



The Sweep

May 2021

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2020/2021 ski season is now winding down. Soon, we begin our preparations for summer patrolling and the Annual Refreshers for the 2021/2022 season to come.

In June, we'll meet once again for a Virtual Awards Ceremony to celebrate the past season, present awards to those individuals who have gone above and beyond providing exceptional effort in service to others, and also to enjoy the company of our membership.



I personally thank you all for making this a successful season under difficult conditions.

Since this will be my last President's article in *The Sweep*, I want to say that I'm truly honored and humbled to have been your President over the last two years. Mt. Hood Ski Patrol is truly an amazing organization, and I'm proud to have been a part of it for the last twenty-plus years.

I want to thank Cleo Howell for stepping up as incoming President. Cleo will be a strong and steady guide for the new Council. I also congratulate and thank Margaret Usher for stepping into the Junior Trustee position. Her previous Council experience will make her a great asset.

Most of all, I want to thank those Council members who will continue in their elected positions. They've brought amazing talent and energy to their tasks, working diligently over the last several years. Their efforts have resulted in many needed changes and improvements while streamlining our administrative processes.

Most notably, they rescued our ski season(s) from the clutches of a very nasty pandemic. Please give them your continued support in the year to come.

Many thanks also to all of the Trainers, Instructors, IT's, APC's, Region Representatives, and Support Members.

Thanks also to our Host Members for all of your work on-hill and in support of our OEC Class Instructors.

Many thanks to all of our recruiters and fundraisers. It truly takes an army to keep our patrol as successful as you've made it.

Finally, please remember that our season is not over. It is transitioning to summer activities and we still have many Dispatch requirements (and opportunities) over the coming months.

'Till we meet again, virtually and in-person, stay safe and enjoy some well-deserved sunshine.

James Schuler, MHSP Council President

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<u>Patrolling Area Operations/Showtimes:</u>				
<u>Skibowl</u> : Closed	<u>Timberline</u> : Open Contact team leads	<u>Meadows</u> : Closed	<u>Summit</u> : Closed	<u>Teacup</u> : Closed

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING / JUNE VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY
Courtney Walsh, Council Secretary, HC 1833

In lieu of an in-person Banquet and Awards Ceremony, there will be no General Membership Meeting in May.

The 2021 Virtual MHSP Awards Ceremony will be:

Friday June 18th, 2021

Connection information will be relayed via email and also on the [MHSP Google Calendar](#) (accessed via [Troopiter](#) or the [MHSP Wiki](#)).

MESSAGE FROM THE VP

Matt Wood, MHSP Vice President, HC/AP 1768

Bylaws - New Amendment Pending for Bikes

This is to advise all members there will be a new Bylaws amendment proposal and discussion coming in May for a vote in June. We have received much more information from NSP and Division that allow us to move ahead with formalizing our Bike Patrol program.

This amendment will be a small change in language for a big deal for our patrol, which will be to create a Bike Patroller class and allow for us to graduate our bike-only candidates who have been working hard for months in OEC!

We will host three "Town Hall" events to introduce the amendment language and intent and to get feedback from any members who wish to attend.

Proposed dates for the online Town Hall are:

Monday May 17th

Wednesday May 19th

Tuesday June 1st



Based on feedback from membership, the final version of the draft amendment will be reviewed in the June Council meeting and put to a vote on or about Tuesday June 15th, with the vote closing on Friday June 25th.

Stay tuned for email invitations with meeting links for the Town Hall events. Please attend if you can!

Awards

May will be decision time for awards. Please get your nominations in to any Council member, a discipline advisor (Avy, MTR, OEC, OET) or to awards@mthoodskipatrol.org soon!

MOUNTAIN OPERATIONS UPDATE

Dave Winterling, Patrol Chief, HP 1806

Fellow Members,

As of this writing, Skibowl, Summit, and Teacup are now closed for the winter season, and the last day at Meadows will be Saturday May 1st. Coming into this pandemic year, we all had real concerns.

