



## 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 March! As we enter into our last month of planned ski club trips, I hope everyone has been enjoying themselves! Perhaps the local conditions have not been ideal, but the NHSC trips and destination conditions to date (reported and experienced) have been quite awesome! Even when conditions aren't always as preferred, as skiers, I feel we are always able to make the most of what we are given.

The few short months I've been President, I've tried to keep the topics light and share a bit of what resonates with me in the relatively short time I have been skiing. This month I've decided to branch out a bit and write something a bit more serious in nature (without getting technical) and still hopefully bring it back to something that resonates with y'all and myself.

Jim Eilenberger recently gave me an article printed in the Union Leader about snowmaking. Whether you believe in global warming, climate change or simple weather pattern changes, the amount of snow precipitation in recent years in New England has diminished. I for one have noticed the change in the weather during my short 25 years in New Hampshire. There definitely seems to be a shortage of the blockbuster storms that frequented our region. Though they still exist, the New England ski areas are relying more on snowmaking than they ever have.

The Union Leader article shared a lot about the endeavors of quite a few New Hampshire ski areas (featured were Pat's Peak, Tenney Mountain and Bretton Woods to name a few) to keep snow on the mountains during ski season and extend the season when possible. I know snow making equipment has been around for many years, but the advances and abilities of the equipment are tremendous; making it easier and more efficient to keep the mountains covered for us to enjoy!

There was a lot I found comforting in this article. It gives me comfort because there are some days when I am driving to the mountain and mostly all I see is bare ground and it gives me pause to think: how much longer can it last? I am glad to know there are a lot of experienced, determined and smart people focused on ensuring that the ski industry in New Hampshire and other areas will not be disappearing any time soon.

I never thought I would be using the word comfort and skiing together so often, many times it's more discomfort 😊, trying to work my way out of a tricky spot! I think we can all find comfort in knowing there will still be good

snow (man-made or natural) and good skiing, thanks to the many ingenious people who want to make sure that until mother nature changes her ways there will be schussing and slushing for years to come. Cheers to good times! JD

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## Club Calendar

Mar 6	March Meeting	Mar 22	Sugarloaf Trip
Mar 9	Lonesome Lake hike	Apr 10	April Meeting
Mar 13	Sugarbush Trip	Apr 27	Slushbomb!

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## News and Events

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### March Club Meeting

Nancy KC

**MARCH 6<sup>th</sup> - March Monthly Meeting** *Change of date...one week earlier!*

#### 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)

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### Slushbomb!

Organized by 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 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 3/6 or 4/10 **monthly meetings** – 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

**All NHSC Members** need to register on-line that you are attending, Please! Do not sign a member up as a guest.

1. If you are bringing a guest, send their name(s) to Nancy KC via email: [NHSkiClubNKC@gmail.com](mailto:NHSkiClubNKC@gmail.com) Guests will be added to the attending list.

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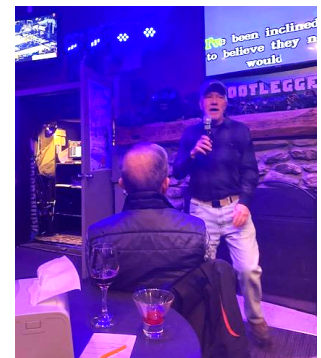
## Our Return to Smugglers' Notch

Smugglers' Notch welcomed 22 NH Ski Club members January 2-4. Twelve skiers arrived on Thursday with some taking advantage of 4 days of skiing. An open house took place Thursday night with food "catered" by Nancy Harlow.



Besides good skiing on Friday, the highlight of the evening was karaoke at the resort's Bootleggers Lounge. Kathy Sklat, Donnamarie Kelly and Nancy Harlow sang Dancing Queen and Brian Bernard, Bill Andrade, and Scott Donner sang a Sinatra song. Bill Withers had everyone in the bar joining in when he sang Sweet Caroline.

### Nancy Harlow



After a full day of skiing on Saturday all joined in for a goodbye dinner of baked honey ham, mac and cheese, salad and dessert. Raffle prizes were distributed for everyone. A Smugglers trip would not be complete without the "shot ski". Definitely the evening's entertainment!

Hope everyone is looking forward to more good times at Smuggs.



## 2024 Kayak Planning Committee Meeting Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Deborah.schelzel@gmail.com) and/or Nancy KC [NHSkiClubNKC@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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

Kathy Jacobs

I can't believe that there is only 1 week left for racing. The après ski in the old Stockade Lodge has been amazing. Most of the people in the new Beer, Barrel and Grille restaurant have been with the ski race teams. They have thrown in a few nice raffle gifts, ski poles, helmets, and blankets. Unfortunately, Gate Crashers has lost a few people due to injuries and the many trips that we take. Gate Crashers is in last place and Slope Slayers is in 9<sup>th</sup> place. Let's hope that Slope Slayers will make it to the ski offs. Think more snow!!

