



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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*We don't just ski!*

## President's Message



As I sit down to write my last newsletter I think back to my first newsletter wondering how an Engineer by trade could write a monthly newsletter and what the heck would I talk about for the next two years. Well, that two years turned into six years of newsletters and I hope the stories about Pat's Peak, many skiing experiences and stories about the special times we've all shared were entertaining enough for you to read the newsletter. So now I sit here and wonder, what do I say in my last President's Message? More stories? It will be hard to top the moonlight run down Big Mountain and the snow cat ride to the yurt at Big Sky and most of the good Pat's Peak stories have been told so what to write? After thinking awhile I decided, how about what the club means to me so here it goes.

I remember the first meeting that Norm Pilotte brought me too in 1999 and meeting everyone but the club was clicky so it wasn't until I went on the ski trip to Jackson Hole and met a lot of great people that you begin to realize that these are not just new friends, they are lifelong friends. This realization was the main reason that I stopped being a ski instructor the next year as I wanted to become a more integral part of the club and the people in it.

Shortly after that trip our club founder Ken Preve passed away which was a shock to everyone as he was the life of the party and the heart and soul of the club along with a few other early members. Ken's passing sent the club into a downslide as the newly elected president was more interested in himself than the club but finally some of us said enough is enough and put ourselves in position to take the club back. That's when Jeff Lavoie became President and many of us got on the board to turn things around. The point is that people who cared about the club stepped up at a critical time to make a difference. After two terms Jeff stepped down and for the past six years I've had the honor and privilege to be the elected president. The club to me is not just a monthly meeting where you catch up with a few people to see where the next ski adventure is, it's a place to see everyone and make plans for many new life adventures. As my time as President ends, I look at the new club Officers and Board members and I know that they are all just like me and want the best for the club so I know we're in really good hands going forward!

See you all in future life adventures!

Cheers,

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.

**The 2017 Summer Gatherings** will be held on the second Wednesday of June, July and August at the following locations:

Wednesday 14 June - The Derryfield Country club

Wednesday 12 July – TBD

Wednesday 9 August – Deb Schelzel’s on the Merrimack

Please check the NH Ski Club Meetup site for details or any last minute changes.

**Correct Member Address and Contact information:**

To insure you receive any correspondence from the ski club please be sure your address and contact information is correct and current. If you move please let us know your new address – this happens a lot. If we have been using an incorrect street number send us a note with the correct number or street name – have had this occur a few times. And if you change your email well it goes without saying please let us know, unless of course you are going incognito, then you are on your own. Please send an email with any changes or corrections ONLY to: [NHSkiClub@Comcast.net](mailto:NHSkiClub@Comcast.net).

Thank you,

Victor Snowdon

NH Ski Club – Operations Director

**Club Calendar**

May 10	Club Meeting
May 20	Slushbomb!
June 3	Welch Dickey Hike 9am (see Meetup)
June 10	Massabesic Bike/Kayak/BBQ
June 24	Kayaking starts

**Slushbomb Party - Don't Say No!**

**Saturday, May 20 - 7:00 - 11:45 at The Yard**

The annual NH Ski Club Slushbomb will be held at "The Yard" Restaurant and the theme for this party is "You Can't Say NO!"

Dancing to *The Miner Band*, with club member Jeff Howell on bass. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

*Game rules: When you arrive at the Slushbomb, you will be given a pin to wear on your lapel or shirt. If someone hears you say the word "NO", you give up your pin to that person. If you manage to collect multiple pins from others you caught saying "NO", and then someone catches you saying "NO", you must surrender all your pins to that person. The one with the most pins at prize time wins.*

\$15 per person. Guests must be accompanied by a NHSC member to get in. We will be collecting for prepaid admission at the April and May general meetings. You may mail your payment(s) payable to "NH Ski Club" c/o: Tom & Cathy Cronin, 66 North Main St., Newton, NH 03858. Or pay at the door.

# 20th Annual Mountain Bike/Kayak/Barbecue - June 10

Join the NH Ski Club for the 20th Annual Mountain Bike/Kayak/Barbecue on Massabesic Lake. This event will start at 9:30am for those wishing to bike or kayak with a group. Show up whenever if you want to bike or kayak at your own pace. The groups are usually back by 12:30 for those who just want to show up for the barbecue. Try to carpool if you can as parking gets tight. There will be a porta- potty for the event so if you are one who needs a nice clean bathroom you should be aware of this.

Please bring what you want for the grill and beverages of choice as well as something to share if you can. You should also bring a lawn chair and water.

Directions: Go to Exit 1 on Route 101 and head south on Route 28. Go halfway around rotary and continue south on Route 28. You will pass baseball fields on right and parking area on left. Go halfway up hill past these areas and take a right on Deschesnes Road. Stay to the right and disregard No Trespassing signs. Please drive slowly past the first house on right that you see. Road turns to dirt for a very short distance and house is on the right. Hope to see you there.

