



The Sweep

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Updated COVID-19 Policy

At the September Executive Council meeting the Council passed a motion that will allow members who chose not to be vaccinated for COVID-19 to participate in MHSP activities, except for going in the first-aid room or clinic.

This means that members can help at outdoor events (like the Portland Marathon) and most training events.

The OEC Refreshers are being held at a private business and the owner of the business requires that people entering the building be vaccinated for COVID-19. We are planning to hold a supplemental OEC Refresher in order to accommodate those members who have chosen not to be vaccinated. Stay tuned for a date and location.

The paid patrol director at Skibowl and Matt Rea, the APC at Skibowl, will work with members who chose not to be vaccinated. When you dispatch for Skibowl please let Matt Rea and the Hill Captain/Associate Supervisor know of your vaccination status. They will look forward to your help on the mountain.

As of right now I do not have any information about a similar accommodation for Timberline or Meadows.

Thank you to everyone for being patient with the Executive Council for the past 2.5 years as we have wrestled with providing guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are hoping that the Oregon Health Authority orders will be relaxed for vaccinations and masking as we move forward.

OEC Refreshers

Please try to attend the October 9th Refresher so we will not be overbooked for the October 22nd Refresher. Allow at least five hours to complete the online material. See article by the First-Aid Chief for additional details.

DEI Ad Hoc Committee

The DEI committee is putting the finishing touches on a survey for all members. Expect to see it in the next month or so.

Senior OEC

We are planning to offer the Senior OEC program again this year. The training will most likely start in November or December and run through April. We will do several in town training events, most likely on Thursday nights.

The training will emphasize Leadership, Problem Management, Decision Making, and high quality OEC skills. We will supply more details later.

If you are interested, please contact me.

Cleo Howell, MHSP Council President



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Patrolling Area Operations/Showtimes:

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

Courtney Walsh, Council Secretary, HC 1833

The next General Membership Meeting will be Monday October 10th, 2022, 1900-2100.

The October General Membership Meeting will again be virtual; connection details below (they can always be found in the [MHSP Google Calendar](#) as well):

tinyurl.com/MHSPGeneralMeeting

Meeting ID: 945 0933 9794
 Passcode: 757929

We look forward to seeing you there!

DEI COMMITTEE

MHSP DEI ASSESSMENT SURVEY IN NOVEMBER

Laura Pike (MHSP 1941) and Derek Phillips (MHSP 1934), DEI Committee Co-chairs

Greetings to all of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol!

The Executive Council established the MHSP ad hoc DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Committee in March 2022 to examine MHSP through the lens of DEI.

The DEI Committee has since prepared an Assessment Survey to better understand the experiences of our volunteers and the institutional characteristics of MHSP.

We will send a secure link to the Survey out to all members from the DEI Committee email account in November.

The Survey includes questions about members' overall awareness and specific experiences in MHSP with issues of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Racial Equity, Gender Equity, and Harassment and Discrimination.

We utilize multiple choice questions and also provide open-ended comment boxes so members who wish to expand on their experiences and thoughts may do so substantially.

Only two DEI Committee members will have access to the raw data which will not be identifiable in any way.

MHSP members will have the option to specify if they want their open-ended responses seen by a larger audience – the entire DEI Committee, MHSP Executive Council, or all of MSHP.

Mt. Hood Ski Patrol is a fantastic team of similarly focused individuals with diverse experience. The feedback from this Survey will help improve our organization and the care we provide moving further into the future of MHSP.

Thank you for all you do for MHSP.

MOUNTAIN OPERATIONS

Dave Winterling, Patrol Director, AS 1806



Fellow Members,

We are now deep into our fall training period and anticipating the startup of winter ops in two months. Hit the gym and get ready!

Many thanks to all of the members who responded to our annual participation survey; this early view on our members' winter plans is a big help in building our teams.

Team assignments are not yet 100% finalized but the early view is that although total team participation is up this year, we are still not back to pre-pandemic staffing. We have openings for at least one hill patroller on every team, and half of the teams have an opening for an associate patroller.

