



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Message



We're getting a lot of snow this year compared to last year which has made the conditions so much better so take advantage of what we have as it's only a matter of time before the spring melt and we move on to hiking, biking and summer sports. Whoa, did I just blow off the rest of the winter? We still have a Sunday River ski weekend with great spring skiing, a Cannon Mountain day and then Jay Peak always has great mid-April skiing. Then there's Tuckerman's Ravine which everyone should have on their bucket list to ski or at least hike in to watch on a sunny day in May as there are usually quite a few spectacular crashes that get a standing applause. If you bring your skis you can usually ski all the way out to the road until about mid-April on the Sherburne Trail which is a really fun run with bumps and an occasional grass spot you need to navigate around or just ski right over! Last year Killington tried to hang on until June (I've actually skied there on June 5th) but fell short by a day. Hopefully this year they can make it into June just for the bragging rights. Yes, skiing in June is pretty much just a few runs on Superstar until the sun turns everything into mashed potatoes but that's when the grills, hot dogs and adult beverages come out and the tanning session starts down on the access road. Some actually ski then head to the golf course to do two fun things in a day. Not a bad way to spend a day either way! Since this is an election year the Board always wonders if there will be anyone willing to step up to fill some pending vacancies and the answer again was a resounding YES! With nominations in January and then the candidate's speeches in February, the main theme I heard was "I've benefitted from the club for many years and now it's time to give back". We're lucky to have such a great group ready to fill in so come to the March meeting to vote in the new Officer's and Board Members and wish them well.

Think Snow!

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.

Elections! Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the March meeting. You must be a paid member to vote.

Sunday River Trip: The Sunday River trip has 58 people signed up for the St Patrick's day weekend. Check in is at 6 PM on Thursday at the Grand Summit. Get your packets with your ski tickets, perfect turn lesson vouchers and Friday night's 6:00 cocktail party drink ticket at the front desk upon check in. Call [800-207-2371](tel:800-207-2371) or [207-824-5080](tel:207-824-5080) for your perfect turn class reservation. Tell them you are with the NH Ski club and give them the dates you will be there for the classes. The Friday night get together will be at 6 in the Camp Restaurant and Bar by the front lobby. Contact Debby Schelzel if you do not know who your roommate is or have any more questions. Put a comment in the discussions on the Sunday River Meetup page, if you are looking for someone to carpool with.

Club Calendar

Mar 8	Club Meeting and Board Elections
Mar 16	Sunday River Trip
April 12	Club Meeting
May 10	Club Meeting

Board of Directors Nominations

President - Kevin Reigstad

I am honored to be nominated for President of the NH Ski Club. I ask for your vote and most important, if elected, I ask for your support during my term as President. I have been a member of the Club for over seven years and have served on the Board of Directors for the past four years. During that time, the board has been a good steward of the budget, updated the by-laws to meet the current needs of the club, and sponsored a wide variety of skiing, hiking, kayaking, biking, and summer deck party outings and ski season celebrations. This month, from February 17-20, I'm leading my first ski trip to Sugarbush, VT. It's going to be fun! My wife Patty knows how much I enjoy being a member of this club and encourages me to be part of its leadership team to continue making it a great place for all of us.

As your President, I want the club to be welcoming for long-time members, new members and those simply passing through to see what we're about. We are a community, and as members we are its advocates. I encourage you to lead outings and trips, and if you have an idea, bring it to the board. I'm sure others would love to join you. I know I probably will.

Please meet the candidates for all the board positions. Tell them what you like about the club and what we all can do to make it better. Participate. Lead. This is your club and I would be honored to be your President.

Vice President - Troy Schwotzer

Vice President Troy Schwotzer will be running for reelection in the upcoming election. I've been a member for 20 years and have been Vice President the past six years and served for two terms in the past as well. I'd like to continue to help the club grow and succeed and would appreciate your vote.

Secretary - Debby Schelzel

My name is Deborah Schelzel. I am known as Debby by most of you and on Meetup as Deb Shell. I have served as your secretary on the NH Ski Club board for two terms or 4 years by this spring. Thank you all for your overwhelming support. I will continue to serve you as such for the next two years, if reelected. I am very pleased to represent you in this capacity.

