



## THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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*We don't just ski!*

### President's Message

by Kevin Reigstad



Happy New ski Year! So glad you've decided to join us for another year of outdoor adventure. I know there are more Club led kayak trips still to come this year, plus Wednesday night bike rides before the summer is over. And, I know I have a few more White Mountain hikes in me before I'm ready to ski. We'll ease you into the ski/snowboard season with two events that are always great. First is our annual Schussbomb, this year being held at the American Legion – Sweeney Post on 10 November. Don't sleep in too late, because the second is the Warren Miller film fundraiser for CHaD at the Palace Theater on 11 November. Last year, we had 53 Club attendees celebrating with kids beating cancer and supporting those that still need help. And, of course, watching in awe skiers in deep pow on steep cliff faces that we only dream of doing...well, some of you I'm sure can ski that.

Speaking of deep pow on cliff faces, trip leaders have put together some great trips this year. Again, we're making two big trips out west, this year to Banff and Big Sky. Sorry, if you just joined or weren't paying attention to the Meetup announcements, those trips are now full. What we have in store is 5 (yes 5)

local week-long or weekend trips to fill many of the winter's weekends. Very soon, we will add in a few Club led ski days into remaining open weekends. You will not be bored. Come to the 12 September meeting at The Backyard Brewery and we'll go over all these trips. Did I mention ski racing?

We're going to be keeping you connected and informed through our social media sites. That is, through Meetup, the NHSkiClub.org website, our general Facebook site, and as a member, connecting with other Members as they head out to your favorite mountain, or maybe somewhere new with soon to be new friends. Stay connected.

I close by telling you with sadness Joe Yablonski passed away in July. Joe joined the NH Ski Club in 2010 and loved the "Jay Peak Week" trips. He loved being a member of ski clubs, in fact he met his wife Faith when a member of the S-Kimos in the early '80s. Joe enjoyed the company of Club friends and could be found mid-afternoon warming a stool at the end of the bar welcoming them in from a great day on the slopes. In Joe's words, everything about the Ski Club, its members and the trips were FABULOUS! Let's make the Club FABULOUS for you too.

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

- ★ Please check the [NH Ski Club Meetup](#) for details or any last minute changes to trips and events.
- ★ A representative from Chad will be at the September and October meetings to sell tickets to the Warren Miller Film. Tickets are \$25.00 and \$50.00. Regular cost is \$30.50 and \$55.50.

### Upcoming Events (Calendar)

Sept 8	Kayak Pawtuckaway Lake
Sept 12	First club meeting for 2018/19 season
Sept 22	Kayak Contoocook River
Oct 6	Kayak Powdermill Pond
Oct 10	October club meeting
Nov 10	Schussbomb (annual season kickoff party)
Nov 14	November club meeting
Dec 12	December club meeting

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

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### Still time for Kayaking!

Final 3 kayak trips for the year! Signups for all Kayak Trips are on MEETUP. Members may bring guests.

**Saturday, September 8, 2018** **Pawtuckaway State Park** **9am-2pm**  
**Neal's Cove Boat Launch** (No dogs at this launch) Mountain Rd, Nottingham, NH  
Park \$5 fee for admittance, unless a 65+ Senior.  
A paddle along the lake shore with a swim & a picnic on an island.

**Saturday, September 22, 2018** **Pat's Peak Paddle Contoocook River** **9am-2pm**  
**River Road Boat Launch** Henniker, NH  
*Breakfast = 8am-9:30am (Launch 10am)-2pm*  
A paddle on another part of the Contoocook River up the river & back.  
8:00 am Breakfast at Intervale Farm Pancake House 931 Flanders Road Henniker, NH  
Apres BBQ at the boat ramp. Bring chair, liquid libation, food to grill & a dish to share. (No human depository facilities at this site = the woods)

**Saturday, October 6, 2018** **Contoocook River Fall Foliage Paddle** **10am-2pm**  
**Powder Mill Pond Boat Ramp** 362-399 Forest Rd Greenfield, NH  
Last of the season leisurely Autumn paddle down the Contoocook and under a covered bridge.  
Apres Paddle BBQ at a members house - TBD

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# Schussbomb!

by Deb Schelzel and Nancy Keenom Caron

**Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018**

**Place: The Sweeney Post American Legion, 251 Maple Street in Manchester, NH**

**Tickets: \$20 per person.**

**Winter is Coming!** It's time to gather together to greet our old & new ski club members & get to know one another a little better. Always a great time!

Plenty of parking, Raffle, Prizes, Stimulating Activities, Cheap Drink Prices and Great Dancing. GUESTS WELCOME!

- Lasagne Dinner: 7:00 - 8:00 Pm
- Dancing and Activities: 8:00 - 11:00 Pm

Dance with **No Guarantees**, a 5-piece band from Southern New Hampshire playing upbeat rock-n-roll music from six decades. They are a fun high energy band playing classic to contemporary hits keeping Skiers on their feet and begging for more! Check out their Website for their playlist and to get to know the Band:

[noguaranteesband.com](http://noguaranteesband.com)

Attire: Come wearing a favorite Ski Theme Tee Shirt, or displaying a piece of bling with a ski theme or ski area hat. Something that puts you in a happy place about our sport of skiing.

