

# The Avalanche

**FEBRUARY 2012**

Moonlight Basin, MT

## From the Summit

So, how about those Patriots! Red Sox? Anybody have any good jokes? Okay, okay, I'm trying hard to avoid discussing the snow and how this is one of the worst winters in memory... OR IS IT? This year has been quite deceiving. It's in the mid-50s as I write this; however, I see that a couple Vermont resorts are 100% open! Don't give up on mother nature yet—she still has some tricks up her sleeve! We have a trip to Okemo coming up next week. Fortunately for us, Okemo is reporting pretty good conditions and is 75% open. The weather also calls for additional snow between now and then.



One of the agenda items from our last Board of Directors meetings was a discussion about the reasons people join our club and go on our trips. The Florida Ski Council (who skis in Florida, anyway?) has a very enlightening presentation on ski clubs. They discussed several specific reasons why people join ski clubs and we found that our club is no exception. First is convenience: our trips are planned out—all you need to do is sign up, pay the fee, and hop on the bus (or the plane). Next, camaraderie. I think we've probably all skied alone at some point, but it's awfully nice to have someone join you. Knowledge & Experience: We have skiers of all abilities and experiences. Looking for a suggestion or feedback on a resort? A tip on what you're doing wrong on the slopes? A good jello shot recipe? Ask! I guarantee someone in the club can help. Value: Our day trips are priced pretty close to what you would pay for the lift ticket alone. Add in a bus ride and it's a no-brainer. It's similar for overnight trips, too. I realize I'm preaching to the choir here; however, it's nice to reinforce the less-obvious benefits we obtain when we join the club. Please keep these in mind when encouraging others to join us!

I hope you can all make it to our meeting this Thursday at the Beach House. We have some great things planned and have some cool things to raffle off too. It's fitness month, so be sure to wear your pink tights and sweatbands. VP Scott Northrop will be running the show this month, so I convinced him to be properly attired.

Regards,

Roger Stokey  
President



# Conditions!

Resorts currently open, as of January 31. The editor has taken considerable privilege in limiting the list to certain major resorts. There are plenty of other resorts open that are not captured here.

Attitash	64 of 73 trails	255 of 280 acres	6 of 10 lifts
Bretton Woods	78 of 102 trails	407 of 464 acres	6 of 9 lifts
Cannon	50 of 72 trails	144 of 264 acres	5 of 10 lifts
Jay Peak	68 of 76 trails		7 of 8 lifts
Killington	95 of 140 trails	530 of 752 acres	12 of 22 lifts
Loon	51 of 61 trails	323 of 370 acres	9 of 12 lifts
Mad River Glen	40 of 45 trails		3 of 5 lifts
Mount Snow	46 of 80 trails	341 of 470 acres	10 of 20 lifts
Okemo	87 of 119 trails	497 of 632 acres	10 of 19 lifts
Stowe	112 of 116 trails	500 of 500 acres	10 of 13 lifts
Stratton	81 of 94 trails	459 of 600 acres	8 of 11 lifts
Sugarbush	110 of 111 trails	484 of 484 acres	12 of 16 lifts
Sugarloaf	96 of 153 trails	470 of 1056 acres	11 of 14 lifts
Sunday River	110 of 132 trails	638 of 743 acres	10 of 16 lifts
Waterville Valley	48 of 52 trails	182 of 220 acres	10 of 12 lifts
Wildcat	42 of 49 trails		2 of 4 lifts





**Yes, we scored some more amazing items for a raffle this month! Here's what we offering up at this meeting, appropriate for this month's fitness theme:**

- **FitPlan passes**
- **Mini Session to Mimi's Reflexology**
- **Yoga Mat**
- **Fitness Ball**
- **Assorted hand weights**

**Thanks to Mimi's Art & Reflexology, and FitPlan for the donations!**



**\$99**

## **Membership & Trip Special**

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

# 11 / 12 Trip Schedule

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION	COST	TRIP LEADER	TIME
Dec. 14	Wednesday	Mt. Snow / Killington, VT	\$75	Roger Stokey	5:00
Jan. 4	Wednesday	Loon, NH	\$75	Steve Carr	5:00
Jan. 11	Wednesday	Stratton, VT	\$75	Mimi Schlichter	5:00
Jan. 22-27	Sun-Fri	Sugarloaf, ME	\$365	Bud Shaw	DY*
Feb. 8	Wednesday	Okemo, VT	\$75	Len Hills	5:00
Feb. 16	Thursday	Cannon, NH	\$75	Scott Northrop	5:00
Feb. 19-26	Sun-Sun	Steamboat, CO	\$1475	Bud Shaw	FLY
Feb. 29	Wednesday	Killington, VT	\$75	Scott Muma	5:00
Mar. 3-10	Sat-Sat	Whistler-Blackcomb, BC	\$1799	Michael Finegold	FLY
Mar. 7	Wednesday	Bretton Woods, NH	\$75	Mimi Schlichter	5:00
Mar. 15	Wednesday	Wildcat, NH	\$75	Camille Morgan	5:00

- Trips highlighted in **ORANGE** are **GUARANTEED TO GO!**
- 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!