Treasurer - Don Eaton

My wife, Josee, and I were introduced to the NHSC back in the early 2000's through Mike & Michelle Collier. We attended a couple of initial meetings, met a bunch of terrific folks and went on a trip to Chamonix that first year. We were hooked. The camaraderie we experienced during that trip demonstrated what a great club it is. Josee and I remained involved with the club for a couple more years but when our children became old enough to ski, we took a break from the club activities to ski as a family. Fast forward to 2014 – kids are in college and we're back! We have very much enjoyed seeing our old friends from the Club and meeting many new ones. The club has a very engaged and proactive Board of Directors. The board members care deeply for the club and it shows in the way it is run. We are all very lucky to have the leadership team we do. I'd like to be a part of that team and feel I can bring some continuity and additional expertise to the group. By way of background, I was born in Manchester and have lived in the Manchester area all my life. I have been in the commercial real estate management business for over 30 years (yikes!) and am a principal at Colliers International, a commercial real estate management, brokerage and financing firm. Josee and I are skiing and boating enthusiasts. We also enjoy hiking and traveling (I have thus far thwarted the biking thing but you never know!) We look forward to many years of doing all these activities with our club friends.

Board Members (choose 4)

Jeff Sanders

I've been a NH SKi Club member since 2006 and with every passing year have grown to appreciate the club more and more. As a newcomer, the club welcomed me with open arms, and the passion fellow members had for fun and adventure left no doubt that this was my group. As a member, I've directly benefited from the hard work done by the ski club leadership and other members. Whether it was a Schussbomb, Slushbomb, hiking trip, bike ride, or, oh yeah, an incredible ski trip out west or overseas, it took planning and effort to make it happen. Having enjoyed the fruit of this hard work over the last 10+ years, I feel it's time to give a little back and be a part of that process. As an engineer by profession, my analytical brain likes challenges and problem solving. And as a fun-loving, adventure-seeker, I want to do things which satisfy that passion. I feel the combination of these qualities would make me an asset to the board.

We have a tremendous membership with some real quality people and it's my desire to see that continue and grow over the coming years. With your vote, I'll happily become a part of the effort to keep our club a great place for new and existing members to enjoy some great times with other like-minded people. Life is an adventure, and the NH Ski Club is an awesome place to make that happen! Thanks for your consideration, Jeff

Bill Driscoll

I'm an avid skier who has been skiing for more than 40 years. I've got 2 grown children who grew up skiing at SugarBush in VT. For the past 17 years, I've worked in the software business and currently am employed at Cisco Systems. Since 2014, I've been a board member of the Amoskeag Terrace Condominiums in Manchester. In the six years that I've been a NH Ski Club member, I've met many great people and have enjoyed at least one or 2 ski trips each year (most recently Whistler). Being a member of the club has been a pleasure largely due to the efforts of the board to schedule regular get-togethers and choose excellent trip destinations. Since I've benefited for the past 6 years, I'd be very happy to contribute as a board member.

Lynda Lombardo

18 years ago, I walked through the door at the Yard for a ski club meeting not knowing a soul. I signed up for a group hike and had a great day. I knew the ski club was something I wanted to be part of. Since then, I have participated in numerous events and met some of the best friends of my life. Just as important as participating I have enjoyed giving back. I have been assisting with raffle tickets and Door Girl for years, in addition to, planning Slushbomb parties and trips.

And back to that fated entrance at the Yard, I know how it feels to be a newbie. I always try to meet new members and make them welcome which I personally think we need to work on. Growing the membership is an important goal.

I enjoy working with people and listening to their suggestions. I think I can contribute and will give my best effort as a board member and ask for your vote.

Nancy Caron

It's time to give back, now that I have the time to do so! I finally retired from teaching in the Bedford School District for 34 years, at the McKelvie School, as a Physical Educator. My other experiences include being Bedford's Recreation Director and their first female Firefighter. My years of Banquet Waitressing experience include: Stonebridge Country Club, The Sheraton Wayfarer, and The Jack O'Lantern Resort, to name a few. I have taught CPR, FA, AED, Lifeguarding, Water Safety, Canoeing, and Boat Safety courses through the American Red Cross in the last 3 decades.

