



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 January! Hopefully the holidays gave you some peace and joy and maybe a little recreation and relaxation as we head full steam into winter. There is so much to look forward to, with plenty of ski club trips and hopefully fresh snow around the corner. I managed to get out a couple of times already this season. It was good to know I hadn't forgotten how to get down the mountain, and to go with new friends who made sure I pushed myself just a bit. The trips planned for the 2024 season gives club members a nice selection of destinations from which to choose. You will have the opportunity to make new friends and maybe push yourself too.

As I have said in my earlier letters, I grew up in Kentucky and I learned to ski when I moved to New Hampshire 20 something years ago. Friends told me if I was going to make it through a winter here I would need to learn to embrace winter sports. I didn't even know winter could last so long until I moved to New Hampshire! Friends took me out and I managed to survive the first couple of seasons. I realized that skiing was something that made me happy and feel really good. I might not have been great but I felt each time I went I accomplished something, whether it was some small technique adjustment or just that I was able to make it back down the mountain in one piece, I was hooked. Fast forward to March 2015 when I found the NH Ski Club. It gave me new opportunities to expand my ski horizons. My first trip with the club was to Quebec City, Le Massif and Mt. Sainte Anne. Oh the memories! The bus ride was a blast, I swear there must have been an oven in the back the way the appetizers were being passed up. Of course, some adult beverages were shared and I think perhaps there was some dancing! Quebec City was beautiful and you can't beat Le Frontenac Hotel for accommodations. European cuisine for dinners and breakfast! I'll never forget trying to ski at Le Massif, it was deep heavy snow, I didn't know skiing could be so much work! To this day I will remember the friends I made and the great time that I had. What a great ski trip package! And guess what? I was hooked, again!

To this day as I go out with fellow skiers, I am still going to new places and trying new things. It's good to keep testing yourself and I have pushed myself into and gotten myself out of spots I thought I would never dare to try and I have to say... I am still hooked! Cheers to good times! JD

Club Calendar

Jan 4	Racing at Gunstock & Pat's Peak	Jan 26-27	FIS World Cup @ WV
Jan 7	Jay Peak Trip	Feb 2	Smuggler's Notch Trip
Jan 9	McIntyre Racing	Feb 3	Snowmass Trip
Jan 10	Club meeting	Feb 17	Dolomites Ski Trip
Jan 18	Mt Tremblant Bus Trip	Mar 13	Sugarbush Trip
		Mar 22	Sugarloaf Trip

News and Events

Monthly Meeting

Nancy KC

Wednesday, January 10th. The meeting begins at 7pm.

Chunky's Cinema Pub

707 Huse Rd, Manchester, NH 03103

Menu: <https://www.chunkys.com/movie-theater/chunkysmanchester/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 link above or go to <https://nhskiclub.org/> and click *Event Calendar* then *Event List*.)

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)

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!

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

Location: Manchester's American Legion – Sweeney Post.

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

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.

Annual Holiday Toy Drive 2023

Nancy KC



On December 13th, the monthly meeting table space was overflowing with gifts for the support of US Marines Toys for Tots Foundation. Nancy Harlow collected all the unwrapped toys. Gifts included: lego sets, science kits, remote control cars, headphones, cologne, handheld games, bluetooth speaker/wireless headphones, arts & crafts kits jewelry etc.), fluffy blankets/throws, make-up, nail kits, perfume sets, handbags, cosmetic bags, stuffed animals and much more.

Brian Bernard loaded Nancy H's car to the brim with all the collected toys after the meeting. Nancy H, Nancy KC and JoAnn Sullivan unloaded the haul at the Bedford, NH collection center

the next morning. Over 123 gifts were counted as they were packed into the collection trailer bins.

Thank you to ALL NHSC members for their generosity in the gifts you donated this Holiday Season. Children had a happier day finding gifts under their tree Christmas morning... "We don't just Ski."



Gunstock Ski Racing 2024 - Gate Crashers and Slope Slayers

Kathy Jacobs

Gunstock racing starts Thursday, January 4, 2023. (Gunstock groomers are working hard to put snow on the race trail.) It's not too late to sign up. No Experience is necessary. You just need to love to ski and have fun. You get 8 weeks of racing on Thursday nights. The cost includes skiing from 3 to 8 PM on race night.

Weekly après ski party will take place in the Powder Keg Pub, located in the Historic Main Lodge. There you will be able to find your racing scores, socialize with other participants, and receive a raffle ticket for weekly drawing of prizes and swag. Each participant will receive a race bib (that you keep after the season).

End of the season awards for Top Team, Top Male, Top Female.

Cost to attend is \$150 which includes the cost of the bib. Same as last year. The captains will send a link to the racers to use to sign up online. 10 Racers per team. Two teams, Gate Crashers, Captain, Kathy Jacobs, and Slope Slayers, Captain, David Camus. **There are 6 openings left.** 1 on Gate Crashers and 5 on Slope Slayers.

Sign-ups require the following: **Need to respond by December 8th, 2023.** If you are interested, contact Kathy Jacobs with your email, phone number and NASTAR ID. (If you don't have a NASTAR ID, you can go to their website and request one.) Any questions, please feel free to email or text/call me.

Kjhall91513@comcast.net or 603-490-9912

NHSC McIntyre Race Teams for 2024

Nancy KC

We have 10 NHSC race teams of 7 registered for the Corporate/Adult Race League at McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester. Tentative dates include: January 9th, 16th, 23th, 30th , Feb 6th, and 13th, weather permitting. The end of season overall awards banquet is scheduled for March 12th, 2024 at 6:30pm.

There is an opportunity for 1 more person to join the NHSC McIntyre Race Team Shotskeez. Jacqui McCartin is the captain. Unfortunately, one racer has a broken wrist and can no longer ski for a while. Contact Nancy KC at NHSKICLUBNKC@gmail.com for information if you are interested in being the replacement racer for this member @ \$190.00.

Waterville Valley NASTAR Racing

Patricia Hoyt

The new price for the 2024 Monday NASTAR Race Season has not been posted yet, but should occur by January 1st. There are 7 members that expressed interest which I have on a list. If there are others who would like to participate please email me.

A reminder: Race days are on Mondays. Race time is 11:30-2:00 pm. Lift ticket \$20.00 or a season pass. Cost is \$60 approximately for NASTAR, après ski party, light appetizers and great prizes with a free raffle ticket for showing up. NASTAR racing is lots of fun. We have a great time at Waterville Valley!

8 week race series starting either January 8th or January 22nd-March 25th. There is no racing on holidays or vacation weeks for MA. (Awards banquet is the following week and there will be a charge for the meal if you want it. Awesome end of the year raffle prizes too.)

Contact: Tish Hoyt tishoyt77@gmail.com 603-381-4698 for texting only

Waterville Valley World Cup Competition Viewing

FIS World Cup 2024 Competition in Waterville Valley on Jan. 26th and 27th. You must purchase a World Cup ticket to watch the event. There are 3 ways to get a ticket.

- 1.)Purchase a lift ticket for the day- Friday-\$79.00 Sat. \$108.00 or use your season pass or purchase a season pass. (Plus a \$10.00 spectator ticket)
- 2.)Foot Passenger Ticket- (\$20.00) + (\$10.00 spectator fee) This ticket will take you up the Valley Run Quad and you will be able to walk to the event on a designated snow path to the arena from the top of the Valley Run Quad Lift. (Hiking or warm snow boots are recommended for trekking on this path. It will be a 5-15 minute walk depending on your ability to walk on a snowy path to the arena at the base of the Lower Bobby's Run Trail. The Sunnyside Lodge is nearby for bathroom facilities.)
- 3.)VIP Ticket-\$250.00 Includes the following:
 - *VIP Access to the World Cup Tent
 - *Premier viewing area
 - *Access to VIP Cash Bar
 - *complimentary continental breakfast
 - *lunch buffet
 - *snacks
 - *one priority parking pass for Lot 1
 - *Full Mountain Lift Ticket for skier or snowboarder/or you have the option of riding up and down the mountain to and from the event as a foot passenger.
 - Limited amount of VIP tickets being sold.

- *Included with VIP ticket

Après-ski party with live music by Radio Daze from 3pm-6pm (3rd floor of the Base Lodge). If members are willing to come up for a day trip, I will meet you on the mountain and we can ski and connect at the arena and attend the après ski party later that day.

Contact Tish Hoyt email: tishoyt77@gmail.com Text: 603-381-4698

NHSC Membership Update

Nancy KC

As of 12/22/2023, Welcome to our 4 new members in December: Brady and Dylan Durazzano - Sons of Dave Durazzano of Hooksett, Ralph Holmes of Deering, and Carolann Gretz of Pembroke.

Membership renewals are coming in at a great rate for the 2024 year. Thank you to all of you who have recently renewed. Please remember that membership renewals began 11/1/2023 for the 2024 year. 250 renewals + 75 first time new members give us a 325-member club, so far!