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## NHSC McIntyre Race Teams for 2024

Nancy KC

McIntyre Race began January 9<sup>th</sup> with the 10 teams of 7 racers for 6 nights of Racing. March 5<sup>th</sup> will be our last race night.

After 5 nights of racing, **NHSC Team Triple S** (Slippery Slope Skiers), Captained by *Ray Juneau* ranks 1st for the evening of 2/13. **NHSC Team Deep Tracks**, Captained by *Russell Cooley* are showing 7<sup>th</sup> place of 25 teams. Closely behind in 9<sup>th</sup> place is **NHSC Team Brewskis**, Captained by *Walt Milne*. Top 7 racing times go to NHSC racers for that evening - Amy Juneau: 17.94, *Robert LaChance*:18.06, *Dave Durazzano*: 19.15, *Don Eaton*: 19.48, *Walt Milne*: 19.98, *Jeff Juneau* on snowboard: 19.88 and *Jon Crowell*: 20.70.

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> will conclude the season at THE BANQUET! It will begin with the distribution of raffle tickets, then a prime rib dinner and the presentation of awards.

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## Pat's Peak Racing

Jim Eilenberger

The ski club has two teams this year that race for 9 weeks on Thursday nights and with seven weeks done. Our long-term team, the Snow Dragons has a 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. RSR has won the title the last two years but with two weeks left the Snow Dragons are on a quest to regain the top spot and RSR has a tough challenge to catch them, so we'll see which team comes out on top for NH Ski Club bragging rights. Stay tuned for the end of the year report!

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## Waterville Valley NASTAR Racing

Patricia Hoyt

NHSC-Waterville Race #5 was February 26<sup>th</sup> and it was a challenging start on Upper World Cup Extension. The Tecumseh Travelers had their best race this season and were very happy more teammates showed up to race. The team received 4 points and beat five teams for the day. This is living proof that if your teammates show up you can kick butt. Tecumseh Travelers overall made a serious comeback and are in 12<sup>th</sup> place with almost 10 points. The two teams above them both have 10 points, so the next few weeks it will be crucial to have all teammates show up to pass these other two teams and possibly the potential to pass three teams. Awesome job Tecumseh Travelers you are on your way to better rankings! A great big shout out to John Meyer, Jim Whitaker, Cindy Bedell for each receiving a silver NASTAR medal and to Mary Kaltenbach for receiving a bronze medal. Congratulations on your achievements in this last race.

The White Cap Wizards took a fall in the rankings this week and fell from 6<sup>th</sup> place to 7<sup>th</sup> place overall. We received 4.380 points this week and placed better than six teams for the day. Our full team showed up to race, but three of us had trouble with the course. One of our team mates received a gold medal, one received a silver medal and three received a bronze medal. Two teammates also each received one point for finishing the course. It is easy to see when you're not having a good ski run how it can affect your team results. Hopefully, on March 11<sup>th</sup> our next race we will put our best effort to do well on the Exhibition Extension Race Trail and redeem ourselves.

Next week is the Special Olympics, so we will not race that week. We were off last week due to Massachusetts vacation week, so we have had a breather in between some races.

Apres ski this week was at The Mad River Tavern in Campton, NH. They fixed us up some awesome free appetizers, yummy nachos, fried brussel sprouts with two dipping sauces and Hot BBQ Chicken Wings. This made for a few beverages to cure my mouth that was on fire! The food and racing company was great.

For swag, teammate Nancy Shedrick (White Cap Wizard and NHSC member ) won a white Modelo T-Shirt, sunglasses and a koozie. Maybe she will show up at the next Chunky's meeting sporting them. Many other racers were lucky winners and won as well.

Let's pray for more snow than rain in the weeks to come. See you in Waterville Valley on March 11th, Exhibition Full GS Top Start. Think Snow ❄️

Also feel free to come up to Waterville Valley Ski Area and cheer on the kiddos in the Special Olympics on March 4th.

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## NHSC Membership Update

**Nancy KC**

As of February 24th, our current Membership are counts 263 renewals + 77 first time new members, which gives us a 340-member club, so far!

Interesting facts: Place of resident of Members

NH MA ME VT CT RI NY SC NC CO FL NJ TN CANADA

276 33 7 2 1 3 7 2 1 1 1 4 1 1 = 340 Total

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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## 2024 Upcoming Trips

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### Sugarbush, VT

**Trip Leader: Bruce Dyke**

**March 13-15, 2024**

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.

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### Sugarloaf, ME

**Trip Leader: Cindy Jenson**

**March 22-24**



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>

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## Announcing 2025 Winter Trips

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### **Powder Mountain/Snowbasin** **February 1-8 2025**

**Troy Schwotzer**

**\$2,275.00**

#### 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

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

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### **NH Telluride 2025 Trip** **February 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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## 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.

**New Hampshire Ski Club  
Officers and Board Members  
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