



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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*We don't just ski!*

## President's Message

by Kevin Reigstad



Welcome to the 2017-2018 Ski Season. It's still the summer, but volunteer trip leaders have been hard at work preparing trips so we may frolic through the winter's gift of snow. See the leaders' articles in this newsletter, sign up for their trips on Meetup, and ask them questions at our Monthly Meetings. Our season's 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Backyard Brewery (formerly called The Yard). Don't miss out. Sign up for the ski trips right away.

This is my first President's Message. I want to thank our club's recent past President for his incredible leadership and engagement with you to make this a GREAT club! I thank Jim Eilenberger for his newsletter stories. Chutes, trees, deep powder, skiing legends... these stories pushed me to become a more daring and try-to-be better skier.

I still have plenty of room to grow. I wasn't born and raised near any mountains, but on the flatland of Northern Minnesota. I clearly remember, with regret, passing up on a local high school day-trip to Buena Vista Ski Area—16 trails and 230 ft vertical on the longest one. (<http://www.bvskiarea.com/facts.html>) My first attempt at skiing was years later while attending the University of Minnesota. I joined a spring break trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado where we skied 2 days at Breckenridge. There we were, not accustomed to the altitude, zero ski lessons, and on rental skis heading straight for the lift. You can imagine what happened next: popped a ski getting onto the first lift (the nice skiers on the next chair brought up my stray ski), a precarious unloading, then with skis pointed downhill, fell 13 times on the first run. By day 2, I was skiing at a high speed down every groomed trail. Over the next 21 years, I was stationed at Colorado and Wyoming Air Force bases. Yet, for 13 of those years, I only skied a handful of times each year. After moving to New Hampshire, my wife, Patty, told me to join a ski club and I found you. Together, we have many stories to tell, but I also look forward to us making new friends, strengthening the group, and creating new legends.

This season, we have several week-long and weekend ski trips planned from January through April where our trip leaders will be taking us to Jay Peak, St Anton (Austria), Mt Bachelor (Oregon), Quebec, Killington and back to Jay Peak. The Board's goal was to provide options for your entire ski season. Fill up your calendar. If we didn't offer you the perfect destination this year, I hope you will still join us on at least one trip because I know you won't regret it. If you instead choose another destination or another ski club's trip, we hope you have a great time. Let us know what that was like because the NH Ski Club is always seeking to provide trips to spectacular destinations.

The annual Shushbomb, our ski season kick-off party, and a handful of day trips are still being planned. If you have ideas or want to be a leader, talk to a board member. Thank you for being a member! This is your club.

\*\*\*\*\***Important Notices**\*\*\*\*\*

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

**Membership Renewals**

This is to remind everyone that once again it is time to renew your NH ski club membership. Your current membership will expire on 31 October 2017. You may renew via one of 2 methods. First by seeing either Nancy Caron or Vic Snowdon at one of the regular meetings. At a meeting you may review your contact information and give one of us either a check or cash for your renewal. (At meetings we do not have the capability to take credit cards.)

You may also go to our website NHSkiClub.Org and click on the Join Now button and renew via PayPal. You may also click on Membership at the top of the home page. That will take you where you may then download a Membership App and mail it in with a check payable to NH Ski Club. Thanks, Vic.

**Meetup Display/Presentation Changes**

This is just an advisory message to let you know that sometime in the next several weeks or months you will probably see a different look when you go to Meetup. I have had an opportunity to view the new display and critique it. The initial display did not show a lot of functionality so I will withhold any comments. Again this message is just so everyone is aware. The changes should not cause any other changes to your user access. We the Ski Club and any other entities have no control over this as it is being driven by the Meetup organization.  
-Vic

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**Club Calendar**

Sept 13	Club Meeting
Sept 16	Pat's Peak Paddle
Oct 7	Fall Foliage Paddle
Oct 11	Club Meeting
Nov 8	NHSC Ski Extravaganza at McIntyre
Nov 18	Shushbomb
Dec 13	Club Meeting

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**Fall Kayaking Days - Still time to get in a paddling!**

**Pat's Peak Paddle**

**Sat Sep 16 10:00 AM Contoocook River** 39-81 River Rd, Henniker, NH

Nice leisurely fall paddle up the river and back. Bring barbeques and food to barbeque and share. There are no facilities at this boat ramp so stop at Dunkins in Weare on your way. We will also make a trip to the Mobile station in Henniker after our paddle, before lunch, while the coals are heating up. There is a pancake House at the bottom of the Pats Peak access road, if you want to stop for breakfast before the paddle! River Rd is on the right just before Pat's Peak if you are traveling west from Manchester. The parking area at the ramp is a short way down River Rd on your left, with a big wooden sign. It is a shaded paddle under the trees so bring something warm to wear if it is cold. No cotton!

