



## 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 November! One more month closer to winter! Heard there were flurries up north, won't be long now! What do you think about when November arrives? Do you pull down your Halloween decorations immediately and put up your Thanksgiving and Holiday décor? Are you doing all your winter prep, making sure the snow blower (and generator) are ready or do you take your skis in for a tune up first? Shopping for new winter gear? Planning your holiday menus? I'm sure like myself you're all getting excited for Thanksgiving, the time we can give thanks for our families, our friends and our health. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday! Just like the ski club, it's about getting together with my favorite people and celebrating family and friendships. I love hanging with my family and reminiscing about our big family gatherings: all the great fun and food, hilarious antics and shenanigans. As a kid I spent most Thanksgivings in Michigan, we were always excited the years it snowed. It was definitely special and we loved trying to do as much as we could while it lasted: snowmen, snow angels sledding, snowball fights, hot chocolate! I think I even remember a bit of cross-country skiing. Not my favorite, I remember falling... A lot! I suppose it should have prepared me for when I moved to New Hampshire and would learn to downhill ski! I'm a bit better nowadays and the holidays still get me excited for what is to come with the winter season. I'm looking forward to the first good snow fall when we'll head to the mountains and strap on our gear and fly down the hills. I'm sure that will bring back the good memories too while I'm making some new ones along the way.

November is also the time when the ski club pitches in to help the New Hampshire Food Bank. The NH Food Bank serves as the only food bank in the state to provide nutritious food and resources for hundreds of thousands in the state. They work with other agencies to provide thousands of pounds of food for food pantries, homeless shelters, soup kitchens and much more. When you're heading out to the meeting at Chunky's November 8<sup>th</sup>, please remember to have a little extra in your pocket, not just enough for the 50/50 raffle! Also now is the time to sign up for one or all of the great trips being planned! As I type this letter there are still open spots on the Jay Peak, Smugglers and Sugarbush trips (and Sugarloaf in the works)! To make sure you get your spot you can download the registration forms from the [NHSkiClub.org](http://NHSkiClub.org) website and send them in before the meeting. It will be good to come out of the holiday season with plans to hit the trails! Cheers to good times! JD

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## Club Calendar

Nov 8	Club meeting	Jan 18	Mt Tremblant Bus Trip
TBA?	Schussbomb	Feb 2	Smuggler's Notch Trip
Dec 13	December club meeting	Feb 3	Snowmass Trip
Jan 4	Racing at Pat's Peak	Feb 17	Dolomites Ski Trip
Jan 7	Jay Peak Trip	Mar 13	Sugarbush Trip
Jan 9	McIntyre Racing	Mar 22	Sugarloaf Trip

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## News and Events

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### Schussbomb HELP WANTED

We are struggling to find a venue for November, but haven't given up on the Schussbomb yet. Suggestions and help are welcome in planning this event! Contact Jill at [jpdinsmore@hotmail.com](mailto:jpdinsmore@hotmail.com) ASAP.

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### NH Ski Club Golf Outing

**Jim Eilenberger**

In the spirit of "We Don't Just Ski" 40 golfers took to the greens at Duston Country Club on a nice sunny day in early October for the first annual Golf Scramble. The idea started when 12 of us went golfing at Duston's to help celebrate Jeff Lavoie and Shannon's imminent departure on a year long boat trip called the loop (I'll let Jeff and Shannon write the article for that adventure) and after it was over people were asking "Why don't we get a golf tournament together for more teams to play?" So... on relatively short notice we pulled 10 teams together and descended on Duston's for a 9am shotgun start. The day started off really foggy but as instructions were being given right before the start, the fog lifted for a sunny day and let everyone enjoy a nice day of golf! Congratulations to the winning team at 7 under which consisted of Bill Driscoll, Glen Ellis, Gabe Roy and Ron Kurtz. Second place was the team of Laura Cameron, Sara Laroux, Mike Goumas and Roland Vance. Third place went to Jim Lynn Normand, Jo'an Blajda and Karen Blosser. We also honored the most honest team, which is code for the highest score, with Nancy Harlow, Emily Vander May, Fred MyHaver and Brian Bernard taking the honesty prize. The Long Drive for women was won by Leigh Komornick (who also races with us at Pat's Peak) and for the men it was Roland Vance (flex those muscles!) Closest to the Pin went to Felice Janelle for the women and for the men it was Micheal Komornick (nice shots!) Everyone enjoyed a nice lunch and adult beverage afterward with tales of what could have been. All in all, it was a great day, so we'll plan on doing it again next fall so get your teams together early to try to knock off the defending champions!



**Our President and part of the winning team**



**Outside Buffet for telling tall tales!**

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## Monthly Meeting

**Wednesday, 8 November 7pm start**

Chunky's Cinema Pub

707 Huse Rd, Manchester, NH 03103

Thanksgiving is around the corner! Time to gather and be thankful for all we have. Come on down/up/over to Chunky's Cinema Pub (Chunky's website is here.) to chill with your friends. You can come anytime after 5:30 pm to eat and socialize. **Note: We will post the Zoom link in a reminder message. Register here to get the message!**

We're collecting donations for the **NH Food Bank**. As we've mentioned the food bank really does a great job with cash donations. They are able to make it go much further than were we to actually bring food donations. We can accept **cash or check made out to the NH Food Bank**. Last year, we collected over \$2,100. You can also donate directly at: **NHFoodBank.org**. The Magic Chef will be collecting your donations.

Also, the November meeting would be a good time to *get registered for those trips* we have planned. If you have an interest, reach out to the trip leaders, Bruce Dyke (Sugarbush), Nancy Harlow (Smugglers), and Donnamarie Kelly or Kathy Sklat (Jay Peak) to see if they'll be at the meeting. You could register and pay your deposit then. Otherwise get it mailed in to secure your spot!

You've heard my pitch to REGISTER for the meeting ahead of time, making it easy for you to win door prizes and let us/Chunky's know how many will order food. As you know, nearly everyone needs more help, so help them out...they want to serve you. MORE DRAWINGS? At each meeting, for in-person attendees, we're offering a special drawing for 2 to win \$25 Chunky's gift cards. On arrival, check in at Chunky's ticket counter, write your name on the paper ticket they give you and drop it in the basket 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).

### NH Food Bank Fall Food Drive

The NH Food Bank advises that it is more effective for them if we donate in cash or check.

Donate at the November 8<sup>th</sup> ski club meeting.

**Cash or checks made payable to NH Food Bank only!**

If you cannot attend the November meeting, you may still make a donation online at:

**[www.nhfoodbank.org/donation-form](http://www.nhfoodbank.org/donation-form)**

Type "**NH Ski Club**" in the comments box so they know you are with the club!

**"Remember \$1 can provide up to 2 meals"**





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## Gunstock ski racing 2024 - Gate Crashers and Slope Slayers

Kathy Jacobs

Come and join the fun on Thursday nights at Gunstock. The first race night is anticipated to be January 4. There are several openings to fill 2 teams of 10 people on each team. The cost is \$150 for 8 weeks of racing. The cost also includes skiing Thursday night from 3 to 8 PM.

You are able to view the race course from 4 to 5 PM. Racing starts at 5 PM and ends at 7:30 PM. You are allowed 2 races and they take the time of the faster race.

After racing and skiing, join us in the Powder Keg for food and libation and raffle giveaways.

Contact Kathy Jacobs at [kjhall91513@comcast.net](mailto:kjhall91513@comcast.net) or call/text 603-490-9912. I will be at the November meeting if there are any questions.

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## Adult/Corporate Racing at McIntyre Ski Area

Nancy KC

Tuesday night race league is the perfect excuse to get away for the evening, have some friendly competition, enjoy a good meal and some beverages! Join us for six weeks beginning January 9th, 2024, from 6pm-9:30pm. Tentative dates include: January 9th, 16th, 23th, 30th, Feb 6th, and 13th. Weather permitting. End of season overall awards banquet on March 12th, 2024.

Each week you will get the chance to race two times. Weekly awards will be given for the best of your two-timed runs. The course will be open after everyone has raced for fun runs. After racing has concluded a buffet dinner is served inside the lodge and the bar will be open! All racers must be 21+.

Race League is NASTAR® affiliated. NASTAR® registration required online via McIntyre's website FOR ALL RACERS... after your NHSC Team is registered with McIntyre, or as an individual/single racers. *If you raced last year 2023, use the same NASTAR #.* *If new, click on <https://www.nastar.com/register-to-race> to register* then send Nancy KC your **NASTAR #**

Join as a member of a NHSC Team, or join as an Individual/Race League Single and McIntyre will add you to a team.

