

The Avalanche

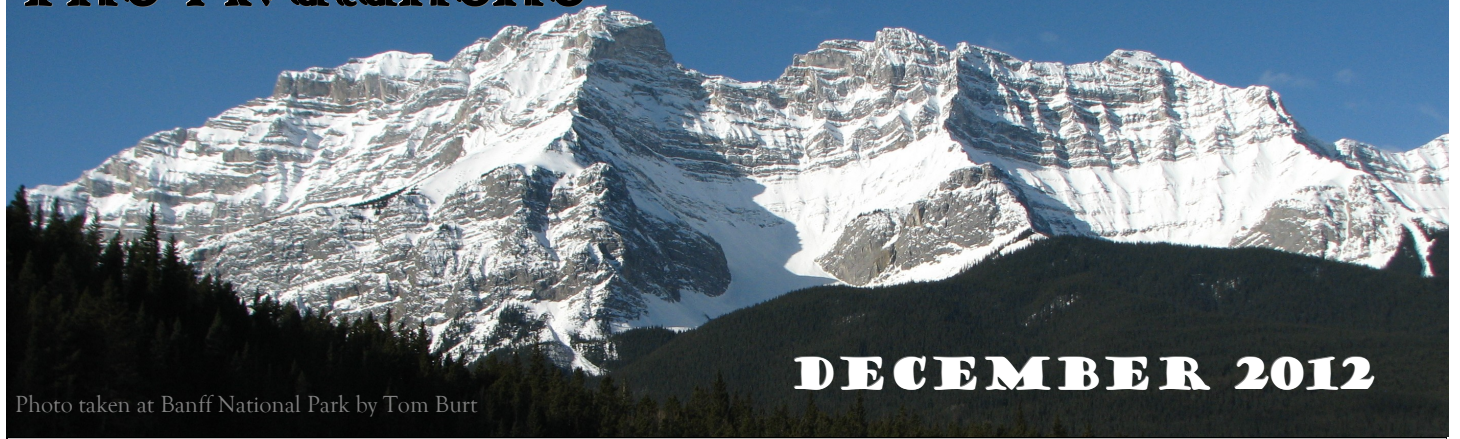


Photo taken at Banff National Park by Tom Burt

DECEMBER 2012

From the Summit

I know, it's hard to think about skiing when it's 50 (or even 60) degrees out, but I swear, the season is upon us. Let's enjoy the last few warm days while we have them, all the while hoping for snow, at least in the mountains. Even being the winter enthusiasts that we are, it's hard not to enjoy the warm weather. I've spent these last few days biking, running, playing golf, shooting hoops—anything to get outdoors. Okay, I didn't really do any of that stuff. But I thought about it. Okay, I didn't really think about it either. But I noticed it was warm out!



While we sun ourselves in the last remnants of fall, the mountains have seen some signs of winter. Further in this newsletter, you'll see a list of resorts that are already open. It's an impressive list! There are even more that did open, have since closed, and plan on reopening soon. Even some of the smaller and southerly mountains like Wachusett, Ragged, and Gunstock are open. Sure, we won't be skiing any trees there, but there are turns to be made for those of us eager enough to make them. Those with season passes can benefit from these early days. For those without, there are deals around—you just have to look for them.

I hope to see a large crowd at the meeting this Thursday. It's our annual Yankee Swap, which is always a fun night. Every year, I run out and buy the nicest bottle of wine I can justify, but it never makes it to the meeting. Instead, I always end up giving a slightly used (I prefer to call them "certified pre-owned") pair of ski socks and a dried up handwarmer. If you're lucky, I'll throw in a scratch ticket too (sorry, I already scratched it—you didn't win). Don't be like me. Be creative with your gift. Have fun with it and make sure the poor sucker that gets your gift will have fun with it too. So, see you all Thursday night. I'll be the guy dressed in the Santa suit.

Roger Stokey
President



Merry Christmas

Join us for our annual Christmas Party and Yankee Swap!

To participate, bring a new, wrapped gift valued between \$10 and \$20. It should be something others would appreciate but does not need to be ski-related. We'll have a heated battle for the most desirable gift (and it's usually something rather shocking)!



Thursday, December 6
7pm
The Beach House
Route 151, North Falmouth



Happy Holidays



DEER VALLEY™



February 23—March 2, 2013



CANYONS

Skiing in Utah has long been a favorite destination for skiers and riders, due to its world-famous snow, abundance of resorts, and proximity to the airport. We'll be staying in the Park Avenue condominiums—lodging we've used before and are comfortable with. Free shuttles run regularly between the property and the three major resorts in that area (a very short ride). Additional lift tickets at group rates can be arranged for any of these resorts as well as those in nearby areas. Round up some friends and join us as we ski the "greatest snow on Earth!"