So for this coming winter, when you are selecting your dispatch days (other than team days), please review dispatch status and consider scheduling with a team that looks "light."

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Please remember to acknowledge and thank your fellow members who work so diligently to prep and execute our fall training sessions.

Ski patrol work is highly specialized, requiring that we refresh every year on both medical and mountain skills, and requiring a large number of program leaders and trainers to pull it all off on time. The downhill sessions for the OEC refreshers and CPR refreshers, and the uphill sessions for chair evac, Avy, and OET skills all require a large number of great instructors who deserve our thanks.

Also, some acknowledgements are in order for several members who are supporting the Bowman Center, which will be more heavily used during the coming winter season:

- Carter Hubbard and Diana Petrnychlova, the new building caretakers, who will be monitoring building use and supplies, and scheduling any needed project work or repairs.
- Margaret Usher, the Council lead to support Bowman Center operations.
- Gordy Winterrowd, for his support and facilitation of the coming ownership change at the Bowman Center, where Mt. Hood Meadows will be taking over ownership (in 2023 or 2024) from the Forest Service in the transaction known as the “Land Swap.” Gordy knows the people involved at both USFS and Meadows and has been doing great communication to ensure that we’re all aligned on how this change will happen.
- Zoe Lynn Powers, who recently reviewed the lease documents for our upcoming tenant relationship with Mt. Hood Meadows and recapped important points with our Council.
- Mark Ripkey and Gordy (again), for their busy day cleaning up dead branches and brush around the Bowman Center on September 28th, to reduce fire risk in future years. They created a big pile out front which will be converted to chips by a contract crew. The grounds around the Bowman Center look great.
- Joel Stevens, who has been doing ongoing work to improve the HVAC system.

Thanks also to Michael Cummings, who continues to manage a variety of our membership survey needs through Survey Monkey. This has, in the past, included our membership votes for Council roles and Bylaws changes, plus our annual season planning membership survey which was just completed in late September and mentioned above.

Dave Miller and the Dispatch Management Committee are working on a few nice Troopiter enhancements. One example that is now “live” is the capability to load event addresses onto Troopiter. Although we all know where to find Mt. Hood Meadows or Skibowl, it’s good to have addresses handy for some events such as downhill training. Thanks Dave!

Finally, on the evening of October 19th, the operations leadership team has an evening meeting scheduled to prepare for the 22-23 winter season. This group will include APCs, hill captains, and associate supervisors (all our on-hill training leaders), plus the operations leaders on Council.

We’ll re-cap some issues from the 21-22 winter season, discuss changes for 22-23, and review our timeline to start up ops for 22-23. We have (44) people invited - looking forward to seeing everyone and making this a productive and fun session.

Looking forward to seeing you all at a training event soon!

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ASSOCIATE OPERATIONS

Scott Chandler, Associate Director, AS 1811

Well, if you were at the Timberline chair-evac training, you know what an amazing day we had with the weather and the excellent instructions by the Timberline pro staff. A special shout-out to Libby and crew at Timberline for everything.



By the time you read this, Skibowl will also have had theirs as well. Fingers crossed you got great weather to learn and practice in.

OEC Refreshers Are In Full Swing

I attended the September 24th one and, I must say, it was the most well-run, most interesting one I've been to yet. All the instructors taught confidently and gave lots of great information and, most importantly, excellent constructive feedback post-first responder scenarios.

A tip of my helmet and a round of applause to Matt Wood and all the instructors.

New Associates

As a reminder, this upcoming season we have 16 (as of September 25th) new Associate Apprentices learning the ropes on the slopes, and we're forming AA teams again.

We need coaches. So far, Joan has lined up a few (thank you to those who've volunteered), but we need more. If you are an active Associate Patroller having successfully completed Instructor Development Course (bonus if you also have completed the Senior First-Aid Module) and have a desire to help shape our future Associate Patrollers, we want to hear from you.

