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We don't just ski!

President's Message

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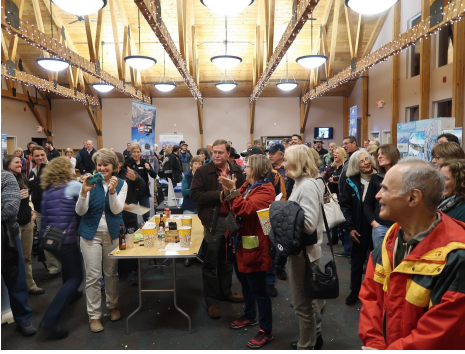
I hear the 11th Annual Ski Expo Extravaganza at the McIntyre Ski Area was a great success, and I missed it (sorry, out of country on a summer-extending Caribbean cruise, soaking up the sun). It's now obvious, McIntyre turned out to be the perfect venue, helping us get excited for New England skiing, boarding, and simply getting outside. Thanks to the mountain reps for donating lift tickets to the raffle, and a big thank you goes out to Ryan Leach and Pat Sheridan of Fischer Sports for donating the pair of Fischer skis to the raffle. There were many happy attendees!

In my message last month, I said the mountain reps come to this Expo to earn your business. We want to support those mountains and stores. Over the last two months, our Jeff Lavoie has checked in with all your local mountains to find their advertised and unadvertised corporate and club member discounts and special offers. We know you love deals! The Club's Board of Directors is developing the best methods to tell you about these deals and where you can find them. In November, we sent out a Meetup announcement with Jeff's findings, so far. We're now looking into maintaining an online calendar with day-specific ski/snowboard deals posted, including the information on the NHSkiClub.org website, and also planning to put reminders in the Newsletter. We'll include tune-up and shop discounts that we know about too. A Club membership is exceptionally beneficial. Carry your card, be cordial and appreciative when you ask what the discount is before you pay.

As I write this, I've already seen many of you enjoying early season skiing at Loon, Cannon, Okemo and Killington. Our New England resorts have spent millions of dollars in 2017 (and several years before) to put in additional snowmaking equipment to create skiable snow before Mother Nature gets into top-gear. In past years, I've poo-pooed this early season skiing believing they're wasting good lift tickets on a handful of runs, wearing themselves out too early, to vacate the slopes in March and April when all the trails are still snow covered. But, I stand corrected, at least after seeing our members out there having a blast making top to bottom runs...I know these members will ski and board until the last days. I plan on joining them this weekend [2 December] at Cannon. I don't want to miss this much fun! We don't just ski (or board, or snowshoe, or fatbike) in January, February and March.

Kevin

11th Annual NH Ski Club Expo Extravaganza by Victor Snowdon



Our 11th Annual Ski Expo was held in lieu of last month's regular meeting at the McIntyre Ski Area pavilion. For those who were unable to attend we are sorry you missed it. The venue was changed because the Back Yard with the new facility configuration could no longer accommodate our event.

Based on the completed raffle ticket count we had 146 attendees who participated in the raffle plus board members and probably another 20 other attendees. Ninety five percent of attendees were club members. There were also a few prior members including John and Susan Bartley plus two other of former members from back in the 90's.

We had 17 vendor participants who supported us. For those who did not attend that included NH Mountains Attitash/Wildcat, Cannon, Loon, Waterville and Pat's Peak Bolton Valley and Smugglers from Vermont and Mt Orford from Eastern Townships (CD). Supporting vendors included S & W sports, Zimmerman's, Trey Toons and Silkscreen Graphics and Central Mass Ski Group. For the fourth year in a row Ken Jones opted to not attend despite face to face commitment to be there.

About half the many ski coupons provided by the various mountains and shops were raffled to those who completed the raffled coupons. There were also a couple of special raffle prizes provided. Bolton Valley had a separate raffle with a nice prize of some special spirits. But the highlight of the raffle was a pair of Fischer skis that were won by Corey Gerard.

A special thank you to Ryan Leach Marketing Manager and Pat Sheridan Operations Manager at Fischer Ski who provided the skis based on a request by Terry Sanders WZID/The Mill 96.5.

The 50/50 raffle which is always a significant prize at the Expo was won by Brett Angione, and he did not arrive until later in the evening.

In closing I would like to especially thank Linda Lombardo for her assistance in organizing this year's event. In particular Lynda's effort in identifying McIntyre Ski Area and obtaining their commitment to provide the venue. I would also like to thank other board members, Bill Driscoll and Jeff Sanders who handed out raffle tickets and guided attendees on what to do with the tickets. I also want to thank Jonathan Crowell and Jennifer Stitt for greeting attendees and selling the raffle tickets. Also thanks to Troy Schwotzer acting as MC for the raffle and Don Eaton for providing some of the pens used to complete the raffle forms. And thanks to anyone else who I may have overlooked.

A big thank you to all who attended. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Finally it is hard to believe it has been 11 years since we began holding the Expo. Thanks to Jeff Lavoie for coming up with the concept in lieu of having individual mountains and vendors attend and present at monthly meetings. It has been a successful alternative to arranging the individual monthly visits. I have been the primary organizer of the Expo for all those years. But I believe it is time to step down and allow someone else step up and run the Expo going forward.

Important Notices

Please check the NH Ski Club Meetup site for details or any last minute changes to trips and events. Deposit for the Jay Peak and Killington trips are due by the December meeting.

Upcoming Events

Dec 13	Club Meeting/Toy Drive
Jan 10	January Club Meeting
Jan 21	Jay Peak Trip
Jan 28	Waterville Valley Ski Day
Feb 2	St Anton trip
Feb 11	Loon Mountain Ski Day
Feb 14	February Club Meeting

Toy Drive

Toy drive on **December 13th**. Bring an unwrapped gift to the meeting for Friends of Forgotten Children of Concord. They are a non profit organization that collects holiday gifts for children throughout greater Concord. Cash donations are also welcome. They have been distributing gifts to children who would likely go without gifts during the holidays for over 40 years. They also run a food pantry, clothes closet, community meals and workshops.



