

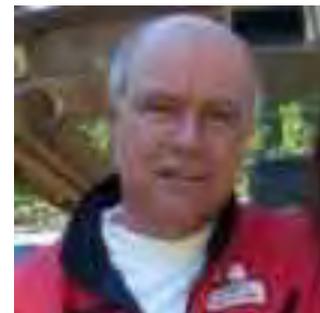


The Sweep

October 2019

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall training has finally arrived and we are fully engaged with OEC Refreshers, Mountain Host Refreshers, Chair Evac Refreshers, Avalanche Refreshers, and (for those who are lagging behind) CPR and ICS-100 certifications. These are all of the annual requirements that make us the best patrollers we can be. My many thanks to the Instructors and coordinators who are providing these refreshers for us. Their job begins in the spring and ends late into the fall.



It is important that we have accurate records for you and of your personal information. We cannot update records for you if we don't have your full information at NSP and MHSP. Please go to NSP, log in, then highlight and click on your name. It will bring up your profile where you can edit and update your information. Often, when people have problems with their NSP records, it's because they have never updated their own information.

Then, go to your profile in our new Dispatch/Roster online and do the same. Especially important is that you update your contact information. We need your phone number for contact at times and, while some prefer to use email, it doesn't work for us in an emergency.

The Team format has worked well for our Patrol and for the areas that we serve. We'll capitalize on that record and we'll continue this season with little change in protocols and in patrolling benefits. We've not completed all of our meetings with the ski areas, but preliminary discussions have been fine-tuning what went well last year and improving in that direction.

Mark your calendars for our first General Meeting of the Patrol on October 14th, Portland Providence Hospital at 1900. Matt Rea, our Junior Trustee, has put together a star-studded list of guest speakers and you really don't want to miss this event.

Our new Pacific Northwest Division Director, Shelly Urben, will be there to introduce herself and describe the functions that PNW Division plays in National Ski Patrol and how important it is to Mount Hood Ski Patrol.

Our other guest speaker will be Liz Dodge, the outgoing PNWD Director. Liz has given 49 years of service as a patroller and leader in her patrol, her Region, Division and serving on numerous committees at National Ski Patrol.

During her last six years as Division Director I've had the opportunity to witness her fierce dedication and bulldog determination to fight for our patrol at the national level. Liz has decided to take her many talents to the National level and is running for a position on the NSP Board of Directors.

Please come and hear her speak of her plans for our future.

It sometimes feels to many in our Patrol that NSP is a far-away place that really doesn't speak for our needs. To change that we need to speak with our votes for who we want to represent us. With your support, I know that Liz can have a huge impact on our little corner of the world. MHSP will be working hard to "get out the vote" this fall and help her. Please come to the meeting and meet Liz Dodge.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Refreshers, at our General Meetings, and on the Mountain!

James Schuler, MHSP Council President

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Patrolling Area Operations/Showtimes:

<u>Skibowl:</u> Closed Check back when the snow starts falling.	<u>Timberline:</u> Open 0915 Arrive at FAR 0945 Out the door 1615 Final Sweep Bike OPS close on October 13 th . *****	<u>Meadows:</u> Closed	<u>Summit:</u> Closed	<u>Teacup:</u> Closed
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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2019

When: 1900 to 2100

**Where: Auditorium
Providence Portland Medical Center
4805 NE Glisan St., Portland, OR**

MHSP OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Matt Rea, Junior Trustee, HC 1138

Mark your calendars everyone! The first MHSP General Membership Meeting of the 2019/2020 Season will be held Monday, October 14th, from 1900-2100 in the Auditorium of the Providence Portland Medical Center, 4805 NE Glisan Street.



Please note, if you arrive after 1900 you will have to enter through the Emergency Room entrance. Tell the guards you are there for the MHSP meeting.

You will not want to miss this one! Our special guest speakers will be Shelley Urben, current Director of the Pacific Northwest Division of National Ski Patrol, and Liz Dodge, past PNWD Director.

Shelley will talk about the upcoming elections for new NSP National Board of Directors and other things going on in PNWD.

Liz is a candidate for the NSP Board of Directors and will speak to the importance of the election to MHSP and the other patrol elements within PNWD, as well as her perspectives on other important issues.

Come prepared with questions for Shelley and Liz.