Now looking back, it feels like on-hill operations went really well, and that those who were able to dispatch had a great winter season. I've heard comments along these lines from many of our members over the last few weeks. Many thanks to all of our members for being flexible and cheerful through this different and challenging year!

Having said that, the MHSP calendar keeps moving, and you'll see separate articles in this issue from our APCs re: summer operations at Timberline and Skibowl. Please join us for some summer days - either on bikes or on the snow at Timberline. With the Winter Olympics scheduled for 2022, the US Ski Team (and other national ski teams) will be training hard on Palmer this summer.



Here's an update on the results from the fundraising ski race event for MHSP held on April 11th at Timberline. The event was organized and coordinated by PACRAT and the Mt. Hood Adult Racing Club, which have been strong long-term supporters of our organization.

This year's event netted \$6300 for MHSP, an AMAZING total which was donated by the members of those organizations and others who participated on race day. This is an incredible level of support from our fellow mountain community members.

Please give a big THANKS to the people you know who are members of PACRAT, and the Mt. Hood Adult Racing Club. Special thanks also to Greg Dilger, who has been coordinating these fundraising events every year.

Interviews are done and offers are being extended for the 21/22 apprentice class, and it looks like we'll have a "full" class with (35) candidates, plus 4-5 on the wait list. At this point we have (19) hill, (6) associate, and (8) Nordic, plus two spots left open for bike patrollers since bike tryouts are tentatively scheduled for June 12th. Many thanks to Glen Anderson and all those who helped with recruiting, tryouts, and interviewing.

As discussed at the April General Meeting, Council has discussed and approved replacing the Pieps avy beacons our patrollers use at Skibowl - this decision was driven by a Pieps product recall. Several current beacon models were evaluated, and the Tracker 4 was selected for our Skibowl teams.

Mike Levis will be placing a big order soon with BCA, and recently sent an email to all members re: an offer to purchase additional personal Tracker 4 beacons at the same steep discount, about 8% lower than the NSP "Pro Deal" pricing. Let Mike know soon if you want to be included in that purchase.

Also, Mike is looking for feedback from patrollers who would be interested in taking Avy 2 next year; it would be good to put plans in place now. Send Mike an e-mail if you're interested.

Congratulations to Paul Munn, who was voted in as a new Associate Patroller at the April Council meeting, and who already dispatched for several patrol days in the following weeks.

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Paul Van Der Bosch, who coordinates the MHSP YAP program, presented a proposal at the April Council Meeting to restart the YAP program for the 21/22 winter season. The program was suspended this last winter season due to the pandemic.

Council approved Paul's proposal, which included a name change to "SPY" (Ski Patrol Youth), plus some specifics on additional training content so that program graduates are well-positioned to eventually join as regular patrollers.

As mentioned in last month's edition of *The Sweep*, we'll need to update our Bylaws (again) to add language for bikes-only patrollers within MHSP. Council will review the proposed revision at the May meeting, and forward language for membership consideration in May, followed by a membership vote which will be required to approve this change.

Hoping to see many of you "on the hill" this summer!

Stay safe, Dave W

ASSOCIATE OPERATIONS

John Howard, Associate Director, AS 90227

Thank you all who voted in the last election. I am proud to continue to serve as Associate Director.

Please keep in mind that Timberline Teams run until the end of May. If you need days there is plenty of spring skiing at Timberline. By the time you read this, Palmer should be turning.

Have a great spring and stay healthy.



MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054



While it was exhausting at times, this has been one of the most memorable and successful winter seasons on the mountain I can remember.

Our COVID-19 protocols became second nature, and our Host members embraced the changes in our procedures to the success of all. I'm sure none of us will forget this winter!

My greatest wish is to resume a more typical winter season next year!

Despite the challenges this year, two Hosts completed training as Supervisors early in the season and we began training three additional Supervisors.

We successfully trained an apprentice group and we are on track to dispatch to Timberline this summer.

