



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Message

by Kevin Reigstad



Do you trust your perceptions looking down from the lift? Not to scare you, you already know when you arrive, the trail may be steeper, the moguls will be deeper, the scattered rocks will be bigger, the snow...who knows. Here I am, skiing with the club at Cindy Jenson's "second annual" Sugarloaf weekend trip. Hooray for this large group, our last club trip for the season. Spring weather systems brought rain, fog, breezes, and marginally freezing temperatures, all making it a hard night for the grooming crews. I aim for Sluice, a fantastic looking run just beside the Skyline lift. There I relearned the lesson perceptions are not reality; glimmering snow was chunky, frozen chowder. But you know, life is too short to always turn around. We kept moving forward, my skis deflecting off this and that ending up here and there. It became a great day. I'm looking forward to many more spring skiing days this season, despite our New England mountains already having announced closing dates for (generally) mid-April.

I've got more skiing to do and I bet you do too. We may have already missed the mountains' pond skimming, retro '80s ski days and après dance parties. Let's get some spring skiing in together before we send off the season at our Slushbomb on 22 April. We can dance there. Oh yes, it is smart and courteous to calmly put the lift bar down on your rides up the mountain. Interesting there is even a debate (or is it just a silly Facebook outrage?). Look down at the mountain from on high, secured in your chair, and arrive alive. Do trust your instincts.

Club Calendar

Apr 12	April club meeting
April 22	Slushbomb!
April 29	Kayak trips planning meeting
May 10	Club meeting
July 29	Fisher Cats Game
Feb 2024	Dolomites Ski Trip

News and Events

Monthly Meeting

Nancy KC

The April monthly meeting will be held on the 2nd **Wednesday, April 12th**. The meeting will begin at 7pm. You can come anytime after 5:30 pm to eat and socialize. **Theatre #1 - Chunky's Cinema Pub, 707 Huse Rd, Manchester, NH 03103.**

Remember: Chunky's PROTOCOL is for members and guests to **REGISTER for the meeting ahead of time**, so Chunky's can schedule staffing and will know how many will order food. Register 7-10 days prior to the meeting PLEASE!

MORE DRAWINGS! At each meeting, for in-person attendees, we're offering a special drawing for 2 people to win \$25 Chunky's gift cards. Upon arrival, check in at Chunky's ticket counter, write your name on the paper ticket they give you and drop it in the raffle container at our own check-in table. Stick around to the end for raffle prizes and 50/50 drawing. *(Chunky's gift cards and 50/50 for in-person attendees only).*

Slushbomb!

Times have changed. Spring Slushbomb! It's time to gather to greet our old & new ski club members along with guests.

We are gonna have a good time!

“Earth Day - How we grow.”

Blooming flowers represent new growth, beauty & happy times!



The Raging Rockaholics are a 5 piece band from Southern New Hampshire playing upbeat rock-n-roll from many decades. They are a fun high energy band playing classic to contemporary hits keeping you skiers on your feet begging for more! Come dance the night away.

When: Saturday Night - April 22, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 11:00 pm

Where: The Sweeney Post American Legion 251 Maple Street Manchester, NH

Food: Appetizers, Lasagna Dinner/Salad/Garlic Bread served 7pm-8pm.

Parking: Plenty of parking available at the Sweeney Post.

Liquid Libation: Cheap - reasonable drink costs at their bar.

Slushbomb Tickets: \$20.00

\$20.00 payment with CASH, or Checks made out the **NH Ski Club**

Purchase Tickets:

Prepay 1. At 3/8 or 4/12 Monthly Meetings – Ticket issued. Guaranteed appetizers/food
Bring your Ticket(s) to the event! They become raffle tickets at the sign in.

Prepay 2. Prior to Friday, 4/14

Snail Mail to:

Nancy Keenom Caron

1465 Hooksett Road Unit #1016

Hooksett, NH 03106-1821

Tickets to be picked up at the door 4/22/2023. Guaranteed appetizers/food.

Pay at the door 3. Tickets picked up at the door 4/22/2023

Not Guaranteed – appetizers/food. Pre-paying members eat first .

REGISTER On-line

1. ALL NHSC Members need to Register on-line that you are attending, Please! Do not sign a member up as a guest.
2. If you are bringing a guest, send their name(s) to Nancy KC via email: nhskiclubnkc@gmail.com. Guests will be added to the attending list.

Admission Tickets become your raffle ticket when deposited in the raffle bins the night of the event.

