



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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*We don't just ski!*

## President's Letter

by Jim Eilenberger



Last month I told you that I was a little depressed with the lack of snow and now it's a month later and still no snow. Bummer! The ski areas are open but you look at their trail list and you see 54 out of 66 trails open at Sunapee, 52 of 61 trails open at Loon and 48 of 95 open at Cannon. With the lack of natural snow the only way the ski areas are open at all is in their snowmaking capability. Then I look at Pat's Peak who has 28 of 28 open and you realize that they are the only ones fully open. Last month I told you that my brother and I used to make snow at Pat's Peak in the 70's and that's where the rest of the story comes in. I was working at Pat's Peak on the lifts in 1974 when we got 7 busloads of kids from Alabama coming to NH to ski. I asked myself, "Why would they do that"? The answer was that Pat's Peak had snowmaking and nobody else did! This was the first critical no snow year and everyone paid the price except Pat's Peak. You see, Joe and Wayne Patenaude were the owners and they foresaw the need to make snow to ensure the skiing experience for the entire winter. So..... in the late 1960's they bought a huge old air compressor from a Maine paper mill and moved it to Pat's Peak. It was an enormous thing with an eight foot high synchronous motor, four huge pistons to compress the air and they nicknamed it "Snow White". Add in some high pressure water pumps and some pipes on the mountain and snowmaking was born.

What I didn't know at the time was that the 7 busloads of kids from Alabama were actually supposed to go to Colorado on vacation but they had no snow either, so they changed their plans and came to Pat's Peak. That winter changed everything as other mountains all over the country realized that Pat's Peak was crowded when they had no skiers so they all started investing in snowmaking. And now you know the rest of the story!

### **We Don't Just Ski!**

Think Snow!

Jim

# Food Bank Drive Results

by Kevin Reigstad



At the January NH Food Bank food drive, Ski Club members donated 359 pounds of food and \$276 for the Food Bank to acquire and distribute more. That's a big haul! Kevin Reigstad collected the donations at the door.

Superb packing of the boxes for transport was done by Pat Sheridan. Thanks for the heavy lifting to the waiting car by Paul Rich and John Goulet.

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## Club Discount Ticket Rates at Crotched Mountain

- Saturday 9a -5p or 1p to 9p \$43 adult save \$19
- Sunday 9a -5p no blackouts! \$43 adult
- Xmas Vacation: M-F \$43 adult
- Mass February Vacation: M-F (2/15/16- 2/19/16) \$43 adult
- M-F non vacation \$39 adult save \$11
- M-F non vacation 3p-9p all ages \$30
- End of Day M-F / 6p-9p all ages \$20
- Juniors 18 & under full day tickets \$33 - save up to \$17
- Rental equipment \$15 / Lessons \$15 / Helmet \$10
- Saturday Extreme Midnights 5p-3a \$33 save \$12
- **This program is for members and their families only. Must show membership card!**
- **Limit** of 2 adults and 3 juniors for any session



(NH vacation week is a non-vacation week!)

Contact: JOHN YOUNG for info @ [groups@crotchedmountain.com](mailto:groups@crotchedmountain.com) 603-588-3668 x233

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## Attitash/WildCat Club Discounts



### MUST bring your Membership card – Members only discount

Note: Tickets must be purchased online at least 24 hours in advance. For logon details go to NH Ski Club Meetup site and under More in the strip menu. Click on Files. You should see Attitash Discount postcard. Click to open that for username and password. Call Group Sales (603) 374-2619 for more info.

		Reg Price	Discount Price
Adult (age 19-64)	Weekend/ Holiday*	\$79	\$55
Adult (age 19-64)	Monday – Friday	\$75	\$45
Young Adult (age 13-18)	Weekend/ Holiday*	\$64	\$45
Young Adult (age 13-18)	Monday - Friday	\$60	\$30
Junior/ Senior (age 6-12 or 65+)	Weekend/ Holiday*	\$54	\$35
Junior/ Senior (age 6-12 or 65+)	Monday - Friday	\$50	\$25

\*Holiday dates: December 26, 2015 – January 3, 2016; January 16 – 18, 2016; February 13 – 21, 2016

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# Ski Trips

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## **Chamonix France**

**February 5-15, 2016**

\$2499.ppdo

7 Nights in Chamonix at Hotel Prieure

(Daily Breakfast and Dinner-Chamonix only)

2 Nights in Geneva at Hotel Cornavin

Flights with SwissAir, Boston-Geneva

All transfers from Airport to/from hotels

6-Day Chamonix unlimited ski pass good at all Chamonix Valley ski areas with optional 1 day at Courmayeur, Italy and 1 day at Verbier, Switzerland

Ski Insurance

Welcome cocktail and resort briefing

Taxes and surcharges

**A guaranteed good time!!!**

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## **Telluride Colorado**

**February 20-27, 2016**

\$1,799.00

R/T Air-United, Boston

7 nights at Riverside Condos

Ski in-2 block walk to gondola, Transfers, Gratuities, Taxes, 5 day lift pass,

T-shirt

1 party with food provided.

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## **Smugglers**

**March 4-6, 2016**

2 Nights lodging in 2 bedroom mountainside condos

Breakfast buffet on Saturday and Sunday

Meet & greet on Friday night (BYOB)

Friday to Sunday Lift Ticket (3 day lift ticket)

Pot luck dinner on Saturday night

Drive yourself trip

**\*\*Contact is Lynda Lombardo.**

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## Ski/Ride Sugarloaf for 3 days

March 17 - 20, 2016

3 nights and 3 days of ski in/out condo living at the Snowbrook Condos

\$309 pp adults 13 - 64

\$294 pp Seniors age 65+

\$249 pp all age pass-holders and lodging only guests

Three days lift tickets

Three 90-minute clinics, except for teens ages 15 to 18, \$12 per day

Unlimited access to the Sports & Fitness Center - Bring your bathing suit

Friday night wine and cheese party.

This is a drive yourself event. You are encouraged to carpool

**\*\*Final payment is due now!** Mail check to Deb Schelzel.

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## Day Trips

### Crotched Midnight Madness Feb 13 \$45

Ski from 5pm to 3am. That's right...3am! Slope side bonfire to keep warm all night and live concerts from local bands upstairs in the Onset Pub & lounge from 9pm-12am. No cover charge.

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### Loon Mountain Feb 28 \$55

- Includes lift ticket and a \$14 voucher for lunch.
- See Deb Schelzel for more info.

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### Cannon Mountain March 12 \$50

Another fun day of skiing and socializing at Cannon! Spend time with your NHSC pals on the slopes and for après ski action in Cannonball pub. Prizes will be awarded for best helmet ornament and/or après ski hat.

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## Central MA Ski Group Skier Appreciation Days for February

6-Feb	Sunapee	\$49
7-Feb	Okemo	\$49
13-Feb	Attitash	\$55
14-Feb	Sunapee	\$59
15-Feb	Crotched	\$45
20-Feb	Waterville	\$45
21-Feb	Stratton	\$49
27-Feb	Killington	\$54
28-Feb	Mt Snow	\$49

All tickets must be ordered online at [skicmsg.com/appre](http://skicmsg.com/appre)  
Cutoff: 3PM Wednesday for Saturday Trips and 3PM Thursday for Sunday & Monday Trips  
Must be paid in advance  
Tickets are picked up on the day of the trip at the Ski area between 8am and 10am  
Directions to pick up tickets will be emailed 2 days prior to the trip.  
Order online - More dates and info at [skicmsg.com](http://skicmsg.com)

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### NHSC Officers and Board Members

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