



The Sweep

December 2021

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Snowvana

A huge thank you to all who helped in some way at Snowvana. You sold approximately 1200 Sno-Park Permits, which brought in about \$6,000 for our budget. See article by Host Director Jan Silagi for more details.

COVID-19

I look forward to the day when I don't have to write an article about COVID-19, but I feel obligated to reiterate some of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) rules. We, as volunteer ski patrollers, are considered healthcare providers and the first-aid rooms/clinics are considered healthcare settings. Under the OHA rules healthcare providers must be vaccinated.

Intel Donation

In the past few years Intel Corporation has donated money to MHSP, because many of you reported your MHSP volunteer hours to Intel. I am asking any of you who work for Intel (or who are retired from Intel) to report your MHSP volunteer hours to the appropriate person at Intel and ask for the donation to Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. Thank you in advance for making this effort. The donations from Intel over the years have really helped keep member dues lower.

Thank you for all that you do for the patrol. It's almost time to go back to the mountain to save lives.

Cleo Howell, MHSP Council President



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Patrolling Area Operations/Showtimes:

<u>Skibowl:</u> Closed.	<u>Timberline:</u> Closed	<u>Meadows:</u> Closed	<u>Summit:</u> Closed	<u>Teacup:</u> Closed
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NO OFFICIAL DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Courtney Walsh, Council Secretary, HC 1833

In December we usually have a Holiday Party instead of a General Meeting. In lieu of getting together in person, we'll use the General Meeting link for a virtual gathering. Feel free to bring your questions for Council, or just plan to catch up with patrol friends. Holiday attire not required (but encouraged)!

19:00, Monday December 13th, 2021

tinyurl.com/MHSPGeneralMeeting

Use Passcode: 757929 (if needed)

See you then!

MOUNTAIN OPERATIONS

Dave Winterling, Patrol Chief, HP 1806

Fellow Members,

Well dang, the early November snowfall was just a blip. Here it is, the start of December, with thin snowpack at our areas and a forecast that just doesn't look helpful. Fingers crossed the situation changes soon.

In the meantime, we can get our Troopiter dispatch filled out. At this time, all hill and associate patrollers should be dispatching for their winter on-hill days. Team member dispatch should be complete, but if you're not on a team, here are some notes:

- **Timberline and Skibowl** - If you're not pre-approved by the APC to dispatch into team slots, please dispatch for the "Supplemental Hill Patroller" or "Supplemental Associate Patroller" slots on Troopiter. Same as in prior years.
- **Mt. Hood Meadows** - This year, there will be opportunities to dispatch for "shadow" shifts. If you're interested in patrolling at Meadows and maybe joining a Meadows team in the future, please contact one of the hill captains (Roger Meier, Ed Hodges, Chopper Boyd, Steve Bonham) or Kat Price to make arrangements.
- **Summit** - Please dispatch into the General Patroller dispatch slots; this applies for both associates and hill patrollers. Summit dispatch days start on December 24th.
- Please dispatch for a maximum of (8) days at this time; we want to have as many slots open for as many members as possible during this initial dispatch. After December 12th, you can fill in any additional days you'd like to patrol.



If you've already read the Fall 2021 hard-copy NSP *Ski Patrol* magazine, you hopefully saw the "Letter to the Editor" from our own Dave "DMac" MacIntyre.

Dave's letter was a response to an article in the *Ski Patrol* several months back, which covered the great work done by many patrols in starting up operations under COVID-19 protocols, in November/December 2020.

They totally missed (never researched) the great work done by Timberline, Skibowl, and MSHP in getting snow and bike operations up and running safely again on Mt. Hood starting May/June 2020!

Dave's letter is a great recap of the efforts of the Mt. Hood patrol community under COVID-19.

Also, to help keep everyone entertained during these slow few weeks(?) until we're back on the snow, below is a link to an article on snow grooming technology, circa 1955.

Several paragraphs into the article is a video link that shows ski patrollers pulling a large deadly-looking grooming device downhill, and exploding moguls along the way. Wow. Terrifying. Many thanks to John Cartwright, who found and forwarded this link:

<https://unofficialnetworks.com/2021/11/16/ski-groomer-vintage-video/>

Hope to see everyone soon on the hill!

