



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Message



Growing up in Henniker in the 70's was a great experience as most kids who lived there worked at Pat's Peak either in the lodge, making snow, teaching skiing or working as a lift rat. It was a lot of fun as we all worked hard but then usually went to the bar to squander all our hard earned money. Several high school friends and I still get together in Henniker for Monday night football and we reminisce about the good old days and we always wonder "How are we all still alive after all the stupid things we used to do"? Here's one example of some of the stupidity. We got out of working the lifts that day around five and hit the bar but it was always crowded with Massachusetts people having a beer at end of the day while their kids were outside playing. When the bar finally cleared out around seven and just us "townies" were left, we started thinking about heading up the hill to ski (if it was a full moon) or take a toboggan ride or shovel ride.

So... around nine we took some adult beverages and headed up the hill to meet the "groomers" who would take us up the hill in their snowcat or Piston Bully to start our adventure. That particular night it was rather dark so skiing was out of the question so we grabbed a toboggan and got a ride up the race trail. Now imagine seven people on a toboggan on a steep trail in the dark whizzing by the race finish pole at 50 mph feeling our jackets hit the pole meaning we all could have been severely hurt or killed. I remember the bartender, Jean Krantz saying, "Wow, that was a close call". Later in the week we were approached in the bar by the Pat's Peak owner, Joe Patenaude, and we feared getting fired for being stupid but instead he said, "I heard about your close call the other night, next time turn on the lights so you can see where you're going". Growing up in Henniker was a lot of fun! Thanks Joe P! We were trained professionals so don't try this at home!

Think Snow!

Jim

*****Important Notices*****

Location Change - The meetings will be held **upstairs** at the Yard for the rest of the season. Same entrance, just go up the stairs to the left.

Elections! Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the March meeting. You must be a paid member to vote. Nominees will speak at the February meeting.

Club Calendar

Feb 5	Loon Ski Day
Feb 8	Club Meeting
Feb 17	Sugarbush Trip
Feb 25	Park City Trip
Mar 8	Club Meeting and Board Elections
Mar 16	Sunday River Trip
April 12	Club Meeting
May 10	Club Meeting

NH Food Bank Donation Total

by Debby Schelzel

We had a great turnout for the NH Food Bank collection at January's ski club meeting. The club collectively donated 198 pounds of canned and boxed food and \$1000.00 in cash and check donations. The Food Bank was very appreciative. Thanks to all of the members for donating to this worthy cause.



Club Member Discounts at Attitash/Wildcat

This offer is exclusively for ski club members. You MUST have a valid 16|17 ski club ID and a photo ID. See flyer on the Meetup site for more information and pricing. Go to the NHSC Meetup page and click on More and then Files, as shown below.



Board of Directors Nominations

President - Kevin Reigstad

I am honored to be nominated for President of the NH Ski Club. I ask for your vote and most important, if elected, I ask for your support during my term as President. I have been a member of the Club for over seven years and have served on the Board of Directors for the past four years. During that time, the board has been a good steward of the budget, updated the by-laws to meet the current needs of the club, and sponsored a wide variety of skiing, hiking, kayaking, biking, and summer deck party outings and ski season celebrations. This month, from February 17-20, I'm leading my first ski trip to Sugarbush, VT. It's going to be fun! My wife Patty knows how much I enjoy being a member of this club and encourages me to be part of its leadership team to continue making it a great place for all of us.

As your President, I want the club to be welcoming for long-time members, new members and those simply passing through to see what we're about. We are a community, and as members we are its advocates. I encourage you to lead outings and trips, and if you have an idea, bring it to the board. I'm sure others would love to join you. I know I probably will.

Please meet the candidates for all the board positions. Tell them what you like about the club and what we all can do to make it better. Participate. Lead. This is your club and I would be honored to be your President.

Vice President - Troy Schwotzer

Vice President Troy Schwotzer will be running for reelection in the upcoming election. I've been a member for 20 years and have been Vice President the past six years and served for two terms in the past as well. I'd like to continue to help the club grow and succeed and would appreciate your vote.

Secretary - Debby Schelzel

My name is Deborah Schelzel. I am known as Debby by most of you and on Meetup as Deb Shell. I have served as your secretary on the NH Ski Club board for two terms or 4 years by this spring. Thank you all for your overwhelming support. I will continue to serve you as such for the next two years, if reelected. I am very pleased to represent you in this capacity.

