



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Message

by Kevin Reigstad



Last week, my boss attended my company's annual executive retreat learning this fact: a large part of our employees (now nearly 1600) have only been with the company less than 2 years. Chalk it up to good growth and natural turnover, but how do you maintain the company's culture, the things that make us who we are? This is mirrored in the NH Ski Club. Every year, the club loses and gains about one-third of our membership (about 350 members). Some of these are members who joined for a single trip or just tried us out, but many new members do stick around. New members haven't seen all of what we do or who we are. Maybe some experienced members haven't either. From what I see, our culture is good. I can try to maintain our culture by telling you who we are.

The NH Ski Club continues to operate as a non-profit, led and organized by volunteers, and we recognize long-serving volunteers with the Preve Pride Award. Ken Preve was our founder and is the soul of our Club. We meet monthly, less formal deck gatherings in the summer, to gather with old and new members alike for simple fun and like-minded companionship. We host ski days, weekend ski adventures, and week-long trips Western USA and European resorts. We offer kayaking, ski racing, hiking and snow tubing events, and have held an expo for many years. We kick off the skiing and riding season with a Schussbomb party and end it with the Slushbomb. And we give back to the community through food and holiday drives and contributing to CHaD during their Warren Miller film fundraiser.

We're on Facebook, Meetup and the web. But we're not inflexible. We judge every event's value with attendance...if you like what we're doing, please support it. If you want to see changes made, tell us. Some activities have come to an end. If you like how I try to acknowledge new members at each meeting, say hello to them. And sadly, we've recognized dear members who've passed away. I hope we are a community you value. I want it to be valuable to everyone. I love being a part of it.

Important Notices

- 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. The new membership database will be controlled by your email. Going forward we will be *eliminating family memberships, therefore everyone will need to have their own individual email*. There are some 40 family members who do not have their own email. If you are a family member or have a family member who does not have an email registered, please see Vic Snowdon or Nancy KC at the next meeting to update your email address, or send an email to Vic at nhskiclub@comcast.net **Note:** the member database is separate from Meetup. The email addresses used by Meetup are not available to us, or we would have tried to cross check that list with the member database.
- Victor Snowdon – Operations & Membership

Club Events Calendar

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| Mar 6 | Val D'Isere Ski Trip |
| Mar 12 | Sunday River Trip |
| Mar 27 | Stowe Ski Trip |
| April 4 | Cannon Ski Day |
| 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.

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.

Cannon Day

Organizer: Annie Mac

April 4

This year, Cannon Day will be the last hurrah for the season!

We meet in the Peabody Lodge @ 8:00- 8:30 am to pick up tickets and ski.

- ★ 10am race time on Timezone which is located skiers left of Gary's. This is a NO pressure, have-fun event. Everybody gets two timed runs.
- ★ 1:00 Tailgate in the Brookside parking lot for lunch. Bring something to share and libation of choice. There will be grills available.
- ★ 2:30: Meet in the Cannonball Pub for music and dancing.

Lifts are \$50/ticket but I will confirm the best price prior to the actual Cannon Day. Please [sign up](#) on Meetup, even if you do not need a lift ticket. I provide updates through Meetup.

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.

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 traffic circle continuing on Route 28 south. Go past ball-fields on 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 or 603-361-6130

NH Food Bank Food Drive

Bill Driscoll

At the monthly meeting held on Feb 12, the club held its annual food drive for the NH Food Bank. Between the cash donations and the food donations, the NH Ski club provided 2,631 meals to people in need. I believe this is the largest donation we have ever made. The people at the NH Food Bank were ecstatic. It's great to be part of such a generous group. Thanks to all for your participation.

Crested Butte trip report

Jayne King

Thirty-two club members ventured to Crested Butte, Colorado, the first week in February 2020. All travel went smoothly and on time, pretty rare these days. Our first day of skiing was perfect to get acclimated, after all, we were sleeping at 9,000 feet. There were blue skies, 30f, and better snow than we all have had in the east. We got a little snow Monday afternoon. Tuesday night we had a group pizza party at the Secret Stash, highly recommended by all the locals. They have unique toppings like fig, pesto, lemon to name a few.

Wednesday it was 25 below zero and a few hearty soles skied after 10:00AM, but at least it was sunny. Most of us took the day off and explored the town of Crested Butte which was a short free shuttle bus ride, in the

coolest hand painted buses done by local artists. The town is very cool, with many great restaurants, a museum, grocery store, liquor store and lots of fun shops to poke around in.

It started snowing Wednesday night and continued all day Thursday and into Friday. We got our pow! Thursday we had free refills all day and Friday was a little busier, as the locals get the goods in the morning before going to work in the afternoon. Now that sounds like a great gig! The mountain still needed more snow, as it's a pretty rocky place. We had a leisurely Saturday morning, before heading to the airport in Gunnison only 35 minutes away. So long CB, until next time.

