

The Avalanche



Upper Cape Ski &

Sports Club

JANUARY 2011

From the Summit



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone is having a fun, relaxing, and safe holiday season. The coal count in my stocking was lower this year than ever, so it was a success in my mind. Didn't get that new pair of skis or a trip to St. Anton? Treat yourself to a day trip with the club instead! We'll be focusing more of our attention on days trips—let's call it the theme of the month.

In the spirit of day trips, we'll be conducting a survey of our members. The survey may take different forms, but we'll start it at the January meeting. We want some feedback about the trips—why you go, why you don't go, what mountains are best, and so on. Our members join the club for different reasons; for me, it's the day trips. I know there are others out there like me. The club will lose a lot of identity and appeal if we're not able to make the day trips successful. They are critical to our mission and purpose. Please complete the survey as honestly and thoroughly as you can. If you have any comments or opinions that are not captured in the survey, share them with any of the officers. A copy of the survey is included in this newsletter. Feel free to complete it ahead of time and bring it with you. Or, if you prefer, at least take a look and start thinking about the questions. There will be copies at the meeting. To thank you for your feedback, you'll receive a free bumper sticker. Wear it with pride.

Speaking of free stuff, how about a free trip? That's the reward for leading one of our day trips. I know, we seem to mention it a lot; however, there are still a couple holes in the schedule. In the interest of attracting new leaders, some of us veterans are holding out. Sure, we could find someone to take the reins, but getting someone new would be so much better! It is not a difficult job and did I mention the trip leader skis for free?

See you on the slopes,

Steve Carr
President

JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING

FEBRUARY 20 - 27, 2011

Here are the details:

- 7 nights lodging at Teton Village Condominiums
- 4 out of 6 day pass to Jackson Hole
- Round trip airfare via Delta Airlines
- Optional additional day at Grand Teton
- \$1495 per person, based on double occupancy
- Singles will be paired up; if not, single supplement is available
- **Contact Bud Shaw at 508-477-3717**

Featured Member

BUD SHAW

Bud is a retired mechanical engineer living in Mashpee, with his wife, Collette. His engineering career included design and development in jet engines, word processors, numerical control devices, golf clubs and glass processing tools and machinery. He currently provides sales and service for central vacuum systems.

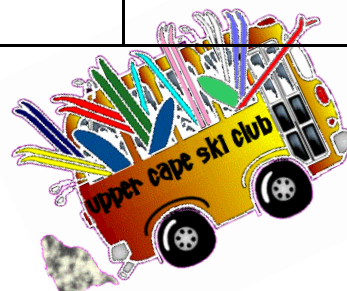
His devotion to year-round outdoor fun covers sailing, windsurfing, hunting, biking and kayaking with a primary emphasis on golf and skiing. He completed his golfing goal to play in all of the British Isles and hopes to ski (somewhere) in each calendar month. Only July is missing. Anyone for New Zealand?





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 FULL	\$355	Bud Shaw	DY*
Feb. 5	Saturday	Wildcat, NH	\$70	Cape Cod Ski Club	
Feb. 9	Wednesday	Cannon Mt., NH	\$70	Roger Stokey	5:00
Feb. 13	Sunday	Killington, VT	\$70	Cape Cod Ski Club	
Feb. 20–27	Sun–Sun	Jackson Hole, WY FULL	\$1495	Bud Shaw	FLY
Mar. 2	Wednesday	Stratton, VT	\$70	Mimi Schlicter	5:00
Mar. 6	Sunday	Sugarbush, VT	\$70	Cape Cod Ski Club	
Mar. 9	Wednesday	Mad River Glen / Sugarbush	\$70		5:00
Mar. 16	Wednesday	Wildcat, NH	\$70	Camille Morgan	5:00
Mar. 23–24	Wed–Thurs	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!

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Stratton, VT

January 5, 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!

TRIP IS DEFINITELY RUNNING!



OKEMO
MOUNTAIN RESORT

January 19, 2011
5:00am

With 96% snowmaking coverage and consistent top rankings for snow quality amongst the Vermont ski areas, it's hard to argue Okemo doesn't have some of the best snow in the East. The 632 acres of terrain and 2,200 feet of vertical (the most in southern Vermont) mean there's something for everyone here. For those looking for a little different type of adventure, there is also access to cross-country skiing, tubing, and a fitness center.



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!



