



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Message

by Kevin Reigstad



This Christmas we survived a bomb cyclone. I hope your holiday plans were not disrupted. Time is a flat circle. Two years ago this month, I wrote, "Mother Nature giveth and Mother Nature taketh away. Well, that December Nor'easter turned out better for ski resorts than predicted. Hooray for us!" This time, instead of our snow being washed away, the mountains expanded their trail counts. Take that Mother Nature! I've been on New England resort mountains 7 times (as of Christmas) to include the Stowe December Midweek 1-Night Warm-up. I skied Stowe on Thursday but snuck away on Friday to ski Sugarbush. Every après, trip meal, and even an after-party was delightful! Thanks for leading the Stowe trip, Marcia, your 1st trip. On my last day trip to Okemo, we rushed to trails marked NOT GROOMED. They're not powder runs or groomers, but day-old powder runs (very variable conditions). I loved them, skiing them over and over. Although my right shoulder took a couple hits. Not every run needs to be groomed!

Enough of my weeping. I've kept this short so you can pay attention to two other Newsletter sections: soliciting your interest in being a club leader through election to the Board of Directors and notice of how we're going to conduct the vote. This cycle is the same as every cycle, there are board members interested in continuing to serve the club through the board, and others who have already given a lot. Will you consider serving the club as a member of the Board of Directors?

Club Calendar

Jan 5	Gunstock and Pat's Peak racing
Jan 10	McIntyre racing starts
Jan 11	January club meeting
Jan 20	Bolton Valley ski weekend
Jan 22	Jay Peak Trip
Feb 4	Breckenridge Trip
Feb 15!	February meeting & board nominations
Feb 25	Whitefish Trip

News and Events

Description of Board of Directors Positions and Roles

Kevin Reigstad

The board's purpose is detailed in our club's bylaws, which you can find through a link at very bottom of the Contact Us webpage. Every board position is a 2-year term. Here is my view of Board of Director roles and our expectations.

- At-Large Board Members. The four at-large members are the voice of the members providing advice and insight to the Board. One at-large member today is also the Membership Director, but it is not a requirement an At-large Board Member is the Membership Director.
- Secretary. The detail-oriented Secretary takes minutes of Board Meetings, obtains Board approval of minutes, and retains past minutes. The Secretary is an officer of the Club.
- Treasurer. The Treasurer maintains the Club's financial accounts with the bank, obtains debit cards for the designated card holders, works with trip leaders to take deposits and make payments, generates monthly reports and obtains Board approval of those reports, presents the annual report to the membership, and files the club's tax forms. The Treasurer is an officer of the Club.
- Vice President. The vice president is an advisor to the Board and is a stand in for the president. The Vice President is an officer of the club.
- President. The president organizes the board's activities, writes the President's message for the Happy Trails Newsletter, and is the emcee at the club's General Meetings. The President is an officer of the club.
- Others: The elected board has been assisted by an Operations Director supporting the membership, created and continued at the discretion of the board. For one year following their term, the departing President can join the board as Past President to help provide continuity. Both positions are voting members. The board meets once per month to conduct business, with the forum, day and time determined by the President. Meetings have been in-person and/or on Zoom. Together, the board solicits and approves trips and social events, manages membership, maintains the club's website, newsletter and social media, maintains the by-laws, conducts the general meetings, reviews and approves board reports and tax filings, all acting in the best interests of the club. Often, board members also lead trips/events, though this is not a requirement.

Procedure for 2023 Board of Directors Elections

Kevin Reigstad

Because we're still going strong by meeting in-person and via Zoom, at the December Board of Directors Meeting, the board approved this slightly modified board member elections procedure.

1. Nominations will occur at the 15 February General Meeting. You can nominate yourself or nominate others. If you nominate someone else, I will ask that person if they accept.
2. After I close the nominations, nominees may introduce themselves to the attendees and why they are running for the Board of Directors.
3. Nominees can submit for the March Newsletter a write-up introducing themselves. Send to Cindy at **NHSC.Newsletter@gmail.com** by **17 February**.