*** Ski Trips ***

Day Trips

Waterville Valley Sunday, Jan 28. \$60. Private room with bar, \$12 lunch voucher. Hosted by Kevin Reigstad

Loon Sunday, February 11. \$58. Includes \$14 lunch voucher. Hosted by Deb Schelzel and Ron Pinkham

Cannon Mountain Saturday. March 31. \$50/41/38. Racing, tailgate, apres ski. Hosted by Annie Mac



Waterville Valley Ski Day, January 28

Come explore the new area at Waterville Valley, serviced by the Green Peak Triple!

\$60 gets you a lift ticket and \$12 lunch voucher. The Harpoon Brewery Sky Box room is our private room all day to change and leave your gear, with sofas, gas fireplace, TV, and private bathroom (even has a shower). They have hot beverages and small snacks all morning for your break, and in the afternoon a private bar with special reduced pricing. It's a beautiful room, and adjacent to the summit quad chair.

(<http://www.waterville.com/corporate-programs-skybox/>)

The last few years we've filled the room, and overflowed into the adjacent area. The Sky Box holds about 35, so first checks get priority to put their bags/jackets in the room. I will accept more than 35 attendees. With everyone's varying arrival, skiing and departure schedules, people flowed in and out of the room for snacks, lunch and après. I expect Waterville's hospitality will exceed your expectations!

Room opens at 7:30am, and I'll be there at 7:30 to welcome you and hand out lift tickets. Lifts open at 8am.

See Meetup to RSVP, and you can also find my mailing address there to send me your check made out to the NH Ski Club, or better yet, come to the December and January meetings and hand me your check in person. Don't miss out!

NH Ski Club's Return to Jay Peak!

January 21-26, 2018

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'll be making more.

NO BLACKOUTS SEASONS PASS INCLUDED FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON! A \$1209.00 value!!

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!

5 nights lodging - Check-in is Sunday afternoon, but Sunday IS A SKI DAY starting at 8am! Check-out is Friday morning (10am) but Friday you can SKI TILL LAST CHAIR!

2 Lodging Options - Golf & Mountain Cottages - 4 person occupancy - 2 Bedroom, 2 FULL BATHs
Three story cottages include a full kitchen, dining room, living room, cable TV, laundry room and mud room entrance. Bedrooms are either 2 twin beds or 1 king bed. Cottages are a short walk to the closest lift or hop on the shuttle and head to the Tram or Stateside areas.

Slopeside Condos - 4 person occupancy - 2 Bedroom, 1 bath units, either on the first floor or second floor of the building, include a full kitchen, eat-in dining room, living room, cable TV, washer and dryer in unit (located in the bathroom), and outside ski shed for ski and snowboard storage. Bedrooms are 1 king and 2 twins. Condos are located on the Queen's highway trail with easy-access to Tramside.

Pricing & Payment Info

All pricing is per-person, includes ski and stay

\$480 for Golf & Mountain Cottages ---- \$650 for Slopeside Condos

\$325 payment due November 8th (Ski Club Meeting night!) Remaining balance due December 13th.

Contact: Corey Girard 603-223-5861 or gride85@gmail.com

[Click here for Signup form](#)

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.



Mt Bachelor, Oregon

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



Ever ski a stratovolcano? 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-country skiing, dog sledding, 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. **A few spots are remaining.**

Deposit of \$600.00 due asap.

Trip Leader, Jayne King

[Signup form here](#)

Quebec City

March 8-11, 2018

We're getting close to that 2nd bus! Tell your friends who have been on the fence about signing up. Don't wait!

What an opportunity! Cost **\$599/per person** double occupancy

Skiing at Mont Ste-Anne & Le Massif! We'll be staying at the *famous Chateau Frontenac* in the center of "Old Quebec".

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

Killington/Pico

March 23 to 25



Self Drive Spring ski trip to Killington/Pico will take place the weekend of March 23rd to 25th. The total cost of the trip, **\$342** includes 2 days of skiing, two nights lodging, two full breakfasts, and a welcome dinner on Friday night. Please refer to the meetup site for more details.

Trip leader: Susan Mollohan [Signup here](#)

Jay Peak VT Spring Fling Weekend

April 6-8th 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 people. Trip leader: Jayne King [Sign-up form](#)

A Little Skiing Humor

Exercises to Get You Prepared For the Upcoming Ski Season

1. Visit your local butcher and pay \$30 to sit in the walk-in freezer for half an hour. Afterwards, burn two \$100 dollar bills to warm up.
2. Soak your gloves and store them in the freezer after every use.
3. Find the nearest ice rink and walk across the ice 20 times in your ski boots carrying two pairs of skis, boot bag and poles. Pretend you are looking for your car. Sporadically drop things.
4. Place a small but angular pebble in your shoes, line them with crushed ice, and then tighten a C-clamp around your toes.

5. Buy a new pair of gloves and immediately throw one away.
6. Go to McDonald's and insist on paying \$25 for a hamburger. Be sure you are in the longest line.
7. Clip a lift ticket to your zipper of your jacket and ride a motorcycle fast enough to make the ticket lacerate your face.
8. Fill a blender with ice, hit the pulse button and let the spray blast your face. Leave the ice on your face until it melts. Let it drip into your clothes.
9. Dress up in as many clothes as you can and then proceed to take them off because you have to go to the bathroom.
10. Repeat all of the above every Saturday and Sunday until it's time for the real thing!

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