Stay safe, Dave W

ASSOCIATE OPERATIONS

John Howard, Associate Director, AS 90227

Thanks to everyone who helped all patrollers get through all the basics needed to get us ready for the coming ski season. Now we just need some more of that frozen precipitation.

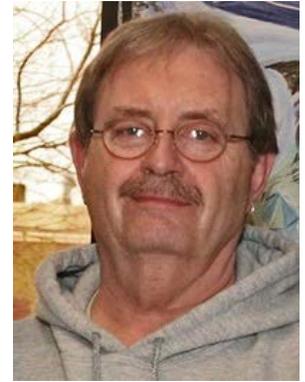
Please be careful driving to and from the mountain, and don't forget your snowpark permits.

Alex Palm will be the new Associate Supervisor-in-Training this year for C Team at Skibowl. Please welcome him when you see him.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

See you on the mountain,

John Howard



MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054

We're ready to go... where's the snow? The seasonal climate forecast for Mt. Hood from Oregon Department of Forestry lead meteorologist, Pete Parson, is for a La Niña winter, but the snow is taking its sweet time coming!

Thanks to all of you for getting your CPR certifications up to date, fall training completed, and dues paid. We have about 56 Hosts active in the ranks for this season.

Season Start Dates

Dispatch is open for Timberline beginning Saturday, December 4th, for weekend shifts (conditions permitting). We will keep an eye on the snow level and modify our start date to the weekend of December 11th if needed. Mid-week shifts will be available beginning the week of December 15th.

We have loaded dispatch for Skibowl and Summit Pass beginning Saturday, December 18th, again, if conditions permit.

We have also loaded full mid-week shifts for the weeks of Monday December 20th through Friday December 24th, and Monday December 27th through Friday December 31st for the winter public school break. All Hosts and Host apprentices can dispatch for these winter holiday dates.

Apprentice Class for 2021-2022

We are pleased to announce six members of our Host Apprentice class for the season. Please join me in welcoming Jeff Alexander, Lisa Alexander, Robert Austin, Chris Barrar, Natalie 'Rae' Ritacco, and Jeanie Ritz! These folks are a diverse and enthusiastic group, and we look forward to Hosting with them.

Our apprentices will participate in their first day of training on December 4th, in a Zoom meeting, and will do their first day of on-mountain training on December 18th, visiting all three resorts.

Finally...

Thanks to all of you who did a shift at Snowvana. Look for an article in this newsletter all about it!

Looking forward to seeing all of you on the mountain soon as we launch the season!



AVY PROGRAM UPDATE

Mike Levis, Avalanche Program Coordinator, AS 1742

Avy Awareness Wrapping Up Soon!!

If you are an Associate Patroller (or a Hill Patroller over 65), you need to take Avy Awareness every three years.

The October cohort is wrapped up, and the November cohort is underway. The last cohort of the year is December 15th. If you are due, and you have not dispatched yet, please dispatch for the December cohort ASAP.

Gearing Up For Avy 1

Avy 1 starts January 5th. If you are a Rookie Hill or Nordic patroller, or an Associate who is interested in raising your Avy skills to the next level, you should be dispatching for this.

Please dispatch for ALL classroom days (January 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th) as well as the field weekend (January 29th & 30th) and ONE (and ONLY ONE) Avy 1 refresher (February 12th, February 27th, or March 27th).

Avy 1 Refreshers

Hill patrollers are required to take an Avy 1 refresher every three years. If you are due, please dispatch now for one of the three Avy 1 refresher dates available.

Avy 2 Planning Underway

Avy 2 preparation is well underway. If you are interested in taking Avy 2 this year, please dispatch. The classroom session is March 5th, and field dates are March 12th, 13th, 19th and 27th.

NWAC Has Started Operations For The Season

NWAC has started early season operations. Updated weather and avalanche forecasts are available Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 1800.



RACE SUPPORT

Mike Anderson, Race Event Coordinator, AS #1510

Sorry for the belated gratitude for the group of MHSP members who worked on the Portland Marathon the first Sunday in October, but I was waiting to see how much the donation would be from the sponsors.