I am so pleased that the constraints of the season didn't inhibit our forward growth in leadership, membership and service to the resorts.

Voting

I was delighted to see the results in the changes made to the MHSP Bylaws in March resulting in Mountain Hosts being eligible to run for the Council officer positions of Secretary and Treasurer. This provides a wonderful opportunity for our membership to serve in Council leadership. I hope to see one of you throw your hat in the ring in the future.

Serving on Council is a very rewarding and educational experience. If you have a desire to shape the role of Mountain Hosts and your own experience within MHSP, this is the avenue! And anyone may attend MHSP Council meetings at any time.

Meetings are open to all members and the public at large. If you want to learn 'how the sausage is made,' attend a Council meeting. Right now it's really easy, because all the meetings are virtual; you can enjoy them from the comfort of your Easy Boy! Go to the [MHSP Calendar](#) for a link. Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 1900.

And thank you to all of you who voted in the election of Council officers last month. Mountain Host members had a strong showing of 50% of active members voting.

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Looking Ahead

In the coming weeks we will prepare for Summer Adventure Park at Skibowl and summer support to the Timberline Bike Park and tourist crowds. At this time our plan is to go into the summer season using the COVID-19 protocols that are currently in place, until further notice.

We will have a summer refresher training session in late May or early June, and dispatch for summer will open in June.

Last month I erroneously stated that one Foot Duty dispatch opportunity would be available at Timberline each Saturday and Sunday.

I should have correctly stated that 2-3 Foot Duty opportunities and 2 Bike Host slots each Saturday and Sunday would be available.

All shifts at Skibowl will be Foot Duty only.

Recognition

We are down to the wire to nominate fellow Hosts for recognition for the 2020-2021 season. Any Host may make a nomination for the Outstanding Mountain Host of the Year, Host Apprentice of the Year, and Host Supervisor of the Year.

Please contact me with your nominations no later than Sunday May 2nd. Announcement of the recipients will be made at our Annual Awards Banquet, which will take place virtually on Friday June 18th. Hope you all join us!

Finally....

Will we go back to doing all the things as we used to next winter? The answer is, right now, we don't know. Hopefully six months from now the health of our state and the level of the pandemic will allow us to resume the duty stations we had to forego this winter. Hopefully we will only wear a mask and gloves when the thermometer hits 25 degrees Fahrenheit. Time will tell.

For now, we will continue our safety measures.

Many thanks to all of you who did shifts this winter. Several Hosts and Host Supervisors were on the mountain almost every week, representing us and keeping things running.

To those who took a step back this winter, I sincerely hope to see you this summer or next fall!

Jan

SUMMER PATROL DUTY

MT. HOOD SKIBOWL

Matt Rea, Skibowl APC, HP 1138

Thanks again to all you hard working volunteers who patrolled and hosted regularly at Mt. Hood Skibowl this past winter. We just wrapped up a great spring ski season in mid-April. There is still plenty of snow on the mountain and it will take a bit of time for that to melt off so the Adventure Park and Mountain Park Trails are open to the public.

Skibowl is currently planning for a “soft opening” of summer season (Lower Bowl lift only) on Saturday, June 11th with full opening as soon as possible after that. There is also an MHSP Bike Patrol Tryout scheduled for June 12th at Skibowl. See the article from the Bike Patrol APC in the April edition of *The Sweep* for details on that session and bike patrolling in general.

Please go online and dispatch for your Skibowl summer days. Remember that those of you who signed on to a team and requested a Skibowl Mountain Pass for this year committed to either 1 or 2 days of summer duty depending on whether or not you took a family or single pass.

Additionally, for those of you who have not completed the minimum days of patrolling this season, summer days on the mountain do count! You do NOT have to be a Skibowl team member to sign up for summer patrol days at Skibowl.

Dispatch is open weekends through the summer. The maximum number of patrollers to dispatch on weekend days is two General Patrollers (GP) and two Bike Patrollers (BP). There will be Friday and mid-week slots opening as well.