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## Kayaking by Deb Schelzel

Kayak trips this season are brought to you by Nancy Keenom Caron, Laura Balestreri, Dana Ordway and Deb Schelzel. Save these dates. More information and sign ups will be forthcoming on Meetup soon.

**June 24.** Contoocook River with Contoocook River Kayak who will shuttle everyone and have rental kayaks available. Sign up ahead with them will be necessary to rent.

### **July 8. Nubanusit Lake/Spoonwood Pond**

**July 22 Pawtuckaway State Park,** at Neals cove. 9:00. Rentals are available at the camp store before Neal's Cove. Call ahead for rental.

**August 5.** The Merrimack River in Hooksett meeting at the dog park behind the Hooksett court house at 9:30. Rentals available across the river at Edgewater Canoe and Kayak.

**August 12.** New castle area, starting from Odiorne Point at 10:30, paddling to Pierce Island and back.

**August 26.** The upper Merrimack in Boscawen via the Contoocook River Canoe Kayak in Concord to shuttle us and have rentals available with sign ups ahead of time.

**September 16.** The Contoocook River, River Rd, Henniker, near Pat's peak.

**October 7.** Fall foliage paddle TBA

**Please have life jackets, lots of water, lunch, hat, sun screen, extra paddle, if you have one, and carry in and out bag with you.**

## NHSC 2017 Moonlight Hike by Tom Cronin

A hearty group of seventeen hikers and one dog, all fully equipped with hiking gear including traction devices and hiking poles, came together for an evening hike up to the AMC Lonesome Lake hut. This year's hike was held later in the season (March 25th) and the sun was still up and lighted our path all the way up. The LL hut was warm and welcoming with a roost full of overnight guests. As schedules sometimes dictate, this ended up being a moonless weekend but with beautiful clear skies in the notch. Shortly into our descent everyone donned their headlights for the journey down. The snowpack was deep this year and the bridges crossing the small streams around the back shore of the lake were capped at each end with 4-5 walls of snow creating some interesting and necessary climbing and balancing...we were especially thankful for "traction" at these points. Back at the cars, the moonless night, far away from the city lights offered some spectacular star filled skies...there goes Jupiter, there goes Mars.



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## 7th Annual Cannon Day 2016 by Ann McLaughlin



Mother Nature dumped some snow for us late in the season for our April Fools Day at Cannon this year. Though some could not make it due to the road conditions, it made for a great day of skiing! We still had ~45 members show up for a day full of fun and festivities. That's one thing I love about this club – we're always game :-)

The race course was set on Timezone, the Tug-o-War event was suspenseful, the grills and tents were out for tailgating, and *Monkeys with Hammers* played great cover tunes in the Cannonball Pub to round out the day. I'm thinking this end of season itinerary will be our new club day "template" for years to come at Cannon. See you next year!

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## Ski Trips for Next Year

The Board of Directors has approved a ski trip to **St. Anton Austria** with 2 nights in Munich Germany after the week in Austria. Dates are February 2-12. 7 nights at Hotel Nassereinerhof which has a live band every day from 4-7pm. Breakfast and dinner included each day. 2 nights at Hotel Maritim in Munich with breakfast included. Round trip air from Boston to Zurich on Swiss Air which does not charge extra for skis, poles, boots and helmet. Price includes a 5 day ski pass, air, lodging, taxes, ground transportation. Visit the famous Neuschwanstein Castle for a day trip while in Munich. Price is \$2,725.00. Limited to the first 32 people to sign up. Sign up will begin in mid August.

Also, **Mt Bachelor in Oregon** was voted as our western trip. Dates are Feb 24 - March 3, 2018. Waiting for airline costs, so approximate price is around \$1650, Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Bend, 2 queens or a king w/sitting area, mini fridge and microwave, with full hot breakfast. Just a 20 minute hotel shuttle to the mountain, awesome town with 21 microbreweries, and wineries and distilleries too, walk to restaurants and

bars. Visit Crater Lake National Park on your day off (about 90 min away), or explore the volcanic caves, go dogsledding, x-ctry skiing, tubing, or snowshoeing. The Max pass is used here and you'll get a \$250 credit. Fly into Portland OR, and have a relaxing bus ride to Bend (about 3 1/2 hrs) but we'll make a stop for adult beverages and snacks. Bachelor has 4318 acres with 3300 vertical, summit of 9065 ft. Terrain is 15% easy, 35% intermediate, 25% advanced, and 25% extreme. They received over 600" this year, with averages 462". At Bachelor you can ski the entire 360 degrees of this dormant volcano. Sign up will start in late August.

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