We earned a whopping \$1500. A great job was done by the following members:

Chris Able	Mike Anderson	Glen Anderson
Diane Applegate	Alex Burkleaux	Heather Carrion
Katherine Christensen	Tom Clarke	Scott Collier
Michael Cummings	Cristina Draghecescu	Jeff Ezzell
Bruce Horn	Richard Hugo	Jim Kitchin
Heidi Loebach	Matt Rea	Beth Rice
Gretchen Stover	Cory Tolzman	Jessica Tolzman
Courtney Walsh	Mike Walsh	Allison Wibby
Dave Winterling	Matt Wood	Tommy Yacoe

During the race I had the opportunity to talk to the organizers and told them that we started Race Support with the Vancouver Marathon many years ago, but that race had not continued due to problems with the sponsors. I suggested they consider contacting Vancouver if they were interested in starting it up again.

At the beginning of November, they requested that I put them in contact with the city, and I was able to make introductions for them with the mayor, who advised them on how to start the process.

I have not heard back from anyone yet, but hope they have success and will remember us for that race if it restarts. This is how we spread our reputation. Let us all hope for the best.

After the first of the year, I will contact Terrapin (who we've worked with prior to the pandemic) to see what their business model will be in the future, as they have concentrated on virtual events for the past 18 months. It will most likely depend on COVID-19 issues easing up in order for large races to be held.

If you come up with leads on other events that would benefit from our first-aid services, please contact me and Matt Wood.

SNOWVANA 2021!

Jan Silagi, Snowvana Co-Chair, HS 60054

The Snowvana Show returned to the Oregon Convention Center November 19th, 20th, and 21st and kick-started a lot of enthusiasm for the ski season to get rolling. COVID-19 protocols in place, vendors and attendees enjoyed a welcome return to the preseason tradition of a shared love of the snow and great preseason prices on gear and lift passes! Attendance was down a bit compared to previous years, but a good time was had by all.

Mt. Hood Ski Patrol showed up in a big way this year, with 16 members volunteering directly to the event to help set up the show on Thursday the 18th and tearing down after the show closed on Sunday the 21st.

Approximately 65 'person hours' were donated to the cause, generating a \$2,000 donation to MHSP from Snowvana.

We also received support from Mt. Hood Meadows in the form of a donation of one All Access Season Pass and three sets of four All-Day Lift Tickets. Our friends at Next Adventure donated four \$50 Gift Certificates to our raffle as well. We sold raffle tickets for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 and had 330 tickets in the box by the end of the show. The raffle generated more than \$1,300.

And the piece de resistance, the Oregon Sno-Park Permits! We had plenty in stock this year and between sales at the Multnomah Athletic Club on Thursday the 18th (courtesy of Glen Anderson) and 30 additional MSHP members working multiple shifts during Snowvana, we sold more than 1,260 permits for approximately \$6,300.

This 2021 show generated more income than any previous show, and it is due to the 40 individuals who put in time and sweat equity on behalf of us all! We thank you!

Okay, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the efforts of Matt 'Sno-Park Permit' Wood. Matt Wood single-handedly sold **more** than 17 full books of Sno-Park Permits, 429 permits to be exact, in two days!! He is the Sno-Park Permit savant of MHSP. His positive attitude to selling those permits and his upbeat approach with customers just knocks it out of the park every year! He's like the Eveready Bunny! Many, many thanks to Matt.

Once again, many thanks to all of you who supported the show this year! This is a great start to the season!

Dave Winterling (right) rendering aid to a fellow exhibitor at Snowvana
Photo by Jan Silagi



CALENDAR

December

- 6 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; contact Courtney Walsh (secretary@mthoodskipatrol.org)
- 13 Unofficial General Meeting (virtual), 1900-2030 (tinyurl.com/MHSPGeneralMeeting)
- 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter deadline, 1800

January

- 3 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; contact Courtney Walsh (secretary@mthoodskipatrol.org)
- 10 General Meeting (virtual), 1900-2030 (tinyurl.com/MHSPGeneralMeeting)
- 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter deadline, 1800
- 29 Avalanche 1 Field Session, 0800-1600, Skibowl
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February

- 7 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; contact Courtney Walsh (secretary@mthoodskipatrol.org)
- 15 General Meeting (virtual), 1900-2030 (tinyurl.com/MHSPGeneralMeeting)
- 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter deadline, 1800



Members (left to right), Sara Drage, Dave Winterling, and Harry Chaivoe in the MHSP booth at Snowvana 2021

Photo by Jan Silagi