



The Sweep

January 2019

Message From the President

MHSP Members, welcome to 2019!

For those of you who were able to attend the Holiday Social last month at the Laurelwood Brewery, thank you for reminding me of one of the primary reasons I stay involved in MHSP: You are just a great group of people with whom I really enjoy hanging out with!

Look for more social activities in the upcoming months!

We have completed our prerequisite training for the year and most of you have paid your dues and registered with National Ski Patrol.

Based on our records we currently have 295 dues-paying active members. See the table on Page 3 if you are curious about how that breaks down into the various classes and categories of members.

We've had about a dozen of our senior Hill and Associate Patrollers join our new Instructor/Support (I/S) Classification of patroller. You can read about that classification in the December 2018 edition of The Sweep. In a nutshell, however, the I/S members can retain their active duty status through instruction and other administrative support activities.

On the flip side, we have seen about 40 of our past members decide to go temporarily inactive from patrolling, permanently retire and/or become alumni, or transfer to other patrols. That may seem like a lot, but it is not out of the ordinary for MHSP to have a significant turnover every season.

Given the changes we have faced over the last couple of seasons as we have moved to the team approach at Timberline, Meadows, and Skibowl, it is not unreasonable to expect a bit higher-than-usual turnover. The Executive Council expected this. We understand that some of our members have not been able to make a commitment to a team schedule and have found it difficult to get meaningful patrol days in

The Council believes we are in a process of "right-sizing" the membership of MHSP.

Last year we purposefully recruited and accepted a small apprentice class. We anticipate that we will recruit and train a small apprentice class again this year. Our intent is to make sure that we have space available on the dispatch for every member who wants to patrol.

Based on a review of our current pre-dispatch, I am feeling pretty good about that. The teams are solid at all the areas and although we weren't able to find team slots for all of the associates who wanted to be on a team, there are still supplemental shifts available to be filled.

I have had members express concern to me that MHSP is being broken down into small separate area teams and that we are losing our organizational unity.

Again, your Executive Council recognizes this and is working actively to ensure we remain a coherent, unified organization.

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<u>Skibowl:</u> Open 09:00-22:00 Su-Th 09:00-23:00 Fr-Sa Sa-Su 08:15 Castle booted up	<u>Timberline:</u> Open 0715 Arrive at FAR 0745 Booted Up 0800 Out the door 1600 Final Sweep	<u>Meadows:</u> Open	<u>Summit:</u> Open: Thu-Mon Contact Dave Nead	<u>Teacup:</u> Open Contact Nordic director for times

JANUARY SOCIAL (General Meeting Canceled)

heather Van Houten, Junior Trustee, HC #1793

MHSP Social Gathering (no general meeting this month) for the 2018-2019 Season will be:

January 14, 2018

19:00

~~**O'Neill Public House**(closed its doors)~~

~~6000 NE Glisan St, Portland, OR 97213 (corner of Glisan and NE 60th Ave)~~

Will now be held at:

A & L Sports Pub

5933 NE Glisan St., Portland, OR 97213 (corner of Glisan and NE 60th Ave)

Same time and date

(Presidents Message continued)

To a large degree, the team approach is being driven by the demands of the areas that we support. They require that MHSP provide skilled volunteers who are extremely knowledgeable of their individual geography, policies, and procedures. We have been quite successful in achieving that objective.

It will be up to us to ensure that MHSP continues to remain a viable single entity. There will continue to be a critical need at the Mt. Hood ski resorts for MHSP to continue to recruit, administer, and train highly skilled volunteer ski patrollers and mountain hosts. I prefer to think of us as a "Team of Teams."

In summary, as we move into a new season of patrolling, the state of MHSP is solid.

We have a financially solid organization made up of committed, well-trained members who are ready and able to deliver ski patrol and host services to the areas as we promised.

We all continue to build on the amazing history of this organization, and will share that legacy as we move into the future together.

Great job everybody. Now let it Snow!

