

# The Avalanche



Upper Cape Ski &

Sports Club

**FEBRUARY 2011**

## From the Summit



Greetings club members:

It's February! Wow, time is moving quickly. While it's hard to believe with the storm pattern we're in, it will soon be spring and we'll be pulling out the clubs and getting the boats ready. Now is the time to make the most of the winter while we're in the thick of it. The club still has some great trips to offer. March is often our snowiest month, so don't get too eager for spring. Actually, even April has some of the best skiing New England has to offer. There is a handful of day trips remaining as well as a two-nighter to Jay Peak. The late season Jay trip was very popular for many years, with good reason. It's by far the snowiest mountain in New England and it even tops many of the western resorts. There is more info later in this newsletter.

It's quite amusing to hear the non-skiers complain about just how bad this winter has been. It's all a matter of perspective, of course. Jackson Hole currently has more snow on the ground than Boston has received in total this winter. They have had an astonishing 329" so far, with all of February and March to go. That's over 27 feet of snow! Yet life goes on for them. I don't hear them complaining! For those going on the Jackson Hole trip, enjoy! For those, that missed out, get your money in early next year. I've already had a request for Steamboat. Any other takers? For those of us staying behing, let's embrace the conditions we have and take advantage of them. Southern Vermont and New Hampshire got buried by this latest storm, with plenty more on the way. These are epic conditions!

Reports are coming in from our 'loafers and, word is, the trip was a huge success. There's a write-up a little later in this newsletter, so be sure to catch that. Our spots are already booked for next year. Maybe next year will be the club's year for the King and Queen of WWW week!

See you on the slopes,  
Comrade Steve



**March 23–25**

**\$110**

**(not including lift tickets)**

It's the last run of the season and there's no better place in New England than Jay Peak to do it! We will be staying at the Cedarwood Resort, approximately 3 miles from Jay Peak. Cost is \$110 per person for 2 nights lodging, including a Continental breakfast. Lift tickets must be purchased separately through Jay Peak. A 2-day adult lift ticket is \$119, 2-day junior (<18) is \$89. 3-day adult is \$169, 3-day junior is \$129. Extra nights of lodging is optional. This is a "drive-yourself" trip.

**Trip leader: Michael Finegold—774-392-2567**

## Featured Member

### RON BRETELER

Ron is a 6-year veteran of the club, has been skiing for over 30 years, and is most often found on the Sugarloaf trip. He spends much of his time skiing black groomers, but also enjoys the social interaction the club offers. When not skiing, he can be found bicycling, playing tennis, and spending time with his wife Wendy and his two grown children. Want to buy him his favorite beer after skiing? Try a cold Weissbier. Don't worry, that's wheat beer. Favorite food? That's a little harder. You'll need to find Rijsttafel, a traditional Dutch/Indonesian dish.

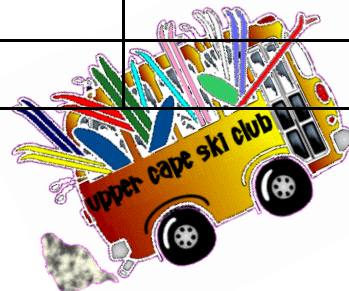
Ron has a significant international presence, having grown up in the Netherlands and spent considerable time travelling to over 60 countries across the world. Holding a doctorate from McGill University, he is the founder and President of KALA Health, Inc., a company specializing in dietary supplements for animals. He has worked in four continents and is proud to have enriched the lives of people and their pets all over the world.





# 10 | 11 Trip Schedule

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION	COST	TRIP LEADER	TIME
Dec. 8	Wednesday	Mt. Snow, VT	\$70	Roger Stokey	5:00
Jan. 5	Wednesday	Stratton, VT	\$70	Mimi Schlicter	5:00
Jan. 9	Sunday	Waterville Valley, NH	\$70	Cape Cod Ski Club	
Jan. 19	Wednesday	Okemo, VT	\$70	Suzanne Schermer	5:00
Jan. 23	Sunday	Okemo, VT	\$70	Cape Cod Ski Club	
Jan. 23-28	Sun-Fri	Sugarloaf, ME	\$355	Bud Shaw	DY*
Feb. 5	Saturday	Wildcat, NH	\$70	Cape Cod Ski Club	CCSC
Feb. 9	Wednesday	Cannon Mt., NH	\$70	Roger Stokey	5:00
Feb. 13	Sunday	Killington, VT	\$70	Cape Cod Ski Club	CCSC
Feb. 20-27	Sun-Sun	Jackson Hole, WY <b>FULL</b>	\$1495	Bud Shaw	FLY
Feb. 23	Wednesday	Sunday River, ME	\$70	Pam Tremarche	4:30
Mar. 2	Wednesday	Stratton, VT	\$70	Mimi Schlicter	5:00
Mar. 6	Sunday	Sugarbush, VT	\$70	Cape Cod Ski Club	CCSC
Mar. 9	Wednesday	Mad River Glen / Sugarbush	\$70	Roger Stokey	5:00
Mar. 16	Wednesday	Wildcat, NH	\$70	Camille Morgan	5:00
Mar. 23-25	Wed-Fri	Jay Peak, VT	TBA	Michael Finegold	DY*