## Fall Foliage Paddle

**Sat Oct 7 10:00 AM Contoocook River**, Forest Rd, Hancock, NH Let's paddle on a hopefully beautiful autumn day! We will travel up the Contoocook first then turn around and come back by the boat ramp area and under the covered bridge. And/or, if it is not windy, we may go down the Contoocook River a short distance to Powder Mill Pond and paddle around the pond. We can stop for lunch at the boat ramp or on the pond, depending on the wind. We can make what we want out of this trip. After the paddle we are invited to a new ski club member's home in Hancock for a cookout. Bring something to share there. Hosted by Laura B.

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## Shushbomb

**Space is the void between celestial bodies.** Put on your your celestial clothing, grab some Galaxy gear and observe the end of the Void as we celebrate the Voyage into ski season!

**New Hampshire Ski Club Humans will begin the physical exploration of space during its annual Shushbomb dance party.**

**Blast-off on November 18th** with a touch down time of 6:30 to 11:30 pm

**Planet:** The Stark Mill Brewery, Commercial St. Manchester (formerly Millie's Tavern)

**Mission:** fun! and a safe journey. It'll be out of this world!

**Sound:** Manchuka!

In case you are oxygen deprived, the theme of the evening is **space!**

**\$15 per person.** Watch for the **Meetup** announcement.

Your space commander, **Susan Mollohan**

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## Our Summer of Kayaking

by Nancy K. Caron

**#1 Saturday, June 24, 2017 Contoocook River/Contoocook Canoe & Kayak Co.** Horse Hill Road, Concord, NH A shuttle up the Contoocook River gave us a great 9 mile paddle back to the take out. WE stopped for lunch at Daisy Beach where Aaron enjoyed the rope swing.

**#2 Saturday, July 8, 2017 Naubanusit Lake Boat Launch** Landing Road, Hancock, NH A unique setting, and an eagle's nest too. There is a short portage from the lake to Spoonwood Pond. We stopped for lunch on an island. We were trapped there for 45 minutes during a great thunder boomer storm! New member Steve Stockwell and his wonder dog, Simon, joined us exciting trip.



**#3 Saturday, July 8, 2017 Pawtuckaway State Park** Mountain Road, Nottingham, NH Neals Cove Boat Launch There were a few blueberries to be picked. A warm sunny day for a picnic on an island.

#### #4 Sunday, August 6, 2017 Merrimack River, Hooksett, NH

This paddle was postponed a day due to rain. It was a windy paddle up the Merrimack River to the Eversource coal power plant. Plenty of wildlife sightings on this boat trip. Boat rentals were available at Edgewater Kayak & Canoe across the River. Apre Paddle gathering at Nancy KC's was enjoyed by all



#### #5 Saturday, August 19, 2017 Ken Hall's Dad's house on



**Lake Winnisquam** Laconia, NH We paddled along the lakeshore to a wildlife refuge then to a sandy beach for a lunch stop. After paddle Apre at Dad's Place was a BBQ and gathering of more members. Lynda Lombardo surprised us as she was biking in the area.



**#6 Saturday, August 26, 2017 Upper Merrimack River/Contocook Canoe & Kayak Co.** Horse Hill Road, Concord, NH A shuttle up the Merrimack River gave us a 10 mile comfortable paddle with a light current. We stopped for lunch and a swim on a beach. New members Mike Rogerson and son, Mitchell, joined us for a great weather day.

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## Bike Night

by Lynda Lombardo



Wednesday is a reverent night among the die hard mountain bikers. Most of the regulars never miss a ride. The disabled list has mandated a few excused absences. But broken bones and ribs only add to the bragging rights. Of course, working up a sweat, swatting at mosquitos, wiping off mud and blood is only half the fun.

We have had RV's, portable fire pits, beer kegs, music and lots of camaraderie. Our devoted group has grown over the years. So, bring your bike and join the Wednesday night fun. We have had to run for cover and hide our adult beverages when cops drive down the street. It truly is laughable to watch overgrown adults behave as underage teens sneaking a brew.

Our apres tailgate party in the parking lot is the icing on the cake. It is a well deserved reward. Being a social group, it is no surprise that everyone partakes by bringing something to share.



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## Ski Expo

by Lynda Lombardo

November's Expo Extravaganza promises to generate enthusiasm for the upcoming ski season. It will be exciting to start the season with an event at our local ski area. We are hosting it at McIntrye Ski Area on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Their lodge has plenty of space for NH ski areas and ski shops to set up their table displays. There will be a cash bar and outdoor fire pit. Hot food will not be served. Mark your calendar and bring a friend. There will be plenty of raffles and giveaways.

# Ski Trips

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## **NH Ski Club's Return to Jay Peak!**

**January 21-26, 2018**

Winter is coming....

This winter the club will return to Jay Peak for the last week in January. Also back this year is the seasons pass for the rest of the season! Jay closed on May 1st last year, that's 154 days of continuous operation so that is lots of free ski time after the trip! Remember, the club also already has a spring trip planned at Jay so you can use it there too.