Matt Rea, MHSP Council President

Membership Status

MHSP 2018/2019 membership by membership classes and categories.*

Nordic Patroller:	16	Instructor/Support Patroller:	12
Hill Patrollers (Total):	115	Mountain Hosts (Total):	89
Patrollers:	79	Hosts:	65
Hill Captains:	27	Host Supervisors:	24
Senior Hill Captains:	9	Apprentices (Total):	7
Associate Patrollers (Total):	75	Associate:	5
Associates:	52	Hill:	1
Assoc. Supervisors:	9	Nordic:	1
Senior Supervisors:	7	NSP Transfers:	4

*The numbers do not exactly add up to 295 total members because some categories are double-counted.

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Sam Smith, Mountain Host Director, HS #530

HOST DISPATCH

The dispatch for the winter season is populated with most shifts. Some shifts at some resorts are still being determined and we will populate those as soon as possible.

Please pay close attention when signing up for a shift, make sure that you are signing up in the **correct column** for the shift you are interested in and eligible for.



NEW SHIFT @ TIMBERLINE

We are adding a new shift on the weekends for those who are interested in a “full day” duty. The shift will be called F for “Full day” 8:00 to 16:00. We will still have the traditional A, B & C half-day shifts.

NEW SHIFT @ SKIBOWL

The new shifts are the F & D shifts.
The day shift is the F shift, it is from 9:00 to 15:00.
The night shift is the D shift, it is from 16:00 to 22:00
These shifts will earn a full value voucher.

NEW SHIFT @ SUMMIT

The new shift is the F shift.
The F shift is from 9:00 to 15:00.
This shift will earn a full value voucher.
The Summit voucher will be redeemable at Timberline as an added benefit since Timberline has taken ownership of Summit.

OPERATIONAL REMINDERS

1) HOSTS IN TERRAIN PARKS

These protocols have changed a few times over the past years. For the last 3 years, the protocols have been pretty much the same at both Timberline and at Skibowl. Hosts can ride through the parks under the following conditions to check on safety:

- Ski conservatively along the edge to see how our guests are doing.
- Keep a sharp eye on guests who are “running the features” and avoid being a distraction to them.
- If you see guests crossing the parks unaware of the safety concerns they are causing, take a few minutes to help educate them in a friendly manner.

2) HOST SHIFTS WHEN NO SUPERVISOR IS PRESENT

There can be no hosting at any resort when there is no HS (Host Supervisor) present, unless you have been pre-approved to do so. Some hosts have previously been approved for a specific resort.

If you have any questions regarding your previous approval, contact Mike Cullen (our records keeper) and he can let you know your status.

Additional approvals will be processed by me with the help of the area “HDA” (Host Director Assistant). Weekends and holidays will usually have a HS scheduled, so this will not be a concern most of the time. This policy is meant to insure we are providing properly trained members to each resort, and that we can let the resort know who is scheduled.

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3) HOST FOOT DUTY STATIONS = REPORT IN

We need to be extra diligent about arriving to our foot duty shifts on time.

We all know that circumstances can cause for a late arrival at a foot duty station, so please do your best to inform the HS.

To help the supervisor know we are properly covering our duty stations in a timely manner:

- Please call the supervisor when you arrive at your assigned duty station.
- If you are in route and arriving late, call this information in as well.

NORDIC OPERATIONS

Steve Potter, Nordic Director, NP, AP #1630

The Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Nordic Patrol has all of its patrollers ready to go to work with OEC and Nordic refreshers completed.

Yea, great job patrollers!

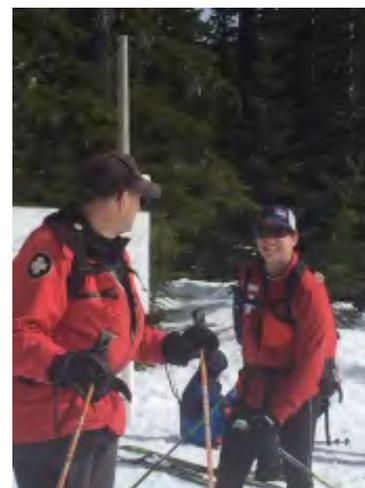
There is snow at Teacup Lake with groomed trails in service. As of December 9 we have patrolled three days and have had two December Nordic Refresher days. The trails look good for the rest of December and we are gearing up for a busy January. The Teacup Lake Ski Area has five events planned for January including:

- January 6 – **The Annual Tea Party and Cross-Country Clinic**
 - A \$10.00 trail donation is appreciated.
 - Registration starts at 10:30 and lessons start at 11:00.
 - The tea party runs from 12:00 to 14:00, please bring cookies. Soup, tea, and hot chocolate are provided. See the Teacup Nordic Web site for details.
- January 12 – **The OHSNO High School Race**

