



## THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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*We don't just ski!*

### President's Message by Kevin Reigstad



Well, that ended quickly, the ski season that is. First, I hope you, your family and friends are healthy and pray you stay this way through this COVID-19 pandemic. Just a couple of Sundays ago, which seems like forever as I write this in our physical isolation, Paul Deshaies and I had just departed from the Sunday River weekend trip when Sunday River resort literally closed behind us. It was an enjoyable trip, experiencing rain, wind holds, and finally Sunday's frozen granular, but in the middle was Aaron's hosting of an après soirée in his room filled with potluck food and shot skis. We did not practice social distancing, to Roland Vance's chagrin. At that time, Roland was at work preparing St. Joseph hospital for the pandemic, so I sent him a picture. Did we get away, with no harm? The Val d'Isere group is surely going to have stories to tell. They all made it back to the USA safely, while our country was shutting down most travel from Europe and then France closing shops just before our remaining tripsters exited. Arriving home, they went into 14-day self-isolation. And for this active group, all of us, these new stay-at-home orders go against everything we feel. We want to be

outside, and together.

The Club's Board of Directors will assess COVID-19's mitigation measures' impact to our event schedule and update you through Meetup, email blasts and our NHskiClub.org website. Oh, and in this 'downtime', we're migrating our membership management system and soon website into Wild Apricot. We sure hope COVID-19 doesn't linger or rebound affecting the 2020-2021 season. That would be terrible. While it may be a virtual meetup, the Board still plans to hear and decide on week-long Western trips at our April 28 Board meeting.

I'm lucky that I can work from home without much issue. But I know many of you cannot, so let's try to make this as short as possible. Check in often with your family and friends. I see on our Facebook message board, picture proof Mary Beth Hulbert led Zoom video chats with her Ski Club "peeps". Wonderful. Thank you to Roland and all our first responders and health care industry members. Be safe. We'll be smart.

## Important Notices

- ★ There is **NO** meeting this month due to the coronavirus.
- ★ Cannon Day is **cancelled**. We are working on refunding money. Please be patient.
- ★ Please check the [NHSC Meetup](#) for details or any last minute changes to trips and events.
- ★ The club is in the process of implementing a Website which will include the membership database.

## Club Events Calendar

April 28	Big trip proposal meeting
May 16	Slushbomb
June 6	Massabesic Bike/Kayak/BBQ
Jun 23	Weekend trip proposal meeting



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

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## Want to Organize a Ski Trip?

Western ski trip proposals for the 2021 season will be accepted and voted on at the April Board meeting held on the last Tuesday of the month. In order to run a week- long trip you must first run a weekend trip. The Board of Directors does not discourage competition meaning that you are able to propose a trip with the same dates and location as someone else keeping in mind that you would need to get proposals from a different travel agent. Proposals for weekend New England and Eastern Canada will be voted on at the June Board of Directors meeting held the last Tuesday of the month. If you have not run a trip and would like to do so and don't know where to start you can reach out to a Board member for guidance.

## New Website

As indicated in last month's newsletter the club is implementing a new Website on a service called Wild Apricot. The new website will include all items found in our existing Website, the monthly Newsletter, Events found on meetups as well as Membership.

The new membership database will be controlled by your email, the one you provided on your membership application or renewal form (not the one used on Meetup). If you forgot your email see Forgotten Emails below.

All active members have been uploaded to the new Wild Apricot database. We invite you to Login and view the new website at [WWW.NHSkiClub.WildApricot.Org](http://WWW.NHSkiClub.WildApricot.Org)

Once the new website opens click on the Login block found in the upper right hand corner.

- Enter your email address in the email block.
- Next click on the Forgot password and create your own password then click on Login.
- When the home page opens notice that your name appears in the upper right corner.
- If you wish to look at or change any of your demographic info click on your name.
- On the web page opens, Click on Edit, found near the upper left, if you wish to make any changes.
- Click Save to keep your changes, or just click Cancel to exit.
- Note only you, the individual member, and the club membership person will be able to view any of your personal information.

## **Forgotten Emails**

If you have forgotten your email or changed it please reply to this email: [NHSkiClubMship@Gmail.com](mailto:NHSkiClubMship@Gmail.com) with your name and new email. Please give us a few days to update your email and then try to sign in and create a password as described above.

Please Note: We will also be sending out an email with information similar to this newsletter article. The email will be sent concurrently with the posting of the April Newsletter. The concurrent email will also be sent from NHSkiClubAdmin@Gmail.com. If you do not receive the concurrent email then please send us your correct email as described above. But please DO NOT send an email if you got the notification email.

## **New Website Information**

**Monthly Events:** Click on this button to view information or place holders for currently expected events thru September

**Trips:** Click on this button to view info on Trips for next season once they are scheduled.

## **Going Forward**

For the time being our existing website at [nhskiclub.org](http://nhskiclub.org) will remain active, as will Meetup. Once the migration is complete the new website will drop “wildapricot” from its name and revert to our current domain name NHSkiClub.Org. That change will occur automatically so when you type in NHSkiclub you should be automatically taken to the new website. We will also communicate via email and the newsletter when that transition happens. Victor Snowdon – Operation Director and Website/Membership Project Migration

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## **Past Events**

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### **Mont Tremblant trip report Feb. 27-Mar.1 Karen Schwotzer**

First of all, 2/3rd of our group had never been to Mont Tremblant. I had no idea how long overdue this trip was. We picked up members from Londonderry, Concord and Lincoln, loading on time and ready to roll! Tripsters settled in and snacks, treats and jello-shots, etc were passed from one end of the bus to the other...no need for a meal stop for this gang! Jack, our professional driver navigated with ease and we arrived in Tremblant to about 21” of fresh snow!

