



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Message

by Kevin Reigstad



We're here! The club is at Smuggler's Notch, and so is the mist, fog and wind. But it hasn't broken our spirit. You should have seen us at Nancy Harlow's hosted social at the Library, a dance party broke out and kept us up late. Really, the Library. It certainly was spring ski conditions today, but none of the 2-pack lifts were put on wind hold...classic equipment cutting through the wicked weather, and providing plenty of time to chat up your lift buddy. Tonight is the Brewfest, where it will be 1000 people gathering to sample local brews. Hopefully the rain will miss us tomorrow (Sunday) and ensure our last day of our last club trip this winter is memorable. Either way, we're here, the end of this ski season. I've had a great year and I hope you have too, with the Club and your friends! Thank you for leading this trip, Nancy. Please thank all of this seasons trip leaders: Corey, Troy, Lynda, Tom, Deb, Nancy KC, Ron and Ann.

Looking forward to next season, Lynda will be running a ski trip to Val d'Isère and, at the 16 April Board Meeting, we'll be deciding our western USA trip. Keep watching our Meetup messages for destination and signup details. Talking about Meetup, sign up for 18 May Slushbomb at Belmont Hall in Manchester. It's the slush and mud season, so let's celebrate.

Our NHSkiClub.org website has shown to be a great advertisement of who we are, but it's also a destination for current members. The current newsletter is always reachable in 1-click, archived newsletters in 2-clicks. It's calendar shows our upcoming events and links back to Meetup for you to sign up. It has a page describing who we are, with a link to our bylaws.

The board just updated the bylaws. Jackie Preve (our founder's wife) has seen the club's success for several years so she's relinquished her position on the BOD. To ensure continuity between boards, the board created a Past President position for a departing president to serve for 2 years. For the next 2 years, Jim Eilenberger will serve in this position.

P.S. The Brewfest was FUN! The ski club was on the dance floor until close, 5 hours. We don't just ski!

Important Notices

- The NHSC Board Of Directors will be accepting 2020 western trip proposals at the April BOD meeting on **Tuesday, April 16**. You are eligible to run a trip if you have already been the trip leader on a weekend trip. Reach out to Troy at troyschwotzer@comcast.net or any other BOD member if you have any questions. (Note date changed from last newsletter!)
- Please check the [NHSC Meetup](#) for details or any last minute changes to trips and events.

Upcoming Events (Calendar)

April 10	Club meeting and board elections
April 16	BOD meeting - Western trip proposals
May 8	Club meeting
May 18	Slushbomb end of season party
June 1	Annual Massabesic BKBBQ



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

And the Nominees, for Board of Directors, are...

Nominee for President: Kevin Reigstad - I am honored to again be nominated for president of the NH Ski Club. If re-elected, I ask for your support during my term as president. I have been a member of the club for over nine years, served as the president since June 2017, and served as an at-large board member the previous four years. During this time, the board has been a good steward of the budget, at the same time thanks to your leadership offering a wide variety of social outings ... with so many joining us at 6 ski trips this year, and last fall we had over 90 filling seats contributing to CHaD at their Warren Miller fundraiser, and over 70 of us shakin' it at last fall's Schussbomb. My wife Patty is a club supporter...so glad it exists giving me a place to meet you, get out to ski, hike, dance at the 'bombs, and après, and both of us making great friends. As your president, I aim to keep the club a welcoming home for long-time members, new members and those simply passing through to see what we're about. We are an adventuresome community. 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. This is your club and I would be honored to continue serving you as your president.

Nominee for Vice President: Troy Schwotzer - I'm running for the position again because I want to give back to the club by volunteering my time. I also like being part of the decision making process of the club.

Nominee for Treasurer: Don Eaton - I have been the treasurer for the NH Ski Club for the past two years having taken over the position from Bob Silvernale. Bob had been the treasurer for many years prior and was, and still is, a wealth of knowledge and information making my transition to that position relatively smooth. My wife, Josee, and I first joined the club in 2000. We were active members for a number of years and then took a hiatus to ski with our two children. We have been on many trips with the Club over the years and have made many lifelong friends. My background as a commercial real estate manager and consultant provides me with the foundation to continue Bob's good work as treasurer of the club. I look forward to serving if elected. Thank you.

