



The March 2020 Sweep

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

We've passed the midpoint of our season and I hope your days on the mountain have been filled with good snow and fond memories. At this time, we also begin to look forward to the warmer and longer days to come.



However, please don't forget that we still have many days yet to fulfill our commitment to the ski areas and to each other.

As I mentioned last month, this is also the time when we should think about the people we've worked with and who stood out among others this season.

In truth, all members of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, by virtue of their commitment and effort, have already gone above and beyond what is required. But, among our membership, certain people should be recognized for their efforts and recommended for the annual awards at our Banquet.

The awards are listed in our Wiki under the Administration Menu. That's where you'll see a list of all the awards, a description of each award, and past recipients

of those awards.

I'm always surprised when someone asks me about things that are posted on the Wiki but say they have never accessed it and don't know how to find it. So here is a link: <https://mthoodskipatrol.org/wiki/>

While you're there, you should also take a look around at some of the other information posted. You'll see that our Wiki page is a huge resource for almost any question you may have, but were afraid to ask, about MHSP.

In particular, look at the MHSP Policy and Procedures. Also, you should be familiar with our Bylaws section. These two sections are extremely important for all MHSP members.

By this time, you should have received an invitation to our annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony where we welcome new members who have worked so hard in training, and also celebrate our Hosts and Patrollers who have exemplified the best of who we are.

Please respond to the [invitation](#) as soon as possible to help our Banquet Committee set final preparations.

Thank you all for what you do!

James Schuler, MHSP Council President

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Patrolling Area Operations/Showtimes:

Skibowl: Open
 Tube Hill open.
 Check with APCs
 for Team times
 and other
 openings.

Timberline: Open
 0730 Arrive at FAR
 0745 Morning
 Meeting
 0800 Out the Door
 1600 Final Sweep

Meadows: Open
 Contact APC for
 teams and times

Summit: Open
 Contact APC for
 times

Teacup: Open
 Mon-Thu 1000 to
 1500
 Fri-Sun 0900 to
 1600

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Matt Rea, MHSP Council Junior Trustee, HC/NP 1138

March 9th, 2020

When: 1900 to 2200

Where: Providence Portland Medical Center
 4805 NE Glisan St
 Portland, OR 97213, USA

Speaker: AT&T Representative on Patroller access to First Net (see article on page 10)

MOUNTAIN OPS UPDATE

Rachel Leiber, Patrol Chief, HC 1687

As your Patrol Chief, I have the opportunity to support and listen to many members, processing a variety of difficult situations.

The first half of our season has, in some ways, been like many in the past, with bluebird joyriding days and stormy slogs. This season has also offered some new, very sad and complicated situations.

Many of us take those events in stride, but I feel this is also a good time to pause to reflect.

To those directly involved in tough cases: you have faced these situations with courage, humility, and empathy for the guests and other patrollers involved.

To those supporting, it is the strength of the relationships you have with each other that help your fellow patrollers through tough times.

Your leaders and I recognize the physical and mental toughness you each bring to this job - each day - each shift - and we want you to know that we are here to help you.

Please do not hesitate to reach out for support or to find time to chat. If you would like to speak with someone privately don't hesitate to reach out to Mike Vermace, Chaplain, Clackamas County mikevermace@gmail.com, who can provide additional services covered by MHSP.



SKIBOWL EIRF GUIDELINES

Mike Levis, Skibowl APC, AS 1742

First, I have accepted the position as an APC for Skibowl. I am excited to be your representative along with Matt Harms.

Filling out the Electronic Injury Report Form (eIRF)

As you are all aware, there have been many changes at Skibowl over the last two years. One of the more significant changes has been the use of eIRFs, and the expectations around the information in the eIRFs.

