



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Message



Although we stay active as a club in the summer, the September meeting seems to start picking up the tempo as we all get eager for the snow to start falling. With great attendance at the first two club meetings then the upcoming Schussbomb party always gets people out on the dance floor to get the blood moving and the legs in shape for skiing.

As you receive this newsletter, the November meeting will be right around the corner. Remember that the format for this meeting is the Ski Mountain Extravaganza which means that the meeting room will be full of ski areas and other ski related vendors. This is a great opportunity to find out what's new for expansions, new lifts, new gear and what deals they're putting together. The ski areas also bring some goodies to give away, including lift tickets, but to be included in the raffle you'll need to get a special card stamped by all the ski areas and vendors. So... bring some friends and arrive early as this meeting usually draws a big crowd. We'll also have a representative from the Central Massachusetts Ski Club there so be sure to check out all their great deals, especially the Skier Appreciation Days. The best way we can reward all these vendors who give us these goodies is to return the favor and patronize their mountain or shop!

Next up is the Warren Miller film on November 13th which gets everyone excited for snow but it's also for a good cause as all the money goes to the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHAD). For many years we have helped sponsor the show so get your tickets and get ready for some of the most incredible ski scenery in the world!

We have two great ski trips out west, two exciting weekend trips and three day trips planned and as we say at the ski club meetings "this is the best way for new members to meet existing club members and get integrated into the club" so sign up if you haven't already.

If you are looking for a season pass check out the M.A.X PASS. Five days each at 39 ski areas around the country with no blackouts. Great deal!

Jim

Calendar

Nov 9	Ski Expo (Monthly meeting)
Nov 12	Schussbomb party
Nov 13	Warren Miller Movie at the Palace
Dec 14	December Club Meeting
Jan 11	January Club Meeting
Jan 21	Whistler Trip!

Come to the Schussbomb

Where: The Yard Restaurant in Manchester...The Pavilion Room

When: Saturday, November 12th at 7pm - 11pm

Cost: \$15 pp (pay at the door)

Come wearing a favorite Ski Theme Tee Shirt! Or display a piece of bling with a ski theme or ski area hat...wear something that promotes the sport of skiing or a ski area. How about that old lift ticket still hanging on your ski parka since 1997?



Wear your comfortable shoes because "The Miner Band" will be rocking the place with another great mix of 70's, 80's, 90's dancing and contemporary music. All your favs!

There will be appetizers, door prizes and a cash bar. If you missed the Slushbomb this year...you missed a great party! Here's your second chance to do it again. So put on your favorite Ski Tee shirt and let's have a party! WOO HOO! [See you at the Schushbomb!](#)

New England Ski Area Opening Dates

Killington, VT: Opened October 25

Jay Peak, VT: November 25

Gunstock, NH: December 3

Smuggler's Notch, VT: November 25

Stratton, VT: November 23

Mount Snow, VT: November 24

Sugarbush, VT: November 19

Stowe, VT: November 19

NH Ski Club 10th Annual

Ski Expo Extravaganza

When – Weds: 9 Nov. 6:30 pm

Where: Yard Restaurant
1211 So. Mammoth Rd, Manchester

Come Meet Representatives from the Mountains and Vendors identified on the left and right

Admission is Free!

Open to the Public

Complete a raffle card and win prizes based on a completed raffle card at the end of the event.

NH SKI CLUB MEMBER COMPLETES HER FINAL 4000 FOOTER!

By Tom Cronin



Laura and her sister Catherine posing from atop the Mt Carrigain fire tower.

On Oct. 15th longtime NH Ski Club member Laura B completed her list of 4K hikes in the NH Whites by climbing Mt Carrigain. Mt. Carrigain is considered by many, one of the jewels of the White Mountains. From the lofty perch of Mt. Carrigain's fire tower, near the middle of the Pemigewasset Wilderness, one can see at least 44 of the (48) 4000 footers. The NH 4K list includes all of the mountain peaks in NH that are above 4000' feet in height.

Laura has been active in a few different outdoor meetup groups focused on hiking in the White Mountains. Over the past 4 years, she has been working her way through the list of 4K's. She was accompanied up Carrigain by her sister Catherine and about 25 of her meetup hiking friends on her final 4K on Carrigain. The weather was perfect and she was fortunate to have such a beautiful clear fall day with wonderful views. After some celebrating including champagne and some food items, people somewhat reluctantly got prepared to hike back down the 5 mile long Signal Ridge Trail. It's hard to leave such a wonderful summit on such a beautiful day.

Congratulations to Laura on her hiking accomplishment!



Celebrating with some of her NH Ski Club friends on Mt. Carrigan. (L to R) Laura Balustreri, Tom Cronin, Jayne King and Catherine Kimpton

What's New At Pats Peak for 2016/2017

By Celina Braun

More snowmaking power

6 additional fan guns, including 4 guns from SnowMachines and 2 Turbo HKD Fan Guns.

New snowmaking power line to double the amount of fan guns that can run at the same time.

More rental equipment

300 pairs of Elan Skis were added to the rental fleet

A new self-check-in system in the Rental Shop will continue to provide quick service to renters.

Expanded Wireless

To meet the demand for wireless we have increased our internet access capabilities

High-capacity access points were added to increase WiFi speed and reliability throughout our lodges.

New Website

The website patspeak.com received a facelift. A new responsive interface makes viewing on mobile devices easier and a new super-slick e-commerce system was also added.

Storage

40 additional lockers will be added including some BIG family size lockers to keep up with demand for lockers and equipment storage while at the mountain.