We're aiming for a minimum of two coaches per team to allow for some scheduling flexibility. Training will be somewhere in the neighborhood of 10-12 weeks.

If you are interested, please contact Associate Apprentice Training Director (Joan Turner) at joan_culinaryconcepts@yahoo.com. This is a great opportunity to hone your own FAR and on-hill skills as you pass them along to the next generation.

Pre-Season Warmup

Good luck to everyone in their upcoming refreshers and trainings. This is the best place to make our mistakes and get our "muscle memory" back, instead of with an actual patient. Even after 5 seasons, I learned something new when it came to SAMPLE (thanks Sam C!).

Finally, A Few Last Words

- OEC Seniors is returning this season. Contact Cleo Howell for information.
- Empty sled training for Associate Patrollers is still a thing. It is A TON of fun, lasts around 8 weeks (as I recall), and is another excellent skill for your quiver. Contact heather Van Houten for details and to sign up.
- Pay your dues! See [past issues of *The Sweep*](#) for how.

Think snow!

NORDIC OPERATIONS

John Fairgrieve, Nordic Director, NP 1869

As of last week, it looks like we will have seventeen active Nordic patrollers this season, sufficient to patrol the trails at Teacup Nordic.

We are in the process of setting up our teams and planning our refresher training for later this fall. We are particularly looking forward to working with the large group of new patrollers who joined us last spring.

Teacup Nordic continues to expand its offerings, with roller ski clinics and workouts in September, and a fall dryland series starting in mid-October in both Portland and Hood River.

Additionally, Teacup Nordic offers adult, youth, and junior instructional programs in both classic and skate techniques. See their website, www.teacupnordic.org for details.

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054

Most of our summer events are behind us, our Fall Refresher training (and Chairlift Evacuations) concludes on October 1st, and the Portland Marathon on October 2nd.

Uniforms have been ordered, CPR renewals are wrapping up this month, and MHSP membership dues can be accepted until October 31st without a late fee.

Please make sure you have, by the end of the month, also submitted your liability waiver for the resort(s) you volunteer at!

We are almost through the crunch of training, certifications, and paperwork, and now is a great time to focus on our gear!

October is a good time to take a look at your uniform, skis/boards, helmets, etc., and make sure that everything is in tip top condition. Check the life of your car battery, evaluate the tread on your tires, and start upping your daily steps!

Next month when the snow flies, you'll be ready to throw your gear in the car and head up the hill!

Winter Dispatch and Shift Commitments

Dispatch for winter shifts will open soon. Please take a look at your calendar, take a few minutes, and dispatch for your ten required winter shifts.

If you dispatch in advance, you are more likely to get those ten shifts in. I suggest you dispatch for two shifts in December, January, February, March, and April.

This will help you stay ahead of any unforeseen disruptions that may come up in your life, and give you wiggle room to add a shift or two in May.

We enter into an agreement with our partner resorts each year, and our agreement is that Mountain Hosts do a minimum of ten shifts each in the winter season. Eight of those ten shifts should be done at your primary resort.

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We know that life puts bumps in the road now and then. If you encounter a bump during the season, please let me know; I can take these events into consideration. If you have been guilty of putting in fewer than ten shifts, make a commitment to yourself now that you will meet your minimum this season!

Fundraising

Our biggest fundraising event of the season is coming next month! Snowvana 2022 will take place at the Oregon Convention Center from Friday, November 18th through Sunday, November 20th.

Please see the article entitled *Snowvana Is On Our Doorstep*, on page 14 of this issue of *The Sweep*. Dispatch is open now.

And lastly... many thanks to those of you who participated at chairlift evacuation training event. And thanks also to those of you who dispatched for the Portland Marathon. Your assistance at these training and fundraising events is so appreciated!

Enjoy these warm fall days!

Jan



Mountain Hosts Frank and Laura Joyce at Skibowl chairlift evacuation practice
October 16th, 2021.
Photo by Jan Silagi

FIRST-AID CHIEF

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

Online Refreshers Reminder

Please ensure you register for and complete the 2022 Cycle C online refresher. While there are still some technical glitches for some folks at this moment, the problems seem to be largely ironed out, and patrollers are getting through the refreshers in less time and with less hassle.