## 11/12 TRIP LEADERS

<b>Roger Stokey</b> 508-292-8370	<b>Bud Shaw</b> 508-477-3717	<b>Scott Muma</b> 508-331-7344	<b>Mimi Schlichter</b> 508-548-3278
<b>Steve Carr</b> 508-563-9498	<b>Len Hills</b> 508-563-3941	<b>Michael Finegold</b> 774-392-2567	<b>Scott Northrop</b> 508-563-6731
<b>Camille Morgan</b> 508-759-7616			



# 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:  
Len Hills—(508) 563-3941

2002 & 2003

# Killington

# Feb 29



# Cannon, NH February 16, 2012

## Cannon

### FRANCONIA NEW HAMPSHIRE



LOCATION--4 miles South of Franconia, Jct. Rts. 3 & 18.  
Boson 147 miles, NYC 325, Montreal 160.  
BASE ELEVATION--2000' VERTICAL DROP--2,130'  
EXPOSURE--North & NE OPERATES--Daily  
LIFTS--Aerial Tramway 5350', Dbl. Chairs 5100 & 1850'.  
T-Bar Lifts 3240', 2200', 2200', 1800', 1350'.  
TRAILS & SLOPES--20 Trails, 1/3 mile to 1 3/4 miles;  
novice, interm, & expert 9 Slopes--40 acres.  
SKI SCHOOL--15 Instructors, 15 Certified.  
RATES--Daily, Adult \$7, Junior \$4. Season--Adult  
\$115, Junior \$70. Rates subject to change.  
FOOD SERVICES--Cafeterias at base and top of Mountain.  
FEATURES--One of the first major ski areas in the United  
States. For 1968-69, snow-making planned for 35  
acres of lower slopes. 25 Miles of skiing--from  
challenging trails to gentle runs. Unique mid-week  
Learn-to-Ski Plan--skiing any five weekdays,  
consecutive or not, plus five lessons in Paul Valar's  
Ski School, or combination of both, for \$30. (One  
Person.) Operated by N. H. Division of Parks.  
ACCOM--1250 within 5 miles, 1750 within 25 miles.  
Tel. 823-5563 William Norton, Manager  
24 Hour snow reports, Tel. 823-7771

Alright, so it's not 1968 any more. Good thing? Maybe... But I sure would like those 1968 rates —\$7 for an adult and \$115 for a season pass! Our price is a little higher than that, but still just as good a deal! Admittedly, much at Cannon today is the same as back then, but a few things have changed for the better. For example, the trail count has more than tripled. The snowmaking coverage increased by about 6 times! And Mittersill has, well, sort of changed. It's a part of Cannon now, unlike back then. Join us on February 16 and take advantage of the better-than-1968-snowmaking coverage!

Cost: \$75

Trip Leader: Scott Northrop (508) 563-6731

**This trip is guaranteed to go!**

# Why should I ski with the Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club?

## 1. Your trip is already planned!

*We make arrangements for your accommodations, airfare, and shuttles to the hotel/condo.*

## 2. Lift Tickets & Rentals are arranged!

*We purchase the lift tickets for you, at a price that is not otherwise available.*

## 3. There's a Trip Leader you can rely on!

*The Trip Leader knows the resort and is capable of handling travel situations.*

## 4. There will always be someone to ski with!

*Our membership is diverse. We have skiers and boarders of all abilities.*

## 5. Discounts over booking the trip on your own!

*We offer extremely competitive rates that are not available to the public.*

**...Or you can do it ALL YOURSELF!**



# Steamboat.

February 19–26, 2012

Few resorts can boast of the name recognition that Steamboat enjoys. The name conjures up images of “Champagne Powder” (a phrase the resort has actually registered), skiing in the aspens, cowboy hats and Billy Kidd. The skiing and riding is spread over four peaks and a prominent ridge, which forms a range or massif. Draped over this varied landscape are nearly 3,000 skiable acres, 142 trails and 3,600 vertical feet. The glades of Pioneer Ridge and Sunshine and Storm Peaks catch and hold much of the 337 inches of light, dry powder that fall in an average season. It’s six peaks are filled with world-class groomed cruisers, bumps, steeps, open meadows, legendary tree skiing and Mavericks, North America’s longest super pipe. Plenty of variety for novices to experts.

**Includes:**

- 7 nights condominium lodging at The Ranch
- 5 out of 6 day lift ticket
- Round trip airfare
- Transportation between Denver and Steamboat

**Price:**

- \$1475 per person, based on double occupancy
- Singles welcome—we’ll try to pair you up; if not, single supplement is available

**Contact:**

- Bud Shaw at 508-477-3717 or [budco1@comcast.net](mailto:budco1@comcast.net)





~ 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.

February 2 Meeting:

Agenda:


- Barbara Basham and BOSU training
- Overview of Reflexology by Mimi
- Raffles!
- Free food!
- Trip sign-up!
- Scott Northrop in pink tights and sweatbands!

7PM start @  
The Beach House

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