4. For the 2021 elections, we used Wild Apricot (which hosts our NHSkiClub.org website) to conduct the vote by an all-electronic ballot and count. It worked great. Like we did then, you'll be given choices and opportunities for write-ins. We'll open the vote with the release of the March newsletter and close it at 7pm on 8 March at the start of our March General Meeting. We'll announce the results during the meeting. You will receive an email with a link to your ballot. Heads up, if you've chosen not to receive NHSkiClub.org announcements you might not get an email with a link to your ballot.
 5. The new Board takes its place on 1 June 2023.
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Stowe Trip Review

Marcia Morgan

A group of 21 friendly and adventurous skiers with midweek availability ventured off to Stowe December 15-16 for some early-season runs and had a great time! Skiing was surprisingly good considering the reduced lift capacity and low trail count at Stowe. The runs that were open were decent and we had lots of fresh snow during Friday's snowstorm. Several members decided to spend an extra night at Stowe. We enjoyed our delicious pizza and salad reception with a fun Vermont ski trivia round at American Flatbread. Some of us went out for dancing and games afterward. The casual drop-in breakfast at the Stowe Bee Bakery worked smoothly. Even the bakery owners commented on how nice our group was! And the Stowe Motel & Snowdrift was the perfect low-cost choice, accommodating several folks who wanted to stay one more night at a very reasonable rate. Some tripsters headed to Sugarbush on Friday chasing faster lifts and more open terrain and reported excellent conditions. In addition to all the NHSC support I received running this first-ever, early-season midweek trip, the highlight for me was riding the double chair to the top with the granddaughter of Maria von Trapp, who was taking a day off from the family business. Only in Stowe!



December Meeting Holiday Contest

Nancy KC

In the December Monthly Meetings of the past, there have been ugly sweater contests and ski apparel unisuit fashion contests. This year it was decided to add some excitement to the December 14th Monthly Meeting with a *Holiday Festive Attire Competition*. About 20 contestants "Decked the Halls" of Chunky's Cinema Pub to celebrate and entertain meeting goers with their Holiday Festive Attire.



President, Kevin Reigstad, engaged the membership to vote for their favorite contestant. Using his Apple watch noise dosimeter, the sound level meter was used to measure the crowd's noise level while cheering for each individual contestant. Kevin held his hand above each contestant's head, then took a noise level reading of the cheering.

Honorable mention goes to Jeff Lavoie coming in 2nd place as our humble Santa. Our winner of the Common Man Gift Card for his most "Festive Holiday Attire" was unanimously awarded to Dan Maher with his fuzzy snowballs.

Gunstock Ski Racing

Kathy Jacobs

We have 2 teams with a total of 20 racers. Hope to start racing on January 5th. Gunstock has some fresh snow and has been making snow. We had a "meet and greet" on December 18th. It was great to meet the new members and reconnect with last year's members.

The teams are:

Gate Crashers

Kathy Jacobs (Captain)
Fred Myhaver
Casey Keane
Don Bladja
Mary Hulbert
Jayne King
Anne Magrath
Bill Dickson
Karyn Dickson
Don Schlip

Slope Slayers

Kelly Heindl (Captain)
Kelly Hartwell
Dave Camuso
Tom Davis
Ron Kurtz
Jim Connor
Jim Whitaker
Jenny Hamilton
Kent Hanson
Bruce Long

McIntyre Ski Area 2023 Corporate/Adult Race League

Nancy KC

We have 9 race teams and a few individuals who have registered for the Corporate/Adult Race League at McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester. Tentative Tuesday evening dates (weather permitting) include: Jan 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, Feb 7th, & 14th. The end of season overall awards banquet on March 14th, 2023.