Technical issues aside, the online refresher is a training requirement for returning to the hill this season. We have not yet set a final deadline, but one will be forthcoming.

In-Person Refreshers Update

As of this writing, Refresher #1 is in the books and went very well. The remaining dates are Sunday 10/9 and Saturday 10/22. Patrollers are required to attend ONE only.

These refresher dates are on dispatch now. Please dispatch as soon as you can. The remaining dates will be very full!

All refreshers will be held again this year at my company offices:

Furuno USA, 4400 Pacific Rim Blvd., Camas, WA 98607

Registration will start at 0700, the day will start at 0800 and go to 1600. Mark Ripkey and his excellent CPR training crew will be available after each refresher to administer a CPR hands-on skills session. These sessions are limited to 20 patrollers; be sure to sign up separately from the OEC refresher!

Specific information on arrival time, agenda, etc., will be sent separately to each dispatch group a few days before each event.

Additional Cycle C Refresher Info

In accordance with the September Council vote to allow unvaccinated patrollers to attend in-person training events, we are working on a date and a venue to accommodate those folks. Stay tuned for emails on this subject.

Due to the size and space of our proposed (but as-yet unconfirmed) venue, capacity is going to be VERY limited in this additional refresher.

All eligible/vaccinated patrollers should plan on attending one of the regularly scheduled refreshers at the Furuno USA location.

Mt. Hood Meadows Refresher

The MHM OEC Refresher will be held Sunday 11/20 at Meadows. Gina Malamphy is the Instructor of Record for this refresher, and she may (repeat *may*) have a few spaces available for anyone who has MHSP date conflicts. Please contact Gina directly to see if she can accommodate you. Gina's contact information is available on Troopiter.

In-Person OEC Class

Our 2022-23 apprentices are off and running (well, reading...). In-person classes are held every Tuesday through early January, 1830 – 2130 at Ida B. Wells High School (former Wilson High) at 1151 SW Vermont St, Portland, OR 97219.

Slots for instructors and GP/assistants are on dispatch, please join us if you'd like to participate and help out and keep your skills honed.

NALOXONE/NARCAN UPDATE

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

heather Van Houten (hVH) is providing an excellent overview of naloxone/NARCAN use at the OEC Refreshers this year.

You will come away with good knowledge and probably some shock at the overdose numbers being reported and the prevalence of opiates, especially fentanyl, in our area now.

Please note that NARCAN training is not yet a formal part of the OEC6 curriculum, and training similar to what we did in the past with Epi-Pens isn't standardized yet either.

Still, since it is increasingly likely that any MHSP member could come across an overdose case, it will do us all good to be conversant with NARCAN protocols. If possible and depending on your personal level of willingness to respond to these cases, it may make sense for any of us to carry it with us.

Note there have been two overdoses at the areas in the last several months and a patroller was involved in a response on a Portland street last year. It CAN happen to any of us!

The NARCAN website has a wealth of information at www.narcan.com. The site includes a request form for your pharmacy and an overview of access laws by state.

Oregon: <https://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Pages/Naloxone-Prescribing.aspx>

Washington: <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/Pubs//150-127-StatewideStandingOrderToDispenseNaloxone.pdf>

I recently filled out NARCAN paperwork at my local Fred Meyer pharmacy. I am fortunate that my insurance covers it 100% but coverage varies greatly. The paperwork is very short and simple, and it takes about three days to get approved.

If your personal or work health insurance does not cover it, you can look at pricing on GoodRx (www.goodrx.com) or similar discount sites to assess costs at various pharmacies. In Vancouver, where I live, a 2-dose NARCAN kit was running between \$45-95 dollars.

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Feel free to email or call me at any time!

