



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Letter

by Jim Eilenberger



This time of year is where Jay Peak usually stands out as the ski area that has the best spring skiing, especially in the woods. For the past dozen years that's what's drawn a number of us there in mid April to get those last magical runs in the trees and throw in a pot luck dinner with adult beverages and it's a great way to close out the season. This year Jay Peak suffered the same lack of snow as all the other eastern ski areas although they did get some snow storms in early April that gave us glimmers of hope only to be washed out with a few days of rain. So, when I got an email from Jay Peak on April 15th Saying "Business As Usual" I thought, here we go again, they got another foot of snow and maybe we'll get there after all.

Until I read the fine print... You see, Jay Peak is in a bit of trouble. It seems that the Security Exchange Commission (SEC) have indicted the two Jay Peak owners Ariel Quiros and William Stenger for misusing millions of dollars raised through the HB-5 program. What is the HB-5 program you ask? The HB-5 program is a government program where a foreign investor who invests \$500K in a rural or high unemployment area in the US can get a green card, or permanent residence in the United States. When Jay Peak needed money to build the new waterpark and new hotels they used the HB-5 program to raise over \$350 Million dollars. Unfortunately the SEC now thinks that much of the money may have been misused and that Quiros spent \$50 million on personal expenses such as luxury condos and buying an unrelated ski area. Can you say Burke Mountain? Sounds like that was not part of the plan filed with the SEC so it's part of the issue. It's early in the story so let's wait and see how it turns out. Let's hope that the ski area can remain separated from the owner issues and stay in business as Jay is one of the best eastern ski areas and we want to continue our April season finale there next year!

Think Summer!

Jim

Summer Deck Meetings

June 8 at Derryfield Deck

July 13 at Schelzel's on the Merrimack

August 10 at Hilton Garden Inn

All start at 6pm

No business - Social only

See Meetup for details

Spring/Summer Events

Slushbomb!

Saturday, May 21
7:00 PM to 11:45 PM



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.

Morgan-Percival Hike

MAY 28, 2016 – 9:00 am

Join the NH Ski Club for a fun hike up Morgan-Percival in Holderness NH. This is a moderate hike of 5.3 miles on a loop trail which has ladders and caves (you can go around these) and great views of Squam Lake.

Bring good hiking boots, rain gear, warm clothing, food and water. We will meet at the trailhead at 9:00am.

Directions: 93 to Exit 24-follow Rt. 3 south to Holderness. From Holderness get on Rt. 113 and follow it northeast for 5.5 miles and trailhead will be on left across the street from Rattlesnake Mountain Trailhead.

For detailed information about this hike go to hikenewengland.com and type in Morgan-Percival.

For more info contact Troy at troyschwotzer@comcast.net or 603-361-6130

20th Annual Mountain Bike/Kayak/Barbecue

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

Join NH Ski Club for a fun day of mountain biking, kayaking and socializing on the shore of Lake Massabesic. 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 2nd house which is only feet away. *Please drive slowly past first house as their garage is across road and they have a young child.*

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Will's Kayak Adventures 2016

Pemi River June 25 10 Am at Ski Fanatics off Exit 28. Contact them for rentals or shuttle. There will be a BBQ after, bring a dish to share and what you plan on grilling, pool available.

New Castle July 30, 10am at Odiorne Point Boat Launch. This is a difficult paddle, boaters should have a skill level to deal with heavy current, boat traffic. First 20 people get to go, I need to manage the number for safety.

Nubanusit Lake, Aug 13, 10 am. GPS for directions, no BBQ set at this time. Limited parking!

Newfound Lake Aug. 20, 10am at Wellington State Park boat launch. Tell person at the gate that you are launching a boat to avoid fee. Bring a dish to share and BBQ meats. Directions to Donna's @ launch.

Merrimack River Aug. 27, 11am. The boat launch is at the dog park in Hooksett. The BBQ is at Debby's house. Bring dish to share and BBQ meats.

Contoocook River, Oct. 15, 10am. Take Rte. 101 W to Rte. 202 N. for 4 miles to Scott Mitchell Rd on right. There is a shuttle so carpool as much as possible. BBQ site to be announced @ take out.

Please be sure to bring a **lunch** and **plenty of water** and a PFD on these trips. Any additions to BBQ directions will be given at launch site.

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