This is an annual event at Teacup. The parking lot will more full than usual and the area will be busy. Some of the upper trails will be closed. The Area is still open to the public so come up for some skiing on the lower trails or to cheer on the racers.
- January 19 and 26 – **The Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter XC Ski Bus to Teacup Lake Nordic Ski Area**

There is a bus that leaves Portland at 8:00 and Sandy at 8:50, the bus returns to Portland by 17:00.. There is a \$15.00 fee for ONC members and \$20.00 for non-members. Diagonal and Skate Ski lessons will be available for an additional charge. There is a registration deadline so see the Teacup Nordic Web Site or Oregon Nordic Club for details.
- January 27 – **The 2019 Mountain Shop Teacup Classic**

There will be a 1k race for kids up to 9, a 2K for kids up to 13, a 5K race for all ages, and a 15K race for those 15 and older. See the Teacup Nordic Web site for Trail maps and other details.



If you are not working another area come on over to Teacup and check it out.

ON-HILL TRAINING 2018-2019

heather Van Houten, Training Director, HC #1793,

Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TESs)

We will be having multiple TESs this season to help all our Hill Patrollers get the latest and greatest techniques for running sleds! We also have multiple locations so check your dispatch days and if you are free for one of the dates listed below, come join in the fun!!! You can also earn NSP credit for these as well.

Sat. 1/5/19 TES - Meadows

Sat. 1/26/19 TES - Timberline

Sun. 1/6/19 TES - Meadows

Sun. 1/27/19 TES - Timberline

The following dates are specific for learning how to run the Cascade 350 Toboggan. They are two-day clinics; you need to participate in both days.

Sat. 2/2/19 TES - Timberline

Sat. 4/27/19 TES - Timberline

Sun. 2/3/19 TES - Meadows

Sun. 4/28/19 TES - Meadows

All of the above dates are on Dispatch, please sign up for a day or two of fun!

Women's Clinic (TES)

Calling all Women patrollers!! It's back this year and we are ready to go play in the snow **Saturday March 2, 2019 at Mt. Hood Meadows.**

Two seasons ago we had a wonderful breakfast cooked by our apprentices from the '16-'17 class. Then we were off for a hardy day in the snow at Meadows. It was the first time we had Associates with us working on their ski skills and also getting an introduction to the empty sled. We had a few Hill Apprentices with us that day as well, fine tuning their toboggan skills to pass their toboggan evaluations the following weekend.

AND it showed! When they were evaluated the next weekend, they rocked it!! The evaluators said they looked as good as Senior Candidates!! You can't get any higher complement than that!! So Ladies, mark this day on your calendars, get a sub if you're supposed to patrol that day, go dispatch, and come learn how to finesse toboggans with the Best Female Toboggan Instructors in the Pacific Northwest!!

AVALANCHE TRAINING

Nicole Gaines, Avalanche Training Director, AP, NP #1779

December was a busy month with 40 patrollers and PMR guests attending three avalanche training days.

Big shout-out to all the instructors for your hard work on making these classes happen.

Students, thanks for your attention and feedback on our classroom sessions, we do appreciate it. Avy 1 students, please take time to finish the pretest if you haven't yet and remember send me your ICS 100 certificate.

ASSOCIATES & THOSE OVER 65: Associates with Level 1 certification, be sure to check your records and sign up for a refresher if you did not complete a refresher in 2016-2017 or 2017-2018.

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All other Associate Patrollers and Hill Patrollers over 65 need an Avalanche Awareness course every three years to stay current. If your Associate Apprentice year was 2015-2016 or if you did not take avalanche awareness in either 2016-2017 or 2017-2018, you're due this season for another class.

HILL PATROLLERS: If you are a Hill Patroller due for a Refresher Course this year, you should have gotten an email from me earlier this month. I had the March 30th refresher date listed incorrectly as March 31st in that email. Sorry for any confusion. Also, if you are exempted for age, you may still take the refresher course if you'd like to do so.

