



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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*We don't just ski!*

## President's Letter

by Jim Eilenberger



As I sit down to write this newsletter it means that summer is winding down and the cool weather will be here soon and snow will be on the ground before we know it! I hope you all enjoyed the summer activities like hiking, biking, kayaking, and the summer deck parties. A special thanks to Deb Schelzel and her husband who volunteered to have the July deck party at their house again which overlooks the Merrimack River. It was a great night with scenic boat rides on the river along with good food, adult beverages and great conversation.

Now let's talk skiing! For many years after the economy went south we only had one major trip out west (one year we went to Mammoth Mountain with only 12 people) but the number of people wanting to go has grown every year until last year we were able to support two major trips, one to Chamonix and one to Telluride. The success of last year's two major ski trips gave the Board confidence that we could support two major trips again this year so we've put together a trip to Whistler/Blackcomb and another trip to Park City/Canyons. Both trips should be spectacular and they both have something unusual in common. What is that you ask! Well, back in 2008 a new gondola was built between Whistler and Blackcomb tying them together and this past year a new gondola was installed linking Park City with the Canyons. The Whistler/Blackcomb gondola has the distinction of being the longest free spanning Gondola at 1.88 miles and the highest at 1,430 feet. The Park City/Canyons is not that long or high but does create the biggest ski area in the US at 7,300 acres. Whistler is known for some extreme terrain such as the Blowhole, Spanky's Ladder and Extreme Couloir so it will get your heart racing but there is one trail at the Canyons you should try called Canis Lupus. It's a mile long natural half pipe that twists and turns keeping you guessing all the way down and your heart rate high! I'll see you all at the September 14 th meeting at the Yard to catch up and I'll tell you more about Canis Lupus.

Think Snow!  
Jim

## Fall Calendar:

- Sept 10 Nubanusit kayak trip
- Sept 14 Club Meeting at the Yard
- Oct 12 Club Meeting
- Oct 15 Contoocook Fall Foliage kayak trip
- Nov 9 Club Meeting
- Nov 12 Schussbomb

## Dan Dorgan Receives Preve Pride Award

by Victor Snowden



At the May 2016 club meeting Dan Dorgan was presented with the Preve Pride Award in memory of the club's founder, Ken Preve, for outstanding support of the club. Dan was a member of the Board of Directors for almost ten years. When the club reorganized after Ken's demise Dan was kind enough to provide a loan to the club to assist in funding activities and proposed trips for the coming 2001 season.

Dan traveled on numerous week long winter ski trips that included Whistler, Chamonix, St. Moritz plus many of the weekend trips. One could always tell where Dan was by his blazing white hair. Typically he would also be in the company of some young ladies, not necessarily club members. On the 2001 Chamonix trip Dan managed to meet two young ladies from Russia. For that encounter Dan was presented with T-shirt labeled

"From Russia with Love" at the next club meeting.

The following year while on the St. Moritz trip the story goes: one day at après ski Dan was seen seated at an outside café accompanied by two young ladies. Both it turns out were from Brazil. Before anyone had a chance to join them Dan was seen walking down the local promenade arm in arm with both young ladies. Rumor has it there was a picture taken of this memorable occasion, but to my knowledge none has ever seen the light of day. To the best of anyone's knowledge Dan is not fluent at any level in either Russian or Portuguese. As a result Dan was given the honorary title as our Ambassador of "International Relations".

For health reasons, primarily his eyes, Dan is no longer skiing. But he still enjoys other club activities. Dan will be among the first one to say, if you don't know anybody in the club, go on a trip and you too will form long-lasting friendships.



## Kayaking Update

by Cindy Medeiros



The summer got off to a slow start partly because our longtime kayaking leader, Will Kenerley, was not able to lead the trips due to health reasons. But there were still a few kayak trips in July and August. Ken and Kathy hosted a paddle and cookout at their cottage on Winnisquam lake. The Newfound Lake trip, hosted by Donna O, had two paddlers in attendance and the Merrimack River trip, hosted by Debby S. was fairly well attended. We had to cancel the Nubanusit/Spoonwood trip due to predicted thunderstorms, which then fizzled out. But we will try to do it again in September, since summer is supposed to hang on through the month. Finally, there is the long running Fall Foliage trip on the Contoocook in Peterboro. Come join us for some great leaf peeping and a leisurely trip meandering down the river in October before hanging up the paddle!

**Nubanusit Lake/Spoonwood Pond, Sept. 10, 11am.** A unique setting with nesting eagles and a short portage from the lake to the pond Directions: From Rt 202, take Rt 123 west from Peterboro, or Route 137 west from Bennington (across from Powdermill Pond), to Hancock center. From there, take Rt 123 west for 2 miles, then turn left on Hunts Pond Road for .5 mi, then right on King's Highway. Go 1 mile to Landing Rd on the left. [RSVP here](#)

**Fall Foliage on the Contoocook River, Oct. 15, 10am.** Perfect fall kayaking trip to view the foliage colors and wildlife while drifting down a meandering river which flows northward from Peterboro to Bennington, NH passing under a covered bridge and into Powdermill Pond. Take Rte. 101 W to Rte. 202 N. for 4 miles to Scott Mitchell Rd on right. There is a shuttle so carpooling is recommended if possible. [RSVP here](#)



**\*\*** Please be sure to bring a **plenty of water** and a **PFD** on all trips.

## Schussbomb

Saturday, November 12, 7:00 PM to 11:45 PM \$15 pp

The annual NHSC Schussbomb at "The Yard" Restaurant - Pavilion Room. Jeff Howell and The Miner Band will be performing.

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## Ski Trips

### Whistler/ Blackcomb, BC Canada

Hosted by Jayne King

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

- 6 nights at Delta Whistler Suites ( 2bdm, 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

I love this mountain. Do you? You will. It has a great mix of tree skiing and groomed trails. Sugarbush enticed me to visit in 2015 and 2016 by putting a free pass in CHaD's Warren Miller goodie bag. I had a great time on those day trips! It's time to make a weekend of it.

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.

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