Purchase Tickets with Cash or Checks made out to "NH Ski Club" either at:

- September 12th and/or October 10th meeting... Find Deb Schelzel
- Snail Mail Check with attending people's names listed to:  
Nancy K. Caron - NH Ski Club, 1465 Hooksett Rd Unit #1016, Hooksett, NH 03106-1821

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## 2018 Ski Trips

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### Explore Jay Peak with the NH Ski Club!

January 13-18, 2019

Trip Leader: Corey Girard

It's going to be difficult, but we are going to try and top the fun we had last year! :) This winter the club will return to Jay Peak. This year we are going up a few weeks earlier in January than we have in the past. That equals more time to use your FREE seasons pass! Yup, it's back again this year! Jay closed on May 7th t last year, that's 167 days of continuous operation (that was a record for them btw) so that is lots of free ski time after the trip!

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.

Jay received over 30' of fluff last year and we had some great conditions during our trip. We saw just about everything! If you remember we didn't see spring until it was summer, so there were lots of great days out there before the snow softened and when it did then there was tailgating and skiing in shorts over LOTS of softening snow. 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! The trip will be presented in the September meeting and many of you have already told me that you are going back. Sign up early so we can get the best locations and everyone that wants to can come!

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## Sugarbush, VT Weekend Ski Trip

February 1-3, 2019

\$ 505.00 per person

Trip Leader: Tom Cronin

Self drive trip to Sugarbush ski resort, Warren, VT. Accommodations at the Sugarbush Inn, a cozy inn on the shuttle bus route to the mountain. [Sign up here](#)

Includes:

- 2 day lift ticket: Saturday & Sunday ( Deduct \$ 152.00 for Ikon pass = \$ 353.00)
  - 2 nights accommodations , based on Double occupancy, 2 double beds in guest rooms
  - Continental breakfast (2) included
  - Meet 'n Greet social
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## Banff (Alberta, Canada)

February 9-16

\$1,775. per person

Trip Leader: Troy Schwotzer

Deduct \$352.00 for Ikon pass and \$670.00 if you get your own flights.

INCLUDES:

- 7 nights lodging at Ptarmigan Inn Double Occupancy
- RT Air on Air Canada
- Hot breakfast included daily
- R.T. airport transfers
- 5 day lift ticket good for Lake Louise, Banff Sunshine and Mount Norquay
- Park entrance fee
- 2 Parties (Pizza 1 night & Buffet Barbecue 1 night)
- Bus driver gratuities

\*\*\*\*\***Trip is full at this time. Contact Troy to get on the waitlist.**

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## Big Sky/Moonlight Basin Ski Trip

Feb 23 - March 2

\$ 2190.00 per person

Trip Leader: Lynda Lombardo

Big Sky has over 5800 skiable acres. You won't be bored. It has extensive groomed and extreme terrain. There are 22 lifts. There are plenty of options for all ski abilities.

- Accommodations are at the Huntley Lodge. This is a slopeside lodge with an outdoor heated pool and hot tubs.
- Based on 7 nights double occupancy, 2 queen beds.
- Trip includes skiing 5 days. (Deduct \$ 452.00 for Ikon pass = \$ 1765.00)
- Full buffet breakfast provided each day. There is a wine & cheese reception & orientation. Also, a group dinner is included.

**Trip space: 50. Spaces are full. Wait list only.**

[Sign up form](#)

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## Eastern Townships, Canada

March 8-10

Trip Leader: Karen Schwotzer

## **\$359.00 per person**

Rustic elegance in the quaint village of Magog. Another world away... yet only a 3-hour drive from Manchester. (yes, a self-drive trip). Package Includes:

- 2 Nights accommodations at the Hotel Cheribourg
- 1 Day lift ticket to Mont Orford
- 1 Day lift ticket to Mont Sutton
- 2 Gourmet breakfasts
- Saturday night dinner
- All Taxes

### **Passport required**

Just over the Canadian border and only minutes from the base of Mont Orford, l'Hotel Cheribourg is the perfect setting for our ski getaway! Renowned for their attentive hospitality and gourmet food, they also boast a fitness and game room, indoor pool and outdoor hot tub as well as a bistro with crackling fireplace! Spa too! Traditional rooms have free WiFi, TVs, mini fridges, Keurig coffee makers and balconies/terraces.

Mont Orford: 17 glades, 61 trails

Mont Sutton: 45% glades, 60 trails

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## **Sunday River Weekend**

**March 14-17th**

**Trip Leaders: Nancy KC and Deb Schelzel**

**\$444 per person** (3 nights)

The Saint Patrick's day Sunday River Weekend of skiing or riding and staying at the Grand Summit Hotel, with ski in and ski out, is back! Sunday River is one of Maine's largest and most visited ski resorts. Its vertical drop of 2,340 feet (710 m) is the second largest in Maine. The resort features 135 trails across eight interconnected mountain peaks, and is serviced by a network of 15 lifts.

