

Due to the many complications associated with COVID-19 I have decided to not conduct the Senior OEC program this season.

Keep practicing your OEC skills and stay tuned for next season.



CLOTHING COMMITTEE

Matt Wood, Interim Committee Chairman, HP/BP 1768

Good news! The Clothing Committee is able to take credit card payment using Square at this time! This is best done in-person (socially distanced) with a card. A surcharge has to apply if we manually enter a card # over the phone.

Reminder #1

If you ordered a new North Face coat, please make arrangements with the VP to pay and pick up soon!

Reminder #2

VP has insignia patches for purchase if your uniform needs sprucing up!

Reminder #3

VP and Clothing Committee will be on-hand at and after OEC classes for uniform, clothing, and swag sales.

Dates: 11/21, 12/5, and 12/12

[NOTE: if the OEC class is restricted or postponed due to State of OR requirements, the C/C will still be available on these dates, times TBD.]

Times (around regular OEC class): 0800-0900 or 1530-1700

(VP will be teaching OEC at other times – if you need to stop in mid-day during lunch break, please email or call to set up meeting in advance: vicepresident@mthoodskipatrol.org or 360-921-8879)

Address: 8548 SW Apple Way, Portland OR 97225

50 YEARS OF PATROLLING WITH MHSP

GORDY WINTERROWD

James Schuler, President MHSP Executive Council, AS 1288

MHSP: #561

NSP National Appointment: #10048

Mount Hood Ski Patrol Join Date: May 1970

Positions within MHSP

- President of Executive Council: 1997-1999
- Junior Trustee Council Member: 1996-1997
- Senior Hill Captain
- OEC Instructor
- Hill Apprentice Coach
- Special Projects for Council

MHSP Awards

- Awarded 1970 Apprentice of the Year
- Awarded 1996 Hill Captain of the Year

When you meet one of our working patrollers who have a three-digit MHSP number, be sure to stop and take a good look at that person. They are a rare breed and carry a long history with our patrol; they have many amazing stories to tell. It is my honor to tell you about Gordy Winterrowd.

Gordy is married to Janet, who has supported Gordy's work and this patrol for so many years. No mention of his service is complete without mention of (and gratitude to) her as well.

Over the years that I've served on this patrol, I've noticed that Gordy is one of the hardest working among us. He's always there quietly taking on projects no one else can take on.

I always wondered if he had a "Special Agent for Council" title. He works in the background and gets tasks done quickly; if his hand is on a project, you know that it's done well.

That quality comes from his vast experience in patrolling and patrol administration. He keeps an eye out for where he can help and is always there at the right time.

Gordy has been invaluable at times when we hear of the passing of our Alumni. Our Alumni are our history and the heroes of our story. Their passing is never easy and Gordy reminds us of their stories, bringing it to life for us often with a Final Sweep article

Gordy, you are one of our great Heroes and I congratulate you on your 50-year achievement. And to future council members, remember that past Presidents like Gordy are keeping an eye on things – don't be afraid to ask them for advice and help.



Kathy Lee presenting Gordy Winterrowd the MHSP 50 Years of Service Award

FINAL SWEEP

GREG MARSHALL, PATROLLER #701

Gordy Winterrowd, Contributing Author, SH/AD 561

Greg was patroller #701; he joined the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol in 1973. He was the type of person you enjoyed skiing with. Greg was a very good skier, but his humor and conversation were even better.

He was born and grew up in Vancouver, Washington. He was an accomplished athlete at Hudson's Bay High School, which earned him a football scholarship at the University of Oregon.

His jersey number at the U of O was 40, which was the beginning of "Number 40"'s lifelong love for the University of Oregon and the Ducks. He graduated from the U of O in 1971.

He supported the Oregon Athletic Foundation, was the President of the Oregon Club in the late 70's, and enjoyed watching the Ducks, having season football tickets from the year he graduated until last year when he could no longer walk to his seats.

Greg met his college sweetheart and future wife, Nancy, on campus. They were married for 49 years.



Nancy joined the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol the same year Greg did. Her patrol number is #702.

Included in the apprenticeship class was Floyd Hunsaker. This created a lifelong friendship between the two families. Their instructor was John Wilberding. I spoke to John this week and he remembers the good times they had.

Greg and his family loved playing golf together, skiing together, and especially playing with the grandchildren. Greg's biggest regret when he was diagnosed with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) was that he could not play football and run on the beach with his grandkids the last few years.

Greg spent his professional life in the financial field and in the car business. He did business with a number of patrollers. When not working, he led a life full of fun and activities with many good friends.

He enjoyed golf, skiing, and handball.

He was very involved at the Multnomah Athletic Club and served on many committees. His favorite contribution to the MAC was developing the Annual Duck/Beaver Blood Drive. Greg was a regular blood donor, giving over 40 gallons of blood in his lifetime.

Greg and Nancy have two children, Aaron and Brooke. They have four grandchildren.

In memory of Greg, please consider a financial donation to the Red Cross, and sign up to give blood at www.redcross.org.

Greg Marshall, patroller #701, passed away on October 28th, 2020.

CALENDAR

December

- 1 Online Chair Evac , 1830-1930
- 7 Council Meeting, Via Teleconference, 1900-2200, contact Matt Wood vicepresident@mthoodskipatrol.org
- 10 Avy Awareness, Virtual Meeting, 1830-1930
- 14 General Member/Holiday meeting; virtual meeting details to follow via email
- 19 *The Sweep* Newsletter Deadline, 1800

January

- 4 Council Meeting, Location TBD, 1900-2200, contact Matt Wood vicepresident@mthoodskipatrol.org
- 11 General Membership Meeting, 1900-2200, virtual meeting details to follow via email
- 16 *The Sweep* Newsletter Deadline, 1800

February

- 1 Council Meeting, Via Teleconference, 1900-2200, contact Matt Wood vicepresident@mthoodskipatrol.org
 - 8 General Membership Meeting, 1900-2100, virtual meeting details to follow via email
 - 20 *The Sweep* Newsletter Deadline, 1800
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