



## 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 February! It's hard to believe we are already into the month of February. I never thought I would think winter goes by too quickly. I'm excited that I have been able to get out and ski quite a few times this year! I watch (mostly on Facebook) as many of you have already skied dozens of days so far. I am very envious! For myself I am glad for ski racing nights, a midweek work hooky day here and there and ski vacations! For me ski vacations are the crème de la crème! A chance to get away, hopefully for a week (maybe a long weekend) and a chance to forget about work, take in deep breaths of fresh air and appreciate the views from around the mountains. A chance to experience new cuisines and cultures. A chance to forget about some of the repetition of the day to day and look forward to multiple days of repetitious joy: great snow, camaraderie, blood racing and rosy cheeks.

I'm writing this letter on the bus as we head home from Mt Tremblant. Truly a wonderful trip to a frozen yet magical destination. As tradition would have it, the bus ride up was filled with ski trip pre-gaming: tasty victuals, toasting libations, laughter and music. Mt Tremblant lived up to its reputation of delicious food, superb conditions and fun times. Even with negative temperatures, it was an outstanding adventure. Many ventured out to make first tracks in the below zero temperatures even on our last morning. As with most ski club trips, old friendships were fortified and new friendships were made. Though the bus ride home may have been a bit quieter, you could hear stories and much laughter being exchanged. I was excited to have the chance to ski with old friends and new; and once again to test myself on different terrain. Yes! I made an attempt at trees; part of which was successful and fun and some maybe not so much but at least the snow was soft and forgiving.

And now February is upon us and I'm so glad I have more upcoming ski trips. I look forward to what adventures they will bring! Cheers to good times! JD

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### Club Calendar

Feb 2	Smuggler's Notch Trip	Feb 24	Dolomites Ski Trip #2
Feb 3	Snowmass Trip	Mar 13	March Meeting
Feb 14	February meeting	Mar 13	Sugarbush Trip
Feb 17	Dolomites Ski Trip	Mar 22	Sugarloaf Trip

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## News and Events

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### February Meeting

Nancy KC

Wednesday, Feb 14th. The meeting begins at 7pm.  
Chunky's Cinema Pub  
707 Huse Rd, Manchester, NH 03103

Wednesday, **February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day.** This day has stories dating back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century. The date has evolved to expressions of affection among relatives and friends. Cupid, hearts, candy, flowers, and particularly red roses have become symbols of beauty and love. Be in the moment if it's a festive day for you.

### Link for Chunky's Menu

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)

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### Mont Tremblant 2024

It all starts with the bus ride!

Every pick up went without a hitch. Jack was our driver, who we've grown to know and love through the years. (Thanks to Kathy Jacobs for getting him a coffee in Lincoln). With everyone loaded (er....boarded! 😊), the snacks were flowing from back to front and back again. No one needed more food at our lunch stop, so north we went! Mark Duchesne brought 3 kinds of Jello shots, and Nancy KC's hot-shots were yummy too. There were too many tasty treats to mention (thank you to all.....you know who you are!)

We arrived at our on-mountain condo, the Tour des Voyageur, and settled in for the weekend. Once checked in and skis in their lockers, most went out exploring the village and restaurants.

Friday morning greeted us with frosty temps.... God, did I really see -13 degrees on the thermometer!? Some hard-core members did go out for 8:30am first tracks and a mountain guide at 9:30am. Me, I was a little chicken and waited until 10am when it got to all of -2 degrees. The sun shone bright though and without wind, it was glorious.

### Karen Schwotzer



Plenty of snow and plenty of mountain to ski/board! We even got into the trees/glades. Just ask Jill and Cindy...and all the others. Lunch options were many. Our food vouchers were a nice bonus to have so we could try the wide range of delicious options in the Grand Manitou summit lodge. My personal favorite was the Chicken coconut curry soup.... A stop in the hot tub after skiing each afternoon sure felt good!

Our group dinner at Le Shack was tons of fun; a gathering that gave everyone a chance to catch up on the day's adventures... whether you skied, dogsled, XC skied, treated yourself to a spa, shopped or just walked around taking in the scenery. No tickets were necessary to ride the Cabriolet over the village.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> day warmed up a bit, which led to a longer ski day. It snowed, giving us some fresh powder to make turns in. IKON pass holders were invited to an après-ski party, but were also able to join in on our Happy Hour and raffle. Lots of prizes and fun for all! Afterwards everyone dispersed to go check out another restaurant for our last night.

Homeward on Sunday! First stop Duty Free shopping, then customs.....Besides Jim Hulbert getting detained for a few uncomfortable moments, the ride home was relatively quiet. No surprise. We arrived home ahead of schedule, tired but happy.

All good times come to an end, but we have to agree that new friendships were made and the old friendships created new memories. Thank you to all who participated!

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## Open Position on Board of Directors for Treasurer

The New Hampshire Ski Club is looking for nominations for club treasurer by the February 14, 2024 club meeting. A club vote will be held by March 13, 2024. The duties of the treasurer are listed below. For more detail regarding responsibilities and duties, feel free to reach out to Jill Dinsmore (jpdinsmore@hotmail.com), Aaron Fracht-Monroe (aaronfm@gmail.com), Cindy Jenson (cindylou262@gmail.com) or Vic Snowdon (nhskiclubvic@gmail.com). Thank you.

