



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Message

by Kevin Reigstad



Jake and Janelle led a fantastic January Jay Peak ski week, our first club trip of the year. My goals: meet new members - check. Try skiing the bumps off the Jet Triple Chair - check. Ramen at Miso Hungry, beers at Bullwheel and Tower bars, often with my fantastic roommates Paul and Brett – 3x check. Certainly, I wouldn't (and didn't) miss the DJ Jack (Kartez) Dance Party after we Zoomed into Jill's January club meeting. Although COVID precautions and staffing challenges affected a couple of events, Jake and Janelle set a high bar. I can hardly wait for our February and March ski trips. Many of us remain COVID cautious for reasons, still weighing whether to sign up for a desired trip and how you'll participate when you do go. No one should question the choices we each make. I too hope for this Omicron wave to soon wane and become at worse an endemic. I look forward to the day when Patty doesn't put me into 'quarantine' when I return home from a trip. Our

board is trying to ensure our trips, meetings and other outings go off without issue. So far so good. We're incorporating your socializing/tables/chairs suggestions into the 9 February monthly meeting at Chunky's. Come check it out.

Before long, this season will be over, and we'll be looking forward to the 2022-2023 season. Didn't I just say we're entering this ski season's peak? Yeesh. In February, I'll send out a membership-wide notice. The Board of Directors will begin considering western US and Canada trip proposals in March or April. Who are our prospective trip leaders...where do you want us to go? We'll accept Eastern Canada / New England trip proposals shortly after. I'm not hearing any scuttlebutt for an overseas trip. COVID. Keep it up. Keep sharing ski pictures and 'is anybody going to' or 'I'm hoping to ski' shout outs on our NH Ski Club Message Board. It brings us together. We also have an external NH Ski Club Facebook page, with over 500 followers. Even with few postings this year (1), people regularly like us. Let's see what I can say to bring those ski enthusiasts in.

Important Notice

The February club meeting will be on Wednesday, February 9. It will be at Chunky's Cinema Pub in Manchester and on Zoom. See article below for more info. Please RSVP!

Club Calendar

Feb 9	February club meeting
Feb 12	Snowbird Trip
Feb 26	Heavenly Valley Trip
Mar 17	Sunday River Weekend
Mar 25	Smuggler's Notch Weekend
Apr 1	Sugarloaf Weekend

News and Events

February Meeting Wednesday Feb 9

We are settling into our New Location for the NHSC Monthly Meeting!

Wednesday, February 9 **Chunky's Cinema Pub 707 Huse Road Manchester, NH.**

Arrive **5:00-5:30 pm** for **dinner**. Social Hour 6:00pm The NHSC Meeting begins at **7:00pm**

New Protocol - Where to go: As you enter the foyer, the ticket counter greets as you enter the door. **ALL members and guests must check in at the ticket counter upon arrival.** You will receive a ticket stating **Theater #1**. This gives Chunky's an accurate headcount which is needed. Going right, you come to the **Lobby Bar**. The bar has sit around seating and high top tables. The bar has a good beer, wine, and signature cocktail menu with a Pub Burger Sandwich and Appetizer Menu.

Theater #1 + Restrooms: Take a left at the ticket counter to enter the main corridor to all Theaters. Theater #1 is the 1st right, just after the restrooms. Ordering Food in Theater: There are **QR** codes on the tables in the theater. Those of you who know how to do so, can order food & beverages, and pay via your cell phones, from their table! Members and guests may also obtain a menu and red blinky light, at the ticket counter. To get the wait staff's attention, activate the blinking red lights by pushing the button. If running a tab, make sure you know your table location # so the wait staff can continue to work with you.

If you've not been to Chunky's, check out their website [here](#) for menu and FAQ.

When you register online/NHSkiClub.org for the meeting indicate if you will be eating dinner at Chunky's. This registration will assist Chunky's in providing adequate waitstaff. Help us out here, please.

Vice President, Jill Dinsmore, will again be conducting the meeting at Chunky's. Invite your acquaintances, friends and coworkers who are thinking about joining this fantastic outdoor adventure group. Our meetings are open to the public.

February 2022 * NHSC membership update

We currently have 306 members in the club. 80 New members have joined us this year. Seven new members came aboard in January. Please welcome them: Jay Sterin from Bedford, Patricia Campano from Greenland, Stephanie Graffeo and Colin Pellerin from Reading, MA, Greg Gagne from East Hampstead, Ronald Kurtz from Warner and Glenn Hughes from Kingston.