- Individual/Race League Single: \$225.00 You register online via charge card.
- NHSC Race League Team: \$1,330.00 = \$190.00 per racer, a team of 7 members.

*NHSC Race Team Sign Ups for Registration began at the October 11th Monthly Meeting at Chunky's Cinema Pub, and will continue at the next meeting Wednesday, November 8th.*

NHSC Team Flocking Ice Holes, NHSC Team Shotskeez and NHSC Team Mac Attack Teams are in formation mode, possibly needing more members.

Teams Registered, so far, are:

### NHSC Team Escargot

Nancy KC, Captain  
Marie Caron  
Renee Bergeron  
Kathy Jacobs  
Anne Magrath  
Patty Norton  
Louise Trottier

### NHSC Team Triple S

Ray Juneau, Captain  
Amy Juneau  
Jeff Juneau  
Cindy Jenson  
Becky Hawxwell  
Robert LaChance  
Fred Myhaver

### NHSC Team Deep Tracks

Russell Cooley, Captain  
Jim Bivona  
Don Eaton  
Josee Eaton  
Gayle Kenney  
Marcia Murphy  
Mike Murphy



Bring your checkbook for your \$190.00 registration fee: **Check Payable to: Nancy Keenom Caron.** Nancy KC will register all NHSC Teams online, as they require charge registrations, so that we get the \$35.00 (each racer) discount for having teams of 7 racers. She will form teams at the meeting if need be. Further questions: Email Nancy KC @ [NHSkiClubNKC@gmail.com](mailto:NHSkiClubNKC@gmail.com)

2023 NHSC Team members looking to register for this 2024 Season

1. You should have been notified by your Team Captain, to see if you want to be on the team this 2024 season. You can register at the 11/8 meeting to fill out all the registration information.
2. A Team of 7 skiers is needed to register. Once all information is obtained, Nancy KC needs payment by check at the meeting or Mail your payment \$190.00 Check Payable to: Nancy Keenom Caron 1465 Hooksett Rd Unit # 1016 Hooksett, NH 03106-1821
3. At some time, every racer needs to sign off on the McIntyre Liability Waiver before skiing Jan 9th - the 1st night.

All registrations must be done online before December 31st, 2023 or there will be a \$100.00 late fee per team and \$20 late fee per individual. McIntyre Ski Area, 50 Chalet Way, Manchester, NH. <https://www.mcintyreskiarea.com/race-league> for their website.

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## Adult/Corporate Racing at Pat's Peak

Jim Eilenberger

Starting in January, Pat's Peak sets up two giant slalom courses four nights a week (Monday through Thursday night) that brings out a whole bunch of teams to compete for bragging rights but mostly just to have fun. The racing starts the first week of January and runs for 7 weeks and then finishes up with another week where the top five teams from each night race off for an overall Adult/Corporate winner (all teams are welcome to ski on the finals night even if not racing).

The NH Ski Club has two teams (7 racers on each team) that race on Thursday night but if we have enough people interested we could set a third team (or you can race as an individual) so if you used to race or just want to get out and cruise through the course it's all about having fun and not getting hurt! The racing starts around 7 PM but your racing pass lets you on the slopes at 3 PM if you want to cruise the mountain for a couple of hours. The racing gives you one run on each course and you get points, based on the NASTAR scoring system, which count toward team points. When the racing is done all the teams head to the lodge to warm up, eat and enjoy an adult beverage. The cost is around \$110 for the season so if you're interested and haven't already talked to me, send an email to me at [berger2ski@yahoo.com](mailto:berger2ski@yahoo.com) and I'll give you all the details.

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## NHSC Membership Update

Nancy KC

As of 10/20/2023, 415 members have joined or renewed their membership's for this year of **2023**. Welcome to our 11 new, 1st time new members joining in October: **Stephanie Milville** of Londonderry, NH, **Elizabeth Keenan and Dave Keenan** of Milford, NH, **Lisa Napolitano and Joe Napolitano** Tewksbury, MA, **Scott Doner** of Concord, NH, **Maria Batson** of Hollis, NH, **Julia Manlogon** of Amherst, NH, **Lynn Randell** of Merrimack, NH, **Jill Whitney** of Nashua, NH and **Susan Sanford** of Litchfield, NH.