We'll be staying at both the Slopeside and Golf Mountain condos, your choice. Both locations have been home to great NHSC memories in the past and this year we will be making more.

Jay had their best season on record last year with over 491" of natural snow, that is over 40' of fluff. So if you haven't been there for a while or want to see what all the buzz is about, come up and join us this January for an affordable 6 days, and 5 nights on the mountain. We'll have 2 club meetup nights, a welcome party, trivia night and more!

Final pricing to be announced soon, watch Meetups for updates!

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## **St Anton, Austria**

**February 2-12, 2018**

Spend 7 nights at Hotel Nassereinerhof in St. Anton Austria and then 2 nights at Hotel Maritim in Munich Germany. Depart Boston on 2/2/18 at 9:45pm. Return Boston on 2/12/18 at 8:05pm.

Cost of this trip is \$2,725.00 which includes lodging, 5 day ski pass, round trip air from Boston on SwissAir, airport transfers, taxes, bus driver gratuities, welcome cocktail and resort briefing, breakfast and dinner each day in St. Anton and breakfast each morning in Munich.

I will start accepting checks by MAIL ONLY on August 24. [Sign-up form](#) MUST be included with check. I WILL NOT accept check without sign-up form. Deposit of \$725.00 is due no later than September 29th.

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## **Mt Bachelor Oregon**

**Feb 24 - March 3, 2018 \$1699. ppdo**

Ever ski a strato volcano? No worries, this one has not erupted for nearly 8,000 years and not showing any signs. It's a unique ski mountain as you can ski the entire 360 degree cone! Summit elevation is 9068 ft. with 3365 ft. vertical and 4318 acres of skiing makes it the largest ski area in Oregon. Average snowfall is 460" with this past year exceeding 600"! Plenty of above treeline skiing, tree skiing, and groomed trails to please all abilities. We will be staying at the Hilton Doubletree in Bend OR, a 20 minute private shuttle away to the ski area. Bend is a cool town with 21 microbreweries, wineries and distilleries. There are plenty of other things to do like snow tubing, snowshoeing, x-ctry skiing, dogsledding, snowmobiling, visit Crater National Park (limited use in winter), or take a scenic helicopter ride. Trip cost of \$1699.00 includes RT air Boston to Portland, OR, RT bus from Portland to Bend, RT charter bus from Londonderry P & R, 7 nights at Hotel Hilton Doubletree with daily hot breakfast, 5 day lift ticket, welcome party, 2 group dinners, and a trip gift. Bachelor is on the MAXX pass, for 5 days of skiing, a \$200 credit. Trip limited to 30. Deposit of \$600.00 due by September 23, 2017. Trip Leader, Jayne King

## The Beauty of the Beast of the East

March 23 to 25

I grew up in Lebanon and a few times each winter I skipped school to drive to and ski Killington. Well you won't want to skip this trip! March 23 to 25 join me as we drive to the largest ski area in the eastern U.S. This resort provides skiers of all abilities choices. There are wide-open groomed cruisers, narrow classic New England runs, moguls, steeps and trees. 22 lifts and two express gondolas will transport you around the mountain. Killington hosts bands, festivals, and competitions ... the night comes alive with dancing and live music. But that's not all... your ski ticket is good for neighboring Pico Mtn. Ski one area in the a.m. and skip over to the other in the afternoon. Your choice! You'll be tucked in at night at Killington Mtn Lodge located on the access road - a hop, skip, and a shuttle ride to several restaurant choices and watering holes...one is even called Choices! Cost \$304 includes 2 days skiing, 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts... more info to follow. Susan Mollohan

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## Quebec City

March 8-11, 2018

Announcing our return to beautiful CANADA and skiing at Mont Ste-Anne & Le Massif!

We'll be staying at the *famous* Chateau Frontenac in the center of "Old Quebec".

Cost **\$599/per person** double occupancy

Includes:

- Bus transportation from the Manchester area and throughout trip (exact location TBA)
- 3 Nights accommodations with luggage handling
- 2 Days of skiing
- Hotel taxes

Deposit \$150 with a signup form to hold your spot now, or no later than Dec.1st. (Limited to the 1st 44 sign-ups.) Final payment due by Jan.26th. Checks made out to "NH SKI CLUB" and mailed to Karen Schwotzer, 24 Gold St., Manchester, NH 03103. Contact Karen Lewis Schwotzer - email [karenslewis@comcast.net](mailto:karenslewis@comcast.net)

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## Jay Peak VT Spring Fling Weekend

April 6-8<sup>th</sup> 2018!

What a fun time to enjoy Jay Peak, in the spring with warm temps and soft snow. They average 400" of snowfall so skiing in April almost always includes the woods. Signups will start in October with deposit of \$100. This is a self-drive trip, staying at Slopeside condos (2 bedroom, 1 bath), 2 day lift ticket, prices range from \$186pp (4) and \$216pp (3). Saturday night we'll do a potluck supper. I have reserved 9 condos, max of 36. Trip leader: Jayne King

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