After living in Merrimack for 27 years, I have recently moved to Hooksett with my son, Kyle. I currently work part-time at Gail Fisher's All Dogs Gym & Inn. Vic wants to hand over membership to someone new. I hope to take on this new challenge to help out the club. Nancy Keenom Caron aka Nancy KC.

Upcoming Trips

Sunday River Weekend Hosted by Deb Schelzel

March 16-19

The Sunday River three day St Patrick's weekend trip is closed with 54 attending. If anyone is still interested in going, sign up on the wait list or contact me, Deb Schelzel, and if there are any openings that come up, I will let you know. If there are two roommates that want to go, I can get in touch with Sunday River and see if they have any rooms still available to add back on.

Thanks to everyone that is going, who have signed up and paid so promptly. I will send out rooming lists, cocktail party info and corned beef and cabbage dinner restaurant suggestions closer to that weekend. I suggest checking out the Sunday River Resort web site for local entertainment and events, while we will be there.

Cannon

April 1

Our Cannon Club Day has migrated from St Patrick's Day to April Fool's Day. We are thinking "end of season" tailgating and sunshine. Specifics on discount lifts are TBD, but it may be a good way to burn a voucher.

Come out to cheer for our very first Tug-o-War team with Apres Ski as usual in the Cannonball Pub. If the stars align, they will set up a race course for us too. Updates planned as the season comes to a close...

Sugarbush Trip

by Kevin Riegstad

Hear it from those who trekked to Sugarbush for the Presidents Day weekend. All 25 told me they had a great time! So many smiles. It's the first time the Club has been to Sugarbush in many years and we found the resort



to be very good and the skiing conditions, while variable, were impressive!

Several took advantage of the free ticket included in the November 2016 CHaD Warren Miller goodie bag and skied Friday, while everyone made their way in. That night, in the Sugarbush Inn, most squeezed into an oversized booth in the Fit to Be Thai'd restaurant for drinks and well, Thai food. What a hoot!

Saturday's warm temps brought spring skiing conditions and the biggest crowds of the year. We escaped to the Mt Ellen half of the mountain. After a little après skiing at the Wunderbar and trip through the hot tub, we all gathered at the Tap Room for our social. Kudos to the Sugarbush crew for such tasty food: classic antipasto buffet, smoked salmon, and

pulled pork sliders. No need to go find dinner...we hung out for over 3 hours eating, shooting pool and shooting the breeze. Before the night was over, Jennifer Stitt walked away with the most desired door prize (Ski the East flask) and Cathy Cronin surprised Tom with a birthday cake and our regaling him in song and congrats. While still pretty warm overnight, the conditions on Sunday started out as packed powder but loosened up in the rising sun. We were like ants all over Lincoln Peak, scattered into smaller groups chasing the best runs. A favorite for many was Ripcord off the Heavens Gate Triple and Castlerock Run off the Castlerock Double. Great views and everyone was challenged, or maybe just me. I didn't make it into the Eden woods...I hear it was best on Saturday morning. So, next time. On Sunday, several in the group had to work on Monday, so we said salute and safe travel! For me and many others, it was the Wunderbar with The Detonators playing great music! On Monday, Presidents Day, several more tripsters left for home after our final continental breakfast (provided every morning at the Sugarbush Inn). For the rest, we went to areas not yet skied. For me and several others

that was the usually packed (but not that day) Gate House Express Quad and the North Lynx Triple on the North Lynx Peak. When it opened at 10am, Paul Deshaies and I took a side trip on the Slide Brook Express Quad to Mt Ellen (it's like a roller coaster ride). A few runs over there before we returned to wrap up our day and meeting the group for lunch at the Skinny Pancake in the Farmhouse. After a quick change, we all were on the road home. No trip to Sugarbush is complete (I hear) without a stop at the Warren General store for coffee and a treat. It was a treat. Thank you to the 25 members who took a chance on this trip. From the feedback I received this was a great trip and should be repeated. It should be. Visit Meetup and our Facebook page to see more pictures. Your Sugarbush 2017 trip leader, Kevin Reigstad



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