



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Message

by Kevin Reigstad



Oh, I missed out! There I was, telling you through the NH Ski Club Message Board on Facebook to come ski one more day with your club peeps at Killington (23 April). Almost amazing, their snow was holding up across 49 trails. Then that morning, my home furnace decided Patty and I needed the house colder than we told it to be. Again. Sadly, I witnessed the Killington day through Facebook posts and Killington's web cams. Seemed like a lot of fun. I instead went for a Saturday run.

We have one more general meeting, on 11 May, before we all take a 3-month break. Reminder: we don't hold the general meeting in June, July or August. Instead, we offer a location for us to gather (same 2nd Wednesday evening). Deb and Curt Schelzel are again opening their home on the Merrimack River to us for the club's July Summer Deck Gathering. These events will be posted soonest. Nancy KC and her crew will be leading numerous kayak day trips. They'll be posted soon too. My message, pay attention to NH Ski Club email announcements over the summer. You don't want to miss essential information, such as when can you sign up for 2023's out-west trips! Or other short-notice summer trips and events.

Due to resort hotels booking up super-fast, the club board met early to approve two western trips for 2023. Just today, Jill Dinsmore/Jim Bivona sent out an email alerting you of their trip to Breckenridge, CO. Simultaneously, Jayne King/Marcia Morgan sent out an email alerting you to their trip to Whiteface, MT. Additional details will be posted on our website soon, to include forms and sign-up dates, and announced via email blasts. We're letting you know so you can plan now. No surprises. Expect these trips to sell out fast. I'm so glad we could get together in-person at 8 of the 9 general meetings this 2021-2022 season. Let's stay connected over the summer.

I'll be back skiing soon enough. Until then, running, paddling, hiking, and ice cream are my priorities. Peace out!

Club Calendar

May 11

Final club meeting for season

July 13

Summer deck gathering at Schelzels'

News and Events

NHSC Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, May 11

Chunky's Cinema Pub 707 Huse Road Manchester, NH.

We gather as a club for our formal meetings September through May. This will be the last Monthly meeting before our Summer break. Arrive 5:00-5:30 pm for dinner. Social Hour 6:00pm The NHSC Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Protocol habit - Where to go: As you enter the foyer, the ticket counter greets you 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 have not been to Chunky's, check out their [website for menu and FAQ](#).

When you register online at 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. President Kevin Reigstad will 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. If you can't make it to Chunky's in person, you can ZOOM the meeting. You can qualify for the raffles if you are present on-line,

Make sure to register on our website so that you too can be eligible for the raffle drawings.

Sugarloaf Weekend

Cindy Jenson

20 trippers joined us at Sugarloaf for April Fools Weekend. Despite less than ideal weather predictions, we ended up with better than expected conditions. Sugarloaf did not disappoint. Some came early and skied Thursday/Friday. We had a happy hour with "heavy apps" AKA dinner at the Sugarloaf Inn Friday evening. Everyone received a gift and we had the pleasure of Kevin and Mike's photo bombs in most of our pictures!

Saturday was a full ski day. Some took advantage of our “Ski better with Erica” offering and got some tips to improve their skiing. Saturday evening was a buffet dinner upstairs in the Widowmaker. Due to no other rooms being available, we got a prime location with amazing bartenders and view. We enjoyed the camaraderie and a bit of the shot ski. Thanks to Nancy KC for bringing the shot ski and chipping in for shots.

Sunday was ski/departure day. It’s always hard to leave when conditions are still so good!



NHSC Summer Deck Gathering Meetings

Our formal monthly meetings are held September through May at Chunky's Cinema Pub in Manchester. During the summer months of June, July and August, we gather socially on a deck at a local restaurant or at a member's home. Debby and Curt Schelzel have graciously offered the backyard deck area of their home on the Merrimack River in Manchester for our July deck gathering. **Save the date: Wednesday, July 13th.** Details and registration will be posted on our website... all in good time. We are currently searching for our June and August social gatherings. Contact Nancy KC at NHSCICLUBNKC@gmail.com if you have a viable suggestion for a deck gathering opportunity.

Kayak Trips

The 2022 Summer and Fall Kayak Day Trips are coming your way soon! This Season's Trip Organizers/Leaders are: Nancy KC, Kathy Jacobs, Cindy Jenson, Deb Schelzel and Carol Stevens.

The kayak activities are planned for the Intermediate paddling level with casual and continuous paddling abilities for 3-5 hours. Some trips will include a few Advanced Beginner paddling level trips of casual paddling

abilities for 2-3 hours, traveling at a slower moderate rate. The ADV BEG paddles will lag behind the INT paddlers with 1 or 2 Trip Leaders remaining with the split group.

All kayak activities are on Saturdays, with a rain date to be Sunday, if needed.

In the interest of safety, all kayakers must wear a lifejacket (P.F.D.), securely fitted, when paddling with this NHSC group.

3 of the trips will have kayak rentals available. You will need to make your own rental reservation.

ALL Registrations - Signups for the Kayak Activities must be made through our website NHskiClub.org

There will be 1 ocean trip to Gloucester, MA, 3 trips on lakes in NH, and 5 river trips.

All trips will be posted on our website for registration in early May.