Duties of the Treasurer:

- *Fiscal Policy*: To propose and maintain a policy to the Board of Directors pertaining to fiscal matters.
- *Maintain records*: To oversee and maintain complete and up-to-date records of receipts and disbursements of the club. The treasurer shall keep a secure backup of the records.
- *Annual audited report*: To present at the annual meeting an audited report, as reviewed by the Board of Directors, regarding the club's financial standing for the fiscal year just ended.

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## In the Works - Slushbomb is Coming!

**The theme has been set for a Beach Party!**

**Save the Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024...** as the snow melts... for **The Slushbomb!**

Location: Manchester's American Legion – Sweeny Post.

Entertainment: New Hampshire's Raging Rockaholics will return to assist you dance the night away.

Organized by Debby Schelzel and Nancy KC.

*Why do we call it a Slushbomb?* The **Slush** on the slopes is the soft melting snow of spring. Melting snow ends the ski season. The **Bombs** are the NHSC's social dinner/dance celebrations at the beginning and the end of the ski seasons.

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## Gunstock Ski Racing 2024 - Gate Crashers and Slope Slayers

Kathy Jacobs

Racing started one week late, January 11, due to lack of snow. Both teams now have 10 racers. Gate Crashers has 9 Ski Club members, Kathy Jacobs, Mary Hulbert, Lynn Jackson, Anne Magrath, Fred Myhaver (the actual gate crasher 😊), Don Blajda, Brian Bernard, Jessica Flynn, and Kim Bertholet. Slope Slayers has Jim Whitaker and Ron Kurtz. Hoping that we can get all racers into the new restaurant in the Stockade Lodge for the après-ski. Think snow!

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## NHSC McIntyre Race Teams for 2024

Nancy KC

McIntyre Race nights began January 9<sup>th</sup> with the 10 teams of 7 racers racing in a blizzard. **NHSC Team Triple S** (Slippery Slope Skiers), captained by *Ray Juneau* ranked 4<sup>th</sup> for the evening. **NHSC Team Escargot**, (women with great taste that tend to ski slow) kept their reputation ranking 25<sup>th</sup> for the evening.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> race night, January 16<sup>th</sup>, had both ski lifts non-operational! With the malfunctions occurring close to race time that Ross Boisvert, General Manager, put into action, Plan B: NO RACING... but dinner would be served and our “bib card” numbers would be entered into raffles. At the conclusion of the roast beef dinner, Dana Wells won the HEAD skis!, Anne Mcgrath and Kathy Jacobs won new goggles, and others were presented hats, and T-shirts. This was quite an eventful evening.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> race night, January 23<sup>th</sup>, brought 52 of our 70 races to the slope. The top 10 fastest times for NHSC racers went to: *Dave Durazzano, Amy Juneau, Dylan Durazzano, Jeff Juneau, Walt Milne, Jonathan Crowell, Phil Denbow, Dan Maher, Don Eaton and Mike Berry*. Results of team ranking for this race night were not available to me at the time of submitting this article.

Race nights to come are Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. The end of season overall awards banquet is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30pm.

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## Pat's Peak Racing

Jim Eilenberger

The Ski Club has two teams this year that race for 8 weeks on Thursday nights and with four weeks gone our long-term team, the Snow Dragons, who were started 22 years ago by Gail Linehan has a small lead over the newer team RSR (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 are 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 is led in scoring by George Mandragouras, followed closely by Cody Jacobson, newcomer Obi Greer-Carney (Eric Bos's new son in-law!), Zack Sheehan, Gabe Roy, Ethan DeWitt and another newcomer Nick Testa who works with Jill. When the racing is done, we head to the

lodge to warm up, eat and enjoy an adult beverage and watch the race reruns. With four weeks left, we'll see which team comes out on top for NH Ski Club bragging rights! RSR has won the title the last two years but the Snow Dragons are on a quest to regain the top spot so look out RSR!

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## Waterville Valley NASTAR Racing

Patricia Hoyt

Monday Race League has started!

Four New Hampshire Ski Club Members signed up for Waterville Valley Monday Race League, Jim Whitaker, Glenn Savoy, Cynthia Pearse, and Mary Kaltenbach. Also two Silver Streak Members and one former Monday Race League Member, for a total of seven members, represent the team called Tecumseh Travelers. Two other NHSC members are on the team called The White Cap Wizards. They are Nancy Lynn Shedrick and Tish Hoyt. Plus five other former team members from 2022 & 2023.

The first week started January 22nd on Exhibition hillside and only two team members showed up to race on the Tecumseh Travelers Team. One of the members Jim Whitaker received a Nastar gold medal badge and the other racer Cindy helped the team by finishing her first snowboard racing run and helping the team by scoring a point. Together they got on the scoreboard and placed 11th. On the White Cap Wizards Nancy Lynn Shedrick received a bronze medal and I received a silver medal. Our team placed 6/13 teams. The après-ski party was fun at Freestyle Lounge with many members receiving SWAG.