Ski Tales.

By Susan Mollohan

This is the introduction to a new feature of the newsletter. Do you have a skiing story worth sharing? If you do, send it to: nhsc.newsletter@gmail.com

While on the trails, ski folklore and tall tales are embedded in our skiing memories. Like the big fish that got away or more applicable the monstrous snowfall that came or didn't fall, this winter sport is the backdrop of ski tales. When I was a teacher the school nurse, another teacher and I decided to play hookey. Upon meeting at a park and ride, we decided that traveling a little further than loon might be in our truant best interest so Wildcat would be where we would gain reprieve from the work week on this beautiful warm winter day. While leading our trio down on this ski run I saw a man trailside taking in the sunshine. As I got closer I recognized the *Chairman of the school board* with whom I had worked on a few committees. Keeping my head turned in the opposite direction to avoid recognition, I stopped a few feet from him to warn my amigos not to stop. At the end of the run we donned winter hats and goggles, neither of which were needed on this warm day. We devised a plan to use the code word Rumpelstiltskin if we spotted this elected commander again. A wise decision was to keep our ski hats and goggles on while inside for lunch, in spite of sticking out like sore thumbs.

But as luck would have it we spotted Rumpelstiltskin walking in the lodge. Like 3 naughty schoolchildren we scurried in three different directions, rejoining outside. Giggling like Jr. high school girls we decided we had learned many lessons this day: sometimes you need to do something you've neverdone before, take risks, spend time with people you love, be with friends, create lasting memories, life is not an accident. We are all teachers in life if we're willing to pay attention to the lessons we learn and above all... pick a shorter code name!

A Long time Ski Club Tradition

By Jeff Lavoie

Many years ago some ski mountains would graciously give the NH Ski club early season lift tickets that had to be used by Christmas. One of those areas was Cannon Mountain. It was a really nice benefit of being a member. However, as time went on they stopped this practice and we were really bummed!!

During the heyday of free lift tickets it became a tradition to ski the last Saturday before Christmas at Cannon. Well the free tickets have stopped, but the tradition of skiing Cannon the last day before Christmas has not. Many of the club members continue to ski this day and we have a blast. Some years we have even seen a gorilla on the slopes in his Christmas attire!!

Let's keep up this informal tradition and ski Cannon again this year. Since Christmas is on Sunday this year it makes sense to ski December 17th. We typically meet in the Peabody Lodge about 8:30 and head out to slopes shortly thereafter. Most of us end up riding Mahogany Ridge (the bar) after skiing and listen to the live entertainment that Cannon provides us.

In past years early lift tickets have been discounted at the window so you may be able to even get a better deal than the discount club tickets. It really depends on the snow quality and quantity on whether tickets are full price or not.

Ski Trips

~~Whistler/Blackcomb, BC Canada~~ Hosted by Jayne King

Sorry! Trip is Closed!

January **21- 28, 2017**. **\$1695.00** includes the following:

- 6 nights at Delta Whistler Suites (2bdrm, 2 bath condos for 4, full kitchen).
- Round trip air Boston to Vancouver.
- Last night in Vancouver at Hotel Fairmont.
- All bus transfers.
- 5 day lift ticket to the largest ski area in North America.
- Taxes and gratuities.
- Welcome party.
- T-shirt.

Must have valid passport. Sign up forms on Meetup and available at monthly meetings.

Park City and Canyons, Utah Hosted by Lynda Lombardo

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: Snow Flower Condo's, 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)

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

Important! Need your RSVP and check by 7 November so that We know if we have minimum 22 to make sure this trip happens.

A u-drive, 3-night President's Day weekend (**17-20 February 2017**) adventure, arriving Friday and departing Monday. Do know, this is the weekend prior to the start of Lynda's Park City - Canyons trip. If you do both trips, I'll be there with you!

It's 3-nights **at the Sugarbush Inn** with 3 days breakfast and 2 days of skiing included. Arrive Friday as early as 4pm, normal checkout on Monday at 10am. Sugarbush Inn 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 swimsuit 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 TapRoom, 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.

We've reserved space for 22, to include me. Do we have 21 members who'd like to join in the weekend Sugarbush experience? Experience it in 60 seconds: <http://www.sugarbush.com/discover/about/>

Sunday River Weekend Hosted by Debby Schelzel

Thursday March 16, 2017 the **Sunday River Weekend** of skiing or riding and staying at the **Grand Summit Hotel**, with ski in, ski out, is back. Three nights lodging, three days of skiing and three free 90 Minute Perfect Turn Clinics on the mountain for those over 15 years of age are included. Swim in the outdoor pool or relax in the giant hot tub. Dine in your room, in their restaurant or shuttle to several others on the mountain or down the street. Enjoy a cocktail party to meet everyone on Friday night at 6 in the hotel, behind the bar, before enjoying your corned beef and cabbage at several places nearby or in your room.

We have 30 studio units on hold for two persons each. 10 have one murphy bed and 20 have a murphy bed and a sofa bed. The cost of the weekend is \$419 for a regular adult, \$399 for a senior/junior or \$239 for a silver or gold season pass holder with double occupancy. First deposit of half is due on November 9, 2016 and final payment is due on January 11, 2017. Check-in time is 6 PM and check out is 10:30 AM. Be sure to sign up on Meetup.



**IF YOU HAVE A RADIO, BE SURE TO TUNE IT TO 7-11.
YOU MIGHT FIND OTHER SKI CLUB MEMBERS ON THE
MOUNTAIN!!!**

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