Hiking the Zealand Notch Area

Tom Cronin

While many hiking in the White Mountains usually head to the peaks and ridge lines bagging the summits of the AMC 4000 ft. list. We all enjoy the views across the valleys below and looking out towards other ridge lines and distant peaks to be climbed. As I am now edging closer to 70 than to 60, I find myself frequently enjoying the hiking and exploring some of the beautiful scenic valley walks in the White Mountains. For years I looked at these valleys as merely a route to a distant summit, while other unexplored valleys and notches were only viewed from above but not traversed. A couple of years ago fellow hiker and NHSC member Jayne King, joined me on a 15+ mile hike through the uncrowded Hancock Notch and Sawyer Pond Wilderness area. It was an all-day trek with a car spot and offered easy and gradual elevation ascents and descents. We noticed the views were new and different of some familiar peaks, as the miles ticked by in this remote area.



The Z-Bridge along the Zealand Trail



View from the trail cutting thru Zealand Notch

With winter behind us and snow packs disappearing, we are switching from micro-spikes and snowshoes back to summer hiking gear. The Zealand Notch Trail is a favorite valley hike that my wife Cathy and I have done more than twice. It offers an easy and interesting path that changes its characteristic multiple times during the course of the walk towards and thru the notch. The Zealand trail head starts at a large parking area located about 3 miles in from Rte. 302 at the end of Zealand Road. The Z-trail follows the route of the long since abandoned Zealand Logging Railroad of the early 1900's. It crisscrosses wide marshes on a "Z" shaped bridge, populated with beaver dams and at times Moose. No trip to Zealand Notch would be complete without taking in the short spur trail to visit Zealand Falls Hut and all the amenities it shares with hikers. Views towards Zealand Notch and

Mt. Carrigain from the hut and the adjacent waterfall (which is less than a stone's throw from the hut's front porch) are spectacular and well worth the 1/4 mile climb from the Z-Notch trail. Head back down the spur trail to continue on the flat straight Z-Trail thru Zealand Notch which presents itself with numerous opportunities to enjoy views from a mostly open trail created when the loggers cut the railroad slabbing across the rock fall side of Whitewall Mt. At the end of Z-Notch there is an easy short walk to the impressive Thoreau Falls cascade with views of the Bonds right in front of you. At this 5 mile point on the hike you are deep in the Pemigewasset Wilderness and still at almost the same elevation you were when you began the hike (aside from the short side trek climb up to the Zealand Falls Hut and back).

The overall Z-Notch hike is an easy grade with about a 10-11 mile round trip. If you shorten the walk to the Z-Falls Hut and back, your hike would be about 5-6 miles R.T. The popular Lincoln Woods and Wilderness Trails, starting from the Kanc. also lead hikers deep into the Pemigewasset Wilderness, but one could argue that the Zealand Notch Valley Trail offers more views per mile of the surrounding peaks than the heavily overgrown Wilderness Trail. For adventurous souls, the Zealand Notch Trail combined with the Thoreau Falls Trail is a great route alternative for a 20+ mile "Pemi-Traversal" while keeping to the valleys and not having to cross up and over the scenic and rugged Bond Peaks. The Pemi is rich in logging railroad history and with a discerning eye, signs relics and evidence of logging days gone by can still be found.

See you in the woods!

April 2022 Membership Update

Nancy KC

We currently have 321 members in the club. Welcome back to renewing after a season or two to Bill Driscoll, Cally Grean and Dennis Nesbitt. 90 new members have joined us this year.

Please welcome our three NEW members who joined in April:

- Carol Kelly of Hollis, NH,
- Eric Soederberg of Bedford, NH and
- Mark Duchesne of Allenstown, NH

2023 Upcoming Ski Trips

2023 Trip Announcement - Breckenridge Mountain

Jill Dinsmore

As was announced in the April 13, 2022 meeting, I am planning a trip to Breckenridge, Colorado for the NH Ski club. For the purpose of making your planning easier, here is a bit of trip info, with more of the trip details to follow very soon. Trip Dates: Feb 4- Feb 11, 2023

Approximate price: \$1795.00. Deposit will be \$600 but will not be accepted before July 1st. Please don't send in registration early! Includes Boston to Denver airfare with bus ride to Breckenridge

Breckenridge is an Epic pass mountain. Link to Epic - to review pass options:

www.epicpass.com/passes/epic-pass.aspx; (keep in mind to ski Vail you will need a specific Vail Epic pass or unlimited EPIC pass - check the details on the EPIC website!!!)

Must be a member to go on the trip. More details will be posted very soon on the NH Ski Club website (NHskiclub.org) Cheers!

2023 Trip Announcement - Whitefish, MT

Jayne King

NH Ski club is going to Whitefish, MT, February 25-March 4th, 2023. Estimated cost is \$1839, subject to airfare. Whitefish is not on any ski pass. Trip includes airfare, transportation to hotel, accommodations at Firebrand Hotel in great ski town of Whitefish, private shuttle to the mountain (15-20min), 5 day adult lift ticket (further discount for over 65 and over 70), meet and greet with wine and cheese, and other group gatherings TBD.

Mountain stats: 6817 elevation at summit, 2353 vertical, 3000 acres, 12% novice, 34% intermediate, 44% most difficult, and 7% caution! Lots of bowls and trees and 111 named runs. There are plenty of other things to do like going to Glacier National Park, 1/2 hr away, snow shoeing, fat tire biking, snow biking, back country cat skiing, breweries and distilleries, restaurants and bars, and with any luck we'll catch winter carnival.

Stay tuned for airfare information and final pricing.

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