



The Sweep

May 2022

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Donation from Laura Green Memorial Race

I want to give a huge thank you to the Mt. Hood Adult Racing Club and PACRAT organization for donating somewhere north of \$10,000 to the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. The donation was generated at their fundraising race on Sunday, April 24th. I had the privilege to attend the BBQ after the race and met many of the donors.

Please see a more detailed article by Matt Wood on page 18.

Patrol/Host Activities Changing

Thank you to all of you who have patrolled and hosted throughout the winter months.

The snow sports part of our duties is slowing down, but there is still plenty of time to get more days on the snow at Mt. Hood Meadows and Timberline. Our summer patrol and host duties at Skibowl and Timberline are right around the corner and will be here before you know it.

There may also be opportunities to participate in community events in the summer months, such as the Pacific Crest Trail Days in August. Stay tuned for more details.

COVID-19 Vaccination Policy Update

At the April Council meeting the Council amended the COVID-19 vaccination policy to allow unvaccinated people to stay at the Bowman Center and lifted the two-person maximum overnight stay requirement.

Active-duty Patrollers and Hosts must still be vaccinated to patrol or host at the resorts we serve.

Awards Banquet

The MHSP Annual Awards Ceremony and Banquet will be held in person this year on May 21st. Mark your calendar and see the details about the event in the article by the Banquet Committee on page 3.

Pacific NW Division Convention

The Wy'east Region, of which MHSP is a part of, will host the 2022 annual convention in Portland August 12th-14th. 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.

Cleo Howell, MHSP Council President



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Patrolling Area Operations/Showtimes:				
<u>Skibowl:</u> Closed	<u>Timberline:</u> Open. Contact Team leads	<u>Meadows:</u> Last day Pond Skim May 7	<u>Summit Pass:</u> Closed	<u>Teacup:</u> Last Day May 8

MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Courtney Walsh, Council Secretary, HC 1833

There will not be a General Meeting in May. Instead, the membership event for May will be the Annual Awards Ceremony and Banquet on Saturday May 21st. For more information, see the article by the Banquet Committee on page 3.

See you then!

Editor's Note: We would like to add something to last month's edition of *The Sweep*. Regrettably, Rae Ritacco was left off the list as one of the MHSP members at the SheJumps event in March. Our apologies to Rae for the oversight, and we thank her for her contributions.

BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY 2022

The 2022 Banquet Committee

Dear Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Family,

We want to remind everyone that the 2022 Awards Ceremony and Banquet is coming up in less than a month!

We are so excited to gather again in-person to celebrate the fantastic season and accomplishments of our fellow patrollers.

Everyone will be receiving a formal invitation shortly with details on how to purchase tickets. Please buy your tickets as soon as you get the invite!

You should look forward to fantastic drinks, a delicious dinner, a photo booth, music, and much more. The raffle this year is going to be incredible, and we have an excellent array of prizes.

Raffle tickets will be included in your event ticket!

**When: Saturday
May 21st, 2022
1600 - 2300
Dinner at 18:00.**

**Where: Mt. Hood Oregon Resort
68010 East Fairway Avenue
Welches, OR 97067
Cascade Ballroom**

We have a block of rooms reserved for "Mt. Hood Ski Patrol" for both Friday May 20th and Saturday May 21st. Reservations can be made by calling 503-622-3101. With our discounted rate, King and Queen rooms are \$179 per night, and Fireside rooms are \$199 per night.

There is an additional \$25/room resort fee per night and a 7.5% lodging tax.

Pet-friendly rooms are available; please be sure to request a pet-friendly room (if needed) when you make your reservation.

ELECTIONS RESULTS 2022

Matt Rea, Senior Trustee, HC 1138

Patrol and Hosts, it is with great pleasure that we present the new 22-23 MHSP Council.

		Final Count	Abstain	Write-In
President.....	Cleo Howell	125	2	0
Vice President.....	Kevin Havre	122	4	0
Secretary*.....	Courtney Walsh	150	4	1
Treasurer*.....	Lee Hall.....	151	4	0
Patrol Chief.....	David Winterling	125	1	1
First Aid Chief.....	Matt Wood.....	124	3	0
Associate Director	Total Votes	119	7	1
	Scott Chandler	40		
	Eric Granning.....	39		
	Jay Martineau.....	40		
Junior Trustee*	Steve Potter	151	5	0
Nordic Director	John Fairgrieve.....	113	11	3
Mountain Host Director	Jan Silagi.....	33	1	0

***Vote counts are combined Patroller and Host Voting**

Percentage Vote	Eligible Voters	# Voting	% Voting
Patrol Voting	186	127	68.6
Host Voting	65	34	52.3

Congratulations and best wishes to the new Council. The new Council will start June 1st, 2021, Joel Stevens will become the new Senior Trustee and Margaret Usher will become the new Middle Trustee.

As indicated above there was quite a close call on voting for Associate Director. No candidate received greater than 50% of votes. As a result in compliance with our Bylaws we held a runoff election consisting of the top two vote getters, Scott Chandler and Jay Martineau. Voting was closed at 1200 on April 28th, 2022.

Results were very close again with Scott Chandler being elected as the new Associate Director.

		Votes	Abstain	Write-in
Associate Director	Totals	99	6	0
	Scott Chandler.....	52		
	Jay Martineau	47		

Total Eligible Patroller Voters.....	186
Number Voting.....	105
Percent Voting.....	56.5%

VP PARTING SHOTS

Matt Wood, Vice President, HC/AS 1768

This is my last article in *The Sweep* as your VP, and I hope to go out on a high note with some words of gratitude for all those I've had the pleasure and honor to work with these three years. These Councils have been amazingly productive despite the tragic and daunting challenges that COVID-19 presented to us.



- In spite of a “time out” at the outset of the pandemic, we never stopped working on our mission to provide the best possible first-aid care to visitors to Mt. Hood. We were one of the first if not “the” first patrol to return to regular patrol duties in the summer of 2020.
- Thanks to the hard work of Will Parly with OEC ITs Kathy Lee and Cleo Howell behind him, we graduated an OEC class each pandemic year, without missing a beat (albeit with some weird schedules!).
- Thanks to Dave MacIntyre, Heather Van Houten and the amazing hill coaches, we continue to produce some of the best Alpine patrollers in the country.
- Glen Anderson and John Howard personally trained wickedly talented groups of Associate patrollers.
- Steve Potter rallied his instructors to graduate ever-increasing numbers of highly skilled Nordic patrollers.
- ...and despite some of the biggest obstacles to on-hill duty, Jan Silagi continued to train and graduate Mountain Hosts and promote supervisors.
- We have a nearly 100% refreshed set of governing documents thanks to the tireless efforts of the inestimable Kathy Lee and Lisa Hargrave.
- Our finances are SOLID, thanks not only to some incredible fundraising, but the fine and exacting attention to detail of our Treasurer Lee Hall.
- Our records are TIGHT thanks to Courtney Walsh and her follow-up skills!
- We have patched up the severely lightning-damaged building and dedicated the Bowman Center in honor of our very own Buzz Bowman; the building is getting back in shape and used for what it should be - as the main meeting place and operations center for a wonderful group of hard working, talented patrollers!

I'm not going far, of course (wink, wink) . . . You will be hearing from me in my new capacity as First-Aid Chief very soon. I am inheriting what I feel is the strongest OEC program in the country and look forward to continuing our legacy of high standards and tough training for OEC candidates and Seniors, too!

To my boss Cleo Howell and to James Schuler before him, thanks for placing your trust in me and your patience as I learned the ropes. And to incoming VP Kevin Havre, you're in for some fun, because...SPIF!

COMMITTEES

Remember - All MHSP Committees need help! Not sure how you can contribute? Reach out to the VP (vicepresident@mthoodskipatrol.org) to talk about how you can fit in!

CLOTHING

Matt Wood, Vice President, HC/AS 1768

If you have any needs, contact the VP by email at vicepresident@mthoodskipatrol.org and we can arrange to meet somewhere in Portland or on the mountain. Payment can be made in cash, check, or credit card via Square, and can also now be made via PayPal on the Wiki! A small processing fee will apply for PayPal or Square; contact the VP for pricing on anything.

GOVERNANCE

Matt Wood, Vice President, HC/AS 1768

This committee has admittedly lost some steam due to two-thirds of the members being occupied with OEC classes this spring, but we should have a completely re-written P&P before we go operational in the Fall of 2022!

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI)

Matt Wood, Vice President, HC/AS 1768

See the excellent report from committee co-chair Derek Phillips on page 16. I am very happy to see a good cross-section of new and experienced patrollers and hosts join in!

MOUNTAIN OPERATIONS

Dave Winterling, Patrol Chief, HP 1806



Fellow Members,

I just looked back at my April article and got a chuckle from my statement that I had “fingers crossed” for another big snow event in April.

We had over four feet of new snow in the next few weeks, which has certainly improved and extended the season, especially for upcoming summer ops at Timberline. It’s been fun reading the daily ops reports this month - our members had some great days on the hill, and did great work, and hosted a number of season-ending barbecues and potlucks.

Skibowl did shut down as planned on April 10th but will be re-opening the Cascade chair for the two-day Golden Rose race event on the weekend of April 30th/May 1st.

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Golden Rose Race

The Golden Rose Race is a historic annual ski racing tradition, held annually since 1936, making it the oldest/longest-running ski racing event in North America. The Golden Rose attracts the best racers from all over the PNW and has normally been held at Timberline.

For you history buffs, the Golden Rose race winner in the first two years (1936 and 1937) was Hjalmar Hvam, a member of the Cascade Ski Club in Government Camp. Immediately following his winning race run in 1937, he took a jump, had a bad fall, and suffered a lower leg fracture.

This experience prompted him to develop the first “releasing” ski binding, which was used by the 10th Mountain Division in WWII, and sold commercially, starting a very large industry.

Apprentice Class 22/23

Here’s a status update on the apprentice class for 22/23. During the month of April, our recruiting team has been interviewing the candidates, and at this point we have a solid (37) apprentices in the new class, with a few more “wait list” interviews to go.

Target initial class size has been increased to forty. **Many thanks** to Rachel Leiber, Glen Anderson, and the interview teams for the work they put in on multiple Wednesday and Thursday evenings during April.

Laura Green Memorial Race

On April 24th, the Mt. Hood Adult Ski Racing Club and PACRATs jointly sponsored a fundraising race event for MHSP, the Laura Green Memorial, at Timberline. This annual event has been growing every year and is now our single largest fund-raising venue.

This year’s event was GREAT (so I hear), please look for Matt Wood’s recap, with pics, on page 18 of this edition of *The Sweep*. Many thanks to race organizer Greg Dilger, who has been facilitating this event every year and is a great supporter of MHSP.

COVID-19 Affects

Why “so I hear?” I planned to attend the Laura Green Memorial, but as I write this I’m under quarantine for COVID-19, having tested positive last Saturday April 23rd. We have had a number of patrollers impacted during April by COVID-19, a significant uptick versus the prior two months.

The bad news in my case is not so much the symptoms, which were mild/moderate. Rather, the bad news is that I had participated in a small OEC training event at my home a few days prior, where we worked in close quarters on scenario skills. As collateral damage after that event, several other trainers and apprentices have tested positive.

In case you’re wondering, it’s really tough to know that you have impacted others. I read today that we’re exiting the “pandemic phase” and entering the “transitional phase.” Let’s hope.

Looking forward to seeing our apprentice class get their crosses in May and starting to do on-hill days over the summer! They have worked long and hard, during another year where the training calendar had to constantly change and adapt based on conditions. Congratulate them when you see them, they deserve it.

Stay safe and enjoy the good weather ahead.

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ASSOCIATE OPERATIONS

John Howard, Associate Director, AS 90227

The winter and spring seasons are coming to an end and our first MHSP Awards Ceremony and Banquet in several years will be taking place soon. Our Apprentice class is about finished, and we will have a new crop of patrollers.

Congratulations for all who are about to graduate and to everyone who patrolled and helped out this past year.

There are still openings on dispatch for Timberline and will be soon for summer season at both Timberline and Skibowl. If you need more days to fulfill your commitment, they are available.

I would like to thank all members of MHSP for their support these last three years you have allowed me to represent you on the Council as Associate Director.

It has been challenging as we tried to work our way through the COVID-19 pandemic. And yet we survived with what I believe is a stronger Patrol and a better understanding of how to work together under difficult circumstances.

I would like to thank the last three Executive Councils. It has been a pleasure to be part of the group and work with all of you. I feel I am a better person because of it.

Again, thank you all, and see you at the upcoming MHSP Awards Ceremony and Banquet.

John



NORDIC OPERATIONS

Steve Potter, Nordic Director, NP 1630

As of this writing, April 21st, the Mt. Hood Nordic Patrol team has patrolled a total of 56 days at the Teacup Lake Nordic Center. We missed the first six days due a lack of groom-able snow and still have four days on the dispatch before the planned closing date of April 30th.

Thanks to our eight Nordic patrollers, five Dual Certified Patrollers, and our amazing eight Nordic Apprentices.

We were able to get all of the Nordic Patrollers and Dual Certified Patrollers through the newly created Nordic OET, Nordic Toboggan training program. The Nordic Apprentices also have all completed the OET training, along with their usual area orientations.

All of this adds up to 253 patroller days serving the Teacup Lake Nordic Center. The Nordic Club has supported us in assisting them in their expansion of the Nordic Center and its services provided to the Nordic Ski Community. This season has shown record attendance and great public approval.

By the time you see this article this season's Mountain Travel and Rescue (MTR) class will be complete except for the three field days. It looks like we will be training on the snow this season.



**Teacup Lake, Teacup Road
April 2022**



**Quinzee Shelter, Glade Trail
April, 2017**



**Oregon Survival Shelter, Glade Trail
April, 2017**



**Mega Mid Shelter, Glade Trail
April, 2017**

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054

We have had incredible spring snowfall and still have a couple of weekends left in the 2021-2022 season for Hosts to dispatch to Timberline, so don't pack your skis and boards away just yet!

It has been a very successful winter for our Hosts, and I am proud of the way our membership supported the resorts and our MHSP colleagues through a second pandemic winter. I appreciate your efforts so much!

Later this month we are looking forward to the MHSP Annual Awards Ceremony and Banquet, to gather together for the first time since the pandemic began to share stories and recognize all the great work this outstanding organization has done!

Be on the lookout in your email inbox for an invitation to the Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, May 21st at the Mt Hood Oregon Resort in Welches.

Those of you who have completed your Host Apprentice requirements or Host Supervisor Training will be recognized for your achievement at the Banquet. We will also recognize our Outstanding Mountain Host of the Year, Host Apprentice of the Year, and Host Supervisor of the Year.

I encourage you to join us at the Banquet. This is a wonderful evening of social time and reflection, and good food too!

What's Next?

Summer Opportunities

We will have dispatch available for Foot Duty shifts again this summer. Information about a Summer Refresher meeting and resort specific information will be out soon. We will also have Bike Host shifts available at Timberline again this summer.

If you are interested in participating as a Bike Host at Timberline this summer, please let me know.

And finally...information about summer uniforms and ordering coats, vests, and hats for next winter will be available later this month. Orders for winter uniforms will be placed in June. Stand by for more information!

In the meantime, please take a look at your coat and vest. ***If they need to be laundered, now is the time to do that!*** Get those uniforms cleaned up before you store them for the summer. If you need guidelines for laundering your Host coat, please let me know and I'll send information your way!

Looking forward to seeing you at the banquet, Jan



2022 WY'EAST REGION ANNUAL NUTS AND BOLTS CLINIC

heather Van Houten, Wy'east Regional OET Advisor, hvh18mhsp@gmail.com

Wy'east Region Nuts and Bolts is back after a 2-year hiatus. We have a full schedule, as we have in the past, with great instruction from all over the United States!

This year's clinic is scheduled for June 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2022.

Above Palmer is back along with PSIA ski and snowboard instruction (SES) and lots of Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TES), along with instruction for OET instructors, both Ski/Snowboard Trainers Workshop and Toboggan Trainers Workshop.

NEW THIS YEAR, we've added an NSP Certified Training Workshop!

Women's Program is back with a vengeance with SES and TES for Saturday and Sunday.

Here is the schedule:

Friday, June 3rd, 2022.

0700 - 0800 - Event sign-in – Outside the Timberline Day Lodge, at Ski Keep each day.

0830 – 1300- Ski Trainer's Workshop (STW) (Instructors Mentors/Mentees/Trainer/Evaluators only)

NSP Course # P054220014

This course is for all S&T Instructors, Trainer/Evaluators, Mentors & Mentee's. This clinic will be taught by PSIA Level 3+ Instructors and will improve skiing evaluation skills of NSP Transportation Program instructors, providing NSP trainers a means to develop a photographic eye using observational cues to assist them in training toboggan operators. The course will also give the instructor's the tools to correct the techniques of the Alpine patrollers.

****This clinic is offered on 1 day (Fri, Only)****

0830 – 1400 - Above Palmer and Beyond – Tour & Training – Back Country Techniques (TES)

NSP Course # I006220008

This clinic will be conducted by S&T Instructors who are Avy/MTR certified and seasoned mountaineers who will lead a tour to the Hogsback and Illumination Rock on Mt. Hood, to explore out-of-bounds terrain above the Palmer lift, providing insight into techniques for toboggan rescue outside the resort boundaries.

YOU WILL NEED to have your own transceiver, shovel, probe, skins and/or snowshoes to participate. The class will require skiing/boarding from out of bounds back into the resort at the end of the class.

Actual location will be weather and terrain dependent. You will need to fill out a wilderness permit (located in the day lodge) prior to the leaving the permitted ski area boundary.

****This clinic is offered on 1 day (Friday) only****

0830 – 1400 - Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (TES) – HANDLES & ROPES

NSP Course# P054220020

This is the clinic to enhance your skills on several toboggan types: Cascade 100, 350, SS Cruiser, & Edge, all on varied terrain. You will learn:

- finesse and advanced techniques on 4-handle toboggans (front and rear handles)
- stance, balance, turns, finesse, and efficiency on all toboggan types
- advanced techniques on tailroping.

It is sure to be a fun day for all!

NOTE: You must be a certified toboggan handler to attend any of the Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TES)

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Saturday, June 4th, 2022

0700 - 0800 - Event sign-in – Outside the Timberline Day Lodge, at Ski Keep each day.

0830 – 1400 - Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (TES) – HANDLES & ROPES

NSP Course# P054220020

This is the clinic to enhance your skills on several toboggan types: Cascade 100, 350, SS Cruiser, & Edge, all on varied terrain. You will learn:

- finesse and advanced techniques on 4-handle toboggans (front and rear handles)
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- advanced techniques on tailroping.

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NOTE: You must be a certified toboggan handler to attend any of the Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TES)

0830 – 1300 – Toboggan Trainers Workshop for Instructors (TTW)

NSP Course # P054220015

This clinic is for new and current instructors and instructor mentees. In conjunction with a PSIA Level 3+ Instructor as we run in the Handles and on the Tailrope. We will work on the finesse of Skiing and Toboggan running fundamentals with focus on teaching sequence and progression techniques in accordance with the NSP Transportation Manual.

****This clinic is offered on 1 day (Saturday) only****

0830 – 1300 – Women’s Clinic – SES (Ski/Snowboard Enhancement) Clinic (Day 1)

NSP Course # P054220021

This course will be a 2-day event for all women Alpine Patrollers. The courses will be taught by All Female Instructors. The SES Clinics will be taught by Female PSIA Level 3+ Instructors and will improve skiing evaluation skills of NSP Transportation Program instructors and Alpine Patrollers.

You will learn:

- finesse and advanced techniques on 4-handle toboggans (front and rear handles)
- stance, balance, turns, finesse, and efficiency on all toboggan types
- advanced techniques on tailroping.

It is sure to be a fun day for all!

0830 – 1300 - Snowsports Enhancement Seminars (Ski and Snowboard) (SES) Clinics

Max Class size 8 participants per course

NSP Course # P054220016 (Skiing or Snowboard)

Prepare yourself for the next season on the slopes with a full day of Skiing/Riding skills tune-up. Working with some of the Northwest’s best PSIA instructors to improve your skiing and board skills and techniques on the snow!

SES Sessions will be held on Saturday Only! Open to all patrollers. First-come first-served basis at registration. Space could be limited so sign up early!

****These clinics are offered on 1 day (Saturday) only****

0830 – 1400 - “Backcountry Tobogganing” - (TES)

NSP Course # I006220009

This Session will be held in advanced backcountry terrain. It is open to Patrollers who:

- (A) Have completed the NSP Avy 1 course;
- (B) Have the ability to travel without the aid of lifts in advanced terrain;
- (C) are prepared to train with toboggans in steep and off-piste terrain. The course objective is to train using a Cascade 200 backcountry toboggan and a review of belay techniques.

****This clinic is offered on 1 day (Saturday) only****

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Sunday, June 5th, 2022

0700 - 0800 - Event sign-in – Outside the Timberline Day Lodge, at Ski Keep each day.

0800 – 1300 – Senior OET IT & Trainer/Evaluator Clinic (OET Alpine Toboggan Senior T/E Clinic)
NSP Course # P054220019

We will review the PNWD Senior Program in depth. The course will work on the finesse fundamentals of Senior training with focus on standardization of the techniques of progressive teaching sequence and the individual drills & skills used in the PNWD Senior Program in accordance with the NSP Transportation Manual & the Senior OET Program.

****This clinic is offered on 1 day (Sunday) only****

0800 – 1300 – APP Certified Avalanche Rescue Course & Test
NSP Course # P014220013

Please only register for this course AFTER successfully passing the in-person module.

This course will cover a working knowledge of:

- organized Avy rescue
- transceivers
- Avy science
- search and rescue protocol
- null zones
- search ranges
- multiple burials

There will be tests, both on-hill and written, to successfully complete this course. For more information contact Kacy Carlson at kacywcarlson@gmail.com.

****This clinic is offered on 1 day (Sunday) only****

0830 – 1300 – Women's Clinic, SES (Ski/Snowboard Enhancement) Clinic (Day 2)
NSP Course # P054220022

A continuation of Saturday's Women's Clinic, this course will be for all women Alpine Patrollers. The courses will be taught by All Female Instructors. The TES Toboggan skills are in accordance with the NSP Transportation Program.

You will learn:

- finesse and advanced techniques on 4-handle toboggans (front and rear handles)
- stance, balance, turns, finesse, and efficiency on all toboggan types
- advanced techniques on tailroping

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NOTE: You must be a certified toboggan handler to attend any of the Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TES)

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SATURDAY EVENING Banquet BBQ will be held outside the Bowman Center in Government Camp. This year's celebration will be Southwestern Cowboy Theme.

MHSP Council has been gracious and will pay half of your registration fee. All you need to do is fill out the Registration Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefYByuNCmX9cvgh-3OiacK2cVdDjoCD4V-bEhRKq3R7eMb4w/viewform>.

Once complete, click on the link that takes you to the PayPal site, log in (you must have a PayPal account, but you can pay with Credit Card or Debit card once you are logged into PayPal), pay \$50.00 and you are registered for the Clinic.

PRE-PAY is required to assure your space at the clinic.

Registration will be **limited to 80 participants** this year and can only be assured by online registration. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required by all participants.

FYI: MHSP members do not need to pay for lift tickets.

Looking forward to seeing you on the Mountain in June. If you have any questions, please contact me.

-heather

AVY PROGRAM UPDATE

Mike Levis, Avy Program Coordinator,

As we enter May, we draw the Avy training activity to a close for the season. We had 141 patrollers participate in Avy Awareness, Avy 1, Avy 1 refreshers, or Avy 2 this season.

Avy 2 Is A Wrap

Congratulations to the Avy 2 students who completed the first Avy 2 class since 2018:

Al Barton	Megan Barton	Tom Clarke	Matt Erdman
John Fairgrieve	Michael Halle	Gretchen Stover	Astrid Zervas

In addition, we had 4 participants from Mazamas. They were a great addition to the program and brought a mountaineering perspective that complemented our ski patrol view of the world.

Congratulations to all involved.

Many Thanks To All The Avy Instructors

We could not have accomplished what we did without the many hours contributed by the Avy instructors:

Steve Eversmeyer	Matt Rea	HarRai Khalsa	Mark Bond	Astrid Zervas
Michael Halle	Sam Carpenter	Joel Stevens	Eric Einspruch	Patrick Cummings

A special thanks to Matt Hickok for helping with Avy 2. Matt came down from Canmore BC to help with the field sessions and taught three classroom modules via Zoom. Many thanks for all your efforts.

And congratulations to Mark Bond and Sam Carpenter for getting signed off as official NSP Avy 1 instructors.

More Instructors Needed!!

We are constantly looking for individuals who want to join our Avy instructor team. If you have an interest, reach out to me and we can discuss how we make this happen.

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We Patrol In Avalanche Terrain

As I am sure many of you have heard, there was an avalanche fatality at Mt. Hood Meadows in early April. A snowboarder was reported missing and found buried under avalanche debris several days later.

The NWAC accident report can be found here:

<https://files.nwac.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/24094204/Final-NWAC-Mt-Hood-Meadows-Clark-Creek-Fatality-Report.docx.pdf>

There is a tendency to treat our avalanche training as a box to be checked in order to keep patrolling. THIS IS A MISTAKE.

All of the resorts we patrol have avalanches. The recent event at MHM is a stark reminder of this. Note a week before the MHM incident there was a slide at Timberline above the Salmon River canyon. Luckily no one was caught in that one. And of course, Skibowl has the outback area, which would have many slides if not for the mitigation efforts at the resort.

It is our responsibility to keep our Avy skills sharp and be ready. We could be called to be part of an organized group search, or as part of a recovery operation. Take this seriously.



Image 1: The Narrows area of Clark Canyon showing the steep western wall and four of its short steep paths including Patty Cakes. The victim's approximate burial location is marked with the red X. (Photo: Andrew Kiefer, Apr 11, 2022)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) COMMITTEE

Derek Phillips, Co-Chair, HP 1934

The DEI Committee has met virtually four times since mid-March. We have been working on several tasks. Our two primary committee objectives are:

- 1) understanding the impact of the coming NSP DEI directives (expected in July or August) and how we will incorporate them into MHSP.
- 2) re-examining MHSP as an organization through the lens of DEI, independent of NSP, and recommending necessary changes to the Executive Council.

To facilitate our work as a committee, we have discussed adopting norms to establish and maintain a safe and open environment for a sensitive process. [You can read the norms we have discussed to this point on the MHSP Wiki here.](#)

To prepare for the upcoming NSP DEI directives, we have been reviewing materials including The Equity Project's NSP Equity Assessment (December 2021) and The Equity Project presentation materials from the Powderfall Convention in Breckenridge in April, both of which you can read [here](#). We anticipate having more NSP materials shortly.

To re-examine MHSP through the DEI lens, we have:

- 1) started reviewing MHSP Policies and Procedures
- 2) started working out a potential MHSP-specific survey that will give us an in-depth accounting of our membership's experiences and opinions about patrol and DEI. We are hoping for a substantially better response rate than the 10-15% that NSP received for their survey so we can understand who we are and what we want to be
- 3) communicated with local resorts to discuss their DEI policies, if any, so we can be in tune with what they are doing
- 4) applied for a \$10,000 grant to fund the following activities:
 - a consultant to help the Committee generate a sustainable holistic DEI framework for MHSP
 - an expert-moderated DEI break-out room at the upcoming PNWD Convention in August
 - and patrol recruitment materials for underserved communities.

The Committee discussions have been full of energy, ideas, and a desire to maximize this opportunity for the benefit of everyone. We have 16 people invited to our next meeting (Wednesday, May 4th, 1830-2030). If you are interested in participating, please email the Committee at dei@mthoodskipatrol.org.

Currently, we are meeting every other Wednesday via videoconference and our hope is to begin meeting in person soon.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DIVISION (PNWD) INSTRUCTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION (ICE)

Kathy Lee, PNWD Asst. OEC Supervisor, SAS 90232

If you are an NSP instructor and haven't registered yet for the June 4th Instructor Continuing Education (ICE) Conference, there is still time!

The information and registration form for ICE is available on the PNWD website on a new **INSTRUCTOR RESOURCES** page for instructors of all disciplines. It is in the process of becoming an ongoing resources page with information for instructors and currently has information and e-forms (PDF and Word format) to register for the ICE Conference.

Select the registration form of your choice, complete it and email a copy of it to Kathy Lee, leek232@gmail.com.

Deadline to register is May 20th, 2022.

Here Are Some Ways To Access The New Instructor Resources Page:

- PNWD website – <https://www.nsp-pnwd.org>. The PNWD ICE Conference is listed in the **RED BOX** with a link to the Instructor Resources page.
- From the PNWD website, select 'Programs', then Instructor Resources – All Disciplines
- PNWD Instructor page: <https://www.nsp-pnwd.org/instructor-resources-all-disciplines.html>
- The ICE conference is also an Event in Facebook and can be shared by those on Facebook: @SkiPatrolPNWD



Ready to start at the annual Laura Green Memorial Race
Patrollers (L-R) Matt Wood, Brit Andersen, David MacIntyre.
Photo by Paul Van Der Bosch

LAURA GREEN MEMORIAL RACE

PRESENTED BY PACRATS AND MT. HOOD ADULT RACE CLUB

Matt Wood, Vice President, HC/AS 1768

The PACRATs and the Mt. Hood Adult Race Club co-sponsored an amazingly fun and astoundingly successful fundraising race on Sunday April 24th, 2022, at the Timberline Ski Area.

The race was to honor the memory of Laura Green, a long-time Mt. Hood Meadows patroller and all-around beloved outdoors mentor from Hood River who passed away in a river accident a few years ago. For more on Laura and her legacy, click [here](#).

PACRAT Director of Racing Greg Dilger has made it his mission in the last few years to put on a fun and engaging event, with all proceeds going to MHSP! The PACRAT goal was \$10,000.

This report is being written the day after the event and fundraising totals are not known yet, but an anonymous angel made an outright donation of \$5000 and Greg Dilger himself made a sizeable contribution, making the anticipated total over \$12,000!



MHSP Race participants:
L-R David MacIntyre, Matt Rea,
Matt Wood, Paul Van Der Bosch,
Brit Andersen

Photo by Unknown Bystander

If you're ever on the hill and see PACRATs racing or training on a patrol day, be sure to introduce yourself and say "Thanks!" for all they do for us!

Former MHSP patroller and PACRAT "Party Director" Ulla Brunette was all over registration in the early morning, with over 100 participants in multiple age and ability categories.

Several MHSP patrollers including Matt Rea, Dave MacIntyre, and Jae Kim all registered and ran the course multiple times. Father-Daughter competition was fierce, with Matt Rea losing a narrow race to his girl Kira, and Jae Kim succumbing as well to his racer daughter Rami, who had race times in the low twenty seconds!

A few MHSP patrollers got the honor of being the ceremonial starters of the race – with sleds! Brit Andersen and David MacIntyre (DMac) opened the course with a carving lesson with empty sleds, with Paul Van Der Bosch and Matt Wood following in a second heat.

The crowd got loud, was super pumped, and we got a lot of "I've never seen anything like that before" comments. We're already planning how to best ourselves next year!

President Cleo Howell headed up a group of MHSP volunteers who served as BBQ cooks for the post-race feast for close to 100 folks. Cleo and PACRAT President Peter Dodd addressed an appreciative and GENEROUS crowd, and a good time was had by all!

Our BBQ Crew included AD John Howard, Skibowl APC Matt Rea, and VP Matt Wood. Thanks also Carol Howell, Kira Rea, Brit Andersen, and Paul Van Der Bosch for assisting as well.

MHSP offers its deepest gratitude to President Peter Dodd and Race Director Greg Dilger and the entire PACRAT membership, along with Mt. Hood Adult Race Club leadership (Greg Dilger again!) with the Tichy family for their generosity and unwavering support of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol!

SNOW GOOSE APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054

On President's Day, Monday February 21st, 2022, the Mountain Hosts had a full dispatch at Timberline for the first time since before the pandemic began in March of 2020.

Coincidentally, there were no MHSP volunteer patrollers dispatched to Timberline that day, an unusual turn of events. As with most Monday holidays during the winter season, the parking lot filled early and the hill was crowded.

On top of that, the weather was stormy, making for an overall challenging day.

Throughout the day, the Hosts did an exemplary job of staffing their typical duty stations, as well as responding to support our patrol colleagues at 10-50s and contributing to searches for several overdue guests. The teamwork and enthusiasm shown by all of them that day was exemplary and was noticed by Libby Korocho, Pro Patrol Director at Timberline.

As a result of the contribution the Hosts made to Timberline that day, Libby nominated the entire team for a Snow Goose recognition. Her nomination reads as follows:

"Mountain Hosts came out to support Timberline and ski patrol during a peak holiday. Each and every one of them worked so hard helping our guests out on a difficult powder day. They found over six different separated guests, helped us find our cases on the hill, and it was their help that really made us all have a smooth day."

The Snow Goose is the official logo of Timberline and the small black pin bearing that logo is given in appreciation to employees or volunteers who go above and beyond the call of duty.

It was with great pleasure that we gathered the recipients together on another couple of Saturdays, to present them with their Snow Goose pins at the morning meeting.

The recipients include:

- Chris Able (Host)
- Chris Barrar (Host Apprentice)
- Aaron Chohen (Host)
- James Draznin (Host)
- Brenda Edmonds (Host)
- Markieta Grief (Host)
- James Lincoln (Host)
- Jeanie Ritz (Host Apprentice)
- Megan Shaw (Host)
- Jan Silagi (Host Supervisor)
- John Silagi (Host Supervisor)



On April 16th, 2022 several recipients of the Snow Goose recognition received their awards.

On hand were (L - R), Markieta Grief, Jeanie Ritz, Chris Barrar, Libby Korocho, and Jan Silagi

Photo by Dave Winterling

Our thanks to Libby for this honor, and my personal thanks to all the individuals who were part of the team that day! Congratulations!

CALENDAR

[MHSP Google Calendar](#)

May

- 2 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; (tinyurl.com/MHSPCouncilMeeting)
- 9 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; (tinyurl.com/MHSPCouncilMeeting)
- 17 PNWD Educational / Safety Culture 4 All -Zoom, 1830-2000
- 21 MHSP Banquet and Awards Ceremony, Mt. Hood Oregon Resort, Welches, OR
- 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter deadline, 1800

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)
- 21 PNWD Educational / Safety Culture 4 All -Zoom, 1830-2000
- 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter deadline, 1800

July

- 11 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; (tinyurl.com/MHSPCouncilMeeting)
 - 19 PNWD Educational / Safety Culture 4 All -Zoom, 1830-2000
 - 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter deadline, 1800
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Kira Rea (L) and Matt Rea (R) participated in a Father/Daughter race at the annual Laura Green Memorial Race. See the article (page 17) for who won this one.
Photo by Paul Van Der Bosch



Matt Wood (in front) and Paul Van Der Bosch (behind) rail on the race course during the annual Laura Green Memorial Race.
Photo by Heidi Loebach