Some of the other highlights:

- Introduction of our new apprentice members and YAPs
- Final sweep in honor of Bill "Riddler" Johnson
- We will hand out Length of Service and other awards to members who weren't able to attend the awards banquet last May.
- Dave Miller will take questions on the new online dispatch system.
- Patrol Director Rachel Leiber will provide updates on what's new for the upcoming season at all the ski areas as well as for teams, dispatch, benefits, and levels of commitment.
- The Clothing Committee will have the latest MHSP clothing and other equipment for sale.
- As always, there will be raffles and the debrief at a local watering hole.



Starting the day at the 29 Sep 2019 Chair Evac
Location: Lower lodge Timberline 29 Sep 2019.
Photo by: Mark Ripkey

RANDOM NOTES FROM THE VP

Matt Wood, Council Vice President, AP/HC 1768

A friendly reminder for all regarding CPR Skills Refresher:

There will be a “Night Shift” on the days of the Refreshers for those who need to do a brief (5-minute) CPR skills review. The skills review will be at the end of the Refresher day.

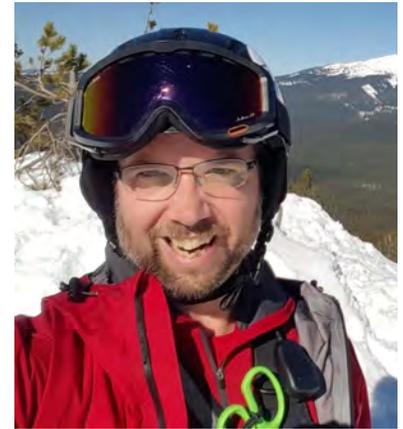
PLEASE dispatch in advance only on MHSP dispatch, there is no NSP registration required. Registration is limited to 20 patrollers each day. Thanks to Ed Taylor for hosting this!

A note on the new dispatch site:

Please ensure your registration on the new “Troopiter” dispatch site is up to date and COMPLETE!

We really need to have your address, phone number, e-mail address, and a *photo* for your registration page.

We’ll have a photographer at the Refreshers to record your smiling face (*before* you get “Refreshed”!) for the new dispatch site, or you can provide us with one of your choosing.



Brit Andersen prepares the ‘flip stick’ for action while Matt Wood stands ready to provide a ‘target’ (for instructional purposes only).

Location: A very snowy Timberline Chair Evac training 29 Sep 2019.

Photo by: Mark Ripkey



Scott ‘Minty’ Minton (L) and Marc Johnson (R) prepare to belay a guest from the chair.

Location: Timberline Chair Evac training 29 Sept 2019.

Photo by: Mark Ripkey

MOUNTAIN OPS UPDATE

Rachel Leiber, Patrol Chief, HC 1687

Welcome to the Beginning of the 2019-2020 Season!

Chair Evac

Please make the most of your training time, to keep yourself and our guests safe. Chair Evacuation is one of the riskiest services we provide, because we infrequently train, we rarely participate in an actual incident, and because protocols are updated annually.

The areas are partnering closely with MHSP, ensuring our volunteers are well-trained on each area's current protocols and procedures.

I want to thank Dave Winterling, hVH, Nicole Gaines, Steve Barnett, and all of our Chair Evacuation and AVY Instructors for leading our members through annual Chair Evacuation Clinics at the areas.

Self Evac

In order to self-evacuate, you have to annually re-certify, by attending a clinic to demonstrate self-evac skills, and carry current proper equipment with you at all times. Nicole Gaines, AVY Director, is hosting another Self Evac clinic on November 2nd.

Upcoming Dates

Skibowl Chair Evac: Saturday, November 9th - Spots open on dispatch

Meadows Chair Evac: Saturday, November 16th – Sunday, November 17th - By MHM APC Invite Only

Self-Evac: Saturday, November 2nd – Timberline, Barlow Room

Nordic Refresher: Saturday, November 2; Sunday, November 3; Sunday, November 10th

Sign Up For A Team

Dave Winterling, APC, will be at all three OEC Refresher collecting names of patrollers who are interested in joining a team. This helps us review interest and fill all open spots. Please add your name if you would like to learn more.

Season Team Schedules

Here are the Team Week 1 dates, so you can start to plan your winter. Teams patrol every other week, through early May.