- \*DY—Drive Yourself
- All trips subject to our deposit and liability policies, found elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website.
- Non-members are subject to a \$15 surcharge.
- Don't sign up at the last minute! You may incur additional fees!



**FEBRUARY 9, 2011 5:00AM**

The long-awaited Mittersill chair will be open in time for this trip! Cannon opened access to the old area in 2009 and added a chair this season. It results in an extra 86 acres of backcountry skiing. Cannon feature the highest elevation and longest vertical of any ski area in NH. It's a classic New England ski area, and it just keeps getting better!

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# Sunday River

February 23, 2011 4:30am

Sunday River is a big place with new adventures waiting around every corner. By the numbers, they have eight mountain peaks with 132 trails and 671 acres of skiing and riding, with over a thousand acres of additional terrain with the Boundary-to-Boundary policy. And with all that terrain spread out three miles wide, there's plenty of space and lots of options for everyone. They encourage you to get out there and explore everything Sunday River has to offer, and find the locations and experiences that will become your personal favorites - your happy places.

[www.sundayriver.com](http://www.sundayriver.com)



**March 2, 2011 5:00am**

Don't miss this perennial favorite! Stratton is an amazing resort, with perfectly groomed cruisers everywhere. Their four six-passenger lifts—distributed throughout the mountain—get skiers and riders up the mountain quickly while avoiding the base areas. If you're one to prefer the warmth of a gondola, they've got you covered there too. It's an easy bus ride to southern Vermont, so we'll get you there quickly and safely. Make Mimi's day, sign up today!



## PHOTO CONTEST!

- **WHO IS ELIGIBLE? ANY CLUB MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.**
- **WHAT MEDIA IS ELIGIBLE? ANY STILL SHOT - VIDEO NOT ELIGIBLE.**
- **ONE ENTRY PER CATEGORY:**
  - ◇ **BEST SKI OR SNOWBOARD ACTION PHOTO**
  - ◇ **BEST SCENERY/WILDLIFE PHOTO**
  - ◇ **BEST SOCIAL PHOTO**

A panel of 3 club members will judge the photos. Photos must be taken on a club ski trip or club event.

**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!**

Further details are available on our website.

**Flatlander?**

**Skinny Skis?**

**Nordician?**



Are you into X-C skiing? If so, we'd love to have you!

We put so much emphasis on the downhill aspect of the sport, we sometimes forget about our X-C friends. Our trip leaders are compiling a list of "X-C friendly" resorts. We'll annotate those on the trip schedule. If you're interested in X-C skiing, call the trip leader, pay the bus only fee of \$35, and we'll get you there. Just want to hang out in the lodge, bar, spa, gym, etc? We'll get you to the mountain!



# Weekend Trips

## with the CCSC!

Don't forget—your club membership allows you to attend Saturday and Sunday trips with the Cape Cod Ski Club! The “Members only” section of our site contains a code you'll use to sign up on their web site. Any questions or problems? Call Michael @ 774-392-2567.

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### Current Weekend Trips:

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|---------------|------------|----------|
| • February 5  | Wildcat    | Saturday |
| • February 13 | Killington | Sunday   |
| • March 6     | Sugarbush  | Sunday   |



**\$99**

## Membership & Trip Special

- Are you a new member?      -or-
- A prior member that has not joined in at least 2 years (07-08 season)?

**\$99 gets you a one-year membership and a day trip of your choice!**

Contact: Michael Finegold (774-392-2567) or Len Hills (508-563-3941)



# sugarloaf 2011

by Tom Burt

Could this have possibly been the best Sugarloaf trip yet? It certainly must be among the top few. For me, it was my first and therefore my best! My only other experience with this mountain was an evening tubing trip I took years ago from a friend's nearby hunting camp. Let's just say I prefer the full experience (not that the tubing was all that bad). Here's a wrap-up of this year's trip, from my limited perspective.