At the present time, Skibowl is continuing to operate under the same COVID-19 precautions as were in place last year. That will include use of Pop-Up First Aid Rooms (PUFARs) outside the fixed West and East-side FARs. Due to ongoing pandemic concerns, there are no big events currently scheduled at Skibowl, although that may change as the summer progresses.

Summer operating hours are Saturdays and Sundays are from 1100–1900. MHSP is requested to report to the West Side First-Aid Room 30 minutes after opening. Please check in with the paid patroller on duty when you arrive. Dismissal is typically after 6 hours.

We use Skibowl radios during the summer. We ask that you follow the paid patrol requests for the day but, generally, we are expected to be available to respond to cases on the hill and in both First-Aid Rooms. It is not necessary to keep a patroller in the FAR except when we are working on cases.

Be prepared to handle lots and lots of abrasion injuries. Occasionally there may be serious trauma cases, especially when there are bike races going on. You will also be asked to sign a waiver for summer patrol duty.

Summer uniform for Skibowl is generally any comfortable red shirt or jacket with identifying MHSP insignia plus your first-aid pack, fanny pack or vest, and closed-toe shoes.

Summer benefits include the volunteer's choice of either one Action Pass (includes all events) or two Adventure Passes (slide, bike, smaller activities) for each day worked.

TIMBERLINE

Dave MacIntyre, APC Timberline, HC 1689

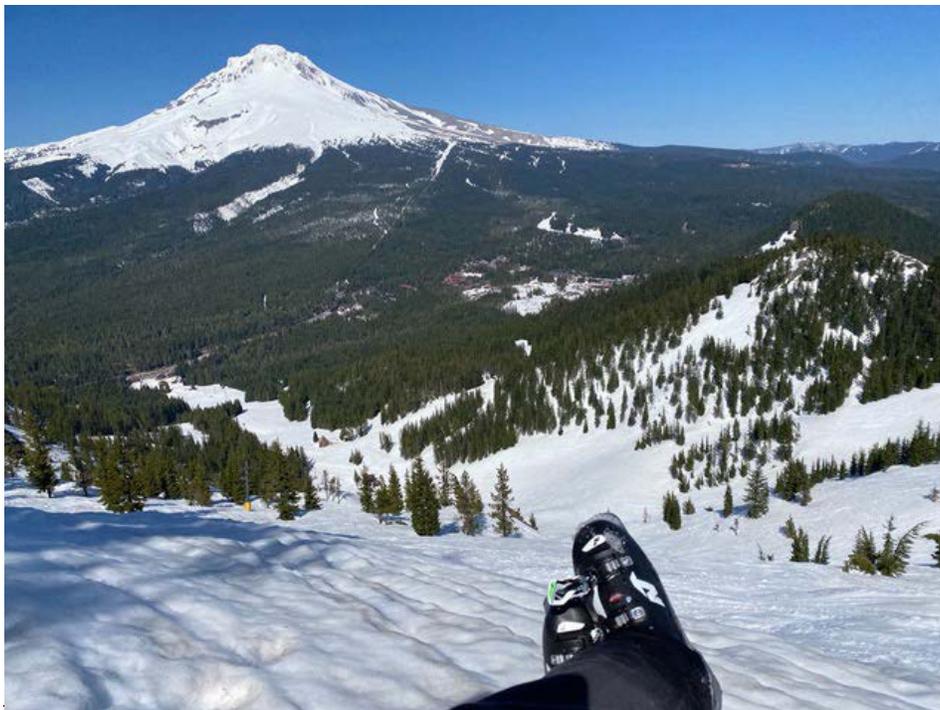
Thanks again to all you hard-working volunteers who patrolled and hosted regularly at Timberline this past winter. MHSP has done a great job at Timberline this year. I really appreciate the dedication and professionalism of our patrollers. Winter operations will continue through the end of May, but we're starting to plan for summer.

We will have the First Annual Spring Tip-Off Training June 4-6th for the Wy'East Region. This is the same weekend that Nuts and Bolts used to occur on, and will feature lots of fun training opportunities. Stay tuned for more details.