Monthly Meeting

Nancy KC

The January 2023 monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11th. It begins at 7pm. You can come anytime after 5:30 pm to eat and socialize. Chunky's Cinema Pub, 707 Huse Rd, Manchester, NH 03103.

Chunky's PROTOCOL is for members to REGISTER for the meeting ahead of time, so Chunky's can schedule staffing and will know how many will order food. 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).

Reminder: The February monthly meeting has been changed to be held on the 3rd Wednesday, February 15th. This change-of-date is due to the Club's Ski trip to Breckenridge, Colorado.

NHSC Membership Update

Nancy KC

As of 12/23/2022, 293 members have joined or renewed their NHSC membership's for the year of 2023.

Welcome to our 8 new members in December: **Tish Hoyt** of Campton, NH, **Terry McConekey** of Salem, NH, **Darlene Sweet** of Hampton, NH, **Susan Daniel** of Henniker, NH, **Colby Pope** of Pembroke, NH, **Michele Bernier** of Manchester, NH, **Steven Kaitz** of Concord, NH and **Eric Federspil** of Bedford, NH.

Membership Renewal Grace Period is from November 1 through December 31, 2022. If you did not renew before the 31st of December, the Wild Apricot system will have removed you!...given you "the boot"...not a ski boot! Those who have not renewed automatically prior to 12/31 will need to re-enter all your important registration information.

You can renew your membership that began 11/1/2022 for the 2023 year at any time now.

1. The easiest and fastest way to join or renew your NHSC Membership is online. You can log in at **NHSkiClub.Org**

2. To apply manually with a check: Please see the membership chairperson at the monthly meeting. Pay with either cash or your check payable to "NH Ski Club". You can also mail your application together with a check to New Hampshire Ski Club c/o Nancy Keenom Caron 1465 Hooksett Rd Unit 1016, Hooksett, NH 03106-1821. In any case you will still need to complete your online membership to sign up for events through this site.

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, and ski day trips. ***Do not include membership payment with trip payments***

2023 Ski Trips

Bolton Valley 2023

Trip leader: Aaron Fracht-Monroe

January 20, 2023

Cost:

\$495pp double occupancy (lift + lodging)

\$375ppdo room only (lodging only)

For this trip we will have:

- 2 nights ski-in / ski-out lodging at The Inn at Bolton Valley
- 12 double queen rooms 3 single king rooms
- 2 days of skiing or riding
- Access to BV backcountry
- Saturday snowshoe tour (optional)
- Backcountry lessons & rentals available (extra fee)

Indy Pass not available for group packages. Contact Aaron with any questions aaronfm@gmail.com or 603.235.2308. Download and mail the signup form along with payment from the [link here](#).

16th Annual Jay Peak Ski Trip

Trip leader: Janelle DeNormandie

January 22, 2023

The Jay Peak trip is less than a month away, and the mountain has already had 59" natural snow fall in addition to their advanced snowmaking system! From beginner/intermediate trails and glades of all difficulty there's something open for everyone to enjoy some great skiing! We currently have 32 members signed up, and can add a single female to a Timberline condo for \$675 plus an additional late entry fee.

See discount code below for rentals and group lessons. I'll be creating a WhatsApp account for members to reach out to their hotel/condomates to plan meals/rides for the trip, keep in contact during the trip, and to share photos on. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Jay Peak Discount Code

Thank you for choosing Jay Peak Resort for your winter vacation, we are delighted to have you! We have created a code allowing you to take advantage of discounts exclusive to groups on the following products/activities: Rental products and Group lessons. Your code is NHSKI23, below are instructions on how to use your code. Please do not share the code with persons outside of your group.