OTHER NEWS: Meadows Staff Patroller and Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC) Ambassador Nathan Berry will be our guest at the General Meeting in February. He will present about NWAC and a little about the avalanche control program at Meadows. If we're lucky he may even share a story or two about his recent experiences guiding in Nepal.

SENIOR S&T PROGRAM

heather Van Houten, Training Director, HC #1793

The Senior S&T program is in full swing again this year, and a lot is happening this time of year as we prepare for another ski season.

Throughout the season you'll experience many levels of training intended to improve the skills of all patrollers and provide learning experiences that will enhance your skills.

Take advantage of these training opportunities to learn new skills or sharpen old ones. Either way, you'll have a great time with fellow patrollers in an outdoor environment.

Any patroller who has passed their basic apprentice training is eligible to participate in the Senior S&T training program. The training clinics will prepare you for finals with a focus on specific skiing and toboggan-handling skills.

There will be group clinics and mentor programs this season, starting with our first on-mountain date scheduled for January 19th at Skibowl (terrain permitting). It is recommended that all candidates take a minimum of two training clinics prior to being accepted into finals. All candidates will be provided a skills check-off sheet that will need to be completed and approved by the S&T training advisors prior to finals.

The MHSP Google calendar has been updated with all clinic dates and locations, the dispatch calendar will be set up shortly.

On January 9th an in-town orientation meeting will be held in Portland (see Training Schedule).

Interested in learning more about the program? Want to improve your skiing and toboggan handling skills? Then this is the program for you. In addition this training is required as part of your full Senior certification.

So what are you waiting for? Contact David or heather, sign up, and have some fun!

Point of Contact: David Atkinson, Wy'east Region S&T Advisor
heather Van Houten, MHSP Training Director



(training dates next page)

TRAINING DATES

- **January 9th** – Introduction Meeting, 19:00, Conference Room at 819 SE Morrison St, Portland
- **January 19th** — Wy'east Region at Skibowl
- **February 2nd** — Wy'east Region at Mt. Hood Meadows
- **February 16th** — Wy'east Region at Skibowl
- **February 23rd and 24th** — Oregon Region Nuts and Bolts at Mt Bachelor

FINALS

- **March 2rd and 3th** — Joint Wy'east and Oregon Region S&T Finals at either Skibowl or Mt. Hood Meadows – TBD

Note: March 2nd – Calibration for trainer/evaluators
March 3rd – Testing of Candidates

BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY 2019

Courtney Walsh, Banquet Committee, HP #1833

Please Save the Date

The 2019 MHSP Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be at the Mt. Hood Oregon Resort in Welches on **Saturday May 11th, 2019**.

We have a block of rooms reserved for “Mt. Hood Ski Patrol” for both Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th. The rooms will be reserved in our block until March 15th 2019. You can still get a discounted room rate by mentioning that you are with MHSP right up until the evening before our event, as long as rooms are still available.

Reservations can be made at 503.622.2220 or at 503.622.3101. With our discounted rate, King and Queen rooms are \$129 per night and Fireside rooms are \$159 per night. There is an additional \$20 resort fee per night and a 7.8% lodging tax. Guests with reservations made using our group rate will also receive 20% off spa treatments at the Spa and greens fees at the Courses.

I am still looking for anyone whose reliable son or daughter (or niece or nephew) might be interested in offering babysitting during the Banquet and perhaps during the Mother's Day Brunch (depending on interest and need). Please let me know if you have a prospective babysitter in mind, and also if you're interested in utilizing possible babysitting services. You can email me at veganvittles@gmail.com.

Banquet invitations will be sent via email; please stay tuned for more information!



ELECTRONIC VOTING

Patrick Cummings, Chairman Communications Committee, HC # 1618

Over the last several months, a committee was formed to examine the possibility of implementing electronic voting for the patrol moving forward. The goal is to make it much easier for MHSP members to participate in voting for the Council and for any other matters (such as bylaws changes) that require a membership vote.

At the December Council meeting the Council unanimously approved a motion to implement electronic voting for the next MHSP election cycle. This decision was based on a study that examined nine software packages. Each package was ranked by six criteria:

- security
- longevity in business
- reputation
- ease of use
- flexibility
- cost.

The heaviest ranking was applied to data security including the security of each patroller's and host's email address.

While there were a number of packages that met our needs, Survey Monkey had the highest overall score, and was the service selected. It met all our criteria with the added functionality of allowing us to use it for member surveys during the year.