Meadows A/B Teams: 11/9, 11/10*

Meadows C/D Teams: 11/16, 11/17*

Timberline & Skibowl A/B: 12/7, 12/8*

Timberline & Skibowl C/D: 11/30, 12/1*

*If an area alerts the Area APC that the area will not open, team members will earn their team day credit, with "Area Closed" documented on their Dispatch History.

Dispatch Reminder - "No Shows" vs. Sub Requests

You are accountable for completing your dispatch shifts, proactively communicating with your HC/AS (or most senior dispatched patroller), and/or for getting your shift covered.

Please proactively reach out to your HC/AS if you are ill, so the HC/AS can adjust staffing accordingly. If your sub request is not picked up, your HC/AS is expecting you to show up.



ASSOCIATE OPERATIONS

John Howard, Associate Director, SS 196

Hi everyone.

I hope everyone has had a good summer. Refreshers are coming up as well as Chair Evac training at both Timberline and Skibowl.

A Train The Trainers session was held on September 15th at Timberline. It was an absolutely lovely day in the rain. Hopefully the regular training will have better weather.

Timberline has announced that all patrollers, Paid staff and MHSP, will be required to wear helmets this year.

So dig deep and find that helmet buried in the closet and dust it off.

See you soon.



Timberline Chair Evac instructor training crew 15 Sep 2019.

Front row - Dave Winterling, Matt Hoppe, Nicole Gaines, hVH, Mark Diamond, Alan Harvey, Joel Stevens, John Howard
Back row - Nick Meigs, Dave MacIntyre, Andrew Degner, Matt Wood, Taylor (Timberline Staff), Libby Koroch, Steve Barnett, Gordy Winterrowd, Maddy Westerbrook, Jason Karp, Mike Levis, David Nead.

Photo By: Rachel Leiber

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054



Hello Fellow Hosts!

Most of you have received word that one of our former members, Bill Johnson, passed away on September 1st. When the Mountain Hosts joined Mt. Hood Ski Patrol fourteen years ago, Bill Johnson was appointed to be the Host Director and served in that capacity for seven years.

A Gathering in Remembrance of Bill Johnson will take place at Timberline Lodge in the Barlow Room at 1300 on Thursday, October 3rd. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Kim Nylund at knylund@timberlinelodge.com.

Bill was an unforgettable character and will be missed.

Summer Wrap-Up

September 15th was the last day to dispatch to Skibowl, our membership is now BLS/CPR certified, we have finished the first rounds of interviews for new apprentices for the coming winter, and we have completed the first of two Fall Refresher training days. The summer has been busy, productive, and exciting.

Enjoy these few lazy weeks of fall, the snow will soon fly!

Many thanks to Hosts who dispatched to Skibowl and to 'in-town' events this summer. Your continued presence at Skibowl was greatly appreciated by resort management and guests! And your support to the running and biking events in town promotes the good work of MHSP in the community and helps to generate donations.

Fall Refresher Training

The final Fall Refresher training day will be Saturday, November 9th at Skibowl. If you did not attend in September, this is the remaining opportunity to dispatch. Membership renewal and recording of your BSL/CPR compliance will take place at the training.

Apprentices

We have welcomed two new members as Host Apprentices for 2019-2020, Troy Donaldson and Daniel Keck. We will continue our recruiting efforts for new members at the SkiFever and SnowVana shows next month and conduct a second round of interviews at the end of November. The new apprentice class will begin their training in December.

Fall Trade Shows

Speaking of those fall trade shows, the dates for the events are:

SkiFever and Snowboard Show – October 30th and 31st set-up days, November 1st thru 3rd show days at the Portland Expo Center.

Snowvana – November 22nd and 23rd show days at the Oregon Convention Center

Dispatch for these two events will be up soon!

Many thanks for closing out the 2018-2019 on a high note. Our dispatch levels were good this year and we have new opportunities to look forward to in the coming season. Dispatch for Timberline typically begins on Thanksgiving weekend and Skibowl and Summit will open as soon as there is snow at the 4,000-foot level!

Looking forward to a great winter!

OEC FALL REFRESHERS

Matt Wood, Council Vice President, AP/HC 1768

Please refer to the information in the last couple of Sweep editions and/or the all-patrol e-mails that have provided Refresher information. The “Nuts and Bolts” are:

Patrol Refreshers are:

- Sunday 10/6
- Sunday 10/13
- Saturday 10/26

Venue is Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Road, Tualatin OR 97062.



