



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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*We don't just ski!*

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## President's Letter

by Jim Eilenberger



The lack of snow this year has been a serious challenge for those in the club who like to get out and ski a lot so I'm starting to hear the words "disaster of a season". Yes, it has not been the best of seasons and take my recent trip to Gore Mountain in NY as an example. As I've written before, I stopped being a ski instructor when I joined the club 15 years ago. However, I still stay certified by taking a clinic every two years. I no longer take the teaching clinics as the mogul, racing or trees and steeps clinics are much more fun. This year I did the trees and steeps clinic at Gore Mountain. In fairness to Gore, they really do have some very steep trails and some really good tree runs. However, mix in no snow in the woods and bullet proof trails and you get no woods and closed steeps. In reality it was a two day clinic to survive the ICE! A "disaster" by some but an "adventure" for others and I'm glad I brought my racing skis with edges or it would have been much more of an adventure!

Last weekend the Ski Club went to Cannon Mountain for our last sanctioned day trip. A lot of the mountain was closed and many trails had "variable terrain" meaning some good groomed sections to ice patches to piles of crud. We had it all! Instead of being dismayed, the organizers had a flashback to the Animal House movie when Delta was on Double Secret Probation and their response was "Toga Party"! Our fearless leaders realized ahead of time that the conditions were going to be similar to Double Secret Probation and said "Tailgate Party"! Not quite the same but close enough as we all headed down around 12:30 to the parking lot where there were many tables set up with grills, lots of food and various adult beverages. Otter and Bluto would be proud! Some did make it back out for a couple more runs but a lot headed in to see the band and that's the beauty of the Ski Club in that we know how to turn lemons into lemonade.

Good Job Gang!

Jim

# Trip News

## Smuggs

by Kevin Riegstad



I was but a peasant. I made sure I introduced myself to everyone in the room, the 30+ tripsters to Smugglers' Notch, Vermont...I wouldn't dare risk insulting the randomly drawn (and unknown to anyone) King and Queen. This was the Friday night icebreaker Lynda Lombardo (our trip leader) set up for us. I left with my head still attached to my shoulders, but even gladder to have met many club members I haven't skied with before. Dave Shaw and Jill Dinsmore were kind to their peasants. I was psyched for a great weekend, and I got it!

If you're a fan of skiing nostalgia, you'll love Smugg's chairlifts, where you and one friend can spend 15 minutes getting to know each other better. The Village Lift took you from the condos to the top of Morse Mountain, setting you down on a warm up run over to the Madonna 1 Lift which will bring you up Madonna Mountain and the Sterling Lift getting you up to, go figure, Sterling Mountain. The leisurely rides

offered the opportunity to plan your next runs through groomers, connecting trails and the many glades. Despite not a lot of new snow, or snow in general, the glades held up really well. Skis can be tuned.

On Sunday, on each ride up, we watched the kid's regional freestyle competition under the Sterling Lift on Upper Exhibition. Those kids were Cray Cray. 3 days of skiing, with green and blue NH Ski Club flags everywhere. On Saturday morning, about half the group magnetically converged on top of Sterling Mountain for a picture in the sun. Friday was a bit crispy, but it was all sun on Saturday and Sunday.



On Saturday night, Lynda and her condo mates hosted a festive potluck, with tons of food and cheer. Yum! I did hear several people went out to karaoke

later that night...I missed out. This was my first time to Smuggs...they treated us so well. Breakfast every morning, swag at the icebreaker, and great condos to keep us warm and dry, and for the low-low price of \$269 per person.

I'm ready to go back, especially if New England gets snow next year! FYI. We posted some pictures live from the events to the NH Ski Club Facebook page, and over 40 photos were posted to the Meetup event site...good memories and good times!!

Thanks for leading us, Lynda.

Cheers, Kevin Reigstad

## Sweet Sugarloaf

by Deb Schelzel

The Sugarloaf weekend was a huge success. The weather looked scary as far as warmth and rain, but it changed to cold and sunny, and the mountain made snow and groomed incredibly. Friday was a little hard and fast, but everything improved for Saturday and was absolutely great on Sunday. Friday night's corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Bag was perfect and attended by about 25 of the earlier arrivers. For the cocktail party on Friday, we were serenaded by Paul Kusinitz playing blues on his saxophone in a private function room. There were many fun raffles. After that many people went to the Widowmaker and danced to a Beatles Tribute band, Studio two. Three tables worth of us met for lunch at the Widowmaker on Friday, and many met for lunch at Bullwinkle's on the mountain on Saturday. A good time was had by all.



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## Spring Events

### Slushbomb!



The annual NHSC Slushbomb will be held at "The Yard" Restaurant and the theme is Denim & Diamonds. So put on your favorite blue jeans, diamonds or rhinestone jewelry and let's have a great time recalling the great NHSC ski trips we had this year.

\$15 per person...Guests must be accompanied by a NHSC member to get in. Tom & Cathy Cronin will be collecting admission at the general meetings in April and May.

There will be a live band playing this year "The Miner Band". Our own Jeff Howell from NHSC is the bass guitar player in the band. They play a mix of 80's/90's and popular Country music. There will be door prize drawings and a mix of hot and cold Hors D'oeuvres available.

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# 20th Annual Mountain Bike/Kayak/Barbecue

**June 4, 2016 - 9:00AM**  
**Deschesnes Road - Masabesic Lake**

Join NH Ski Club for a fun day of mountain biking, kayaking and socializing on the shore of Lake Masabesic. This annual event usually attracts around 50 people and is a great way for newer members to meet existing members. Bring your bike and/or kayak, lawn chair, water, food for grill and something to share if you can such as side dish, snack food or cookies.

Directions: Exit 1 off Route 101, head south on Route 28, go halfway around traffic circle continuing on Route 28 south. Go past ball-fields on right and you will start climbing a hill. About halfway up hill take a right on Deschesnes Road which is a private road. Disregard No Trespassing Signs. Paved road will turn to dirt road just past first house you see. Continue on dirt road to 2<sup>nd</sup> house which is only feet away. Please drive slowly past first house as their garage is across road and they have a young child.

For more information contact Troy at [troyschwotzer@comcast.net](mailto:troyschwotzer@comcast.net) or 603-361-6130

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## Ski Trivia

### Which ski resorts have the most bars per square kilometer?

The UK's Crystal Ski Holidays has conducted research to find out which ski resort has the most bars per square kilometer, and the winner is Borovets in Bulgaria. "This reasonably priced and cheerful resort has approximately four bars per square kilometer, ahead of the French resorts of Meribel and Courchevel, in 2nd and 3rd place respectively. The lively resort of Pas de la Casa in Andorra came in 4th with around 1.8 bars per square kilometer followed closely by the more traditional Austrian ski resort of Schladming," a Crystal news release, describing Borovets as, "the ultimate après-ski resort."

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