During the next few months we will test the software, examine our internal member database for accuracy, and trial run the software.

Once we've examined the utility of the tool, stay tuned for further communications about how the next election will be managed using this new tool.

For those who wish to vote in person at the annual meeting, we will have two computers set up on site for you to use to vote.

If you have any questions about this project, or have any expertise in technology that you'd like to volunteer to the task, please email Michael Cummings (contact information available on the Roster in Dispatch).

The committee that worked on this project thanks the Council for their support and hopes that each you will find the move to electronic voting beneficial.

Calendar

January

- 5 Toboggan Enhancement Clinic – Mt. Hood Meadows
- 5 Senior OET Regional Clinic – Mt. Hood Meadows
- 6 Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (TES)– Mt. Hood Meadows
- 6 Teacup Lake Annual Party & Clinic, Teacup Snowpark, 9:30 am - TBD
- 7 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D – 7:00 pm – 10pm
- 8 OEC Class, Portland St Vincent Medical Center – 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm (last class).
 - 9 Avalanche Awareness, **1715 SW Skyline Blvd in Portland**, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 - 9 Senior S&T introduction meeting, Conference Room, 819 SE Morrison St., Portland, 7:00 pm
- 10 OEC Scenario FINALS, Portland St Vincent Medical Center – 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm
- 12 OHSNO High School Race, Teacup Nordic Snowpark
- 14 ~~General Meeting~~, **CANCELED**
- 14 **Patrol Social**, A & L Sports Pub, 5933 NE Glisan St., Portland, OR 97213, 7:00 pm
- 15 OEC Written Finals, Portland St Vincent Medical Center – 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm
- 19 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 6:00 pm
- 19 Senior OEC Regional Clinic – Skibowl
- 19 Senior S&T, Wy'east Region Meeting, Skibowl
 - 26 Senior OEC Clinic – Hoodoo Ski Area, Sisters, OR
 - 26 Toboggan Enhancement Clinic – Timberline, 7:30 am
 - 27 Toboggan Enhancement Clinic – Timberline, 7:30 am
 - 27 Mountain Shop Teacup Classic, Teacup Nordic Snowpark
 - 29 Alumni Luncheon, Eastmoreland Golf Course, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

February

- 2 350 Toboggan Enhancement Clinic, Day 1 of 2 – Timberline, **Meet at Govy 7:30 am**
- 2 Senior S&T, Wy'east Region Meeting, Mt Hood Meadows
- 3 350 Toboggan Enhancement Clinic, Day 2 of 2 – Mt. Hood Meadows, **Meet at Govy 7:30 am**
- 4 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D – 7:00 pm – 10pm
 - 9 Senior OEC, Summit Ski Area
- 11 General Meeting, Portland Providence Cancer Center Amphitheater, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
 - 16 Senior S&T, Wy'east Region Meeting, Skibowl
 - 16 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 6:00 pm
 - 23 Avalanche Level 1 Mod 2A, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
 - 23 ~~24~~ Senior S&T, Oregon Region Nuts and Bolts, Mt Bachelor, OR
 - 24 Avalanche Level 1 Mod 2A, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

March

- 2 Senior OEC Clinic, Summit Ski area
- 2 Ski The Glade Annual fund raiser
- 2 Womens Clinic, TES for women Hill and Associate Patrollers, **Meet at Govy 7:00 am**
- 2 Senior S&T, Calibration for trainer/evaluators, Location TBD
- 3 Senior S&T, Testing of Candidates, Location TBD
- 4 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D – 7:00 pm – 10pm
 - 11 General Meeting, Portland Providence Cancer Center Amphitheater, 7:00 pm
 - 13 Washington School for the Blind XV Ski, Teacup Snowpark
 - 16 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 6:00 pm
 - 16 Avalanche Level 1 Mod 2 B, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
 - 17 Avalanche Level 1 Mod 2 B, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
 - 23 Senior OEC, TBD
 - 23 Avalanche Refresher Mod 3 and 5 B, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
 - 24 Avalanche Refresher Mod 3 and 5 C, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
 - 30 Senior OEC Final Evaluation, Summit Ski Area
 - 30 Avalanche Refresher Mod 3 and 5 B, Timberline Lodge, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm