



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Message

by Jill Dinsmore



Hello New Hampshire Ski Club and Hello April! As we bid farewell to Winter's joys, it is time to welcome in the promises of Spring. I am always a bit saddened at the end of ski season. I will miss the excitement and fun of hitting the slopes, the activity and the brisk mountain air. I'll miss seeing my ski pals out on the trails and at the après ski but now we get to enjoy the offerings of a blossoming spring. We'll find the weather agreeable for other activities that will bring us together.

I can't believe how quickly this season went. The mountains were a remarkable retreat for ski club adventures and camaraderie. This year's trips were incredible. Trip leaders went above and beyond to provide outstanding experiences for tripsters. Again, I made new friends and was encouraged to push my limits. March did not fail to remind us that winter conditions can still abound! Sugarloaf tripsters were graced with over 2 feet of new snow, blanketing the mountain with fresh powder. The slopes were full of bountiful pleasure. My last trip was the Sugarbush trip and it was a great way to end my season. Bruce Dyke led a wonderful trip; from the terrific accommodations to the thoughtful details planned for the après ski and dinner. The mountain received new snow before our arrival and we eagerly embraced our beautiful bluebird days.

Per ski club tradition we will usher out the end of ski season with the annual Slushbomb. April 27 we will come together, share memories made during the ski season and celebrate Spring. This year's theme is to wear your favorite beach or fun in the sun apparel! I can't wait to see what everyone comes up with! The Raging Rockaholics will be the band and we will boogie it up all night!

Even if mother nature chooses to throw more winter weather at us, it is inevitable that the fair weather will be upon us soon. We can hang up our skis and start planning for spring and summer activities. Keep an eye out for kayaking events, hiking & biking activities, and a return to a deck gathering or two.

I'm excited for spring! For me, I look forward to working in the yard and getting my flowers going. I can't wait to get my hands dirty! I can't wait to enjoy the longer days hanging out on my deck! I'm looking forward to hitting the hiking trails and who knows maybe I'll find new ways to push my limits! I'm excited to hang out with my ski club pals in the sun and warm weather, making more great memories! Cheers to good times, JD!

Club Calendar

Apr 10	April Meeting	May 8	May meeting
Apr 14	Kayaking planning meeting	Sept 8	Golf scramble
Apr 27	Slushbomb!	Sept 11	September meeting

News and Events

NH Ski Club, Lonesome Lake Moonlight Hike 2024

Tom Cronin

On Saturday March 9th 31 NH Ski Club members and guests gathered at the Lafayette Place Campground trailhead in Franconia Notch for an evening hike and visit up to the remote AMC Lonesome Lake Hut.



As planned, everyone had traction devices on their boots as the trail heading up through the relatively snowless woods had become a monorail of hard frozen ice. At the top of the ridge the group arrived at the east edge of the lake. The lights of the AMC hut were visible across the lake. Due to some recent warmish winter weather, the ice thickness on Lonesome Lake was questionable, so the group took the safe route and hiked the perimeter trail around the lake.

Upon arrival at the Lonesome Lake hut on the west shore of the lake, everyone removed their traction gear and packs and carried in their snacks and refreshments. There were registered overnight guests staying at the hut and the NHSC hikers joined them in the wood stove heated dining room for a brief visit. The LL hut's caretaker, Mark, welcomed NHSC group to the hut and the hike trip coordinator gifted a bottle of maple whiskey to the appreciative caretaker, as a goodwill gesture for the sudden crowding the hut now full of NHSC hikers, and for thankfully keeping the lights on and the fires burning in the hut's wood stove. Many hikers brought interesting snacks and beverages to share among the group.

Much like a NHSC Quebec bus trip, the hikers were in good spirits when it came time to depart the hut to finish the hike, illuminated now only by headlamps. The second half of the hike completed the loop walk around the lake and back down the LL trail to the parking lot. The snow had started falling as we readied to leave the hut and continued falling hard for the rest of the evening making for a long ride home for some of the tripsters. After the hike, some diehards stopped by the Woodstock Inn for dinner and a celebratory drink, raising their glasses in toast to a great hiking group, a wonderful hike and to snowy winter weather in New Hampshire. Happy winter hiking!

Double Dolomites Feb 17-March 4

Marcia Morgan



Food! Wine! Aperitifs! Spectacular scenery! Apres-ski bars! Massages! Shopping! Sledding! Helicopter rides! Amazing people! Oh, yes, and the wildly variable skiing conditions from powder to slush moguls and everything in between! The Dolomites adventure (with a side trip to Venice) was everything we hoped for, if not more.

With 34 travelers on Trip 1 and 42 travelers on Trip 2, our home base of Selva di Val Gardena was a hit. Leaders Marcia Morgan, Josee Eaton, and Jayne King were delighted to bring so many people to Italy for an incredible vacation, which left many thinking about a return to the Dolomites for hiking and biking in the summer.



Sugarloaf Weekend Trip

Cindy Jensen

We had 43 tripsters who were treated to 2 feet of powder after an epic snow storm Saturday into Sunday. Started with a welcome party on Friday and followed by a Saturday banquet. Skiing on Sunday was amazing. Everyone got an upper body workout shoveling out their cars for the ride home. We even had a few people extend their stay to ski into Monday.



April Club Meeting

Nancy KC

April 10, 2024

Chunky's Cinema Pub

707 Huse Rd, Manchester, NH 03103

You can come anytime after 5:30 pm to eat and socialize. On arrival, check in at Chunky's ticket counter to get an admission ticket for our meeting in Theatre #1. **Chunky's PROTOCOL is for members to REGISTER for the meeting ahead of time online**, so Chunky's can schedule staffing and will know how many will order food. (Click [here](#) or go to <https://nhskiclub.org> and click *Event Calendar* then *Monthly Meetings and Activities*.)

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.

You cannot enter Theatre #1 without an admission ticket. Please check in with our greeters, Lynn and Jo'an. They will have you write your name on the admission ticket and deposit it in the raffle container on our 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)

2024 Kayak Planning Committee Meeting Sunday, April 14th at 12:00 Noon

Debby Schelzel and Nancy KC

Any interested members wanting to assist in the planning and organization of the Summer/Fall 2024 kayak day trips and/or be a kayak trip leader please contact trip organizers: Deb 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.



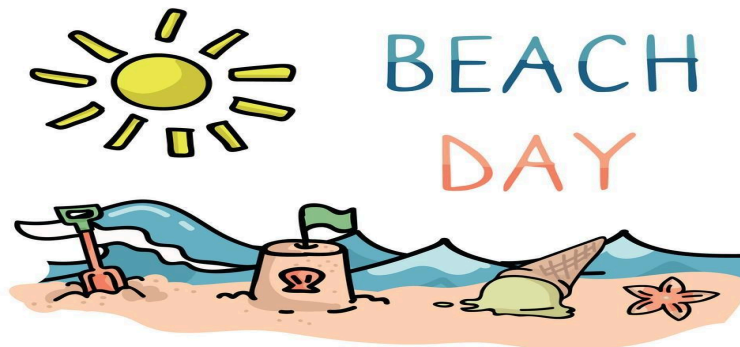
All kayak day trips are generally planned for Saturdays, with a rain date to be on Sunday. Dates begin in June and usually are planned for every other Saturday through September and one in October. There are 8 -10+ trips to be planned. We will discuss previous trips and plan them again for this season 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. Trips are generally on rivers and lakes. We try to schedule (tide times dictate) 1 or 2 ocean trips.

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.

Slushbomb!

Debby Schelzel and Nancy KC



The weather will soon be changing. The Spring Slushbomb is coming! It's time to gather to greet our old and new ski club members along with guests.

Theme: Come dressed for a Beach Party. Fun in the Sun! Don't forget the shades!

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024, as the snow melts... it's the date for the **Slushbomb!**

Time: 7:00 – 11:00 pm A Door Prize raffle and many more raffle items coming your way.

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

Food: Appetizers, Lasagna dinner/salad/garlic bread served 7pm-8pm

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

Parking: Plenty of parking available at the Sweeney Post.

Slushbomb Tickets: \$20.00 payment with CASH, or CHECKS made out to the **NH Ski Club**.



Entertainment: New Hampshire's **Raging Rockaholics** will return to assist you to dance the night away. They are a 5-piece band playing upbeat rock-n-roll from many decades.

Will you be ready to do the Limbo? Tom Cronin will bring the Limbo bar. How low can you go?

Purchase Tickets:

1. Prepay: At the 4/10 **monthly meeting** – Tickets issued. *Guaranteed appetizers/food*. Bring your ticket(s) to the event! They become raffle tickets at the check in.

2. Prepay: Snail Mail Prior to Friday, 4/19 (due to food count deadline - to the caterer) Mail to: Nancy Keenom Caron, 1465 Hooksett Road, Unit #1016, Hooksett, NH, 03106-1821. Tickets to be picked up at the door 4/27/2024 After check in, deposit your tickets into the raffle bin. *Guaranteed appetizers/food.*

3. Pay at the door: Tickets purchased at the door 4/27/2024. After check in, deposit your ticket into the raffle bin. *Not guaranteed: appetizers/food. Prepaid ticket holders 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.

Save the Dates

Quebec City is a possibility for March 6-9, 2025. Karen is currently working on putting pricing together.

There will be a trip to Lake Placid, NY March 9-13, 2025 Details will be posted soon at NHskiclub.org.

There will be a trip to Schweitzer, ID February 22 - March 1, 2025. Details to be posted soon at NHskiclub.org

Gunstock Ski Racing 2024 - Gate Crashers and Slope Slayers Kathy Jacobs

As I write this article, we are having one of the biggest snowstorms of the year. Unfortunately, Mother Nature was not very nice during race season. Our ski-off was canceled. The teams still had fun and received a few nice gifts. Let's hope that next year will have more snow in January and February. Thanks to all the team members for a great year.

Pat's Peak Racing

Jim Eilenberger

The Ski Club has two teams this year that raced for 9 weeks on Thursday nights and the older, more experienced, Snow Dragons edged out the newer, younger RSR team (Really Sexy Racers or Really Slow Racers; take your pick). Racing involves two runs and you get points, based on the NASTAR scoring system, which count toward team points. The Snow Dragons were led by ex-college racer Leigh Komornick, followed closely by Matt Blanchard, yours truly, Brett Angione, Eric Bos, Glenn Ellis and our own President Jill Dinsmore! RSR was led in scoring by George Mandragouras, followed closely by Cody Jacobson, Zack Sheehan, newcomer Obi Greer-Carney (Eric Bos's new son-in-law!), Gabe Roy, Ethan DeWitt and another newcomer Nick Testa who works with Jill. The upstart RSR team has upstaged the Snow Dragons the past couple years, so it was time for redemption and bragging rights until next year! The end of year potluck dinner at my house was a good time and our attention turned to golf as many of the racers are looking forward to meeting up on the course this summer where the RSR team seem to have an edge but don't count out the Snow Dragons! There will be a ski club golf scramble currently planned for September 8th so pencil it in on your calendar and look for more details in next month's newsletter.

NHSC McIntyre Race Teams for 2024

Nancy KC

McIntyre Race ended March 12th with a roast beef dinner buffet banquet. As we entered the lodge, raffle tickets were presented for the almost endless tables with prizes of skis, helmets, snowboards, shirts, hats, gloves/mittens, balaclavas, coolers, shot skis, and much more.

After dinner the stein contest for women and then men was held. Entering for our women were: *Becky Hawxwell, Jennifer Stitt, Nancy KC, & Josee Eaton*. The winning time for holding the water filled beer stein out with one arm was 2:47 to **Josee Eaton**. Her prize was a beer stein and a McIntyre gift card. Jeff Juneau entered for our men and was beaten by a McIntyre carpenter with a time of 5:20.

Awards were then presented. **Ray Juneau** and **Dick Horgan** were again recognized by General Manager, Ross Boisvert, for their continued assistance in volunteering to set up the race course each week. **NHSC Team Triple S** (Slippery Slope Skiers), captained by *Ray Juneau* achieved 1st Place. Other members of Team Triple S are Amy Juneau, Jeff Juneau, Becky Hawxwell, Cindy Jenson, Robert Lachance & Fred Myhaver. The fastest Woman Skier was **Amy Juneau**.

There were over \$10,000.00 of value in raffle items. 16 NHSC racers, (that I counted), took home some wonderful raffle prizes: *Renee Bergeron* = 2 hats, *Ray Juneau* = Elan Skis + bindings, *Becky Hawxwell* = a Whitespace Snowboard, *Fred Myhaver* + Head Kore 93 skis + hat & gift card, *Marie Batson* = ski boot bag, *Luisa Maslon* = Blizzard Skis + Helmet, *Terry Sanders* = neck gaiter, *Kim Schillereff* = leggings, *Karen Schwotzer* = helmet, *Spiro Konstanopoulos* = Rossignol snowboard bag, *Joe Messineo* = 2 hats & mittens, *Walt Milne* = balaclava, *Mary Beth Hulbert* = skis, *Sue Kunkel* = 2 hats + neck gaiter, *Jeff Howell* = leather gloves, and *Jennifer Stitt* = Kemper snowboard.

A great race season at McIntyre Ski Area for our 10 teams of 7 racers = 70 happy skiers. The Hill Bar & Grill at McIntyre will open April 9th for indoor and outdoor dining. Check out their website, mcintyreskiarea.com, for Ladies Night, Trivia Night, live music, group events and much more. A great place to gather...year round!



1. Ross Boisvert, GM with Ray Juneau & Dick Horgan recognizing their continued volunteering each year to set up the NASTAR race course. 2. NHSC team Triple S receiving their engraved mug awards for their 1st place status this year. 3. Fred Myhaver wins the raffle for skis. 4. Luisa Maslon wins the raffle for skis.



5. The women's stein holding contest. 6. Josee Eaton winning the extended arm stein holding contest. 7. Jennifer Stitt wins the raffle for the snowboard. 8. Ray Juneau wins the raffle for skis/bindings.

Waterville Valley NASTAR Racing

Patricia Hoyt

March 18th, Race #7

Tecumseh Travelers did the unthinkable, they pulled ahead of two teams last week and are currently in 10th place overall. Kudos to all their super fast skiing abilities. They are currently in 4th place in Division 2 and have a chance at obtaining the 3rd place trophy with the semifinals and finals being held next Monday, March 25th.

The semifinals will consist of two race runs in the morning with a start time of 10:30 and then two final runs in the afternoon after the pot luck lunch on the mountain to culminate the race season. Hence, a total of four race runs for the day. The final winners for Division I-First, Second and Third Place and Division 2-First, Second and Third Place will be announced at the banquet at the Coyote Grille on Tuesday, March 26th, 2024. There will be great food, spirits and raffle prizes for everyone on this night. Looking forward to a wonderful night out.

Three Tecumseh Traveler racers showed up for race # 7 which was held on the extension of Exhibition Trail. Jim Whitaker received a gold medal and Mary Kaltenbach received a bronze medal. Another teammate also received a bronze medal. Hopefully, more teammates will show up for the last race day of the season, (so they can finish in one of the top three positions) the semifinals and the finals which will be held on the hillside slope of Exhibition.

The White Cap Wizards raced ahead of one team last week and are now in 6th place overall. I received a silver medal individually with five other team mates receiving a platinum medal, two silvers and a bronze medal. Nancy Lynn Shedrick did not ski this week, but received her personal best time last week which I forgot to mention. Congratulations to Nancy Lynn!

Stay tuned and I will mention the racing finals at the next NH Ski Club meeting. Until then, think snow. ❄️ It's coming soon just in time for our last race of the season! ❄️🏂 Yippee! 🏂❄️

NHSC Membership Update

Nancy KC

As of March 25th, our current membership family has grown to 349 members. 81 are first time new members. In March, we welcomed back renewals from *Barry & Margot Donovan* of Rutland, Vermont, *Glenn Ellis* of Merrimack, NH, and from Concord, NH, *Linda Newell & Neil Piolotte*. Four new members, who have joined this March, are: *Jill Glander-Wheat* of Waitsfield, Vermont, *Ellen Dubois* of Manchester, *Stephan Bausha* of Bedford and *Scott MacIntyre* of Merrimack.