ANNUAL ELECTIONS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joel Stevens, Senior Trustee

The Mt Hood Ski Patrol has Executive Council Elections in April. The first step is the formation of a Nominating Committee which is elected by the membership at the November General Membership meeting. I am looking for four or more patrollers who would like to be on the Nominating Committee. If you are interested, please give me a call or an email.

AVY PROGRAM UPDATE

Mike Levis, Avalanche Program Coordinator, AS 1742

A full slate of Avy Awareness, Avy Level 1, and Avy 1 Refreshers are scheduled, as detailed below.

Avy Awareness

All Associate Patrollers are required to take Avy Awareness once every three years. Hill & Nordic patrollers over 65 can take Avy Awareness in lieu of Avy 1 refresher.

This year there will be three Avy Awareness cohorts: October 1st, November 1st, and December 1st. Please sign up for ONE of these cohorts. All cohorts are on Troopiter and registration is open.

All those who are due to take Avy Awareness this year have been notified via email. If you were one of the lucky winners, please dispatch on Troopiter as soon as possible. Currently the October 1st cohort has only SIX sign-ups out of 33 associate patrollers scheduled for this season.



Crystal Mountain Avalanche
Archived photo submitted by Justin Zurconi

Here is how this will work:

- On the cohort date (e.g.: October 1st) I will send out a link to all those registered for two YouTube videos.
- Watch the videos at your leisure. You have 30 days to do this. (e.g.: October 1st cohort needs to watch the video by October 31st.)
- Once you have watched the videos, **send me an email confirming this**. I will mark you off on Troopiter as complete.

Avalanche Level 1

All Hill and Nordic patrollers need to take Avalanche Level 1 during their rookie year.

Any Associate patroller who is interested in upgrading their Avy skills is encouraged to take Avy Level 1 as well (Note avalanches don't know if you are a hill or associate patroller, so if you are patrolling in Avy terrain, I would encourage you to take Avy 1).

The schedule for Avy 1 is as follows:

Lecture:

The lecture involves watching a series of YouTube videos and participating in 4 online lectures.

Lecture dates are January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; 1830 - 2030 via Zoom.

Field Sessions:

Field sessions are broken into two portions:

1) Avy 1 field session

There are two options: February 4th and 5th or Feb 11th and 12th. Both are from 0700 to 1600 at Timberline. SIGN UP FOR ONE WEEKEND ONLY.

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These will be two full days of hands-on practice, focusing on transceiver use, probing, & strategic shoveling, terrain evaluation, and companion rescue.

2) Participation in ONE of the three Avy 1 refreshers (see below).

All Avy 1 sessions (lecture and field) are on Troopiter and open for registration.

Avy 1 Refreshers

All Hill & Nordic patrollers need to take an Avy 1 refresher once every three years. Note this is the minimum requirement. If you are patrolling in Avy terrain, you should consider refreshing more frequently.

Avy level 1 refreshers are a one-day hands on review of basic avy skills, plus a mass casualty organized rescue scenario. There are several videos participants need to watch prior to the on-hill activity.

This year, Avy Level 1 refreshers are scheduled for **February 25th, March 5th, and March 19th.**

All refreshers will be from 0700 to 1600. Exact location will be determined based on snow condition at the time of the event.

All refreshers are on Troopiter now and open for registration.

We will send out a notice to those patrollers due to take Avy Refreshers later in the year.

All Hill and Nordic rookies should sign up for ONE of the refreshers as part of their Avy 1 requirement.

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 (avy@mthoodskipatrol.org) and we can discuss how we make this happen.



CPR TRAINING CYCLES/SEASON

Mark Ripkey, CPR Coordinator, AS 1658

The 2022 CPR schedule is **STILL** on Troopiter for your scheduling pleasure.