This **2023** Membership year we had 138 new 1st time members. Membership renewal for **2024** has begun and is now available on the website: [NHSkiClub.Org](http://NHSkiClub.Org)

You received a reminder notice 10/18. Thank you for the 146 members that have renewed their **2024** memberships, so far! Please add a facial identifying photo, not mandatory, but helpful. Then you can print your membership card. Remember to update any important information: changes in name, address, email, phone

numbers, etc. 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.**

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## Trips

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### Jay Peak

January 7 to January 12

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

**\$750-\$970 ppdo**

#### The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Jay Peak January Trip is a go!

The enrollment has successfully allowed the Club to maintain the grandfathered Jay Peak Pass bonus for another year. We are looking forward to starting off 2024 with a fabulous January adventure with plenty of snow and lots of new and old members. Any questions? Email: [donnamariejkelly@gmail.com](mailto:donnamariejkelly@gmail.com) or text 978-828-3228

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### Mt. Tremblant Bus/Ski Trip

**Trip Leader: Karen Schwotzer**

**THIS TRIP IS FULL WITH A SHORT WAITLIST**

**Jan. 18-21, 2024**

***First come, first served!***

**\$719.00 per person**

***Passport required***

#### **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.

#### **Skiing Area**

Skiable terrain: 755 acres

Glades: 178 acres

Total length of trails: 81.9 km/50.8 mi

Longest trail: Nansen, 6 km/3.7 mi

South Side vertical drop: 645 m/2116 ft

Maximum slope degree: 42°

Snowparks: 3

#### **Lifts**

Gondolas: 2

High-speed 4-passenger chairlifts: 6

4-passenger chairlifts: 1

3-passenger chairlifts: 1

Magic carpets: 3

Cabriolet: 1

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
- Round trip motorcoach
- Driver gratuity
- All Taxes
- Raffle

Make check out to: **NH SKI CLUB**

Mail to: **Karen Schwotzer, 24 Gold St, Manchester, NH 03103.**

Questions: [karenslewis@comcast.net](mailto:karenslewis@comcast.net) or call 603-289-0921

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## Smugglers' Notch Ski Weekend

February 2-4, 2024

**Trip Leader: Nancy Harlow**

**\$399 pp.**

Come join us for skiing from your slope-side two-bedroom condo. Enjoy a dip in Smuggs' indoor pool and hot tub. Choose from 75 trails and 760 acres of woods. You can also hike, snowshoe, cross country ski, or ice skate.

Trip price includes:

- Two nights lodging or option for a 3<sup>rd</sup> night.
- 3-day lift tickets – Friday, Saturday and Sunday or for \$100 more (\$499.00)
- Arrive on Thursday and ski Thursday too.
- Meet and Greet Friday night with food, wine, beer and prizes.

Trip registration **form** is available online and at our November 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](mailto:nancyeharlow@gmail.com)

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## Snowmass/Aspen 2024 Ski Trip

**When: 3 Feb 2024**

**Trip Leader: Jim Bivona**

**\$2,295.00**

**THIS TRIP IS 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](mailto:Jimbo5868@gmail.com)

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## 2024 Dolomites Ski & Dine Trip with a Taste of Venice

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

**Marcia Morgan**

**Trip Leader**

*Final payment of \$2,325.00 is due November 1 for those confirmed.*

Remember to renew your NH Ski Club membership which expired on October 31 (unless you recently joined the club) because your membership must be current to go on this trip, and be sure to purchase trip insurance if you haven't done so already!

**DOLOMITES MEET & GREET:** *Wednesday, November 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Chunky's Cinema, before the NHSC Meeting. If you've been confirmed or officially waitlisted on Trip 1 or 2, you're invited to the MEET & GREET at the front of the theater room in Chunky's on November 8. Come meet others on your trip, pick up some swag, and identify skiers with similar abilities for exploring the vast paradise of the Dolomites!*

Questions? Contact Marcia Morgan - [marciadmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:marciadmorgan@gmail.com)

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## Sugarbush, VT

**March 13-15, 2024**

**Trip Leader: Bruce Dyke**

**\$686 ppdo**

**\$403 ppdo, with IKON Pass**

**A few spots are still available, send sign up and deposit today!**

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  
50% deposit due October 20<sup>th</sup>. Final payment due December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**Sugarloaf, ME**

**Trip Leader: Cindy Jenson**

**March 22-24**

Sugarloaf details are almost complete. Forms will be available at the November NH Ski Club meeting on November 8. 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!



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**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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