From what I've heard, it just wouldn't be Sugarloaf without some cold temperatures. Sunday—the day most arrived—was one of those days. Few made it to the slopes for their half-day of skiing. Instead, they prepared for Monday, holding out hope for better conditions. However, the ski gods were not with us that day either as temperatures plummeted and the mountain closed all but the lowest lifts. Sugarloaf was a last-minute trip for me and I was unable to arrive until Monday night. Having missed the worst of the trip, I pulled in just in time to make it to that evening's White, White World week celebration. I honestly don't remember the theme, but it involved the King and Queen candidates racing around the bar for a timed horse and cowgirl race. It also involved some pretty wild dancing between one of our finest club members and one of Sugarloaf's most scantily clad men. I won't name any names, but there is a video of it floating around...

Tuesday was a pleasant surprise when the mountain opened up with nearly all lifts running. Work continued on the infamous Spillway East chair and the summit Timberline lift was slow to open due to winds, but what a blessing to be out and skiing! I had the treat of being escorted all over the mountain by a couple of club veterans and what a fine job they did! By day's end, I had seen a good representation of all there was of Sugarloaf. The evenings affairs took us to the Shipyard Brew Haus for Hill Billy night. King and Queen candidates begged for votes through sets of fake teeth and there was lots of shaken baby syndrome going on.

Conditions improved throughout the week, with even a slight dusting falling one morning. It didn't amount to much, but it sure made things pretty. We even made an attempt at the new Brackett Basin, which was a little disappointing. The area is beautiful and will make some great tree skiing. It seems Sugarloaf was intent on opening

their newest terrain as soon as possible. For me, it was a bit premature. There were lots of exposed stumps and roots, making for some difficulty navigating to the run out at the King Pine lift. I can't wait to ski it again but it will take another foot of snow before it's truly ready.

The King and Queen competition heated up nicely as the week went on. Our own Bill and Mimi had quite a few votes but fell short of the victory; Cory and Courtney from the Rack ended up taking home the crowns. I must say, I wasn't all that interested in the competition. However, it provided an excuse to get out each night and it made it obvious where the gang was hanging out that night. Sugarloaf does have a few different hot-spots and the competition ensured I saw each of them.



The week wrapped up on Friday with one of the nicest skiing days I've had in a while. Temperatures were quite warm, all considering, and the sun was out and shining. The Timberline lift was about as close to a pleasure to ride as is possible and views from the summit were spectacular. A few last runs, including one last one down Misery Whip (my favorite) and it was time to head for home. A stop at The Bag for a Bag Burger, a Brown Ale, and a little club camaraderie and the week was complete.

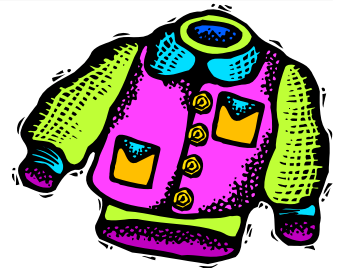


So, will I go back? Absolutely! The mountain is a pleasure to ski and it's a real fun week to be there. I was amazed to see how many club members have become a sort of honorary local, with true locals recognizing and greeting them. Thanks to those who showed me around and made my first Sugarloaf experience an enjoyable one. This one will be hard to beat, although I'll be sure to try!





# **FLEECE PULLOVERS**



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## 10/11 TRIP LEADERS

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### Agenda:

### February 3 Meeting:

- Raffles (3 premium ski/board tunes and a backpack!)
- Fleece, bumper sticker, small sticker sales
- Free Food! (but bring your favorite chocolate dessert)
- 7PM start!

## Trip Application for 2010-2011 Season

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Work): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Trip desired \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Downhill     Cross Country     Snowboard

YOU MUST FILL IN ALL BLANKS. I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE LIABILITY POLICY AND WAIVE ALL LIABILITY.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITY POLICY:** Participants acknowledge that there are inherent risks in skiing, whitewater rafting, and other sports, and agree to hold harmless the Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club, its officers, directors, and agents, from any claims whatsoever resulting from participation in any club related activity. The Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club acts solely as agent carrying out services and assumes no responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to persons or property, not for faults or defaults of companies or those carrying out services; nor accident, injuries, delays, cancellations, changes due to weather, baggage, lodging, insufficient participation, or reasons beyond the control of the Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club. Make all checks payable to: Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club.

### ~ Deposit/Refund policy ~

Deposits help ensure that a space is reserved for our members. These deposits apply to bus trips, weekend trips, week-long trips and more. Late cancellations are not entitled to a refund, nor is the club responsible for finding a replacement for you. You must find your own replacement, although we will endeavor to help you whenever possible. Deposits are further subject to the conditions imposed upon us by our suppliers, agents or other providers. We make every effort to refund as much money as possible but cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Inquire of your trip leader for specific information regarding your particular trip. The club recommends that you consider trip insurance whenever possible.

### Contact Us?

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#### Next Board of Directors Meeting (members welcome):

- Monday, February 7
- The Courtyard Restaurant
- 7pm



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