Please be sure to dispatch on the NSP site and register on the NSP site for Course # P054190024 showing Matt Wood as instructor.

Get that online course and workbook done!

There will be a targeted e-mail to each Refresher group but plan on arriving no later than 0730. The day will conclude by 1500-1530, with a friendly debrief at our favorite place.

Questions? E-mail vicepresident@mthoodskipatrol.org.

SENIOR OEC PROGRAM

Cleo Howell, Senior OEC Coordinator, AS 1444

Senior OEC starts in December.

Do you want to improve your OEC skills along with your leadership, problem-solving, and decision-making skills? Then the Senior OEC program may be for you.

Just FYI, the Senior OEC program is now known as the OEC Module of the Senior Program (OEC-MSP).

In the OEC-MSP, you will use and refine all of your OEC skills and also learn how to use some different equipment. You will learn how to take charge of a scene with one or more injured patients, and then direct others to assist you. You will work with patrollers from other ski areas in Oregon.

The minimum requirements to participate in the OEC-MSP are that you have completed your rookie year and that you have a moderate level of experience with treating actual patients. The more hands-on experience that you have, the better you will do in the program. The OEC-MSP is mentally and physically demanding.

The proposed training dates are as follows:

- Two or three in-town evening sessions in December 2019; probably at St. Vincent Hospital
- Four to six on-mountain training days; January-April 2020
- Final exam on April 18th, 2020

If you really want to know what the OEC-MSP is all about, contact one of the recent program graduates: Ed Taylor, Dave Winterling, Mike Levis, or Glen Anderson.

If you have further questions, or you are interested in participating in the OEC-MSP, please contact me directly at howell.cleo@gmail.com, 503-680-2472.



MT. HOOD ALL-MOUNTAIN CLEANUP DAY

Matt Rea, Junior Trustee, HC 1138

On September 21st, a bunch of MHSP members volunteered to support SOLVE, Timberline Lodge, Summit Ski Area, Mt. Hood Meadows, Mt. Hood Skibowl, the City of Government Camp, and other organizations in the first all-mountain cleanup day.

Over 350 people showed up for the event. They were sent out in teams to clean up locations at the ski areas and in and around Government Camp. Many tons of trash were collected and removed from the mountain.

Of the trash removed, some of the more unique finds included the frame and springs of a trampoline, a drone, and cash.

Volunteers for the event were broken up into teams that were assigned zones around the mountain. The organizers for the event demonstrated their faith in MHSP by requesting that our organization provide leaders for the cleanup teams.

Special thanks go to Matt Rea, Matt Hickock, Joan Turner, Rita Somogyi, Dave Winterling, Scott “Minty” Minton, Steve Barnett, and Kat Moore for stepping up and doing a great job as team leaders. Also thanks to Marc Johnson for recruiting his son’s entire Scout troop and adult leaders for the event.



Team Leads for the All Mountain Cleanup Day (L-R): Rita Somogyi, Kat Moore, Dave Winterling, Joan Turner, Matt Rea, Scott Minton, Matt Hickok, Steve Barnett.



Scott “Minty” Minton gives the morning safety briefing to the assembled cleanup volunteers.

AVALANCHE TRAINING

Nicole Gaines, Avalanche Training Director, AP 1779

The first Avalanche Awareness course of the season is coming up at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center on Thursday, October 17th from 1900-2100. This is a great chance to meet our new apprentices and refresh basic avalanche knowledge.

The regional Snow and Avalanche Workshops are coming up soon. These affordable, single-day workshops are great opportunities to learn from local and national avalanche experts. The [Northwest Snow and Avalanche Workshop](#) is in Seattle on October 20th and the [Bend Snow and Avalanche Workshop](#) is on November 9th.

We will not be doing an avalanche skills station at the Timberline Chair Evacuation refresher on September 29th. We will include the avalanche station at the November Skibowl Chair Evac. If you attend the Timberline Chair Evac and want to refresh your avalanche rescue skills, you are welcome to join us at Skibowl just for that session. Contact me if this applies to you.

The Avalanche Level 1 classroom date was incorrect in the September issue of The Sweep. The correct date is Saturday, December 7th.

The high-elevation forecast is showing snow already! Fingers crossed for four years in a row of October turns in the Mt. Hood backcountry.