Treasurer - Don Eaton

My wife, Josee, and I were introduced to the NHSC back in the early 2000's through Mike & Michelle Collier. We attended a couple of initial meetings, met a bunch of terrific folks and went on a trip to Chamonix that first year. We were hooked. The camaraderie we experienced during that trip demonstrated what a great club it is. Josee and I remained involved with the club for a couple more years but when our children became old enough to ski, we took a break from the club activities to ski as a family. Fast forward to 2014 – kids are in college and we're back! We have very much enjoyed seeing our old friends from the Club and meeting many new ones. The club has a very engaged and proactive Board of Directors. The board members care deeply for the club and it shows in the way it is run. We are all very lucky to have the leadership team we do. I'd like to be a part of that team and feel I can bring some continuity and additional expertise to the group. By way of background, I was born in Manchester and have lived in the Manchester area all my life. I have been in the commercial real estate management business for over 30 years (yikes!) and am a principal at Colliers International, a commercial real estate management, brokerage and financing firm. Josee and I are skiing and boating enthusiasts. We also enjoy hiking and traveling (I have thus far thwarted the biking thing but you never know!) We look forward to many years of doing all these activities with our club friends.

Board Members (choose 4)

Jeff Sanders

I've been a NH SKi Club member since 2006 and with every passing year have grown to appreciate the club more and more. As a newcomer, the club welcomed me with open arms, and the passion fellow members had for fun and adventure left no doubt that this was my group. As a member, I've directly benefited from the hard work done by the ski club leadership and other members. Whether it was a Schussbomb, Slushbomb, hiking trip, bike ride, or, oh yeah, an incredible ski trip out west or overseas, it took planning and effort to make it happen. Having enjoyed the fruit of this hard work over the last 10+ years, I feel it's time to give a little back and be a part of that process. As an engineer by profession, my analytical brain likes challenges and problem solving. And as a fun-loving, adventure-seeker, I want to do things which satisfy that passion. I feel the combination of these qualities would make me an asset to the board.

We have a tremendous membership with some real quality people and it's my desire to see that continue and grow over the coming years. With your vote, I'll happily become a part of the effort to keep our club a great place for new and existing members to enjoy some great times with other like-minded people. Life is an adventure, and the NH Ski Club is an awesome place to make that happen! Thanks for your consideration, Jeff

Bill Driscoll

I'm an avid skier who has been skiing for more than 40 years. I've got 2 grown children who grew up skiing at SugarBush in VT. For the past 17 years, I've worked in the software business and currently am employed at Cisco Systems. Since 2014, I've been a board member of the Amoskeag Terrace Condominiums in Manchester. In the six years that I've been a NH Ski Club member, I've met many great people and have enjoyed at least one or 2 ski trips each year (most recently Whistler). Being a member of the club has been a pleasure largely due to the efforts of the board to schedule regular get-togethers and choose excellent trip destinations. Since I've benefited for the past 6 years, I'd be very happy to contribute as a board member.

Lynda Lombardo

18 years ago, I walked through the door at the Yard for a ski club meeting not knowing a soul. I signed up for a group hike and had a great day. I knew the ski club was something I wanted to be part of. Since then, I have participated in numerous events and met some of the best friends of my life. Just as important as participating I have enjoyed giving back. I have been assisting with raffle tickets and Door Girl for years, in addition to, planning Slushbomb parties and trips.

And back to that fated entrance at the Yard, I know how it feels to be a newbie. I always try to meet new members and make them welcome which I personally think we need to work on. Growing the membership is an important goal.

I enjoy working with people and listening to their suggestions. I think I can contribute and will give my best effort as a board member and ask for your vote.

Nancy Caron

It's time to give back, now that I have the time to do so! I finally retired from teaching in the Bedford School District for 34 years, at the McKelvie School, as a Physical Educator. My other experiences include being Bedford's Recreation Director and their first female Firefighter. My years of Banquet Waitressing experience include: Stonebridge Country Club, The Sheraton Wayfarer, and The Jack O'Lantern Resort, to name a few. I have taught CPR, FA, AED, Lifeguarding, Water Safety, Canoeing, and Boat Safety courses through the American Red Cross in the last 3 decades.

After living in Merrimack for 27 years, I have recently moved to Hooksett with my son, Kyle. I currently work part-time at Gail Fisher's All Dogs Gym & Inn. Vic wants to hand over membership to someone new. I hope to take on this new challenge to help out the club. Nancy Keenom Caron aka Nancy KC.

Also running:

Vic Snowdon

Jim Eilenberger

Fun times at Whistler Blackcomb

by Jayne King

Is it possible to cover 8171 acres in 6 days of skiing? Yes, I believe there were a half dozen people on the trip that probably did just that, skiing all six days from sunup to sundown. There was some powder stashes on Sunday but no new snowfall during the week. The trade-off was very nice weather, with temps in the mid-twenties, light winds, blue skies, some partly sunny days and only one day with some flat light. There was terrain for everyone from cornices and double diamond steps to nicely groomed rolling runs for the intermediate folks and everything in between.

The fun didn't stop on the slopes as there were so many bars to choose from for apres ski and if that wasn't your thing, there were shops, and shops, and more shops. There was also no shortage of great restaurants available, for instance 21 Steps! Everything is within walking distance in the quaint yet sometimes rowdy village (after all it was Gay Ski week with special events and a parade, and Aussie Day on Thursday).



A few brave folks went bobsledding on the Olympic course reaching speeds of 75 mph! What a rush! Friday, 22 members of the group headed to Vancouver for the day and had a whirlwind tour of the very cool city. A bunch of us went to Capilano Suspended Bridge Park, with you guessed it, a long, high suspension bridge, tree-to-tree bridges with high platforms surrounding the trees, and cool cliff walks, all in a rain forest! There was plenty to do in such a short time. The remaining 13 arrived in Vancouver about 6:00pm after skiing the day, in time to enjoy the restaurants and nightlife. I have to say it was one of the most seamless trips in a few years. NO travel delays and NO major injuries is always a plus in my book. I have a feeling the club will be returning to Whistler Blackcomb sooner than later. There plenty of pictures on Facebook on various members pages as well as the NH Ski Club page, and on the Meetup site. Check them out.

Upcoming Ski Trips

President's Day Weekend Trip to Sugarbush Hosted by Kevin Reigstad

Feb 17, 2017

11 January is the last call for this trip, for forms and payment. The 11th is the date of our next Monthly Meeting. If you've been procrastinating, procrastinate no longer. If you want to go, make sure you have a roommate and get with me right away. We have 22 going and it's going to be great!

Trip details:

- A u-drive, 3-night President's Day weekend (17-20 February 2017) adventure, arriving Friday and departing Monday.
- It's 3-night's at the Sugarbush Inn with 3 days breakfast and 2 days of skiing included. Arrive Friday as early at 4pm, normal checkout on Monday at 10am. Sugarbush will have a room set aside for us to change after skiing Monday. Say what? Yes, you can add a 3rd day of skiing for just \$30 more.
- At Sugarbush Inn, there is an outdoor, locked ski locker and plenty of parking.
- A short shuttle bus ride to the lifts. All lodging guests have access to the Sugarbush Health and Racquet Club facilities and area shuttle services. Bring a swim suit for the indoor and outdoor hot tubs!
- On Saturday evening, we'll have a cash bar, provided hors d'oeuvres group get-together in the Tap Room, located on the second floor of the Inn where there's a cozy fireplace, lounge area and pool table.
- Price is \$370 per person (double occupancy). Ski Saturday and Sunday. Option to purchase (through me 1 week prior) a 3rd ski day on Monday for an additional \$30 per person. This is an option on signup.

See <http://www.sugarbush.com/>

Experience it in 60 seconds: <http://www.sugarbush.com/discover/about/>

Park City and Canyons, Utah Hosted by Lynda Lombardo

Feb 25 - Mar 4

Ski the largest ski area in the United States!!

The merging of Park City and the Canyons offers over 7300 skiable acres.

Dates: **2/25/17 - 3/4/17** Airfare: Manchester to Salt Lake City

5 ski days: 4 days at Park City & Canyons, 1 day at Deer Valley

Accommodations: SnowFlower Condos, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo's, 4 persons per condo, located at base of Eagle & Three Kings lift, ski in- ski out, 7 nights

Incidentals: includes tax, gratuities & transfer from airport to condo

Meet 'n Greet Dinner

Cost: **\$1995.00** (deduct \$328 for Epic pass)

Sunday River Weekend Hosted by Deb Schelzel

March 16-19

The Sunday River three day St Patrick's weekend trip is closed with 54 attending. If anyone is still interested in going, sign up on the wait list or contact me, Deb Schelzel, and if there are any openings that come up, I will let you know. If there are two roommates that want to go, I can get in touch with Sunday River and see if they have any rooms still available to add back on.

Thanks to everyone that is going, who have signed up and paid so promptly. I will send out rooming lists, cocktail party info and corned beef and cabbage dinner restaurant suggestions closer to that weekend. I suggest checking out the Sunday River Resort web site for local entertainment and events, while we will be there.

Day Trips

Loon Mountain

February 5

Join us for a day of skiing at Loon Mountain for \$57, which includes a \$14 lunch voucher for 7 places at the mountain. Send me a check made out to the NH Ski Club by January 31, 2017, or give to me at the December or January meeting; and pick up your tickets from me, Debby Schelzel, in the Governor's Pavilion at Loon between 7:45 and 8:45.

Look for all the little blue or green flags on the ski club members' poles when on the mountain. I will have some extra for new members. Usually some skiers go to Babes in the Governor's Lodge àpres ski for the drink promotions and another bite to eat.

Feel free to ask me any questions through the Meetup messenger or in the comments. If mailing the check, send it to me, Deborah Schelzel, 299 Stark Lane, Manchester, NH 03102. See you on the slopes.

Cannon

April 1

Our Cannon Club Day has migrated from St Patrick's Day to April Fool's Day. We are thinking "end of season" tailgating and sunshine. Specifics on discount lifts are TBD, but it may be a good way to burn a voucher.

Come out to cheer for our very first Tug-o-War team with Apres Ski as usual in the Cannonball Pub. If the stars align, they will set up a race course for us too. Updates planned as the season comes to a close...

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