There are fewer and fewer classes left and we have had some instructor shortages so there will be some reductions in the following CPR Certification/Recertification classes. The current schedule is:

- Saturday, October 1st, 0900-1000, 1000-1100, 1100-1200, 1200-1300
- Wednesday, October 12th, 1700-1800, 1800-1900, 1900-2000, 2000-2100
- Saturday, October 15th, 0900-1000, 1000-1100, 1100-1200, 1200-1300
- Sunday, October 16th, 1400-1500, 1500-1600, 1600-1700, 1700-1800

All classes will be held at the ACAP Building, 1900 SE Milport Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222. A new feature on Troopiter is that you can access a map from the dispatch calendar on the day that you want to dispatch for.

Each session will be approximately an hour.

We may ask you to move to another timeframe if there are few people dispatched in order to consolidate and increase the efficiency of your instructors' time.

Those who are getting certified for the first time will take a little longer so we would appreciate it if you would sign up for the last class on each day.

The [July 2022 issue of *The Sweep*](#) contains an extensive article on requirements for who is to take these classes. You should also get an email from me directly.

If you don't get an email, you should be asking what your status is.

For those who are not due for certification/recertification this year we will hold a CPR NSP Refresher class at the end of each OEC Refresher session. Please sign up for those classes on the day you dispatch for OEC.

If you have any questions, please ask. Email is best but a phone call is always welcome. Thank you for your time.

AWARDS UPDATE

Matt Wood, MHSP Awards Advisor

Steve Potter, 2022 National Nordic Patroller of the Year

We are delighted to congratulate Steve Potter on his Gold Merit Star as the **2022 National Nordic Patroller of the Year!** In 2021, Steve was selected as the Pacific NW Division Nordic Patroller of the Year and thus advanced to candidacy for national consideration. As his nomination indicates:

"It is in the field of Nordic patrol (literally - in the field!) that Steve has shown some of his greatest work. Candidate is a senior Nordic patroller and Nordic Instructor and Nordic/Backcountry IT.

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He regularly patrols in excess of 50 days at our Nordic area and in excess of 70 days total at all areas. He has served as the Nordic Director of our patrol for the last 3 years. As an instructor and IT, he has played an integral part of the leadership and management of Nordic activities for much longer. Steve has served as the primary recruiter, interviewer, OEC, and Nordic Instructor and mentor for our graduating Nordic patrollers for all of the last 4 years and longer.

In 2018-19, the Hood River County sheriff's office mandated that Nordic patrol services fall under the auspices of county and regional SAR authorities. This mandate requires that our Nordic Director and all Nordic Patrollers carry not only NSP/OEC certification, but submit to a background check, complete a rigorous course of training in administrative procedures and applied Search and Rescue techniques, and become cross-deputized for any and all backcountry searches that fall under County authority - which is virtually all such cases. Steve embraced the challenge of this local/regional SAR mandate and was the first Patroller to complete the certification. He then parlayed the regional training curriculum to our Nordic patrol and coordinated the training classes for all our existing and prospective Nordic Patrollers. He provided primary oversight and management of both the NSP curriculum for Nordic instruction and the cross-training with our local/regional SAR authorities and achieved a 100% pass rate for our patrol. In his capacity as Nordic Director, he serves as the principal liaison between our patrol and the county sheriff and regional SAR authorities.

Steve Potter continues to distinguish himself throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. He has assisted our patrol in developing general standards and Nordic-specific protocols for addressing COVID-19 in the wilderness setting. In the COVID-19-shortened 2019-20 season, he still managed a 100% graduation rate of Nordic Patroller Candidates, personally leading every training class from November 2019 to our online graduation ceremony in May of 2020. In the 2020-21 season, our candidate recruited another fresh crop of candidates and continues to serve as primary Nordic instructor for the class this year. Graduation rate is again anticipated to be 100%. For 2021-22, our candidate has already recruited 10-plus Nordic candidates for inclusion in our new OEC class."

Steve recently assumed the responsibilities of the PNWD divisional MTR advisor. Steve, we are so proud of you and this fantastic accomplishment! Congratulations on this outstanding award, you bring high honor for yourself and to MHSP!