Membership renewal grace period was from November 1 through December 31st... of 2023. After the 31st of December, the Wild Apricot system will have removed you... given you the boot... and not a ski boot! Those who have not renewed automatically prior to December 31, 2023 will need to re-enter all your profile registration information at NHSkiClub.org

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.

2023 Trips

Jay Peak

January 7 to January 12

Trip Leaders: **Donnamarie Kelly and Kathy Sklat**

\$750-\$970 ppdo

The 17th Annual Jay Peak January Trip is a go!

24 Club members will be heading to Jay Peak for a week of great skiing January 7th to 12th! Fortunately Jay has received snow during the many recent rain storms. All trip participants will get to return to ski Jay throughout the season with the NH Ski Club Jay Pass which is included in the Jay Ski Trip package. The pass includes Sun-Friday skiing, excluding President's Week. We warmly welcome 6 new club members on this trip! Co-leaders Donnamarie Kelly and Kathy Sklat

Mt. Tremblant Bus/Ski Trip

Jan. 18-21, 2024

Trip Leader: **Karen Schwotzer**

Passport required!

Please ensure your passport is valid and accessible. Must show me upon boarding motorcoach!

****Itinerary and more details coming soon***

Bus trip: where the fun starts when you board...

About 1 ½ hour northwest of Montreal, a ski destination to suit every level of ability...and other winter sports like snowshoeing, XC skiing, ice skating, tubing, etc It's a pedestrian village where everything is within walking distance...shopping, restaurants, bars, convenient store, etc.

Tour des Voyageur condos all have full kitchens, 1 bedroom with 2 beds, living room with gas fireplace and balcony... outdoor hot tub, ski lockers, coffee shop, gym and free wifi.

- 3 nights condo accommodations
- 2 day lift ticket (*deduct \$120 for IKON pass holders*)
- Round trip motorcoach
- Driver gratuity
- All Taxes
- Raffle

Questions: karenslewis@comcast.net or call 603-289-0921

Smugglers Notch Ski Weekend

February 2-4, 2024

Trip Leader: Nancy Harlow

\$399 pp.

It's not too late to join our trip to Smugglers Notch, February 2 – 4, 2024 \$399 (or 3-night option \$499). Deadline for full payment is Dec. 13, 2023. Condé Nast Traveler Readers Choice Awards 2023 voted Smugglers Notch #4 of the 40 Best Ski Resorts in the US. Smugglers' Notch Resort, 4324 VT 108 Jefferson, VT www.smuggs.com

Trip includes:

- 2 nights in slope-side condos or 3-night option.
- 3-day lift tickets or 4-day lift tickets with 3-night option.
- Meet and Greet Friday night with dinner, wine and beer.
- Non-skiers can deduct \$40 on a 2-night stay, \$60 on a 3-night stay.
- Payment in full due Dec. 13, 2023

Trip registration **form** is available online and at our January meeting.

Make checks payable to NH Ski Club. Mail with completed **form** to Nancy Harlow, 57 Pondview Drive, Merrimack, NH 03054 Cell # 862-209-0535 nancyeharlow@gmail.com

Snowmass/Aspen 2024 Ski Trip

When: 3 Feb 2024

Trip Leader: Jim Bivona

TRIP FULL

The 2 and 3 bedroom condominiums at Top of the Village are some of the most luxurious ski-in/ski-out condos in Snowmass Village. 4-6 people per condo. Direct flight to Denver from Boston and bus to Snowmass. 1 hour stop for shopping. Contact Jim Bivona, (603) 731-9986, Jimbo5868@gmail.com

Sugarbush, VT

March 13-15, 2024

Trip Leader: Bruce Dyke

\$686 ppdo

\$403 ppdo, with IKON Pass

Trip is full, but we may be able to get additional accommodations. Contact Bruce asap if interested.

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

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

Sugarloaf, ME

Cindy Jenson

March 22-24

Sugarloaf details are almost complete. Forms will be available at the January NH Ski Club meeting on January 10. 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. Prices are looking to be similar if not less than last year. Spring skiing at Sugarloaf is some of the best in the east. With a wide range of terrain as well as other winter activities available you can't go wrong. By then, the new Bucksaw Express Lift servicing West Mountain and all its new terrain will be up and running. See all of the new improvements as part of the Sugarloaf 2030 plan at: <https://www.sugarloaf2030.com> Come join me at my happy place!



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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