Though chilly beginnings to each day, enthusiasts got out with the “First Tracks” pass at 7:45am each morning and had 2 glorious days to enjoy this amazing mountain with excellent conditions. Tremblant was 100% open with 102 trails... plus lots of new glades to explore. Mountain tours were offered at all different levels, which at least half the group took advantage of. A surprise of a meal voucher was welcomed at the Manitou lodge on top...chicken coconut curry soup being among the favorite of foods.

Our condos were conveniently located near the Cabriole/T-cup ride, and adjacent to a Starbucks. We explored the pedestrian village in the evening, enjoying happy hours and great food each night. It was a winter wonderland with that Canadian atmosphere of feeling like you’re in Europe. We made new friends

and spent quality time with long-time friends, creating new bonds with both. Thank you all for participating and making this trip such a success!

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## Thoughts on the Val D'Isere Trip from Members

My first memory of the trip, definitely not the best. Flights were fine but after flying all night the bus ride to the resort was long and winding through avalanche tunnels with tight corners and big drops. The Hotel Altitude worked out perfectly: location, size, staff running it. On skis, right down from our hotel we had at least four different lift systems (2 gondolas, 2 chairlifts) that went in two different directions. The village of Val d'Isere was a short walk just past the lifts with plenty of restaurants, bars, shops, and markets for anything you wanted. The size of the hotel fit our group to a T. I think the ski club occupied at least 90% of the hotel. No matter where you went familiar faces everywhere including breakfast and dinner. The staff at the hotel made it a comfortable place to hang out, can you say Shotski!! You saw the same staff members every day, Niko the owner, nice guy easy to talk to more than happy to help you anyway he could. Just make sure you let him know if you were going to miss dinner. Front desk, barmaid, servers all top notch, Stephanie our server one of the hardest workers I've seen in a long time. So that was just getting there and our accommodations.

The ski area itself was mind bending. I thought I had been to some pretty big ski areas before, but now I'm thinking you could combine them all and they would fit within the boundaries of Val d'Isere and Tignes, this place is immense. Pictures don't do it justice, when you got to the top of one of the peaks you would look out over another set of mountains with lifts, gondolas, and funiculars running every which way. You would ski down, take another lift or two that would get you to the top of that range. Again, you would look out behind it and there would be another range in the distance with a village in the middle and again lifts and gondolas taking you in all different directions.

All I can say is thank God we had a guide the first day to show us around and get us back. Since I mentioned the guides I would have to say what an awesome group of people. Our group had Charlotte the first day and thought she was the best, then on Wednesday our off-piste group had Antoine, so now maybe it's a tie. During the off-piste day our group kept bumping into another group with Maurizio as their guide, three out of three young, talented, and fun to be around. With Antoine and Maurizio the fun didn't stop when the lifts joined us two different afternoons at Coco Rico for some crazy apres fun. Good times were had by all.

Each day was a new adventure, depending on when you geared up and got out it seemed like there was always a group just taking off and were more than happy to have you along. I skied with powder hounds, tree skiers, great skiers that made it look effortless. Out of the six days each was different but just as amazing as the last. Even with a couple of snow days with poor visibility, ski by feel made it difficult to enjoy but the challenge of the mountains made it worth it. As the world fell apart around us and some club members found their own way home, Val d'Isere got a hold of you. I skied all six days and still didn't want to leave.

Anney France was postcard perfect, beautiful old world charm around an amazingly clean alpine lake and canal system. Unfortunately I think the thought of getting home took a lot away from what Anney had to offer. I would love to enjoy Anney in the summer, maybe get to swim in that beautiful lake. There was definitely a lot on our minds as resorts, restaurants, and even country borders were shutting down all around us. Hats off to Lynda for putting together such an amazing trip and seeing it through to the end,

getting us all home safe. - Flying Dan

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I've traveled to many ski areas, several which have been in the Alps. Val d'Isere/Tignes is the most amazing, humongous, breathtaking, jaw dropping, spectacular ski resort that I've been to. We were there for a week and did not come close to skiing everything we wanted to. The town of Annecy was a great add-on too. There was a beautiful large alpine lake, canals like Venice, outdoor restaurants, and lots of history. A trip to remember. Lynda you picked a winner, thank you for all your hard work. -Fast Jayne

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## Future Events

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### Slushbomb Spring Fling

**Saturday, May 16, 2020**

**6:00 PM to 11:00 PM**

**Sweeney Post #2, Manchester**

**251 Maple St · Manchester, NH**

Hat Party - Wear it whether it's your Craziest, Favorite, Wildest, Fanciest... Wear your Hat.  
Live music from Bad Breath Microphone. Keep those ski legs in shape and dance the night away.  
Light Fare Food. \$20.00 admission for every attendee whether you eat, drink, dance or wear a hat.  
See Jon Crowell or Joanne Lundy to purchase tickets.

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### 23rd Annual Mountain Bike/Kayak/Barbecue

**June 6, 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 a side dish, snack food or cookies.

Directions: Exit 1 off Route 101, head south on Route 28, go halfway around the traffic circle continuing on Route 28 south. Go past ball-fields on the right and you will start climbing a hill. About halfway up the hill, take a right on Deschesnes Road which is a private road. Disregard No Trespassing signs. The paved road will turn to a dirt road just past the first house you see. Continue on the dirt road to the 2nd house which is only feet away. Please drive slowly past the first house as their garage is across the road and they have a young child. For more information contact Troy at [troyschwotzer@comcast.net](mailto:troyschwotzer@comcast.net)

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**STAY SAFE!**