Nominee for Secretary: Jayne King - Greetings! I'm a trip leader, past board member, have been a club member for 20 years, and most folks in the club refer to me as Fast Jayne (thanks George Lamprey for that). I'm running for secretary as Deb S. is stepping down. I hope to get your votes. Thank you, Jayne.

Nominees for Members-at-Large:

Nancy Keenom Caron - AKA-Nancy KC is running for a second 2-year term on the NHSC BOD. I joined the NHSC in 2009. I have had a lifelong career in Bedford, NH, as the Recreation Director teaching AMC swimming lessons, First Aid/CPR/AED and Lifeguarding the Memorial Town Pool. I was the 1st female Firefighter for Bedford. After 34 years of teaching Physical Education at the McKelvie School, I retired in 2016. To give back to the NHSC, I volunteered in 2017 to serve on the NHSC BOD as the Membership Chairperson. Together, Debby Schelzel and I have organized and run the summer kayak trips for the last 2 years and other club activities. I am looking forward to a second term serving on the BOD with membership and more involvement in trips and activities. Thanks for your support!

Ann McLaughlin - I'm happy to be given the opportunity to run for a member position of the NHSC board. I've been an enthusiastic and dedicated member of the club since 2007. I served a term as the Board Secretary in 2012 and have run the Cannon Day event every year. I love the purpose and tenets of the club, the "We Don't Just Ski" outdoor and social activities and attitude, and have made many lifelong friends. Skiing has certainly become a real passion too. I am now a resident of Manchester which affords me more time to dedicate to helping out and giving back to this club and its members. I hope you will vote for me at the upcoming election! Thanks, Anne.

Lynda Lombardo - I have been a continuous member for 20 years. I have partaken in numerous events. We have a terrific club. Being on the board has made me aware of plans to make it better. For one thing, we are working on improving our online communication. We rely on Meetup, Facebook and our website to relay event and trip information. Since we need people to assist, I am happy to do my part. If elected to the board (and even if I am not), I will keep working on communication and event planning. I love perpetuating the ski club's great vibe and ask for your vote.

Jennifer Stitt - Hi, I'm Jennifer Stitt, and I've been a ski club member for almost 5 years. I joined the club because I very much enjoy meeting new people with similar interests, like skiing, hiking, cycling, and traveling! Over the past two years I've really enjoyed working the door as a greeter at the monthly meetings. It's a great way to meet everyone coming in, and especially welcome the new members. I've been in NH for almost 40 years now and this is the best group I've found that really has great people who love to ski and other fun activities! So many great personalities and funny stories in this crowd. When you're an adult, making new friends is a bit difficult, but the NH Ski Club has a welcoming feel. I'd love to help make it even more so. As a board member-at-large I could take my skills from HR management and recruiting to assist in organizing and planning ski club events, and operational matters. I'm a great organizer! I would love to help with our club's social media presence, helping find more door prizes for meetings and trip parties, and generally just helping out with anything the club needs. So happy to see our club gathering new people! If you're new, and you've never been on a trip or a one day event, please consider signing up and coming, as it's true, once you start going to these things you really start to get to know people, make new friends, and your skiing might even improve too! But remember we don't just ski...

Jeff Sanders - Hi fellow club members. My name is Jeff Sanders and I've been a NH Ski Club member since 2006. This is a great group of people and I've thoroughly enjoyed all the adventures and great friendships it's brought into my life. Two years ago I decided to try to give back to the club a little bit by joining the Board of Directors. I joined with the hope of helping to guide the club on the great trajectory we've been on and, I'm excited to say, I really feel like this is happening. I'm seeking re-election as a board member at large so I can continue the work I've begun and to add new value to the club. I'm a bit of a tech nut, and have enjoyed applying this knowledge in new ways. For example, starting the Facebook message board for club members to share info, stories, and pictures of our adventures together. Also, those of you who know me know that I'm a bit of an adventure seeker and will always be looking for ways to continue to bring this spirit into the club. If you feel like I've been doing a good job in my role on the board, please give me your vote so I can continue to help guide us on the great path we're on.

Don't Get Wiggled Out - It's Slushbomb Time!