How to book using the discount code:

- Visit our website at www.jaypeakresort.com.
- Go to "Book & Buy" in the upper left corner
- Select Ski & Ride for equipment rentals and/or Ski & Ride School
- Be sure to change the date using the date you would like the product/service to start
- Add products to your cart

- Just above Check Out Now, add Promo Code provided above. Any eligible products in your cart will have the discount applied.
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Breckenridge Mountain

Trip leader: Jill Dinsmore

Trip Price - \$1,795.00

Dates: February 4-11, 2023

This trip is sold out, we have a small wait list. If you want to be included on the waitlist, contact Jill. jpdinsmore@hotmail.com or 603-930-9182.

Trip Includes:

- 7 nights lodging @ the Marriott Suites
- Airfare from Boston to Denver
- Bus to and from Denver airport (tip included)
- Full hot Breakfast (American and Continental) included at the hotel
- 2 club parties
- Ski lift two blocks from hotel with shuttles available
- Complimentary ski storage
- Bus trip to Vail
- Other ski mountains within the area: Keystone, Beaver Creek, Vail (EPIC pass)
- A-Basin (Ikon pass)

Accommodations include: Simple studio suites with kitchens in a lodge-style property. Each suite has either 1 king bed or 2 queens, kitchen, on property restaurant, outdoor pool, hot tub, and fitness center along with complimentary ski storage and coin operated washers and dryers.

The hotel is located in the Historic District, a neighborhood in Breckenridge. Carter Park and Frisco Adventure Park are local attractions and those in the mood for shopping can visit Main Street Breckenridge. Take in the nearby slopes with cross-country skiing, downhill skiing and snowboarding, or check out other outdoor activities such as snowshoeing and ice skating.

Rental Cars available, see this web address: <https://breckenridgerentalcar.com>

Whitefish, MT

Trip leader: Jayne King February 25, 2023

Trip Price - \$1,695.00

THIS TRIP IS SOLD OUT. CONTACT JAYNE TO GET ON THE WAITLIST. INFO BELOW

Trip Includes:

- 7 nights lodging @ The Firebrand Hotel, 650 E. 3rd St, Whitefish, MT
- Airfare from Boston to Kalispell on United Airlines. (Luggage fees not included)
- 30-minute hotel shuttle ride to and from Kalispell airport (Tip not included)
- No breakfast included. Hotel has a restaurant and we are walking distance to many coffee shops and cafes
- Welcome Wine & Cheese Reception
- 2 Club Dinner Parties

- Private shuttle to ski mountain
- Private mountain introductory tour for NH Ski Club

Glacier National Park is less than 30 miles away and we'll be posting links to other activities soon

5-day lift tickets included, priced by age group.

Up to age 65: \$335.00 included in trip price; 65-69: Deduct \$40.00 from Trip Price; 70+ Deduct \$210.00 from trip price.

Pricing for additional days of skiing:

\$56 per day
\$19 per day age 70+

Airfare allowance: \$450.00.

Contact Jayne King to be added to the waitlist at 603-339-2646 or email jayneking22@gmail.com

Quebec City, Canada

Trip Leader: Karen Schwotzer

March 16-19, 2023

\$909 per person DO/\$1259 Single

Just in.....WE ARE SKIING AT LE MASSIF ON FRIDAY****

******1 ROOM LEFT**** Non-skiers welcome. Deduct \$190**

Final payment reminder: Jan. 15

This trip is about so much more than skiing! To start with, we have tons of fun on the bus ride. Sit back, relax, bring a beverage, snacks... and let the driver handle the miles. We arrive at our "castle" for the weekend, the Chateau Frontenac, in the heart of the historic district. Wait till you see the views of the river and below from the hotel! Walk out the door and see how many restaurants and shops there are within only a few blocks. There is a toboggan run on the hotel promenade, as well as access to the unique funicular that transports you to the lower village....where there are more shops and restaurants!