2023 NH Ski Club Kayak Planning Committee Meeting Saturday, April 29th 3pm

Nancy KC



Kayak Trip Leaders and any interested members wanting to assist in the planning and organization of the Summer/Fall 2023 kayak day trips please contact trip leaders: Debby Schelzel Deborah.schelzel@gmail.com and/or Nancy KC NHSkiClubNKC@gmail.com for more information and the Manchester location of the meeting, at Debby's home.

All kayak day trips are generally planned for Saturdays, with a rain date to be on Sunday. Dates begin in June and usually are planned for every other Saturday through September and one in October. There are 8 -10+ trips planned. We will discuss previous trips and plan them again for this season if selected. Any new venues will be discussed with information needed for the location, put-in, take-out, type of paddle lake-river-ocean, etc., distance and time needed, parking & Apres. Any information for a weekend trip, or mid-week day trips can also be discussed and planned. We generally plan 2-3 trips where kayak rentals are available.

The kayak activities are planned for the Intermediate paddling level with casual and continuous paddling abilities 3-5 hours. [Blue/Black]. Some trips will include Advanced Beginner paddling level trips with casual with pause/rest paddling abilities 2-3 hours traveling at a slower moderate pace. [Green] These ADV BEG paddles will/may lag behind the INT paddlers. 1 or 2 Trip Leaders will remain with the ADV BEG paddlers. Sometimes kayak specifics will determine the nature of the trip - ocean, lake, river, etc. These guidelines will be discussed and modified if need be.

Save the date: Saturday July 28. NH Fisher Cats vs Hartford Yard Goats. We have an entire party deck to ourselves. Game starts at 7:05 with fireworks to follow. Ballpark buffet served prior to the game. Cash bar. 50 spots available. \$42/person. The event will be posted prior to the April meeting. Guests are welcome! Who wants to throw the opening pitch?

Whitefish Montana trip recap!

Jayne King



Marcia Morgan and I brought two groups to Whitefish, on separate flights, and amazingly enough, all flights were on time, and everyone received their luggage! Our hotel, the Firebrand, was in town and really nice, everything we needed (except the hotel shuttle to take us to the mountain) was at our fingertips. The staff was super friendly and helpful. When we arrived at the small Kalispell airport, Grace from the hotel was there to greet us and hand us our room packets, and Averill supplied the transportation and handled all of our luggage. Great service!

We had a meet and greet Saturday evening where our lift tickets were issued, and we met one of the mountain guides, Scott, that took a group of us around on Sunday and then skied with us another day- taking us to places he could not as an official guide, which was cool because the mountain was multifaceted and getting to some places was simple following him. The mountain does have an issue with fog, and a lot of us skied the back side for visibility (and terrain). It was helpful to be able to ski in the trees. Towards the end of the week, we could ski some of the front side trees especially after we kept getting fresh snow, day after day, not feet, but a few inches each day freshened it up and made the snow deeper in the trees.

Several people took a day off to visit Glacier National Park. A lot of it is not open in the winter but it was nice to get a feel for it. A return trip in the summer months is on the to do list. We had a funny tour guide from Whitefish Outfitters that picked us up at the hotel. He took us to other places like the very impressive Hungry Horse Dam, the Huckleberry Patch restaurant and gift shop where some of us ate huckleberry pie topped with huckleberry ice cream! Yum! Then we went to the distillery where we sampled all kinds of yummy liquors.

Marcia Morgan led a yoga session every morning for those interested. She also had a trivia night with two teams, and the women won! Monday night we had a group dinner at the Craggy Range where people could order off the menu, and on Wednesday night we had a pizza party at MacKenzie River Pizza Co, both places a block away on Central Ave. Some days, après ski was at the mountain at either Ed & Mullys, the Hellroaring Saloon, or the BierStube. There is not a lot happening at the mountain though, the bars close at 5 or 6 pm, so it was good to be in town and walk to the great restaurants and old time bars.

Unfortunately we had 4 injuries on the trip, I think that's a record. There were three on Monday and one on Friday. At least one of them required surgery after he got home. The snow was a little tricky at the beginning because it had been so windy the prior week, that in a lot of places the snow was scoured and difficult to maneuver. A few inches of fresh snow every day improved the conditions. We had one day with undercast- the chair rode up through the clouds and viola- blue skies! A lot of picture taking that day! Wishing a speedy recovery to those injured.

