



# The Sweep

## June 2022

### **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

#### **Bowman Center Update**

The Mt. Hood Ski Patrol has occupied the building we now call the Buzz Bowman Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Center (aka Bowman Center) since 1967 and the US Forest Service has been the owner of the building and property all these years.

Since about 2005 Mt. Hood Meadows has been involved with the US Forest Service in a land swap deal that directly affects the ownership of the Bowman Center.

The [Final Record of Decision](#) was signed by the Forest Service Supervisor on May 3, 2022, effectively making Mt. Hood Meadows the new owner of the Bowman Center sometime in the near future.

Our use of the building will not change. I will meet with Mt. Hood Meadows personnel to finalize the lease in the near future.

#### **Thank you to The Mountain Shop**

I want to give a huge thank you and shout-out to Marcus Stephens, MHSP 1966, for allowing us to hold the OEC class at [The Mountain Shop](#) one night per week January 11 - May 5. We were unable to use any of the usual facilities for the class. Marcus is the owner of The Mountain Shop, was a student in the OEC class, and he graciously allowed us to use the building for the OEC training.

[The Mountain Shop](#) is a full-service outdoor store providing services for skiing, snowboarding, camping, and mountaineering. If you need outdoor gear, please consider taking your business to The Mountain Shop at 2975 NE Sandy Blvd Sandy Boulevard.

#### **Pacific NW Division Convention**

The Wy'east Region, of which MHSP is a part, will host the 2022 Annual Convention in Portland August 12-14. Matt Wood is the Chairperson of the committee putting on the convention. Please mark your calendar for this event and try to attend at least the Saturday training sessions.

#### **2022 Banquet**

We were able to hold our first in-person MHSP Banquet and Awards Ceremony since 2019 on May 21. About 180 people were able to attend. A huge thank you to Sam Lefebber, Jenny Jackson, Mark (Chico) Brooks, Erin Ellis, Courtney Walsh, and Mike Walsh for all your work in putting the event together. It was a total success. Thank you to Matt Wood for being the MC and for keeping things rolling.

Stay tuned for a special Awards Edition of *The Sweep* all about the awards earned by patrollers and hosts.

*Clea Howell*, MHSP Council President



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**Patrolling Area Operations/Showtimes:**

<u>Skibowl:</u> Open. See dispatch and talk to APC.	<u>Timberline:</u> Open. Contact Team leads	<u>Meadows:</u> Closed for the Season	<u>Summit Pass:</u> Closed	<u>Teacup:</u> Closed
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**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

*Courtney Walsh, Council Secretary, HC 1833*

There will not be a General Meeting in June. The next General Membership Meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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## ASSOCIATE OPERATIONS

*Scott Chandler, Associate Director, AS 1811*



Hello patrollers and hosts. For those who don't already know me, my name is Scott Chandler, and I'm the incoming Associate Director.

I am honored to represent the fine people who make up the Associate Patrol portion of MHSP.

I offer a heartfelt thank you to John Howard for his incredible work over the past three years as the Associate Director, and the last five years as a mentor, coach, and friend to me.

Sadly, winter season is winding down, but we have nicer weather, longer days, and summer patrol to look forward to.

So let's fill those dispatch slots, and keep our skills sharp.

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## MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

*Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054*

It was wonderful to see so many Hosts at the MHSP Banquet and Awards Ceremony on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Look for a special Awards Edition of *The Sweep* for info about all the awardees. In the meantime, please help me to congratulate the following Hosts!

**Mountain Host Apprentice of the Year**

Jeff Alexander

**Outstanding Mountain Host of the Year**

Marianne Haluska

**Mountain Host Supervisor of the Year**

Frank Joyce



Congratulations to these three individuals. It was fun to be in the company of fellow members of MHSP after three years!!

### Summer

Early June is a respite time for MHSP Mountain Hosts. In the next few weeks, we will transition to summer support for Timberline and Skibowl.

The date for our Summer Refresher has not been determined. My goal is to have this be an in-person event. However, an available venue has not yet been found. Many of the indoor venues we have used in the past are still restricting access due to the pandemic.

Stand by for more information on that training date, and resort specific responsibilities. If you did not complete your 10 required shifts over the winter, you can make up those shifts this summer.

Here are a few dates we do know!

- The **Summer Adventure Park at Mt Hood Skibowl** is slated to open on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Our support to the Adventure Park focuses on information about the kinds of attractions available, location of the attractions, and age/height/weight restrictions, etc. We also give directions and information to wedding guests and guests attending company picnics.

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- The **Timberline Summer Alpine Pass** is currently on sale. That pass is valid now through Labor Day weekend.
- The **Timberline Bike Park** is slated to open mid-July. The deep spring snow has pushed the opening date out. A bit of regional info: the bike park at Skibowl will not be in operation this summer, so large crowds are expected at Timberline. Our summer support to Timberline focuses on visitors to the historic lodge and the national forest, as well as information for guests using the bike park.