So, Skibowl has asked that we make a special focus on the quality of the eIRFs. Several areas of the eIRF need to improve. In particular:

- 1) Understand the difference between an IRF (or eIRF), a Minor Injury Form, and a Refusal Form and when it is appropriate to use each.
- 2) At the very minimum always get patient name, age, address, phone number, statement, and signature. However, **a full eIRF should always be completed prior to any patient leaving the first-aid room.**
- 3) Incidents involving ANY lift (includes conveyors, rope tows, and handle tows), ANY on-premise location (except ski runs), ANY Skibowl equipment, ANY collision with guest or tree, ANY potentially life-altering injury, ANY inflammatory statements, or death must be immediately reported to the patrol supervisor for the day. Further documentation will be required for these incidents.
- 4) **Ask and answer all questions required or not required.** You don't get to choose which questions you think apply or don't; fill out all portions of the eIRF. If something doesn't apply draw a line or type a minus sign (-); **do not leave it blank** and do not write n/a.

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5) The patient statement section must be completed, all portions of it. The "Patient Statement Box" and the "How the Incident Could Have Been Avoided" box should both look like this:

Patient stated: " _____."

6) Never leave the Responder Comments section blank; be thorough, paint a picture, include SAMPLE responses, AxO LOC status, the ABC's, and CSM's status, at a minimum.

Associate Supervisors

Associate Supervisors (AS) are responsible for reviewing ALL eIRFs (in addition to paper form submissions) on their particular shift, and to correct any mistakes that are found. This review needs to be done before the AS leaves for the day.

BIKE PATROL – SUMMER 2020

Stephen Barnett, Bike Patrol APC, HS/AP 1858

After many discussions with our area resorts and MHSP Leadership, we are launching an official MHSP Bike Patrol for this upcoming summer season.

To become a MHSP certified Bike Patroller, a skills test (think of it more like a checkride) and an annual area orientation will be required. Once certified, a Bike Patroller can dispatch for shifts at the Timberline Bike Park, as well as at Skibowl.

We are not expecting our Bike Patrollers to be expert riders – you just need to have solid intermediate skills and the ability to comfortably get down most of the trails to a 10-50.

We are also requiring a commitment of four summer days as a Bike Patroller. This works out to only about one day per month in the summer season (note that Bike Patrol days will count towards the eight-day minimum).

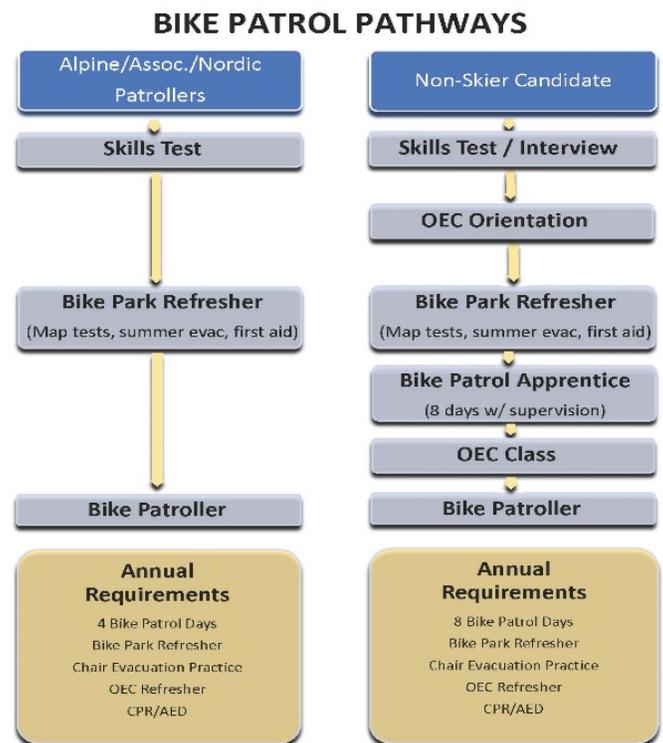
The general requirements are presented in the graphic to the right →.

We are also planning to open tryouts to non-skiers to help with the demand for Bike Patrollers at Timberline. These candidates will conduct their on-hill training on the mountain during the summer (shadowing a certified Bike Patroller), and will follow that training with the OEC class in the fall.