Racing at Pat's Peak

Jim Eilenberger

The Ski Club has two teams this year that race for 8 weeks on Thursday nights and with 3 weeks gone the newer team RSR (Really Sexy Racers or Really Slow Racers; take your pick) is holding a small lead over long time team, Snow Dragons, who were started 21 years ago by Gail Linehan. Racing involves two runs and you get points, based on the NASTAR scoring system, which count toward team points. RSR is made up of almost all newcomers and is led in scoring by Matt Blanchard followed closely by Randy MacAulay, George Mandragouras, Nick Krakoff, Ethan DeWitt, Gabe Roy and Amanda Gokee. The Snow Dragons are led by ex-college racer Leigh Komornick followed closely by Mike Goumas, Brett Angione, Wendy Lapham, Eric Bos, Jill Dinsmore and Glenn Ellis, When the racing is done we head to the lodge to warm up, eat and enjoy an adult beverage. With five weeks left we'll see which team comes out on top for NH Ski Club bragging rights!

Gunstock Ski Racing

Kathy Jacobs

Our new team, Slope Slayers has moved up in the season line up.(10th of 12 teams.) Gate Crashers were impacted by our Jay Peak trip and we are now at the bottom. (12th of 12 teams)

The first 2 weeks of racing were very icy and rough. The third week was much nicer and they have made additional snow on the race trail so week 4 should be great. We go to the Powder Keg right after our races and get a 20% discount on food. This is a great way to meet new members on the teams.

Tuesday Nights at McIntyre Race League

Nancy Keenom Caron

Due to the extreme cold the first night, 1/11, racing was canceled due to the lack of snow and inability to drill into the ice to set the course. We appreciate Ray Juneau's assistance, each week, in setting up McIntyre's race course. There have been 2 nights of racing, 1/18 and 1/25. Remaining race nights include 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 and the end of the season banquet on March 15, 2022.

Fastest race times so far of each team are members:

NHSC Team Triple S - Robert Lachance 22.62

NHSC Team Escargot - Marie Caron 24.84

NHSC Team Brewskis - Captain Walt Milne 19.84

NHSC Team Misfits - Captain Joe Messineo 21.44

NHSC Team The Rookies - non-member Justin Harris 18.80

NHSC Team Slow Burn - Sue Haydock 20.24

NHSC Team Shot Skis - Russell Cooley 22.33

All racers made record breaking good times to enjoy the buffet dinner and liquid libation apres ski.

Jay Peak Trip Recap

Thank you all who joined the club on the annual Jay Peak ski trip! We braved the elements to enjoy some excellent early season skiing. As always, the Jay Cloud offered up fresh tracks every morning of the 6 day trip. Trails were well groomed, and the woods offered powder stashes for those with a keen eye and light feet. Special thanks to Kathy Jacobs for setting up a WhatsApp chat group so we could keep in touch during the trip and share our stories and photos. Competition was intense but the results are in from this year's judges:



Winner of this year's Polar Bear Award was none other than Temple New Hampshire's own Victoria Adams. Braving the sub-zero (-47 degree temperature at the summit) to rip turns on Tuesday morning, with the quote of the day "It's nice out there! Been skiing for a while now. Just bundle up!"



The group got together for the monthly meeting where our next award winner shone. This year's Price Is Right Celebration Award goes to Becky Hawxwell. We hope you are enjoying that sweet wool sweater as much as we enjoyed watching you win it.



Party Animal Award goes to Brett Angione of Auburn, NH for bringing his awesome Experts Only shotski and extra shot glasses to get DJ Jack's dance party started. We're looking forward to seeing this ski make an appearance at many group trips!



After refueling with some delicious ramen from Miso Hungry, Neil Pilotte of Concord, NH obtained the ironman Award for continuing skiing until last-chair and was last man on the mountain. Awesome job representing the club out there!



Lastly to Fred Myhaver, Robert LaChance, and to anyone who skied all five days in the frigid weather, we get the New Englander Award. A good friend of mine once told me "there's no such thing as bad weather, just a poor choice in clothing" and I think we New Englander's know how to be prepared to have fun!

We are happy this trip continues to occur and allows its members to continue skiing Jay Peak with their included season's pass. We plan on this trip as our vacation each year and were happy to have such a great group to share the experience with. Thank you to everyone who made it possible to keep this deal with the mountain going for many years to come. Looking forward to seeing you out on the trails!