A Brief History of Mittersill

Franconia, NH

source: Cannon Mountain, <http://www.cannonmt.com/mittersill.html>

- 1933:** Taft trail was constructed. The Taft ran from the top of Cannon Mountain down to the saddle with Mt. Jackson, up over Mt. Jackson, then down the north slope.
- 1938:** Aerial Tramway opens. Baron Hubert von Pantz arrives in the U.S after fleeing Austria, where he had been renovating the Schloss Mittersill.
- 1941:** The Baron purchases 550 acres on the north slope of Mt. Jackson, including a section of the Taft trail.
- 1946:** Mittersill opens for business
- 1950:** Mittersill begins early experiments with snowmaking, based loosely on a lawn sprinkler system.
- 1969:** Lifts include 2 T-Bars and a Hall Chairlift, with a vertical drop of over 1000 feet.
- 1980-81:** Winter sports suffer and Mittersill feels the effects.
- 1984:** Mittersill closes.
- 1989:** Special Use Permit from the US Forest Service is terminated. The privately held lands on which most of the ski area was located were transferred to the State of NH for the cost of one dollar, an effort spearheaded by the Valar family.
- 1990-2009:** Mittersill becomes overgrown, although some parts of it had been kept clear by individuals, in spite of state and federal restrictions. The area is home to several federally listed sensitive species. There remained lift towers, top and bottom terminals, and miscellaneous lumber.
- March 25, 2009:** 100 acres of the upper portion of the dormant Mittersill Ski Area becomes part of Cannon Mountain Ski Area due to an exchange of federal and state lands.
- March 28, 2009:** The official “rope cutting” ceremony takes place on the Taft Trail, reopening the Mittersill ski area as part of Cannon Mountain.
- Summer 2009:** Trail trimming and clearing begins. An agreement was reached, limiting the cutting on the site to match the 1989 trail and lift footprint. The agreement limits any new lift to a double chair but also protects the sensitive species inhabiting the area.
- Winter 2009-10:** Cannon opens the Mittersill area as lift-accessed backcountry (via the existing Cannon lifts). Crews complete some thinning and brush cutting for ease of access. Shuttles run on weekends and holidays to bring skiers back from the base of Mittersill.
- Summer 2010:** Installation of the Mittersill Double Chair begins.
- January 1, 2011:** Recent snow allows Cannon to open the new chair!

Join us on the February 9th Cannon trip and check out Mittersill for yourself!



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.

Current Weekend Trips:

- January 9 Waterville Valley Sunday
- January 23 Okemo Sunday
- February 5 Wildcat Saturday
- February 13 Killington Sunday
- March 6 Sugarbush Sunday

Statistics!



- # of Sugarloaf attendees: 40**
- # of Jackson Hole attendees: 20**
- # of members attending both trips: 5**
- Current # of members: 85**

- % of members attending EITHER Sugarloaf or Jackson Hole: 65%**
- % of members attending BOTH Sugarloaf and Jackson Hole: 6%**



10/11 TRIP LEADERS

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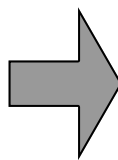
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BUMPER STICKERS **available!**

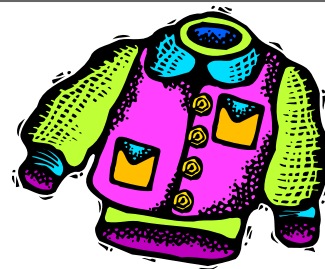
- **3" x 10"**
- **available the meeting**
- **\$1 each**
- **One FREE for completing our survey**



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FLEECE PULLOVERS



- Available for Purchase
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Agenda:

January 6 Meeting:

- Raffles (Bags, Tunings, and a Snowboard!)
- Day trip survey
- Fleece, bumper sticker, small sticker sales
- Free Food!

Haven't paid your dues?

What are you waiting for?

Just because you're still receiving a newsletter doesn't mean you've paid your dues!

(hint, hint... YOU'RE LATE!)

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.

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Next Board of Directors Meeting (members welcome):

- Monday, January 10
- The Courtyard Restaurant
- 7pm



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2010/2011 DAY TRIP SURVEY

(complete and turn in at the 1/6 meeting)

1. Do you plan on going on any of these upcoming Wednesday trips?

	YES	NO	If NO, why not?
January 19 Okemo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
February 9 Cannon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
March 2 Stratton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
March 9 Sugarbush / MRG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
March 16 Wildcat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

2. What are your main reasons for attending day trips? (check all that apply)

- Price
- Social
- Don't have to drive
- Destinations
- Other _____

3. What are your main reasons for NOT attending day trips? (check all that apply)

- Price / Money
- Conditions are not worthwhile
- I'll sign up once I know the weather/conditions
- Cannot take the time off (Wednesdays are not good for me)
- Website is too complicated
- The trip is just going to get cancelled anyway
- I don't like the mountains the club goes to
- I only go on the longer trips (Sugarloaf, Jackson Hole, etc.)
- Other _____

4. Does the destination impact your decision to sign up?

- Yes
- No
- No, as long as it is a major resort

5. Which areas are you most interested in visiting for a day trip? (check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magic | <input type="checkbox"/> Stowe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Snow | <input type="checkbox"/> Attitash/Bear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Okemo | <input type="checkbox"/> Bretton Woods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stratton | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildcat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Killington | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pico | <input type="checkbox"/> Loon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sugarbush | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunapee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mad River Glen | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterville Valley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday River | <input type="checkbox"/> Wachusett |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

6. Any interest in a Friday evening trip for night skiing, most likely to Wachusett?

- Yes
- No
- Yes, but some other night. Which night? _____

Other Comments/Complaints/Suggestions: _____

Name (optional): _____