*Week Two: January 29th, 2024:* Due to conditions on I-93 with snowy road, the flu, and COVID sickness only two team female members showed up for the Tecumseh Travelers. One racer received a Nastar bronze medal and the other racer received points for completing the course. Their combined points placed them in 12th place. The race took place on the World Cup Hillside Slope with 3 inches of powder on top of groomed corduroy which made for a tricky course and race time. The White Cap Wizards moved up to 5th place with Nancy Lynn Shedrick scoring a point to help her teammates. Tish was absent from this race due to the flu. The après-ski party was at The Farm To Table Covered Bridge Restaurant in Campton, NH., which hosted awesome appetizers and great SWAG for many participants.

The Tecumseh Travelers are off to a slow start due to the lack of team members showing up to race. Hopefully, week 3 will prove more participants showing up to race for the Tecumseh Travelers and they can rise to a better position and continue to move up the scoreboard.

The next race will be on Exhibition and the après-ski will be at the Coyote Grille, a day and evening you won't want to miss! See you on the slopes at Waterville Valley and at the après-ski after racing!

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## NHSC Membership Update

Nancy KC

As of January 24th, Welcome to our 3 new members: **Scott Raymond** of Littleton, NH, **Stephen Reed** of Concord, NH and **Birget Houston** of Hollis, NH. Current membership counts 260 renewals + 77 first time new members, which gives us a 337-member club, so far!

A friendly reminder that your membership must be current in order to sign up for trips and 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.

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## FIS World Cup Championships

Patricia Hoyt

The 2024 Waterville Valley FIS World Cup Competition for single and dual men and women's moguls/aerials competition was held in Waterville Valley, NH on January 26th and 27th, 2024. The World Cup Freestyle Competition was a huge success and people who were there were able to meet and get the winners and get their signatures on posters at an evening event they had at the town square. Photos were taken with former Freestyle World Cup champion Wayne Wong who used to run the first Freestyle Ski Groups at Waterville Valley. I would have loved to have been there because I was a former Freestyle Skier and learned through Wayne Wong, Floyd Wilkie and George Askevolv. Unfortunately, prior to this event I ended up getting the flu mixed with a little vertigo; so I was unable to attend this event and needed to cancel my plans for being there.

The weather wasn't the best for the event but everyone made the most of it. The groomers at the mountain did an excellent job making sure that the trails were corduroy smooth for all the skiers and boarders. The mogul runs for the competition were in great shape as were the jumps. The event was broadcast live and video footage can also be found of this event.

Next year there will be a 2025 FIS World Cup Freestyle Event at Waterville Valley once again and I hope to attend. If anyone is interested in attending a weekend stay in Waterville Valley during the 2025 World Cup Freestyle Championship, I will put together a trip. If you haven't checked out the competition google it and watch. Looking forward to attending next year.

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## 2024 Upcoming Trips

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### Double Dolomites Ski & Dine Trip with a Taste of Venice

Marcia Morgan

**Trip 1: February 17-26, 2024**

**Trip 2: February 24 - March 4, 2024**

Ciao! We have 34 members traveling to the Dolomites on Trip 1 and 41 members arriving for Trip 2, with a short waitlist for both trips. If interested in joining the waitlist, please download a form from the website and email your form to [marciadmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:marciadmorgan@gmail.com)

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### Sugarbush, VT

**March 13-15, 2024**

**Trip Leader: Bruce Dyke**

**\$686 ppdo**

**\$403 ppdo, with IKON Pass**

*Trip is full, but if you would like to be put on a waiting list, contact Bruce.*

The club will return to Sugarbush with a mid-week trip this coming winter! The 4,000 acre resort in the heart of Vermont averages 250 inches of snow annually and offers 2,600 vertical feet of skiing on two peaks with 111 trails, 4 terrain parks and 28 wooded areas all served by 16 lifts. Accommodations will be at The Lodge at Lincoln Peak (formerly the Sugarbush Inn), which was fully renovated this past summer.

#### **Trip Includes:**

- Two night's accommodations
- Three full-day, full-mountain lift tickets
- Two hot buffet breakfasts
- One club buffet dinner hosted at the Castlerock Pub (private event room)
- Complimentary parking at the Lodge with shuttle service to the mountain

- Complimentary access to Sugarbush Health & Racquet Club

Mail completed **trip form** with payment to: Bruce Dyke, 61 Highland Dr, Chichester, NH 03258

## **Sugarloaf, ME**

### **March 22-24**

**Trip Leader: Cindy Jenson**

Trip is full, but if you want to be put on the waiting list in case of cancellations, contact Cindy. Dates are Friday to Sunday March 22-24 with add on Thursday available. We will be staying in the hotel with a Friday meet and greet and a Saturday banquet.

See all of the new improvements as part of the Sugarloaf 2030 plan at:  
<https://www.sugarloaf2030.com>



### **Join us on Facebook**

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

**NH Ski Club 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.

### **New Hampshire Ski Club** **Officers and Board Members** **June 2023-2025**

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