Summer Ski Patrolling will start in June and continue through the summer. It looks like lots of camps are signing up and we may see some high-caliber skiers up there preparing for the 2022 Winter Olympics. For those of you on Timberline teams, please make sure to fulfill your summer commitment of 1 or 2 days.

Bike operations will continue this year. Special thanks to Steve Barnett for leading the first year of bike operations at Timberline last year. Unfortunately, Steve is moving and won't be leading it this year. Stay tuned for updates regarding dispatch and leadership for Bike operations.

Hope to see you on the hill this summer!



Reflecting on the year at the End of Season party Skibowl, April 11, 2021.

Photo by Kira Rea

BIKE PATROL UPDATE

Steve Barnett, Bike Patrol APC, HP/AP/BP 1858

Checkrides and Orientation June 12th, 2021

As the ski season winds down, it is time to get you and your bike tuned-up and ready to go. We have settled on June 12th to have our checkrides and orientation, which will be held at Skibowl.

As Matt Rea mentioned, Skibowl plans a soft opening on June 11th, and plans to have the Lower Bowl lift spinning for the weekend.

All patrollers new to our bike patrol program will need to complete a checkride. Following the checkrides, we will provide an orientation that will include an overview of the bike patrol program, expectations, use of wheeled litters, and other summer-specific activities. Expect a map test for the bike trails at Skibowl.

For those patrollers who were certified as bike patrollers last season, there is no need for another checkride, but do plan to attend the orientation in the afternoon.

Our summer bike patrol uniform is generally any comfortable red shirt or jacket with identifying MHSP logo, dark-colored pants or shorts, closed-toed boots or shoes, protective eyewear, and a bike helmet. Additional protective gear (gloves, pads) is recommended, but not required.

We have red t-shirts and pullovers with our bike patrol logo for sale – please contact Matt Wood for availability.

If you have any questions about our bike patrol program, please do not hesitate to contact me at apcbikes@mthoodskipatrol.org.



CLOTHING COMMITTEE – COME AND GET STUFF!

Matt Wood, Clothing Committee Chair, HC/AP 1768

The Clothing Committee will have goods for sale before OEC class from 1600-1800 on the following dates:

Thursday May 6th

Thursday May 20th

Future dates pending.

Address: 1455 NE Division St., Gresham

This is a small mall complex with a Safeway store and (of course) a small sports pub. The OEC class is held in a vacant space next to (of course) the pub.

The committee will have goods for sale from 1600-1800; we can accept cash, check, or credit card. Please plan to complete all purchases by 1800, as I need to start teaching promptly at 1800.

Alternately, if you want a late pickup, I am willing to hang around after class at 2100 for a bit.

MHSP 2021 ELECTIONS RESULTS 2021

heather Van Houten, Senior Trustee, HC 1793

Michael Cummings, Elections Supervisor, AP/NP 1837

Patrol and Hosts, it is with great pleasure that Michael and I are presenting the new 21-22 MHSP Council.

	Final Count	Abstain	Write-In	
President.....Cleo Howell	110	2	1	
Vice President.....Matt Wood	110	2	1	
Secretary*.....Courtney Walsh	147	2	0	
Treasurer*.....Lee Hall.....	143	6	0	
Patrol Chief.....David Winterling.....	113	0	0	
First Aid Chief.....Will Parady	109	2	2	
Associate Director	John Howard.....	112	1	0
Junior Trustee*	Margret Usher	120	26	3
Nordic Director	Steve Potter	109	2	2
Mountain Host Director	Jan Silagi	36	0	0

* Patrol and Host Combined Vote

Percentage Vote	Eligible Voters	# Voting	% Voting
Patrol Voting	184	113	61.4
Host Voting	72	36	50.0

Congratulations and best wishes to the new Council. New Council will start June 1st, 2021, Matt Rea will become the new Senior Trustee and Joel Stevens will become the new Middle Trustee.