With all our best wishes,
Jake and Janelle



2022 Ski Trips

Snowbird Utah

February 12-19, 2022

Trip Leaders: Nancy KC and Patty Norton

44 NHSC members will be heading to Snowbird through February 19th.
Our bags are almost packed and we are ready to go.

Nancy KC, kcaronn@yahoo.com and Patty Norton, Npatty@aol.com

Heavenly Valley South Lake Tahoe

Feb 26 - March 5, 2022

Trip Leader: Troy Schwotzer

\$2,195 per person

Price Includes:

- 7 nights lodging at Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel - double occupancy
- 2 room hotel suite, 2 queen or king bed, living room with sofa, dining table and kitchenette with microwave and mini fridge. No stove. I have reserved rooms for 53 people.
- 25 yards from gondola
- Pool, hot tub, bar, restaurant
- Hot buffet breakfast each morning
- Discount drinks in bar each day from 4-6
- Taxes, porter fees, ground transfers from Reno
- Welcome party with 2 drinks and snacks
- 5 day lift ticket (4 DAYS HEAVENLY-1 DAY KIRKWOOD)
- 1 day with private shuttle to Kirkwood Resort
- Bus driver gratuities and 2 parties

Deduct \$540.00 if you purchase full EPIC Pass which would be \$1655 for trip

Deduct +\$60.00 if you purchase full EPIC Pass from Travel Agent which would be \$1,595 for trip

Deduct \$198.00 if you purchase **5 day** EPIC Pass from Travel Agent - \$1,997.00 total for trip.

St. Patrick's Day at Sunday River

March 17-20, 2022

Trip Leader: Jill Dinsmore

\$410 per person

870 acres on 135 trails across 8 peaks! Night skiing is an option! Sunday River is known for great snow and great times in March. Join us for another epic time! Enjoy good music, beautiful views and adult beverages at a prime selection of Après Ski locales.

Trip Price includes:

- 3 nights at the Grand Summit Lodge- room options: Studio Deluxe and Standard Hotel room
- 3 days skiing or boarding
- Cocktail reception and New England BBQ on Friday
- Heated outdoor pool and hot tub

Trip and Lift rates:

- Trip cost \$410 (Studio Deluxe or Standard Hotel) without lift pass

- \$630 with 3 day lift pass, Deduct \$45 for Senior Discount
- \$570 with 2 day lift pass, Deduct \$40 for Senior Discount

Note: You must MAIL your application with the deposit to Jill Dinsmore to complete your reservation.
Cancellation and refund policy: There are no refunds for the trip except if you find a replacement, then you will be reimbursed upon request. For more information see the cancellation/refund policy on our website.
Questions: Jill Dinsmore, jpdinsmore@hotmail.com or 603-930-9182

Smugglers' Notch Ski and Brewfest

Trip Leader: Nancy Harlow

March 25-27, 2022

\$295. per person

- ❖ **LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THE SMUGGLERS' NOTCH TRIP IS FEBRUARY 9th (Meeting Day)**
- ❖ **FINAL PAYMENT FOR THOSE SIGNED UP IS FEBRUARY 15th.**
- ❖ **CHECKS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE FEBRUARY 9th MEETING**

Ski 78 trails across 3 interconnected mountains on North Vermont's Biggest Vertical Rise, 2610 Feet plus acres of woods between trails. Entry to Brewfest Saturday night - Music, munchies, prizes, and samples of some of Vermont's outstanding Micro Brews! Enjoy an indoor pool, hot tub, ice skating, tubing Hill and access to FUNZONE 2.0

Trip Price includes:

- 2 Night Lodging in 2 bedroom slope side condos with fully equipped kitchen, large living/dining area, fireplace and cable TV (4 people per condo)
- 3 Night option \$395.00 pp if arriving Thursday night.
- 3 Day Lift Ticket- Friday, Saturday, Sunday
- 2 Buffet Breakfasts
- Meet and Greet Friday Night
- Brewfest Entry Saturday Night

Non-skiers can deduct \$40 on 2 night stay/\$60 on 3 night stay

Balance due Feb. 15, 2022. Cancellation and refund policy: There are no refunds for the trip except if you find a replacement, then you will be reimbursed upon request. For more information see the cancellation/refund policy on our website.

Questions: Nancy Harlow nancyeharlow@gmail.com or 862-209-0535

Sugarloaf April Fools Day Trip Trip Leader: Cindy Jenson

April 1-3, 2022 with March 31 add-on available.

This is an à la Carte event. You pick what you need:

- Base package \$104 for all tripsters includes Friday Happy Hour with Appetizers and Premium Bar. Includes 1 drink. Saturday buffet dinner with premium bar. 1 drink included.
- Lift Tickets: \$115 for 2 day Sat-Sun lift ticket. Additional days are \$55.
- Sugarloaf is an Ikon Mountain/Boyne Resort

- Hotel and Condo options are available. You pick the type of room and roommates and determine cost per person.

Click <https://nhskiclub.org/event-4564651> to sign up. Send completed registration form with checks made out to NH Ski Club to Cindy Jenson 37 Ladds Lane #102 Epping, NH 03042.

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