Once we have firm dates for our refresher training and shifts, information will come your way and dispatch will be loaded.

### **Bike Hosting**

If you are interested in Hosting on a bike at Timberline this summer, please contact me. Bike Hosts will attend a refresher training day with the Bike Patrollers sometime in June. Any Hosts wishing to dispatch on bikes will need to attend that training day. Date TBD.

Bike Hosts must have down-trail biking experience, a mountain bike with a minimum of front-end suspension, (full suspension is highly recommended), helmet (with additional protective gear of your own choosing), and an appropriate waist pack or backpack.

### **Summer Fundraisers**

MHSP will resume some of the fundraising events that typically happen in the summer. At these events, MHSP members volunteer in a variety of ways to support an event, in exchange for a donation to MHSP.

For example, on June 10<sup>th</sup>, you will see a 'Community Event' on the Troopiter dispatch site. 6-8 volunteers are needed to act as 'runners' at a silent auction at the Far West Ski Association Convention in Portland. For those 3-4 hours of volunteering, the Northwest Ski Club Council will make a donation to MHSP.

If MHSP supports a fun run or marathon, we typically staff a first-aid tent and/or volunteer at the finish line. We would like all our members to volunteer for at least one fundraiser or training event.

Look for more Community Events to be added to the summer calendar and pitch in if you can.

### **Basic Life Support/CPR**

If you just completed your apprentice year, you now need to be certified in Basic Life Support/CPR before renewing your membership in the fall.

Opportunities to complete that training will be available this summer and early fall. Stand by for announcements of dates and locations.

Many fellow Hosts need to recertify in CPR this year. MHEST is currently lining up classroom/teaching space and instructors. As soon as dates and locations are available, info will come your way.

Our goal is to have opportunities available to you before we get into the fall rush of renewing membership and refresher training.

### **...and finally,**

My thanks to all of you who dispatched this winter. You helped us through a second pandemic winter, and I am grateful. I am looking forward to seeing many of you this summer on the mountain or at a special event.

Hope your summer includes some fun adventures!

Jan

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## FIRST-AID CHIEF

*Matt Wood, First-Aid Chief, HC/BP/AP 1768*

My congratulations and thanks to Will Pardy as the MHSP First-Aid Chief (FAC) from 2018 to 2022

As your incoming FAC, I am happy to inherit an incredibly strong OEC program. I have been fortunate to spend a good amount of time around other patrols in our Division and I truly believe we have one of the strongest and most comprehensive OEC programs in all of NSP.

For the last 5 years, Will Pardy has been one of the linchpins of our program and I owe him a debt of thanks for entrusting me and so many others to teach for him, and for leaving me a robust training program. I'll do my best not to mess it up!

Will served as the FAC starting in the 2018-19 Council year, but in case anyone didn't remember, he first served as course Instructor of Record under 2017-18 FAC Bob Tise.

That year alone we graduated over 30 patrollers, and Will never stopped making improvements and bringing classes along with great OEC skills. By my count, MHSP graduated right around 95 OEC candidates in 5 classes under Will's guidance, including over 50 during the national COVID-19 pandemic.

Will participated in virtually every discussion we ever had about how to deal with all things pandemic-related, including mask-fit tests, social distancing, scene safety & hygiene, and more.



The safety & mitigation programs he and others in MHSP created in the spring & summer of 2020 helped frame overall NSP COVID-19 policies.

Thanks in no small part to Will's efforts, MHSP was one of the first, if not *the* first, volunteer patrols to return to patrolling in summer of 2020.

As a man of many talents, Will also became a hill coach and was instrumental in training many of our Hill apprentices the last few years too, and added Bike Patrol to his resumé as well!

Will – thanks for all your amazing work and helping to give MHSP such a great slate of patrollers in your tenure as FAC.

Congratulations on surviving 4 years as First-Aid Chief!

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## **MT HOOD SKIBOWL SUSPENDS MOUNTAIN BIKE OPERATIONS**

*Matt Rea, MHSP Skibowl APC, HC/BP 1138*

### **Mt. Hood Skibowl Suspends Mountain Biking Operations for Summer 2022**

In early May, Skibowl area management made the difficult decision to suspend all mountain bike operations for summer 2022.

In a statement posted on the Skibowl website, the area stated that the reason for the decision was the “...recent unprecedented plaintiff verdict in a mountain biking lawsuit...”

The statement continued

“After 32 years without a serious mountain bike claim of any kind, the winds have shifted. Our industry has focused heavily on user education and operational best practices, while working hard toward mitigating risk where possible. Eliminating all risks with recreational activities – especially in downhill mountain biking through forests at high speed – is something that is just not possible.