Moonlight Hike to Lonesome Lake 2023

Tom Cronin

Saturday night March 11th turned out to be a mild and pleasant evening as 17 hikers gathered in Franconia Notch

for an evening hike up to the AMC's Lonesome Lake Hut. It's a 1.5 mile trail hike up to the Lake which is nestled in the col between Cannon Mt and the Kinsman Range. NHSC members and guests included Lisa, Joanne, Jon, Alan, Ray, Aaron, Jason, Melissa, Madison, Olivia, Troy, Kevin, Paul D., Karen, Sue, Paul B. & Tom. The trail was well filled in with fresh packed snow making for a smooth snowy trail with little to no ice showing. Even though well frozen over and covered in deep snow, the group practiced a safety protocol suggested by Alan and kept space between each other while crossing the frozen lake taking the shortcut directly across the lake to the AMC Hut. Upon arrival, the Hut was busy with guests relaxing, cooking their dinner, playing cards and enjoying the nice warm fire burning in the wood stove.

This time of season we hiked all the way to the lake without headlamps. The group was able to stay together throughout the hike and not get spread out along the trail thanks to an easy steady pace set by Ray and his son Aaron. In the last bit of daylight we were able to view the Franconia range from across the lake.



We all enjoyed the warm cozy environment for a bit before switching on our headlamps and gearing back up to complete the hike around the backside of Lonesome Lake and heading back down the trail. The trail around the pond was well packed and cut through some drifts about 3-4 feet deep.

This is a good hike for those wanting to try the winter hiking experience. Hiking the Lonesome Lake Trail at night in winter is easier than summer hiking in some respects, with all the trail roots and rocks are nicely covered in packed snow. During winter hikes there are no bugs, better views through leafless trees and less overheating during the climb. The snow reflected the group's headlights nicely brightening up the trail for easy visibility. Everyone wore micro-spike traction devices on their boots which made walking on the packed snow much easier.

As always, all completed the hike and made it safely back to their cars in about 3 hrs.

Quebec 2023 Ski Trip

Karen Schwotzer

Quebec.....it's more than just a ski trip.

What an amazing time we had! We were chauffeured in our luxury motorcoach by 31-year professional driver Geri, who did a fabulous job getting us safely back and forth and navigating through the narrow, one way streets of Quebec. No one went hungry on the ride up on Thursday...so many people brought food to share....vacation is a time to toss that diet to the wind! You can always pick up where you left off when you get home... I say.

We arrived earlier than expected Thursday night, and after checking into our rooms, dropped our bags and headed out to find a pub, walk the Chateau promenade, try out “breakneck stairs” to the lower Petit Champlain, or just enjoy the luxury surrounding us.

Off to Le Massif early the next morning we were greeted by enthusiastic Ambassadeurs who happily showed us around their beautiful mountain. How unique to start & end skiing at the top! The views of the mighty Saint Lawrence River below were breathtaking...if the guide gave you a moment and you were quick with your phone, you got to capture that view with more than the mind’s eye...



We all walked to a fine dinner that evening at the D’Orsay Restaurant where some tried the game pate with cranberry sauce or a Caesar salad, soup du jour, chicken or salmon filet...all the way to a molten chocolate creation by the chef. (What diet??)

Saturday was spent at Mont-Ste-Anne where we started in a bit of fog, but a fresh couple of new inches of snow sweetened the pot. A tough decision, but several wanted to take the early bus back to the city to do some sightseeing and shopping while a few hardcore skied right to the end of the day.

We enjoyed a wine & cheese gathering in the Chateau Frontenac’s Bellevue Room (translates to “good view” ...and what a beauty it was). We sampled local wine, beer and cheeses and several members won prizes at the raffle. Off to experience a local restaurant of our choice, so many to pick from, all within walking distance.

Alas, Sunday came and it was time to pack up...but not before enjoying a fresh air stroll, a leisure breakfast and last minute shopping (great discounts due to the positive exchange rate...), before boarding our bus for the return home.

Last stop at Duty Free for some maple whiskey, wine and gifts. A NH Ski Club tradition... where trips renew old friendships and new ones are made!

McIntyre Ski Area 2023 Corporate/Adult Race League

Nancy KC

March 14th was an exciting evening at McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester for the culminating activities. Distribution of raffle tickets started the evening, followed with a buffet dinner with prime rib of beef along with liquid libation. Awards were presented after dinner. Ray Juneau and Dick Horan were recognized by General Manager, Ross Booisvert, for their continued assistance in setting up the race course each week. Jeff Juneau was the fastest male snowboarder this season. None of our NHSC teams placed to receive a trophy or medal. Maybe next season we will make a team up of our fastest racers!



