



THE NH SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We don't just ski!

President's Message

by Kevin Reigstad



Are we at the end, already? The end of the 2022-2023 ski season. The end of my last term as the President of the NH Ski Club. It was a thrilling ride from beginning to end. 36 ski days this year, a personal best, and 6 years as your club's president. Enough about me. This message is about you.

The state of the NH Ski Club is strong! I thank you, the members, for your enthusiasm to build this welcoming place and your compassion for the causes we supported. I thank all our volunteer trip leaders, event leaders, and ski racing leaders who always give more time and energy than we can ever repay, for without you we're not going anywhere or doing fun things together! I thank our volunteer meeting door greeters, you were/are so welcoming to everyone coming through our door. Thank you, Cindy Medeiros, a long-distance member and our long-time, attentive Happy Trails newsletter editor. And many thanks to my fellow NH Ski Club board members for your counseling, enthusiasm and support, expertise, and time in service to the Club. Specifically, this was Vice Presidents Troy Schwotzer and Jill Dinsmore, Don Eaton as Treasurer, Debbie Schelzel and Jayne King as Secretary, Jim Eilenberger as Jackie Preve's representative and Past President, Operations Director for Membership Victor Snowdon, current Membership Director and At-Large Member Nancy Keenom Caron, and At-Large Members Jeff Sanders, Bill Driscoll, Lynda Lombardo, Ann McLaughlin, Aaron Fracht Monroe, and Cindy Jenson. Again, thank all of you. I loved representing you and being in your attendance. And we made it through the Pandemic together. Jill has the baton on 1 June.

Have a great summer. I'll be outside hiking, kayaking and swimming, biking, running, baseball game attending, and eating ice cream. Let's do some of this together. If not before, I'll see you in September. Peace out.

Club Calendar

May 10	Club meeting
July 29	Fisher Cats Game
Feb 2024	Snowmass Trip
Feb 2024	Dolomites Ski Trip

News and Events

Sugarloaf Ski Trip

Cindy Jenson



The final ski trip of the season was at Sugarloaf March 23-26. 47 tripsters enjoyed a weekend of every possible thing mother nature could send our way. We had rain, ice, corduroy and ended with 7 inches of powder on Sunday. Susan Kunkel won the "scavenger hunt" at our Meet and Greet on Friday night, figuring out all but one of the tripsters on our list of interesting facts. Saturday's banquet was capped off with gifts for everyone and a slide show capturing the events up to that point. Final slide show can be viewed here:

<https://www.facebook.com/1000936759/videos/186942907449067/>

Slushbomb 2023

Nancy KC

Celebrating the end of the winter season: Earth Day, April 22, 2023. Ushering in a bit of spring with the music of The Raging Rockaholics at the Sweeney Post American Legion in Manchester, NH.

There was plenty of food with libation, dancing, game playing with the Slingshot Slushbomb competitions, and endless raffles at this year's Slushbomb. Debby Schelzel and Nancy KC hosted this fun event for 79 NHSC members and guests. A big *Thank You* to Curtis Schelzel, being a Sweeney Post American Legion member for his connection in a rental discount.

Appetizers and a lasagna dinner were enjoyed by all. 15 raffle tickets were issued to each attendee as they entered the hall.

A surprise 70th Birthday Celebration was announced for Kathy Jacobs. She was presented with a bunch of balloons and a cake. Birthday cake was served to all for dessert.

Carol Ann Couture from Berwick, ME was the winner of the door prize - a ceramic bank for saving lift ticket \$.



A grand shout out "THANK YOU" goes to *Tim Farmer, owner of S&W Sports*, for his sponsorship in donating and discounting over half of the raffle gifts. S&W Sports, located in Concord, NH, will give you 50% off on your ski Tune-ups and 20% off any purchases, including repair parts for your bikes and skis. You must present your NHSC membership card to benefit from the discounts.

Becky Hawxwell was ready to win many raffle gifts. Others contributed their tickets to increase her chances...., but not that night! A few raffle winners were: Anne Magrath - Diamondback bike helmet, Paula Vincent and Amy Basset - Camelbak water packs, Jayne King - bike chain lube, Jim Eilenberger - a pair of Pat's Peak stainless tumblers and Dee Cleary - a 6 pack of 603 Brewery beer glasses. 33 raffle gifts distributed.



The 3 Karen's realized that they had the same name tags. Do you know Karen? Who's your Karen? Where are the Caron's?



Dancing the night away is shown in these snapshot photos taken by our photographer, Cindy Jensen.