I would like to thank the outgoing Council for their hard work and dedication to MHSP. Leaving as of June 1st is James Schuler. James has served 4 years on the Council, this time around as VP and President. We greatly appreciate James' calm, cool, collective manner, and approachable and reasonable presence.

I am also leaving the Council; it has been a pleasure to serve as a Trustee the last 3 years. I hope I have served the membership well and look forward to working with the new Council as a MHSP member and to continue as the Wy'East Regional OET Advisor.

At the April General Meeting when the results of the election were announced, some members had questions about the results and how counting is managed.

As, above, the total counts have been listed, I think it is important to call out the percentages of Patrol and Host voting: 61.4% and 50%. Though these are good numbers; **it would be nice in the future to see more of the eligible membership participating in the vote!**

Especially when "Time to Ballot Completion" was 34 seconds for Patrollers and 26 seconds for Hosts. It doesn't really take much time to actually vote.

Thanks to all members who did vote! Patrol cast in first 48 hours to meet quorum and Hosts cast in first 72 hours to meet quorum. From a logistical aspect there was only one member who was unable to find the initial ballot link. There were no issues with voting. As a reminder, email addresses on dispatch are how votes are tracked in Survey Monkey; once a vote is cast, Survey Monkey will record that vote only. If you use a different device and try to vote again, it will not record any other vote because it has already designated a vote from the email address, not the device.

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I would like to thank the Elections Committee: Gordy Winterrowd, Steve Barnett, Patrick Cummings, and Will Pardy (in the beginning) for talking to membership and encouraging members to run for offices. It takes all of us to make this organization run as smoothly as possible.

We need to have members take their turn as Council members; it keeps us moving forward with new ideas and new challenges. So please, if you have not run for a position on Council and you have been on patrol for a few years, consider getting involved with leadership – there are many ways to do this.

Get involved in committee work; we have lots of committees that need help (contact the VP for more information)! Then think about running for a Council position in the future.

My last Thank You's go to Michael Cummings, Mark Ripkey, and Courtney Walsh for their commitments to getting the word out through the *The Sweep* and emails, reminding members of the voting process, and for Michael's continued management of our electronic voting process through Survey Monkey!

In conclusion, our electronic voting process continues to work well and membership increasingly continues to participate, which is gratefully appreciated.

CALENDAR

May

- 1 MTR, 1900-2200; contact Steve Potter (spotter67@frontier.com) or Joel Stevens (joel@sdeltd.com)
- 3 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; contact Courtney Walsh (secretary@mthoodskipatrol.org)
- 14-15 MTR 2 (overnight), 1900-2200; contact Steve Potter (spotter67@frontier.com) or Joel Stevens (joel@sdeltd.com)
- 15-16 MTR 1 (overnight), 1900-2200; contact Steve Potter (spotter67@frontier.com) or Joel Stevens (joel@sdeltd.com)
- 17 (TBD) Town Hall Event Re: Bylaws Change for Bike Patrol
- 19 (TBD) Town Hall Event Re: Bylaws Change for Bike Patrol
- 26 *The Sweep* Newsletter Deadline, 1800

June

- 1 (TBD) Town Hall Event Re: Bylaws Change for Bike Patrol
- 4 Spring Tip-Off training, Timberline, Time TBD
- 5 Spring Tip-Off training, Timberline, Time TBD
- 6 Spring Tip-Off training, Timberline, Time TBD
- 7 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; contact Courtney Walsh (secretary@mthoodskipatrol.org)
- 12 Bike Tryouts, Skibowl, Time TBD
- 15 Voting re: Bylaws Change for Bike Patrol BEGINS (TBD)
- 18 Virtual MHSP Awards Ceremony, TBD
- 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter Deadline, 1800
- 25 Voting re: Bylaws Change for Bike Patrol ENDS (TBD)

July

- 5 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; contact Courtney Walsh (secretary@mthoodskipatrol.org)
 - 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter Deadline, 1800
-