Moonlight Hike to Lonesome Lake 2020

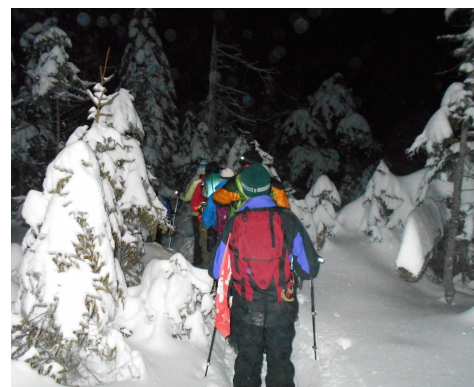
Tom Cronin, Trip Leader



On a somewhat chilly mid-February night, 9 members met in Franconia Notch for the annual Moonlight hike to the Lonesome Lake AMC Hut. The night before the hike, the temps had dipped to -20F but thankfully on the night of the hike, the temperature moderated to the high teens for a clear, calm and cloudless, evening. There was at least 2 feet of snow on the ground but the trail was perfectly packed fresh powder making for ideal

hiking conditions. While 2 wore snowshoes and 7 wore microspikes, most importantly all had traction. Ryan, Sara, Kelly, Tim, Dan M., Ken, Tom, Cindy and Dan B. enjoyed not only a nice hike and for the first time, the group crossed the frozen lake under a cloudless star filled sky. Due to scheduling conflicts, the full moon was a week earlier, but the planet Venus was shining brightly overhead practically leading the way towards the hut. The lights of the AMC hut were visible across the dark lake as we headed for it. We arrived at the hut to find a warm fire in the wood stove and the hut filled to capacity with a group of very well behaved Boy Scouts from Troop 250 of Waltham, MA. Jake, The AMC caretaker, welcomed us in to share in the comfortable warmth and surroundings of the Lonesome Lake Hut. Our group took this opportunity to enjoy some snacks, refreshment and a bit of rest before bundling up to head out and complete the circuit trail around the perimeter of the Lake.

The heavy snow laden branches made for a beautiful and picturesque environment to hike through on a dark winter's evening. The quiet trail of soft headlamps snaking through deep dark woods was an interesting sight. The group took a few short breaks for some obligatory pictures and a short stop to remove a recently fallen fir tree blocking the trail. 3 hrs later, the hike, we made it back to the trailhead parking lot safe and sound, fulfilled with another fabulous dose of outdoor mountain magic and renewed sense of accomplishment. The entire group then reconvened just a few miles down the road in North Woodstock at the Woodstock Inn and Brewery for a light dinner and toast to another great hike. We are still not sure exactly how she did it, but somehow Sara Laroux, managed to instantly score a table for 9, in a filled to capacity venue with a waiting line to boot. We all walked past everybody else waiting in the lobby for a table and enjoyed a nice sit down dinner with some locally brewed malt beverage. See you in the woods!



Waterville Valley Day

Eric Bos

Twenty six members and guests got to enjoy a magnificent day at Waterville Resort on Sunday, February 23rd. The snow was fantastic ("best I have ever seen at Waterville", said Jim E), the weather warm (mid 40's), the sun shining (worked on the goggle tan), lines short (no crowds), and lunch delicious (mmm...soup in a bread bowl). Short of a powder day one could not ask for more. Most everyone got an early morning start and ate lunch together in the Sky Box, which is awesome for gear changing and storage. We were all impressed and a little lost with all the changes there to the lodge. Can't wait till next year.

Ski Trips

Val D'Isere Ski Trip

March 6 – 16, 2020

Trip Leader: Lynda Lombardo

This is going to be a great trip. We have Guides lined up for on-piste and off-piste. The local guides will assist with finding the best slopes and navigating this vast resort. 7 nights at Hotel Altitude, in Val D'Isere and 2 nights at the Hotel Splendid in Annecy. After 6 days of skiing, we have 2 days to be tourists in Annecy, France. It is a picturesque small European city situated on a lake. A nice ending to our French Alps ski holiday.

Sunday River St Patrick's Day Weekend Trip

March 12-15, 2020

Trip Leader: Aaron Fracht-Monroe

Staying at the Grand Summit gives you ski-in/ski-out access a brief walk from one of our 25 studio kitchenette equipped rooms. **Price is \$486 per person**/double occupancy, \$466 for senior/junior, and \$286 if you have a New England Gold/Silver season pass or IKON.

Stowe, VT Weekend

March 27-29, 2020

\$330

Trip Leader: Jeff Sanders

Experience one of New England's premiere ski destinations on our trip to Stowe Mountain Resort. Home of 4,395' Mt. Mansfield (tallest peak in VT), the mountain offers a 2360' vertical drop and receives an average of 314 in. of snowfall per year. You'll find 485 skiable acres served by 12 lifts and 116 trails (Beginner 16%, Intermediate 55%, Expert 29%), catering to all ability levels. When your ski day is done, explore the town of Stowe, teaming with New England charm and offering a wide variety of dining options.

- 2 days of skiing, 2 nights of lodging
- Lodging at The Golden Eagle Resort on Rt. 108 in the heart of Stowe (DO, 2 full beds or 1 king)
- Two full breakfasts included + Appetizer reception
- Free ski shuttle to mountain (12 minute ride) or drive yourself - 7 miles from Stowe Mountain Resort
- Walking distance to restaurants, bars, and breweries
- 20-person hot tub, indoor swimming pool, cedar sauna

More details on Meetup.

[Signup form click here](#)

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