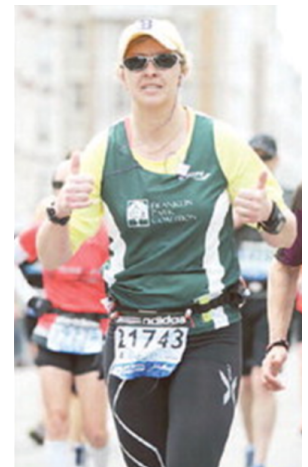


Remembering the Marathon Bombing Submitted by Vic Snowdon, from the Union Leader

Ten years later, physical and psychological scars remain for many Granite Staters including one of our own NH Ski Club members – Michelle Collier. There were runners and spectators, police officers, medical workers and volunteers, buoyant from the energy of the crowd and the beauty of the spring day. That is until everything changed. ‘We survived it’.

Runner Michele Collier instinctively hit the ground when the first bomb went off ahead of her near the finish line. It was Michelle’s birthday, and she had hoped to celebrate after finishing her lifelong goal.

After the explosion, Michelle got up but then a second explosion occurred back up Boylston St. At that point she decided to run the final few yards to finish in a time of 4 hours, 10 minutes and 39 seconds. With cell phone signals jammed, Michelle had trouble reaching family and friends, who were all watching from the Boylston Street stands. Fortunately they were on the opposite side of the street from the explosions and everyone ended up being safe. It wasn’t the birthday celebration she had imagined. “The plan was to have a more fun, social gathering after the race – as opposed to, ‘Oh my God, we survived it,’” Michelle said.



Fisher Cats

Cindy Jensen

Summer Deck Party at the Party Deck at Fisher Cats Stadium. Join us for a picnic dinner, Fisher Cats vs. Hartford Yard Goats Baseball game and fireworks. July 29 5:05 PM. \$42/person plus Cash Bar. Sign up on Wild Apricot and mail check to Cindy Jensen.

Monthly Meeting

Nancy KC

The May monthly meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday, May 10th. The meeting will begin at 7pm. You can come anytime after 5:30 pm to eat and socialize. Theatre #1 - Chunky's Cinema Pub, 707 Huse Rd, Manchester, NH 03103.

Chunky's PROTOCOL is for members and guests to REGISTER for the meeting ahead of time, so Chunky's can schedule staffing and will know how many will order food. Register *7-10 days prior to the meeting* PLEASE!

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).

We do not meet at Chunky's in the months of **June, July and August**. We meet informally, "**Deck Gatherings**" at a members home, a restaurant or other venue. Wednesday, June 14th is in the works for a potluck barbeque at a members home. When set, the posting will be sent out. Saturday, July 29th is the Fisher Cats - Night at the Ball Park - Fisher Cats VS Harvard Yard Goats. Register on our website. Organized by Cindy Jenson Tickets still available. Wednesday, August 9th is in the works for a potluck barbecue at a member's home. When set, the posting will be sent out.

NHSC Membership Update

Nancy KC

As of 04/25/2023, 358 members have joined or renewed their membership's for this year of 2023.

Welcome to our 5 new, 1st time members in April: Julie and Warren Gassler - Marblehead, MA, Debbie Hansen -Manchester, NH, Sue Landzettel - Hudson, NH and Jonathan Frankel of West Newton, MA.

Remember your membership must be current in order to sign up for trips and to go on trips. This includes weekend and week-long trips. Your NHSC membership expiration date is: October 31, 2023 - Halloween. Those of you on the Dolomites trip February 24, 2024-March 4, 2024 and/or Snowmass, Aspen Trip February 3-10, 2024, you will need to renew your membership just prior to 10/31/2023 to keep your membership current & be a tripper on these trips.

Summer - Fall Kayak Day Trips

Nancy KC

The Kayak Trip Leaders met on Saturday, April 29 for a planning session to organize the Summer/Fall 2023 kayak day trips. Trip Organizers: Debby Schelzel and Nancy KC will send out a synopsis of the trips soon. Individual trips will be posted on the website as soon as they are ready to post.

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 planned. Previous trips and a few new venues were discussed.

We generally plan 2-3 trips where kayak rentals are available. 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, and what level of paddler skills will be needed.

Two ocean trips are in the planning and dates have been set due to the tides. The Annisquam River Marshes in Gloucester, Ma will be on Saturday, August 19. Odiorne Boat Launch in Rye, NH will be on Saturday, June 17th. More information to come soon.

Upcoming Ski Trips 2024

Snowmass/Aspen 2024 Ski Trip

Jim Bivona

When: 3 Feb 2024 \$2,295.00

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 ride to Snowmass. 1 hour stop for shopping.

Registration form due on June 1st with Deposit of \$600. Balance \$1695 due by Sept 1st. Call or e-mail Jim Bivona, (603) 731-9986, Jimbo5868@gmail.com

2024 Dolomites Ski & Dine Trip with a Taste of Venice

Marcia Morgan

February 17-24, 2026 & February 24, 2024 - March 4, 2024

Josee Eaton will co-lead the first trip and Jayne King will co-lead the second, original trip. Trips are sold out, but contact **Marcia Morgan** to get on the waitlist or send in a registration form without a deposit.

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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