Three nights lodging, three days of skiing. There are 12 hours of skiing on Friday and Saturday on your pass. Store your skis in their ski storage room. 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.

"Meet and Greet" gathering on Thursday night, after check-in from 6:30pm in the Grand Summit Hotel Camp Bar. Everyone will come together Friday night for a pasta feast in a room at the Grand Summit Hotel.

We have 30 studio units on hold for two persons each.

- 10 have one Queen Murphy bed, kitchenette & private bath.
- 20 have one Queen Murphy bed, & a sofa bed, full kitchen & private bath.

The cost of the weekend is \$444 for a regular adult, \$424 for a senior/junior or \$254 for a child under 6 with two adults or IKON silver or gold season pass holder with double occupancy. First deposit of half is due by December 12, 2018. Final payment is due on February 13, 2019.

- Check-in time is 6 PM on Thursday, 3/14.
- Check-out time is 10:30 AM on Sunday 3/17.

Each attendee MUST SIGN UP ON MEETUP and fill out the [\*\*Sign UP form!\*\*](#) Paper copies available at the Monthly Meetings.



Trip Leader contacts: Email [Nancy KC](#) or [Deb Shell](#) with questions or concerns, or call Nancy KC at 603-533-7576.

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## Smugglers Notch, Vermont

March 29–31

\$300 per person

Trip Leader: Nancy Harlow

BREWFEST Weekend - Music, Munchies, and microbrews. Sample over 25 varieties of the best local and regional beers, as well as, other sparkling delights. Did we mention beer? Long Trail, Magic Hat, Otter Creek and much more!

- 3 day lift tickets – Friday, Saturday, Sunday
- Entry to BREWFEST
- 2 nights lodging in 2 Bedroom Slopeside Condos with fully equipped kitchen, large living and dining areas, fireplace, cable TV
- Breakfast (2) included, Meet n Greet Friday night

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)

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## Cannon Update

Cannon Mountain implemented a total of \$6.5 million in improvements over the past two years including a massive snowmaking and energy efficiency upgrade, a new T-Bar plus more snowmaking at Mittersill. The snowmaking improvements allowed Cannon to increase snowmaking production by 50% while saving up to 50% on energy costs by employing high efficiency/low energy snowmaking tower guns and a new booster pump house at mid mountain. The new booster pump house continues to deliver twice as much water to the upper mountain than previously possible meaning an increase in snow production and a decrease in the time and energy required to make it.

### Highlights from past two seasons

- 388 new HKD high efficiency/low energy tower guns
- 42 updated and remanufactured year-old guns
- 3 new fan guns
- 1 updated and remanufactured fan gun
- New snowmaking booster pump house
- New T-Bar at Mittersill
- Snowmaking on the Taft Training Slope at Mittersill
- Energy efficiency upgrades in main ski area buildings
- Trail improvements
- \$250K upgrades to snowmaking
- \$135K Mittersill warming hut
- \$200K in lift upgrades
- \$150K state of the art tuning machine
- 2 new state of the art groomers

### 2018-19 Summer

- Flume Gorge \$1.7M enhancement project completed
- New paving throughout parking areas
- 50% expansion of retail shop (up 22% in retail revenue)
- 50% expansion of restrooms and water capacity
- New winter entry completed for usage by this winter
- Lafayette Campground new \$180K playground this fall
- Echo Lake Beach \$2,500 // 7 new kayaks, fleet size now 35 craft, larger focus on group rentals
- 14 pedal boats x 4 ppl // 6 canoes x 2-3 ppl // 8 tandem kayaks x 2 ppl // 7 solo kayaks

## Winter

- \$2 Million capital plan at Cannon Mountain (planned projects between Aug '18 and Jun '19)
- \$500K septic system upgrades at the summit of Cannon
- \$350K new state of the art groomer
- \$200K new patrol hut atop Cannon
- \$180K new fiber optic line
- \$180K in Aerial Tramway upgrades
- \$180K in lift upgrades
- \$90K in snowmaking upgrades
- \$450K in F&B upgrades (bar expansion!)

Active planning continues on new \$2 Million performance center at Mittersill (funded by FSC)

Cannon is the place for NH Ski Club members where they will undoubtedly create lasting memories with friends and family, and find a mountain that welcomes them to experience all that is Cannon – Big mountain skiing at small mountain prices. Cannon offers expansive terrain and 2,180-foot vertical, top of the line snowmaking and grooming, phenomenal terrain at Mittersill, and the popular Tuckerbrook Family Area: something for everyone. Plus, the “Cannon Effect” caused by the mountain’s 4,080-foot summit means that Cannon often gets snow when other areas get little or none. Make sure you don’t miss fresh tracks in our expansive glade network; their favorite sandwich or beverage at 4080 Café on the summit; Saturday-night Family Fun Night; Freeride Series at Tossup Park! Here’s to great season!

Julianne Ireland Boissonneault

Cannon Sales Manager

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