



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Message

by Kevin Reigstad



I can't believe the ski season is ending. Where did you go to ski? Corey led over 30 to Jay Peak in January, Troy led 27 to St Anton, Austria and Jayne led 24 to Mt Bachelor, Oregon in February, Karen led 80 or so to Quebec and Susan led 25 or so to Killington in March, and Jayne will be leading about 60 to Jay Peak this weekend, 6-8 April. I jumped on 3 of these trips and I'm so glad I did! Skiing in Austria, in the Alps was like no other place I've been, with the massive, ski-what you see mountains, and a side trip to Munich. Just days later, at Mt Bachelor, we couldn't even ski on our first full day there, because get this, too much snow coming down in a blizzard...42" of snow in 7 days and 5 powder-days later, we were exhausted. A few more days later, Steve Mollohan (assisting Susan) offered a double black diamond area tour of Killington, and I didn't disappoint by putting on a 'aerials demonstration.'

Wedged in this winter season, Jim and Ray led ski racing teams at Pats Peak and McIntyre, and Nancy KC led an evening of tubing at McIntyre. Nancy also offered a cross-country ski day...let's try it again next year.

Our annual ski days were a big hit again. Thanks to all who came out to enjoy my Waterville Valley, use of the Harpoon Brewery Skybox ski day...it was a bit cold outside, but the private couches, fireplace, lunch area and bar warmed the spirits. In early February, Ron led the Loon Ski Day; sorry I missed it, I was in Austria. Then Ann closed out March with the Cannon Ski Day with a grand lunchtime tailgate, where we then closed the day out in the Cannonball Pub, on the floor dancing to the 80's band Fast Times. I had a fantastic time. I hope you all had fun too!

Thank you to these trip leaders! As you've heard, at the 24 April Board meeting we'll be hearing and deciding which 'out-West' trips will be offered. If you want to lead a ski day or weekend, hiking, kayaking, or another fun event for the Club, please contact a Board member. We have great trip leaders but would love to have more volunteers.

Ski season is not over until the Slushbomb ends. Stay tuned for details.

Important Notices

Please check the [NH Ski Club Meetup](#) for details or any last minute changes to trips and events.

If your Membership expired 31 October 2017, you need to renew if you have NOT already done so. **Check your membership card - it should say 31 October 2018** to be able to participate in club activities! If you need to renew see Nancy KC at the April meeting with a check or cash, or go to NHskiclub.org to pay with PayPal. Or bad things will happen! Contact NHSkiClubKC@gmail.com with questions.

Membership needs your help to Update Meetup. Make sure your first and last name is listed in your profile. Go to your NHSC profile to check it out! Make an update to your information, if needed, A.S.A.P.. The last name can be put in you profile where it asks for it so that it is not visual to all...if that's your choice. A visual photo is helpful with identifying you and checking names on Meetup with the current membership list. Trip leaders and activity organizers better identify tripsters with a photo ID. Meetup is our main source of communication for the NH Ski Club. Help us help you!

Upcoming Events (Calendar)

Apr 6 - 8	Jay Peak Spring Fling
April 11	April Club Meeting
May 9	May Club Meeting
May 19	Slushbomb (End of season party!)
June 2	21st Annual Massabesic Bike/Kayak/BBQ Day
June 13	1st Summer Social Meeting (Location TBD)

To see the club's Google Calendar, [click here](#). You must sign in to a Google account first.

Killington Trip Report

by Susan Mollohan

32 club members went to Killington pico. club member steven mollohan led 3 hour tours....one Friday for expert skiers and Saturday for advanced intermediate skiers. we had a group dinner buffet Friday night and members got a taste of the nightlife including Joey leone.

Quebec City Trip

by Karen Schwotzer

Quebec City was a huge success of fun travel, great ski conditions, amazing hotel accommodations....and best of all....making new friends! The Chateau Frontenac with its "old world charm" welcomed us with open arms, and it took no time at all to settle into relaxed luxury.

Both Le Massif and Mont-Ste-Anne had all trails open and fresh powder... even for the tree-skiing lovers with mid-winter conditions. Mountain guides made it easy to learn the trails and terrain for those who were unfamiliar. We made a brief stop on the way back to our hotel one afternoon to see Montmorency Falls from the top on the suspended bridge. What a photo op!