Dr. James (Jim) Hamilton, Yellow Merit Star, OEC6 Reviewer



As many know, Dr. Hamilton serves as the medical advisor to MHSP, our Wy'east Region and (along with former MHSP'er Dr. Carl Heine) as one of two medical advisors to Pacific NW Division. Jim Hamilton also serves on multiple committees at the national level including as a review member for the OEC Edition 6 textbook. At the PNWD convention in August, Jim was recognized with a Yellow Merit Star for his service to the OEC6 review committee. Jim has been instrumental in review of backboarding/SMR protocols as well as oxygen administration.

Dr. Jim, thank you for all you have done for us and for NSP! We count ourselves blessed to have a nationally appointed, 50-plus year patroller of your caliber with us to maintain our commitment to continual improvement!

WY'EAST REGION DIRECTOR

Joel Stevens, Wy'east Region Director

Patrollers, you are probably aware that there is an NSP National Board Election this fall.

We would like to have every member of the Pacific Northwest Division, and especially the Wy'east Region, vote in this election.

Typically, only a small percentage of the members vote in board elections; Eastern and Central Divisions generally have a higher percentage of voter turnout than the Pacific Northwest and the rest of the Western Divisions.

I would encourage all patrollers to go to the NSP website and look at the candidates' resumes, applications, and statements. You can find them under the Member Resources Tab/Board and Leadership/Elections:

[National Ski Patrol Election Updates](#)

There are three Candidate Forums this fall where you can see the candidates and listen to their ideas and positions.

- Thursday October 13th, 1830 Mountain
- Thursday Oct 27th, 1830 Mountain
- Wednesday, November 9th, 1900 Mountain
- Elections are open from October 15th to December 1st.

More information on the forums will be coming from the NSP in early October.

It is particularly important that you vote this fall.

As most of you are aware the NSP Executive Director resigned this summer, and the Board is seeking a new Executive Director. Because the NSP has had three Executive Directors in the past five years, there is concern that either the Board is not doing a good job, for the members and the industry, or the Executive Director(s) don't really understand the organization.

This Board election may have a significant impact on the future direction of the NSP.

The five Region Directors in the PNWD plan to attend the Candidate Forums and question the candidates about issues that we feel are important to the NSP and particularly to the PNWD.

If you want us to address something in particular, please contact me. We value your input.

The Region Directors will make recommendations to our patrollers, but you are encouraged to visit the NSP website, and read about the Board and the candidates, so you can make an informed decision. I would particularly like to have high turnout from our Wy'east Region.

SNOWVANA IS ON OUR DOORSTEP!

Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054

[Snowvana](#) is back with a three day show next month at the Oregon Convention Center!

Mt. Hood Ski Patrol will have a booth at the show once again and we will be the only vendor to sell the 2022-2023 Oregon SnoPark Permits. This is our major fundraiser for the year, as well as a valuable opportunity to recruit new members and educate the public regarding winter recreation safety.

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[Snowvana](#) has generously donated our booth to us once again! In addition to our booth and SnoPark sales, we have a significant opportunity to exchange labor for a cash donation from [Snowvana](#).

MHSP has agreed to line up volunteers once again to help set up the Ski Swap for the event on Thursday November 17th, and help tear it down and pack it up on Sunday November 20th, after the show closes. If you don't mind flexing your muscles behind the scenes, your help would be greatly appreciated! These hours generate that cash donation!

Shift Hours:

- Swap setup on Thursday, November 17th is from 1300 to 1700.
- Swap teardown on Sunday, November 20th is from 1600 to 2000.

Volunteers on these shifts will take their marching orders from the owners of the swap. Your responsibilities on Thursday will be to unload trucks, assemble display racks, and unpack merchandise. Sunday is the reverse: pack up unsold merchandise, disassemble display racks, and pack the trucks. These shifts are now on dispatch!

If you would like to meet and greet the public at the MHSP booth, sell SnoPark Permits and raffle tickets, and educate winter recreationists, look for shifts during the show hours on Friday November 18th through Sunday November 20th.