Includes:

- 7 nights lodging at Park Avenue Condominiums (pool, hot tub, sauna)
- 2 out of 7-day lift ticket to Park City Mountain Resort
- 2 out of 7-day lift ticket to The Canyons
- 1 out of 7-day lift ticket to Deer Valley
- Additional options for Alta, Brighton, Solitude, and others
- Round trip airfare
- Transportation between Salt Lake City airport and Park City lodging

Outline of the state of Utah, for those that are geographically-challenged.

Price:

- \$1495 per person, based on double occupancy

Contact:

- **Bud Shaw at 508-477-3717 or budco1@comcast.net**

Availability:

- Our initial reservation of 20 spots is currently sold out. Additional spots can be booked provided they are done so with double or quad occupancy. In other words, all our condo units are currently full and we would need to fill another condo before committing to additional spots. Alternatively, we are filling a waiting list. Contact Bud for details.

Open Resorts!

(as of 12/4/12)



WILDCAT
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mount snow.
VERMONT



Waterville Valley Resort



LOON



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OKEMO
MOUNTAIN RESORT



Sunday River



RAGGED MOUNTAIN





12 / 13 Trip Schedule

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION	COST	TRIP LEADER	TIME
January 9	Wednesday	Stratton, VT	\$75	Mimi Schlichter	5:00
January 16	Wednesday	Okemo, VT	\$75	Steve Carr	5:00
January 20-25	Sun-Fri	Sugarloaf, ME	\$380	Bud Shaw	DY*
February 5	Tuesday	Cannon, NH	\$75	Len Hills	5:00
February 13	Wednesday	Sunday River, ME	\$75	Scott Northrop	4:30
Feb 23-Mar 2	Sat-Sat	Park City, UT	\$1495	Bud Shaw	FLY
March 6	Wednesday	Mount Snow, VT	\$75	Brenda Purdy	5:00
March 20	Wednesday	Wildcat, NH	\$75	Camille Morgan	5:00

Were you hoping for a specific mountain or particular day not listed? Sunday day trip? Weekend overnight? Let us know!

We value your feedback and can always add trips if there is sufficient interest!

- Trips highlighted in **GRAY** are overnight trips
- *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!
- Live on the south shore or Middleboro area and want to attend our trips? We can stop either on Route 3 (for NH and ME trips) or 495 (for VT trips). Just let the trip leader know!



12/13 TRIP LEADERS

Roger Stokey 508-292-8370	Bud Shaw 508-477-3717	Camille Morgan 508-759-7616	Mimi Schlichter 508-548-3278
Steve Carr 508-563-9498	Len Hills 508-563-3941	Brenda Purdy 508-540-4268	Scott Northrop 508-563-6731

Stratton, VT January 9, 2013

To the mountain, to the mountain, to the mountain...



For a very fun day!



Stratton is a club favorite, with eleven lifts including a high-speed base-to-summit gondola and four six-passenger chairs, 93% snow-making, and 2003 feet of vertical. Stratton ranks in the east top 10 (SKI Magazine) for snow, grooming, lifts, terrain parks, service, lodging, dining, on-mountain food, apres and nightlife. Sign up on the website today!

\$75 member rate (bus & lift ticket)

Trip leader: Mimi Schlichter—(508) 548-3278



OKEMO

Skiing Vermont terrain at Okemo is quite the treat as its winter operations consistently receive accolades and win awards for snow quality, grooming, terrain parks, family programs, slope-side lodging, resort dining and its friendly, professional staff. The mountain features 632 acres of terrain, 96% snowmaking coverage, and 2,200 feet of vertical drop, the most vertical in southern Vermont.

Cost: \$75. Trip Leader:

Steve Carr—(508) 563-9498

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*The Officers and Directors of the
Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club*

wish you

a very Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year!

SUGARLOAF, MAINE

January 20—25, 2013

\$380

- White, White, World Week
- 5 nights condominium lodging
- 5 1/2 day ski pass
- Free group lesson each day
- Singles can be accommodated (fee)
- Monday evening “Welcome Social”
- Daily use of the Health Club

Deadlines: \$190 due November 15 (you're late, you procrastinating bum!)
 \$190 due December 15 (you'll miss this one too if you don't act fast!)

Contact: Bud Shaw @ 508-477-3717 or budco1@comcast.net

Note: Membership dues MUST be paid prior to sign-up

December 6 Meeting:

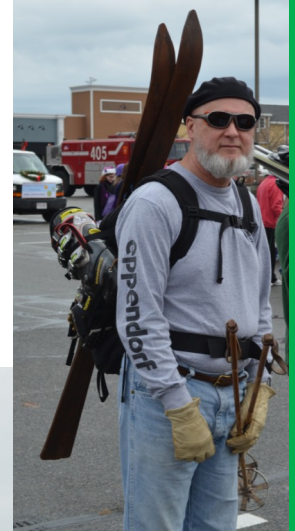
Agenda:

- Yankee Swap!
- Trip Updates!
- Christmas Parade wrap-up
- Trip Sign-up!
- Free food!
- 7PM start @ The Beach House





Christmas Parade





Membership & Trip Special

- Are you a new member? -or-
- A prior member that has not joined in at least 3 years (09-10 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)

~ 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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