Oregon ski area operators and other recreational outfitters are facing the enormously impactful challenge – recreational liability for activities that are inherently risky. Oregon has seen some significant lawsuits in recent years (now most recently hitting home at Mt. Hood Skibowl) with outcomes that make operating a small, recreational business in the state exceedingly challenging. Liability releases in Oregon currently offer recreation providers with practically little to no protection, and they are less effective as they are in neighboring states and others across the country, which allow for the use of liability waivers in recreational contexts.

Given the current legal landscape in Oregon, the future of Mountain Biking at Mt. Hood Skibowl remains uncertain while we work through the judicial process with hopes to find more effective ways of protection for offering these popular – albeit inherently risky – recreational activities.”

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## **MT HOOD SKIBOWL SUMMER OPERATIONS**

*Matt Rea, MHSP Skibowl APC, HC/BP 1138*

Although there will be no mountain biking activities at Skibowl this summer, the Alpine Slide and all of the other Adventure Park rides and features will be open as usual and the area has asked for patrol assistance.

June 11<sup>th</sup> is Skibowl’s target date for opening summer operations.

### For Summer Duty

- Please report to Guy Catlin or other Skibowl paid patrol staff on duty.
- Please report for duty no later than 10:00 to assist in set-up.
- The area will be open to the public from 11:00 to 18:00.
- MHSP radios will be available in the West FAR.
- Wear a red upper outer with MHSP identifying insignia.
- Bring your stocked MHSP pack although, in all likelihood, you will be working out of the east and west side first-aid rooms.

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Dispatch will be open for up to 3 General Patroller (GP) slots for every weekend and holiday day from June 11<sup>th</sup> until the end of September.

Those slots are open for any qualified MHSP patroller and any of you are encouraged to get summer days in as your schedule allows – that includes any of our newly qualified rookie patrollers.

As always, the benefit for a summer day of patrolling at Skibowl will be a voucher that can be used for summer adventure park features or for a winter lift ticket (good for 1 year from date of issuance).

MHSP Skibowl Team members, please dispatch summer days to fulfill your area commitments (1 summer day for a single season pass / 2 summer days for a family pass).

Thanks, and have a great summer! Call me if you have questions about Skibowl summer duty.

Matt

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## **ATTENTION ALL WALKERS**

***Dina Peganoff, MHSP Hoodlums Coordinator, MHSP 1531***

Did you know Mt. Hood Ski Patrol has a Portland to Coast walking team?

We do! The Hoodlums!

We are a fun bunch of patrollers, alumni, and family members who enjoy walking the 130 miles to Seaside where we debrief for the weekend at a beach house and soak our sore feet in the ocean. We are currently looking for 4 to possibly 6 walkers to join our team. This year's Portland to Coast will be August 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. We are a co-ed team of 12 total walkers.

The Hoodlums have been around since 1996 and the founder is Kathy Lee. Kathy has given up walking in the event but still a vital part of the team. We have not been able to walk the past 2 years due to COVID-19 but we are now ready to start walking!

No experience is necessary and all that is needed is a willingness to walk and have fun!

If you would like to join the Hoodlums, please reach out to Dina Peganoff at [dinapeganoff@gmail.com](mailto:dinapeganoff@gmail.com).



2020 Hoodlums team.

Front Row (L-R): John Howard, Steve Potter, James Schuler, Craig Savage, Margaret Usher, Dawn Moore, Lori Neal, Dina Peganoff, Gayle Maize.  
Middle Row (L-R): Kathy Lee, Ed Taylor  
Back Row (L-R): Larry Cahill, Bill Nigh, Cleo Howell, Carol Howell, Anne Pernichele, Dave Nead.  
Seaside, OR, Promenade Beach,  
August 19, 2019,

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# CALENDAR

[MHSP Google Calendar](#)

## June

- 3, 4, 5 Wy'east Nuts and Bolts Clinic, 0700-1500 each day, Timberline Ski Area
- 6 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; ([tinyurl.com/MHSPCouncilMeeting](https://tinyurl.com/MHSPCouncilMeeting))
- 10 Northwest Ski Club Council Silent Auction, 1800-2100
- 21 PNWD Educational / Safety Culture 4 All -Zoom, 1830-2000
- 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter deadline, 1800
- 28 Apprentice Orientation, Ida B. Wells-Barnett High School, 18:30-21:30

## July

- 11 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; ([tinyurl.com/MHSPCouncilMeeting](https://tinyurl.com/MHSPCouncilMeeting))
- 19 PNWD Educational / Safety Culture 4 All -Zoom, 1830-2000
- 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter deadline, 1800

## August

- 1 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; ([tinyurl.com/MHSPCouncilMeeting](https://tinyurl.com/MHSPCouncilMeeting))
  - 16 PNWD Educational / Safety Culture 4 All -Zoom, 1830-2000
  - 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter deadline, 1800
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