Shift Hours:

- Friday November 18th
 - 1530 to 1830
 - 1800 to 2100
- Saturday November 19th
 - 1030 to 1500
 - 1500 to 1930
- Sunday November 20th
 - 1030 to 1600

These shifts are now on dispatch. You may dispatch for multiple shifts and multiple days.

The uniform of the day is to wear some kind of MHSP clothing/uniform item and your name tag. We have aprons you may wear with our logos on them also.

We will ask you to put your smart phone into service to help sell SnoPark Permits. This may require access to your data plan as well as Bluetooth connectivity to our card readers. Instructions to set up your device will be provided.

We have a strong relationship with [Snowvana](#) and we want to continue to foster that relationship. Hope you have time in your schedule to participate.

See you there!

Jan



Snowvana 2021 Volunteers (L-R) Sara Drage, Dave Winterling, Harry Chavoe.

Photo by Jan Silagi

CALENDAR

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October

- 1 Skibowl On-hill Chair Evac, 0700-1600
- 1 Host Fall Refresher Training, 0900-1700, virtual
- 1 CPR Card Renewal (Certification), 0900-1300; ACAP Building, 1900 SE Milport Rd, Milwaukie, OR, 97222
- 2 Portland Marathon, 0600-1400
- 3 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; (<http://tinyurl.com/MHSPCouncilMeeting>)
- 4 OEC Class, 1830-2130, Ida B. Wells High School
- 9 General OEC Refresher, Furuno USA @ 4400 Pacific Rim Blvd. Camas, WA; 0715-1600
- 10 General Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; (<http://tinyurl.com/MHSPGeneralMeeting>)
- 11 OEC Class, 1830-2130, Ida B. Wells High School
- 12 CPR Card Renewal (Certification), 1700-2100; ACAP Building, 1900 SE Milport Rd, Milwaukie, OR
- 12 Instructor Development Class, virtual (evening)
- 13 NSP Candidate Forums (1730 PST)
- 15 CPR Card Renewal (Certification), 0900-1300; ACAP Building, 1900 SE Milport Rd, Milwaukie
- 15 NSP Board Elections Open
- 16 CPR Card Renewal (Certification), 1400-1800; ACAP Building, 1900 SE Milport Rd, Milwaukie
- 18 PNWD Educational/Safety Culture 4 All -Zoom, 1830-2000
- 18 OEC Class, 1830-2130, Ida B. Wells High School
- 22 General OEC Refresher, Furuno USA @ 4400 Pacific Rim Blvd. Camas, WA; 0715-1600
- 25 OEC Class, 1830-2130, Ida B. Wells High School
- 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter deadline, 1800
- 27 NSP Candidate Forums (1730 PST)

November

- 1 OEC Class, 1830-2130, Ida B. Wells High School
- 1 Skibowl Team Training, virtual; 1900-2000
- 5 Mt. Hood Meadows OEC Instructor Update
- 5 Host Apprentice Training, 0900-1430, Bowman Center
- 7 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; (<http://tinyurl.com/MHSPCouncilMeeting>)
- 8 OEC Class, 1830-2130, Ida B. Wells High School
- 9 NSP Candidate Forums (1800 PST)
- 14 General Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; (<http://tinyurl.com/MHSPGeneralMeeting>)
- 15 PNWD Educational/Safety Culture 4 All -Zoom, 1830-2000
- 15 OEC Class, 1830-2130, Ida B. Wells High School
- 18-20 Snowvana @ the Oregon Convention Center
- 19 Meadows Chair Evac Training
- 20 Meadows OEC Refresher
- 22 OEC Class, 1830-2130, Ida B. Wells High School
- 25 *The Sweep* Newsletter deadline, 1800
- 29 OEC Class, 1830-2130, Ida B. Wells High School

December

- 1 NSP Board Elections Close
 - 5 Council Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; (<http://tinyurl.com/MHSPCouncilMeeting>)
 - 6 OEC Class, 1830-2130, Ida B. Wells High School
 - 12 General Meeting (virtual), 1900-2200; (<http://tinyurl.com/MHSPGeneralMeeting>)
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