They will be required to attend all the same training that skiers do, but they will just do their training days and fulfill their commitments during the summer months. If you have friends who may be interested – please let them know!

No worries if you are not a mountain biker – you can still dispatch as a Ski Patroller at Timberline, or as a General Patroller at Skibowl – just like previous years.

More information and dates for skills testing and area orientations will be coming out in the next month. If you have questions or just want to express your interest, please drop me a line at jstephen.barnett@gmail.com, or call me at 503.805.3395.



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NORDIC OPERATIONS

Steve Potter, Nordic Director, NP/AP 1630

I often get questions from fellow patrollers about the Nordic program and, in particular, about the “Dual Patroller.”

A dual Alpine/Nordic or Associate/Nordic patroller is qualified to patrol both as an Alpine or Associate patroller and as a Nordic Patroller at Teacup Nordic Ski Area. Dual patrollers provide a significant contribution to area coverage and are valued members of the Nordic team.

Dual patrollers are required to patrol a minimum of four days at Teacup Lake during the season and attend annual On-The-Hill training in November. The requirements to become a Dual Patroller are the same as to become a full time Nordic Patroller, and are as follows:

1. Have advanced Nordic skiing skills
2. Minimum of five years of backcountry or Nordic area experience
3. Pass a ski and endurance test (hauling an empty sled)
4. Complete Avalanche 1 and MTR 1 training
5. Successfully complete the OSSA Searcher Examination
6. Maintain positive relationships with guests, area management, and the Hood River County Sheriff.

If you are a Nordic skier and would like to check out the MHSP Nordic program, please contact the Nordic Director at nordicdirector@mhsp.org. I would love to hear from you and increase our membership to provide better Nordic area coverage.

Should any MHSP member wish to ski at Teacup Lake, come over anytime and enjoy the trails. Please do not wear your MHSP uniform. If you wish to ski with the on-duty patrollers simply contact me and we will coordinate. Parking is limited and on bluebird days the parking strip may fill up so carpooling is recommended.

Thanks for volunteering!

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054

The Calm Before the Storm

Mountain Hosts love February!



In February the crowds coming into the lodges aren't quite as big as they are in December and January. We see the pass lines calm down and the rental shop lines calm down. We can actually move around the lodges engaging with guests, rather than just quickly ushering them into the appropriate line, and we can devote more time to helping guests out on the slopes.

Mountain Hosts love February!

March has arrived and typically we see a change in the weather patterns above 4,000 feet. Fewer storms of deep snowfall, but we MHSP Hosts have two storms on the front that come every March.

Storms that are not of the snowy variety, but the people variety. Very predictable storms that happen every year!

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The first storm is the sale of spring passes! Timberline's Spring Pass goes on sale on March 4th. This means that those pass and rental shop lines will be crushed with guests again for the weekends of March 7th and 8th, and again the weekend of March 14th and 15th.

We will be "All Hands on Deck" once again, so I am asking all Hosts to please check your calendars and make sure to dispatch for a shift during those two weekends.

The second storm is the Oregon Public Schools spring break week. The dates this year are March 23rd through March 27th. This means that the resorts will be swamped from Saturday, March 21st through Sunday, March 29th.

We will have dispatch open for additional Hosts and Host Apprentices at Timberline during spring break week. In order to open dispatch during these midweek days we need Supervisors on deck, so please dispatch if you are able.

Spring break is a great opportunity to get shifts in toward completing your required 10 winter days on the mountain. We have eight weekends and spring break week left this winter before the close of the season in May.

Keep in mind that Skibowl often closes the second weekend in April. Please evaluate your completed shifts now and dispatch to make sure you get 10 shifts in!

Recognition

Now is the time of the year that we need to be thinking about who to recognize as outstanding contributors in the Host membership for the 2019-2020 season.

We have three annual recognitions that we present each year: the Outstanding Mountain Host, Host Supervisor of the Year, and Mountain Host Apprentice of the Year.