We all regrouped Saturday evening for a wine & cheese reception to catch up before going out to explore an abundance of fine restaurants...all within walking distance. A good time was had by all! Thank you all for your participation! Karen

Mt. Bachelor snow gods deliver the pow!

by Jayne King



About two weeks before our trip departed on February 24th for Bend OR and Mt Bachelor I sent an email to the trippers telling them to do the snowdance. Bachelor had early season snow but then rains came and well it was looking rather bleak. Do the snowdance everyone! The power of positive thinking worked. It started snowing the day of arrival and there was a blizzard Sunday with high winds and driving snow closing most of the mountain. Most of us took day 1 off, except for Paul and his daughters Alex and Sonya. They braved the storm and enjoyed what they could. The next day- bluebird! All of the locals went skiing. The traffic getting to the mountain was unbelievable. By the time we got there, we looked at the knob- hike to skiing that

you can see from the parking lot- all tracked up. We arrived at 9:45 and the mountain opens at 9:00, how can this be all tracked up already? Well, apparently, the locals get to the mountain at 5:00AM and “skin up” and ski down a few times well before lifts open. It’s a big place, we’ll find powder. We headed right for the Outback and beyond, finding fresh lines all day long, and not at all disappointed. It was an epic day.

There is so much to do in the town of Bend. On Sunday, several of us hiked up Pilot Butte on the other end of town, which had great views of the town/city. There weren’t any tall buildings but a population of 91k sure sounds like a city. We visited local parks, breweries, restaurants, bakeries, bookstores, specialty shops, and more breweries. The weather was partly cloudy and did snow a little in town, making it enjoyable to walk around, and at the mountain, 22 miles away, it was dumping white gold!

On Monday night, seven of us took a tour, and went to the high desert to a lava tube that was amazing. It was 20 feet below ground, maybe 12’ center height, and stretched for 2000’ before it narrowed down to a belly crawl. It is a lava flow that forms a tube while cooling, nearly 80,000 years ago! It’s so dry (11” of annual precipitation), that everything stays intact. There were no bats, no stalactites or stalagmites. We wore headlamps and walked about this amazing lava structure.

We timed it perfectly, snowed every night, decent visibility, one bluebird day, and able to find fresh tracks every day. If you haven’t been to Bend and Mt Bachelor, you need to put it on your bucket list.



It's Slushbomb Time!

by Susan Mollohan

There's no time to **SPARE** get your tickets now to the Slushbomb or you will **MISS** a **PERFECT** night out.

LANE: Spare Time Entertainment, 216 Maple St. in Manchester

STRIKE OUT on May 19th

FRAME: 6:30 -730 dinner (a 3 course dinner)

7:30 - 10:30 you can be **KINGPIN** on the dance floor

Then don't **SPLIT** yet... **RACK** it up from 10:30 to 1 am for unlimited bowling!



All this for \$20 per person go to: *Brown Paper Tickets.com*

Don't be a **DEADWOOD**, get yourself out of the **GUTTER** for a fun night... better yet **DOUBLE** up, just **HOOK** on over to **Spare Time!**

SUMMER IS COMING!!!

21st Annual Mountain Bike/Kayak/Barbecue

June 2, 2018 - 9:00AM Deschesnes Road - Massabesic Lake

Join NH Ski Club for a fun day of mountain biking, kayaking and socializing on the shore of Lake Massabesic. This annual event usually attracts around 50 people and is a great way for newer members to meet existing members. Bring your bike and/or kayak, lawn chair, water, food for grill and something to share if you can such as side dish, snack food or cookies.

Directions: Exit 1 off Route 101, head south on Route 28, go halfway around traffic circle continuing on Route 28 south. Go past ball-fields on right and you will start climbing a hill. About halfway up hill take a right on Deschesnes Road which is a private road. Disregard No Trespassing Signs. Paved road will turn to dirt road just past first house you see. Continue on dirt road to 2nd house which is only feet away. Please drive slowly past first house as their garage is across road and they have a young child.

For more information contact Troy at troyschwotzer@comcast.net or 603-361-6130

Be there or B²!

Are you Ready for Some Kayaking???

Kayak trips are in the making. We won't keep you in the dark much longer! A planning team will meet early in April to organize and get the trips posted on Meetup. If you have expertise on a certain trip or you want to suggest a favorite trip, email Nancy KC at NHSKICLUBNKC@gmail.com.

*** Upcoming Ski Trips ***

Jay Peak VT Spring Fling

April 6-8th 2018!

We are sold out with 15 condos!

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. This is a self-drive trip, staying at Slopeside condos (2 bedroom, 1 bath), 3 day lift ticket (Fri-Sun), prices range from \$186pp (4) and \$216pp (3). Saturday night we'll do a potluck supper. \$50 credit for non-skier or Jay pass holder. **Trip leader: Jayne King** (jayneking22@gmail.com)



Discounted Lift Ticket Links

NH Ski Club Members Only Special Lift Tix Discounts

Click on the following links for more info:

[Loon Mtn NH Ski Club Special](#)

[Jeff's List - \(Cannon, Bretton Woods, Attitash/Wildcat, Waterville\)](#)

Central Mass Ski Group offers their group [Skier Appreciation Day discounts](#) to **active NH Ski Club members**. *Note: All transactions and refunds are through CMSG (through April 15!)*

Additional discounts for anyone:

[Sunday River - NH Residents Ski for \\$49 on Tuesdays](#)

[Liftopia.com](#) for discounted lift tickets online to most resorts in New England and beyond

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