Don't get wiggled out that ski season is over, summer is coming! Wear your funniest, scariest, or prettiest wig and dance to the music of Manchuka. Dinner buffet **6:30 to 8:00** followed by games, prizes and dancing until midnight. So flip your wig on and join the fun.

Saturday, May 18, 2019, 6:30 PM to Sunday, May 19, 2019, 12:00 AM

Belmont Hall & Restaurant, 718 Grove St • Manchester, NH

Price: \$23.00 /per person

Note: Tickets **WILL NOT be sold at the door and must be purchased **BEFORE May 10TH.****

You have 3 ways to pay:

1. Pay with cash or check at the April club meeting
2. Mail a check payable to New Hampshire Ski Club to 17 Drew Woods Drive, Derry New Hampshire 03038
3. Pay online at Brown Paper Tickets using this [link](#)

Summer Activities!

22nd Annual Mountain Bike/Kayak/Barbecue

June 1, 2019 - 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 troychwotzer@comcast.net or 603-361-6130

Winter Winds Down

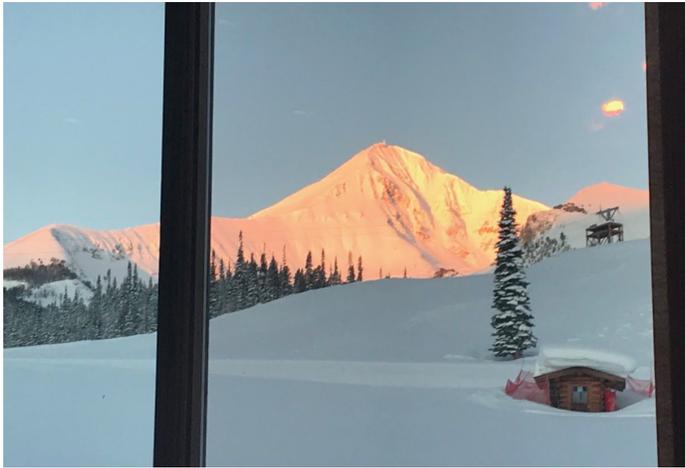
Smugglers Notch Brewfest Weekend

by Nancy Harlow

Our last weekend ski trip was a blast! I think Kevin's president's message says it all except that he is a "dancing machine". He, along with other ski club members, took over the dance floor at the Brewfest and, as always, we don't just ski! But skiing we did in spring snow conditions on Friday and Saturday. Rain on Sunday resulted in an early departure with a stop for several at the Ben & Jerry's Factory in Waterbury for a tour and scoop. Thanks to all for making the last trip a memorable one.

NH Ski Club Big Sky Trip

by Bill Driscoll



The NH Ski Club runs one or two week long trips each season, and they usually are the highlight of the season for those who attend. A key factor in how great the trips can be is, of course, snow. The snow for this year's trip to Big Sky couldn't have been better – more than 40 inches of snow fell during our visit. The combination of daily powder combined with how enormous Big Sky is made for a sensational week. Unlike many ski areas where the powder is totally chewed up by 10:00 AM, there was fresh snow to be found all over Big Sky all week long. The resort is so big it's really hard to grasp. If you are near on edge of the area you can see ski trails that are miles away, but are still within Big Sky. The

other thing that really sets Big Sky, and I think Montana in general, apart is how uncrowded the mountain is. When skiing a run with 6 or 10 or 18 ski club members, we were usually the only ones on the trail. This makes for some really fun skiing.

Most of the group rode a snowcat up to a yurt on the mountain for a great dinner and some competitive sledding on Sunday night. A good time was had by all. Lots of people took a day off and went into Yellowstone Park. This was really sensational as there was lots of wildlife; Elk, Bison, Coyote, Eagles, and the thermal features like geysers and hot springs were made very vivid by the cold temperatures. The trip can be done either by snowmobile or be heated snow coach. Both ways are a blast! Click this [link for the video!](#)

Our trip was very well organized, with no travel problems and three really fun club get-togethers. We stayed at The Huntley Lodge which is right at the Mountain base area, and lodging included an excellent breakfast every day, so people had plenty of fuel in the tank before heading out to the slopes. Thanks to Lynda Lombardo for organizing and running a fantastic trip. And, the sun finally came out Friday morning, so we got a good look at Lone Peak! (Photo above)

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