If you have someone you feel is deserving of one of these recognitions, I encourage you to send your nomination my way! This recognition comes from us, so I would really like to hear your thoughts!

And please make plans to attend the MHSP Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, May 16th. The event is being held at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver this year. This is always a very nice event and a great opportunity to witness the scope of accomplishments that MHSP members contribute to the recreation community every year.

Always makes me very proud!

Hope to see you soon on the hill, and, brace for those coming storms!

BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY 2020

Courtney Walsh, Banquet Committee, HP 1833

Dear Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Family,

It's that time again!

You are invited to the 2020 MHSP Banquet and Awards Ceremony on May 16th.

Invitations were sent via email on Tuesday February 25th, 2020. Check your inbox (search "2020 MHSP Banquet and Awards Ceremony Invitation" if you don't see it) and RSVP ASAP.



We've made a few changes this year to (hopefully) make some improvements:

- lower ticket price
- more social time at the beginning of the evening
- a completely free raffle (no additional raffle tickets will be sold; everyone has an equal opportunity to win!)
- (again) a staffed coat / purse check.

We have a cap on the number of attendees for our space this year, so tickets are limited. Please RSVP early to ensure you can come if you want to.

Photo Contest

We are having our annual Photo Contest again this year; the winners will again receive prizes! Please send photo contest submissions to Madalyn Seyer at jbseyer@yahoo.com.

Raffle Donations

This has been a fun and successful way for MHSP members to share skills and services. Those who want to donate to the raffle can do so using the RSVP form.

NO RSVP WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER SUNDAY MAY 10th, 2020.

Please use the link below to RVSP "yes" or "no" – a "no" RSVP (instead of no response at all or an email to me) takes less than a minute, and is SO helpful for tracking and planning.

[\(Click here to open your invitation and RSVP\)](#)

A copy of your completed RSVP form will be emailed to you automatically upon submission. If you don't receive one (and you've checked your spam folder) feel free to RSVP again, and be sure to hit "submit" at the end.

When

Saturday, May 16th, 2020, 1600-2200

Where

[The Heathman Lodge](#)

7801 NE Greenwood Dr.

Vancouver, WA 98662

Fort Vancouver Ballroom

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Ticket Price

\$35 (*tickets purchased after April 25th are \$45*) – Each ticket includes: 3-course plated dinner, dessert, four raffle tickets, and one gift from MHSP.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if attending the Banquet is difficult because of the price of the ticket – we can try to make something work for you.

Attire

Let's get (somewhat) fancy!

Room Reservations

We have a block of discounted Deluxe Level rooms for our group, "Mt. Hood Ski Patrol," for Friday May 15th and Saturday May 16th. They will be held for us up until Friday April 24th. If the block fills up (first come, first served!), those who mention they are part of the "Mt. Hood Ski Patrol" group will still receive the discounted rate of \$131 per night (plus taxes), as long as there is availability.

Call (360) 254-3100 to make your reservation.

Please don't hesitate to email me at veganvittles@gmail.com if you have any questions.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Matt Wood, MHSP Awards Committee Chairman, HC/AP 1768

We're in March already, teams are dialed in, apprentices are halfway through their training and the snow is (mostly) great!

With the Banquet just 10 weeks away (see the article from your most excellent Banquet Committee! above), it's time for everyone (anyone!) to be thinking about nominations for outstanding service and performance on patrol.

Apprentices should consider nominations for Hill or Associate or Host Coach of the Year.

All other patrollers and Hosts should be thinking of their favorite Alpine and Associate patrollers, as well as Hosts of the year. Hill Captain, Associate Supervisor, and Host Supervisors (or any other superstars) are up for nomination for their due recognition also.

You can submit nominations to any member of the council or the entire council at council@mhsp.simplelists.com.

We hope to see a lot of nominations in the coming weeks!

Your VP and awards coordinator.