A friendly reminder that your membership must be current in order to sign up for trips and to go on trips. This includes weekend and week trips. Guests are encouraged to join a member on day trips that include: kayak day trips, hikes, and ski day trips.

Announcing 2025 Winter Trips

Powder Mountain/Snowbasin

February 1-8, 2025

Troy Schwotzer

\$2,275.00 + \$752 SS

Trip Includes:

- Round Trip air from Boston to Salt Lake City (Airline TBD)
- Ground transportation from airport to hotel and back which is a 40 minute drive.
- Bus driver gratuities

- 7 night stay at Courtyard by Marriot in Ogden Utah
- 5 day ski pass for Powder Mountain-35 minute drive
- 5 day ski shuttle pass from hotel to Powder Mountain or Snowbasin Resort-30 minute drive
- 2 Club Parties

You can have \$50.00 deducted from the price of the trip if you purchase an Ikon Pass from the travel agent. The pass is not included in the cost of the trip.

Powder Mountain Stats:

8,464 Acres-Largest Resort in North America
 2,800 Acres of Lift Serviced Terrain
 5,664 Acres of Guided Cat Skiing
 2,522 Vertical Drop
 9,422 Summit Elevation
 165 Runs: 25% Beginner, 40% Intermediate, 35% Expert, and 9 Lifts
 Annual Average Snowfall-500 Inches
 Only 1500 Tickets Sold Daily to keep the crowds low
 Complimentary Tours on Groomed Runs each day at 10:00

Rooms have a coffee maker, mini-fridge and a microwave. There is a fitness room, pool, hot tub, laundry facilities, convenience store and a Bistro that serves breakfast, dinner and cocktails. Hot breakfast is included. There are other restaurants within walking distance.

Ikon Pass holders can take a 30 minute shuttle ride to Snowbasin Resort, which has 3,000 Acres, 3,000 vertical drop, 104 runs/13 lifts, Summit elevation 9,570, 8% Beginner, 32% Intermediate, 60% Expert

Selecting Register on the website does not hold your spot on the trip. You must send in a signed registration form with a deposit check to be added to the list. Deposit of \$600.00 due by June 1, 2024. Final Payment of \$1,675.00 is due on November 8th.

Make check out to New Hampshire Ski Club and mail to: Troy Schwotzer, 24 Gold Street, Manchester, NH 03103

NH Telluride 2025 Trip
February 22nd to March 1st 2025

Jim Bivona
Cost \$2,295.00

Accommodations:

- 7 Nights at the Bear Creek Condos (On the Mountain)
- 3 bedroom 3 bath King Bed, Split King and Split King
- 4 bedroom 4 bath King Bed, King Bed, Split King and Split King

Amenities:

- Access to slope Use of the Lower Village Bypass run and a semi-private lift provides access to the slopes within minutes.
- Free shuttle to anywhere in Mountain Village.
- Fitness Center.
- Indoor and outdoor hot tubs.
- Outdoor heated pool.
- Full kitchen
- High speed wireless internet
- Fireplace

- Laundry in each unit
- Ski storage
- Gas grill

Transportation:

- Round Trip to Montrose Airport
- Flights to be determined. Final cost could vary.
- Round trip bus transfer from airport to resort. Short ride 15 minutes to half hour.

Get Togethers:

- Welcome Wine and Cheese Party
- Group Dinner

Single supplement is \$3,445.00. EPIC Pass Price not included. \$50 discount toward trip if purchased through travel agent. Please check EPIC pass details on their website. **Sign up by June 1, 2024.** Mail form and deposit to Jim Bivona, PO Box 453, Concord, NH 03302-0453

Join us on Facebook

Join us on our 2 Facebook pages: NH Ski Club Message Board group and NHSkiClub page.

NH Ski Club Message Board group A place for members to communicate, plan and share stories about NH Ski Club events. 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 this NHSC Facebook group.

NHSkiClub FB page INTRO: "Skiing and Socializing, Outdoor Activities and Friendship." This site hasn't had a lot of action in the last few years, but it does exist.

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