Let the fun and raffles begin! A beer mug HOLD challenge, containing water, was met by NHSC women: Luisa Maslon, Susan Kunkel, Michelle Collier, Birthday Girl Jo'an Blajda, Becky Hawxwell and Cindy Jenson. With focus and determination, Michelle Collier, held her mug straight out in front for over 2 minutes, beating all. She was awarded the Blizzard Black Pearl skis.



The raffles began with many NHSC members taking home many gifts. Hats and ski socks were won by Anne Magrath and Mary Beth Hulbert. A boot bag went to Nancy KC. Bruce Dyke won a pair of Rossignol Skis with bindings. Jim Normand and Aaron Fracht- Monroe won flannel shirts, Ron DiMambro took home a bottle of crown royal. Annie McLaughlin won sunglasses. Robert LaChance took home a surprise bag?? What's in the bag, Robert?



Another great season for our 68 NHSC racers at the Adult Corporate Race League at McIntyre Ski Area. Plans are in the works for McIntyre to clear some trees this summer to create a second race trail. Remember to visit The Hill Bar and Grill this spring and summer. A great dining opportunity to eat inside the lodge or outside on the patio deck.

Gunstock Ski Racing

Kathy Jacobs

Racing has ended for the season. What a crazy season it has been. Racing was postponed because of rain and amazingly because of too much snow. The course has also been a challenge for the seasoned (older) racers. Gunstock did have a few weeks where the course was amazing.

This year we had most of the racers come into the pub after the race for camaraderie, drinks, and dinner. There was always a raffle of ski gear at the end of racing.

Gate Crashers ending in 10th place were able to hold their slight lead over Slope Slayers in 11th by 6 points.

Jim Connor and Tom Davis of Slope Slayers made every race. Congrats for your dedication. Top racers for Gate Crashers were Casey Keane, Fred Myhaver and Mary Beth Hulbert. Top Racers for Slope Slayers were Kent Hanson, Ron Kurtz and Jim Connor. Most Improved for Gate Crashers were Anne Magrath and Don Schlipp. Most Improved for Slope Slayers was Tom Davis. The rest of the Slope Slayers team were very consistent.

Congrats to both teams. As always, I had a great time, and the winter just flew by. Hope that everyone will want to come back next year. See you on the slopes. Looks like a lot of ski areas are extending their season!

Pat's Peak

Jim Eilenberger

The NH Ski Club had two teams this year at Pats Peak on Thursday nights and at the end of the racing year the RSR (Really Sexy Racers or Really Slow Racers; take your pick) edged out the Snow Dragons for the third year in a row. RSR came in 14 th out of 26 teams and were led in scoring by Nick Krakoff, followed closely by George Mandragouras, Cody Jacobson, Zack Sheehan, Gabe Roy, Ethan Dewitt and Amanda Gokee. The Snow Dragons came in 16 th place and were led by ex-college racer Leigh Komornick followed by Matt Blanchard, Brett Angione, Eric Bos, Glenn Ellis, Lisa LaPorte and Jill Dinsmore. Although neither team qualified for the "Finals" we had a lot of fun and finished off the year with a pot luck dinner at my house to share stories around the fire and make plans for next year. Gabe Roy got special recognition for being only one on both teams to make all nine weeks of racing. Now that's dedication! After losing to RSR for three years in a row it looks like the Snow Dragons will be training this summer to reclaim the top spot they held for a long time. Go Snow Dragons!

NHSC Membership Update

Nancy KC

As of 03/23/2023, **353** members have joined or renewed their membership's for this year of 2023. Welcome to our 3 new, 1st time members in March: Denise Carter - Bedford, NH, Leigh Komornick - Atkinson, NH and Jacqueline DeLorie - Bow, NH.

Remember your membership must be current in order to sign up for trips and to go on trips. This includes weekend and week-long trips. Your NHSC Membership expiration date is: **October 31, 2023 - Halloween.** Those of you on the Dolomites trip February 24, 2024-March 4, 2024, you will need to renew your membership just prior to 10/31/2023 to keep your membership current & be a tripster on this trip.

Upcoming Ski Trips 2024

2024 Dolomites Ski & Dine Trip with a Taste of Venice

Marcia Morgan

February 17-24, 2026 & February 24, 2024 - March 4, 2024

Josee Eaton will co-lead the first trip and Jayne King will co-lead the second, original trip. Trips are sold out, but contact **Marcia Morgan** to get on the waitlist or send in a registration form without a deposit.

Join us on Facebook: NH Ski Club Message Board

Need a hike, bike, kayak or ski buddy? Post it on the message board. Jeff Sanders is our Facebook administrator. Remember, you need to be a current member in good standing to be approved for the NHSC Facebook group.

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