WE NEED YOUR INPUT FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL

Cleo Howell, Senior Trustee, MHSP #1444

We need your input about who you want on the Council next year. Elections for Council positions will begin in late March and will end at the April 13th General Meeting.

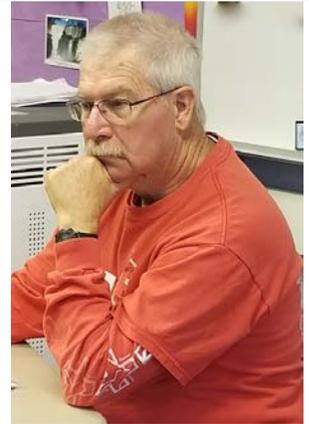
All Council positions, except for Middle and Senior Trustees, are up for election. The open positions are President, Vice-President, Patrol Chief, First-Aid Chief, Secretary, Treasurer, Associate Director, Nordic Director, Mountain Host Director, and Junior Trustee.

As of this writing there are no candidates for Treasurer or Junior Trustee.

The nominating committee members are Moira Bono, Glen Anderson, John Cartwright, Terry Niedermeyer, and myself. If you are interested in running for a position, or if you want to nominate someone, please contact any of the nominating committee members.

A candidate for the Council must be a member in good standing and have at least three active patrol years. Nominations must be received by the middle of March.

We will continue to conduct the elections electronically this year as we did last year. That means that you must have a current e-mail address. Please make sure that your e-mail address is current in the roster.



2020 ELECTION BALLOTS

Michael Cummings, Communications Committee, AP/NP 1837

Your 2020 MHSP Officers ballot will be sent to your email of record on March 31st, 2020, at 0900 PST. Patrollers and Hosts will have approximately two weeks to complete their ballot.

The final submission is due by April 13th, 2020, at 1930 PST. Both prior to receiving your ballot and after the ballot is distributed you will receive several reminders regarding completion and submission of your ballot.

It takes two minutes or less to complete and submit a ballot. Simply click on the first candidate that appears on the ballot, click OK, and then begin the completion of your ballot.

If you have any concerns regarding ballot completion, please contact Michael Cummings at mfccep@gmail.com.

AT&T PARTNERSHIP PROVIDES ACCESS TO FIRSTNET

Media Announcement from National Ski Patrol (NSP)

NSP's newest agreement gives it and NSP members access to FirstNet, built with AT&T. FirstNet is the nationwide wireless communications network designed for first responders and those who support them.

And now verified, OEC-certified ski patrol directors, patrol reps, and ski patrollers are eligible to sign up for FirstNet as first responders.

In the next several days, Patrol Directors will receive an email that provides more details about the service, along with information about where and how to confirm OEC-certified patrollers on your roster, so that these patrollers can find out about the benefits they get when they sign up for FirstNet.



Firstnet First Responders Get:

- A nationwide network with a dedicated core and priority access in times of congestion – giving you a communication “fast lane” – and preemption capabilities
- Highly secure, seamless access to the network, apps, and databases you need
- A security operations center that monitors FirstNet 24/7/365
- Access to enhanced push-to-talk technology to complement your LMR network and allow you to collaborate with others on FirstNet
- Ability to send images and video to the emergency room quickly and with high security – allowing doctors to assess patient injuries in near real time
- Ability to turn ambulances into mobile hotspots so you can get access to the ER and personnel you need to save lives
- And a FirstNet App Catalog that offers relevant and highly secure apps built just for you.

You can learn more about FirstNet by downloading [this fact sheet](#) and at firstnet.com. You can also learn more about FirstNet and how it supports first responders in [this article](#) from CNet.

AT&T has provided two guides that will help you and your patrollers access this important service.

- ***The NSP Local Control Overview*** outlines how Patrol Directors can upload eligible patrollers from your roster to the AT&T system, so they can gain access to the network.
- ***The Paid User Guide*** provides patrollers information about how they can set up and manage their accounts, and how to make sure they have the right equipment to use with FirstNet.