SUMMER RACE SUPPORT

2019 RACE SUPPORT

Mike Anderson, Race Support Coordinator, AS 1510

We are down to the final race of the year after a very successful season. On September 21st we had a good group of patrollers work the Sunset on the Springwater race.

They did an outstanding job and had to fill in doing many tasks that we normally don't take over in order to maintain safety on the course. A big thank you to this group as they really stepped up to the challenge.



Crew from Sunset On the Springwater race. From left to right:
Front Row: Mike Walsh, Courtney Walsh, Matt Wood,
Back Row: Rick Hugo, Chris Able, Carter Hubbard, Diane Kindall-Potter, Mike Anderson
Photo by: Random runner from race

The Run Like Hell Race is on Sunday October 26th and is our final race for the season. This race has been moved from downtown Portland to McMenamins Edgefield in Troutdale.

The show-up time is 0700 and we should be done by noon. Since this is a brand-new race location, I'm not sure exactly where the first-aid tent will be, but the maps for the run are online and it looks pretty cool.

This is on the same date as one of the OEC Refreshers, but I'm hoping patrollers who want to work this race can schedule their refresher for one of the other two Refresher dates

The Run Like Hell Race is unique in that runners are in costume and it's one of the largest races of the year. In past years there has been a great party afterwards and, being at a McMenamins, I wouldn't expect anything different (if not stepped up a notch).

For more information on these races you can look at the maps and other info at www.terrapinevents.com.

For questions regarding what to bring, feel free to contact me at mikeanderson3@comcast.net.

Thank you all for the time you have spent supporting these events.

CALENDAR

October

- 1 OEC Class, Providence Hospital, Cancer Center Amphitheater, NE Glisan, 1800-2145
- 6 OEC Refresher, Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Rd, Approx. 0800
- 7 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D – 1900
- 8 OEC Class, St Vincent Hospital, Souther Classrooms, SW Barnes, 1800-2145
- 13 OEC Refresher, Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Rd, Approx. 0800
- 14 General Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Social Room, 1900 - 2100
- 15 OEC Class, Providence Hospital, HCC 2, 3, NE Glisan, 1800-2145
- 17 Avalanche Awareness – Apprentices, TBD
- 19 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 1800
- 20 Run Like Hell Half Marathon, McMenamins Edgefield, Troutdale, Meet at 0700
- 22 OEC Class, St.Vincent Hospital, Souther Classrooms, SW Barnes, 1800-2145
- 23 APC/HC/AS annual Meeting, Location TBD, 1830-2030
- 26 OEC Refresher, Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Rd, Approx. 0800
- 29 OEC Class, Providence Hospital, Social Room, NE Glisan, 1800-2145

November

- 2 Nordic Refresher, Govy Building , 0900-1600
- 2 OEC Class, Location TBD, Time to be announced
- 2 Self-Evac Class, Timberline Lodge, Barlow Room, Starts at 0800, avy@mthoodskipatrol.org
- 3 Nordic Refresher, Govy Building , 0900-1600
- 4 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D – 2000 – 2200
- 5 OEC Class, St Vincent Hospital, Souther Classrooms, 1900-2245
- 9 Chair Evac, Skibowl, 0800 – 1600
- 9 OEC Class, Providence Portland Medical Center, Cancer Center Rms C/D, Time to be announced
- 10 Nordic Refresher, Govy Building , 0900-1600
- 11 General Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Social Room, 2000 - 2200
- 12 OEC Class, Providence Portland Hospital, HCC2, 3, 1900-2245
- 16 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 1800
- 19 OEC Class, St. Vincent Hospital, Souther Classrooms, 1900-2245
- 26 OEC Class, St. Vincent Hospital, Souther Classrooms, 1900-2245

December

- 2 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D – 1900-2200
 - 3 OEC Class, Providence Hospital, Cancer Center Rooms C/D, NE Glisan, 1800-2145
 - 7 OEC Class, Summit Ski Area, Meet TBD
 - 7 Avalanche Level 1 Module 1, TBD
 - 10 OEC Class, St. Vincent Hospital, Souther Classrooms, 1800-2145
 - 14 OEC Class, Summit Ski Area, Meet TBD
 - 17 OEC Class, St. Vincent Hospital, Stanley Family Rooms 22-23, 1800-2145
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