3 Pick-up locations:

Exit #5 N. Londonderry, off I-93/
Concord Trailways Sta, 30 Stickney Ave,
I-93 Exit #32, 200 Kancamagus Highway, Woodstock, NH

Package Includes:

3 Nights accommodations in "Old Quebec"

1 Day lift ticket to LeMassif

1 Day lift ticket to Mont-Ste-Anne

Luxury motorcoach throughout

All Taxes and Luggage Handling

DEPOSIT is necessary to hold a spot, as well as a signed waiver/form. (\$200 per person). Final payment due January 15th. Email me for a sign-up form, or go to the club website karenslewis@comcast.net

Passport required! (NO vaccine requirements)

Sugarloaf Weekend

March 23/24-26, 2023

A la carte pricing

Trip Leader: Cindy Jenson

Signups for Sugarloaf end Jan 2 or when we get to 50 (whichever comes first) unless there are rooms with double occupancy needing a roommate. I will send out confirmations after the 2nd. Final payment due February 6.

March 24-26, 2023 with Thursday March 23 add-on available. Friday Meet and Greet, Saturday buffet with 2 drinks (beer and wine) plus cash bar. Housing at Sugarloaf Hotel (see nhskiclub.org for pricing).

Pricing Options:

- Lift tickets \$55/day. Sugarloaf is an Ikon Mountain/Boyne Resort
- Social activities only (no housing or lift tickets) for \$89.

Lodging Options: Friday and Saturday with option to add Thursday (need to know when we book)

Alcove Room (one bed)

Fri/Sat nights	\$658 single occupancy	\$379 double occupancy
Th-Sat nights	\$908 single occupancy	\$504 double occupancy

Standard Queen (one bed)

Fri/Sat nights	\$672 single occupancy	\$386 double occupancy
Th-Sat nights	\$942 single occupancy	\$521 double occupancy

Superior Queen (two beds)

Fri/Sat nights	\$419 double occ	
	\$313 triple occ	
	\$260 quad occ	
Th-Sat nights	\$568.50 double occ	\$412.00 triple occ
		\$334.00 quad occ

2024 Trip Advance Announcement!

Dolomites Ski & Dine Trip with a Taste of Venice

Saturday, February 24 - Monday, March 4, 2024, with optional return on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

Marcia Morgan, Trip Leader and Jayne King, Co-Leader

The Dolomites is a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Southern Tyrol area of the Northern Italian Alps. The mountain scenery is breathtaking. The connected ski resort network known as the Sellaronda is vast with more than 200 lifts, trams, and gondolas. Val Gardena, located in the heart of the Dolomites, is known for its supreme snowmaking and groomed-to-perfection slopes to smooth out any fluctuations in natural snowfall. We'll be based in Selva Di Val Gardena, the perfect central location to access all the resorts around the famous Sellaronda. The Tyrolean culture is endearing, the architecture and landscape are beautiful, and the regional wine offerings are plentiful sourcing from Italy, Austria and beyond.

What may set this apart from other ski trips is the food. Hotel Antares serves up Southern Tyrolean breakfasts and dinners with an Austrian influence that are delicious and voluminous. Huts on the mountains offer incredible lunches in intimate settings. There's shopping, apres ski and nightlife, too. Ski shops are within walking distance for rentals and repairs.

We will be offering this trip with two options:

1. Shorter, 7-day option skipping Venice to accommodate those on school schedules or strict one-week vacation schedules.
2. Full 9-day trip including lodging at Hotel Santa Chiara on the canal in Venice, including a walking or boat tour.

Due to the predicted high demand for international group travel, we will be promoting this trip earlier than normal to secure enough plane seats for both trip options. Registration will open on **February 1, 2023** and will be accepted in order of deposit and registration form postmark dates. We have obtained rooms for just 36 people and we do anticipate a quick sell-out so check your 2024 schedules now and keep your eyes out for the email announcement on February 1. Pricing at the time of this newsletter article is estimated at \$2,025 plus airfare per person double occupancy and does not include your purchase of an Ikon Pass or Dolomites Superski pass. We will assist with roommate matching as no single occupancy rooms were available at the time of booking.

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