Both documents are available for download by going to the Telecom Program page. Go to nsp.org, log in, and, from the Programs drop down menu, click on Telecommunications. Scroll down below the program description and the Division Advisors. You'll find the documents related to FirstNet in the first, left-hand column, right under the FAQ. They will also be posted on the Manage Patrol Roster page, accessed from the Patrol Rep/ Director menu in the next few days.

If you have specific technical questions about the service and how it would be useful for your patrol, please contact telecom@nsp.serves.org.

For specific questions about the service, please contact FirstNet customer support at 1-800-574-7000.

HISTORY CORNER – MARCH 2020

Lisa Wilberding Hargrave, MHSP Historian, SHC/AS 1053

Patrol Life in the 1960's

Patrolling looked a bit different before handheld radios, internet, email, and texting.

There were no teams and no pre-dispatch. Early each Saturday and Sunday morning all patrollers wishing to patrol that day met at Dispatch (originally in the basement of Darr's Mountain Shop in the present-day location of Charlie's and, after 1967, at the current Ski Patrol "Govy building").

A Hill Captain was assigned to act as dispatcher and variously assigned patrollers to Multorpor, Ski Bowl (this is how it was spelled at the time!), Summit, and Timberline. There were few paid patrollers and patrolling was a numbers game back then. So peer pressure and patrol culture decreed that no patroller should be seen hanging out in Govy on a rainy day

Without radio communication, cases were either discovered by roaming patrollers or a guest would personally report injured skiers to a lift attendant who would phone the report to the upper terminal. Patrollers were assigned in pairs to ski specific lifts during a shift (usually two hours on and two hours off), so there was coverage across the mountain. This was before Associates, so patrollers had to stay with their patient from the hill, to the aid room, to loading them for the ride home.

Timberline patrollers ended the duty day by sweeping the Glade and Alpine trails down to Government Camp. Old timers tell some wild tales of those evenings. To allow time for skiers to complete their trail runs, the patrollers would follow the Mad Men sensibility of the time and join the après ski crowd at the Blue Ox Bar for a brew or two before heading out.

Being the last patrollers on the hill, the sweepers took an Akja with them. Some nights there would be more than one injury on the trail so multiple patients would be wedged into a single sled and taken to Dr. George's clinic (the "Paradise" cabin located behind The Lodge at Government Camp on Meldrum Street).

Around 1966 Oregon's Congressional delegation went to bat for the patrol leading the US Forest Service to build the Govy Building for the use of MHSP. It became the center for dispatch and the treatment of trail patients. The building has been remodeled a time or two since then but you can still see the three sets of double doors going straight through today's kitchen into the old clinic room in the back.



Left to right: Jackie Michelle, Barb Petrie,
Jack Mitchem, John Garren
Photo Circa 1960's



Keith Petrie First Aid Chief
Timberline Lodge Parking lot
Photo Circa 1960's

CALENDAR

March

- 2 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D, 1900-2200
- 7 Ski The Glade, Timberline to Government Camp, 0830-1700
- 8 Avalanche Refresher, Module 2, Location TBD, 0800-1630
- 9 MHSP General Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Social Room, 1900-2100
- 14 MHSP Tryouts, Government Camp Govy Bldg, 0700-1600
- 15 Senior OET Clinics - Finals, Mt Hood Meadows, 0800 - 1500
- 21 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 1800
- 28 Senior OEC, Summit Ski Area, Time TBD

April

- 5 Senior OEC, Summit, 0700-1200
- 5 Bridge to Brews Race, Time TBD
- 6 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D - 1900
- 13 MHSP General Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Social Room, 1900-2100
- 18 Senior OEC Finals, Mt Hood Skibowl, 0700-1200
- 18 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 1800

May

- 2 Cinco de Mayo Race, Kliever Armory, 10000 NE 33rd Dr., Portland, 0745-1200
 - 4 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D, 1900-2200
 - 16 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 1800
 - 16 Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony
Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Dr., Vancouver, WA, 1600 - 2200
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